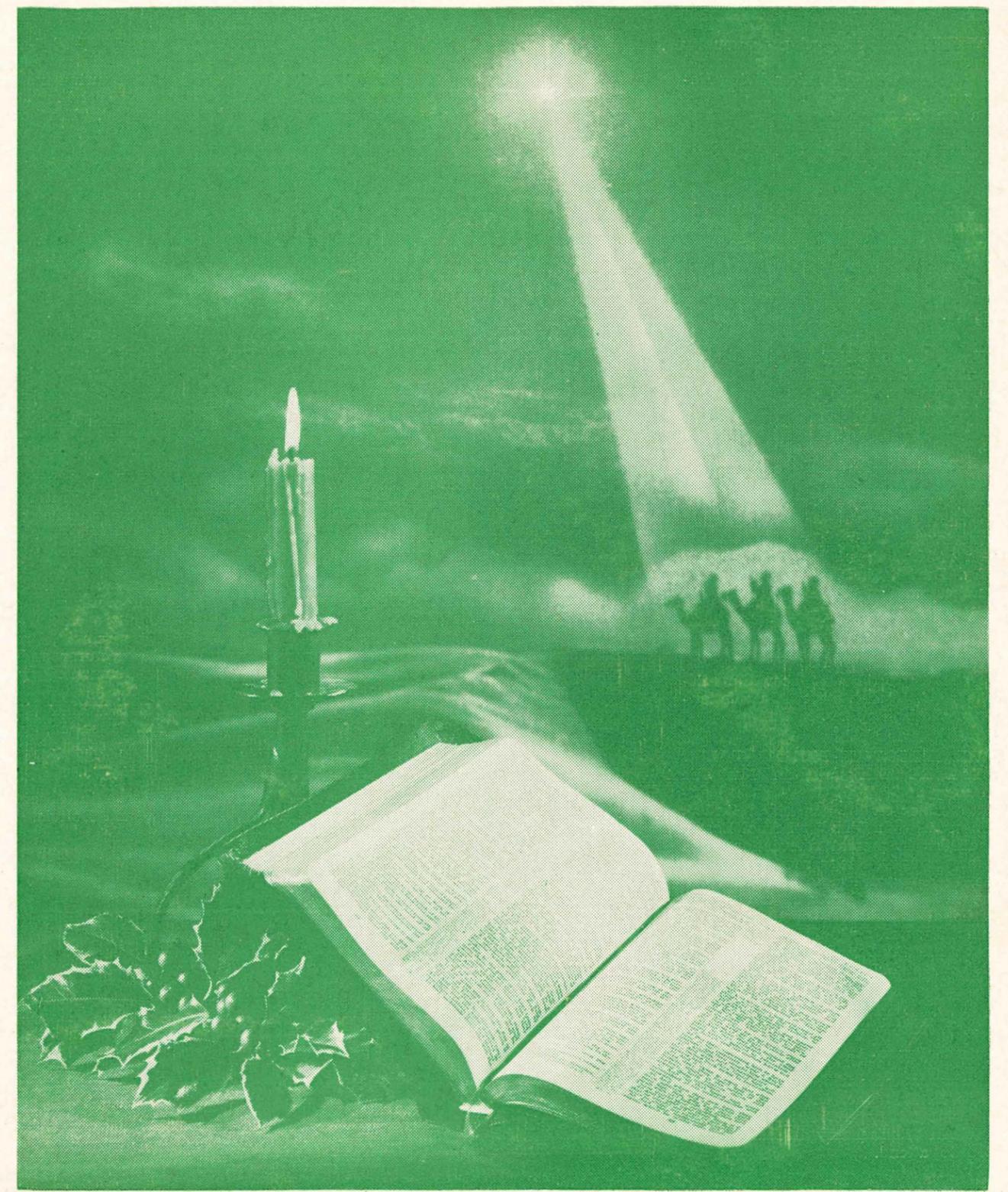


Two thousand years ago a star led three Wise Men across countless miles to the side of the Christ Child. Today our guiding star is God's Word, the Bible, which chronicles the life of the child Jesus. In this Christmas season may our star lead us closer to the side of the Saviour, Jesus, the Christ.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

BETHLEHEM, Kentucky, community churches will present their annual "Christmas in Bethlehem", a living Nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus in a stable, on December 22-25. The scene may be seen from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each night at Bethlehem on Highway 22 in Henry County.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE recently announced the new officers for their Alumni Association. Elected president of the organization was Jerry Hayner of Knoxville, Tennessee. Chosen vice-president was Harold Patterson of Cumberland.

TWELFTH STREET Baptist Church, Paducah, recently called L. Jack Criswell as pastor. A native of Tennessee, he has served as pastor of the Maplewood Baptist Church of Paris, Tennessee, since 1961. Criswell plans to assume his new duties December 29.

MR. AND MRS. BOB WAKEFIELD, missionaries to Malaysia, now on furlough in the United States, spent the week of November 18-25 touring Kentucky. During that time he spoke to churches in the Louisville area, to classes at Southern Seminary, and to churches in the Bowling Green area. Burton Memorial Church in Bowling Green, where his brother is pastor, was one of the churches to hear the missionary. A third brother is a missionary to the Philippines.

WORKERS WITH THE MENTALLY RETARDED will meet in Nashville February 24-28, 1969, for the third annual seminar on the mentally retarded, sponsored by the Sunday School Board. Specialists in mental retardation from the areas of psychology, sociology, medicine, theology and education will participate. Persons interested can receive additional information about the conference by writing to Mrs. Doris Monroe at the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville 37203.

REV. AND MRS. ABRAHAM BERRY of Greensburg will be honored at a reception given by their children December 29. In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, the reception will be held at the Berry home, 411 Henry Street, Greensburg, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. CST. All of the Berry friends are invited to attend.

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, recently honored their pastor, Donald B. White, and his family at a Thanksgiving Supper held November 26. The church was honoring their pastor for 11 years of service. A spokesman for the congregation said, "Though the church is grateful for the physical growth during the past 11 years, such as a new parsonage and additional education space, the deeper appreciation of the people of Hillcrest comes from the bond of unity, love and concern which prevails among us." White is also completing his second term as moderator of the Elkhorn Baptist Association.

J. V. CARLISLE has been added to the staff of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, in the capacity of interim minister of visitation. Four years ago, he served the church as business manager.

A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT has been adopted by the Monterey Baptist Church to the memory of Mrs. Jennie Mae Stevens who died October 4, 1968. The resolution commended Mrs. Stevens for her participation in her church, Woman's Missionary Society, and community affairs.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, recently honored Joseph Callaway and his wife with a special dinner in their honor. The occasion was the return of the Callaways from several months of archaeological digging at the Old Testament site of Ai in Jordan. The Callaways are members of the Highland Church where they both teach Sunday School in the department which sponsored the dinner. He is an archaeology professor at Southern Seminary.

A "NEW LIFE CRUSADE" in the Philippines has resulted in more than 420 professions of faith during the first five days. Southern Baptist Missionary W. A. Solesbee commented, "The thought which staggers some of us is this: If Southern Baptists can so pray that our Lord will pour out his Holy Spirit in this marvelous and thrilling way to harvest hundreds of souls in just a few days, what would He do if we all so prayed all the time?" The Crusade is scheduled to run for one month.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE recently received a new American flag to fly on its campus. The flag at one time flew over the United States Capitol according to a letter from the Architect of the Capitol, J. George Stewart. Arrangements for receiving the flag were made by Student Body President Martin Anderson.

HARDIN - SIMMONS University, a Baptist School in Texas, has received a microbiological laboratory donated by John H. Brewer, a retired scientist with an international reputation. A graduate of the University, Brewer now works in sterilization of U. S. Space craft and is a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency committee on radiation sterilization. In his retirement, Brewer will serve as special lecturer and researcher for Hardin-Simmons.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY, Buenos Aires, Argentina, graduated 22 students at its commencement exercises November 15. More than 1,000 persons attended the exercises for the students who will serve in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia.

Still No Room

by William J. Sullivan

It had been nearly 2,000 years since he had been to earth. They were probably more civilized now.

Besides, he had gone as a Jew before. It may have been a mistake to go as a member of a minority race. He would go this time as a black man. This time he would be accepted for the majority of earth's people were colored.

Then, too, he had visited a pagan world, but now he was to visit America, the most civilized nation in the world. There could be no hostility now. These people proudly wore his name.

He flew through space until a faint light came into view. How utterly small and insignificant the planet earth. There had been questions back home as to how he could love the inhabitants of such an obscure cosmic speck of dust.

His feet touched the sidewalk just outside the shopping center. Ahead he could see hundreds of persons darting in and out of stores. Everyone seemed so happy. In front of a large department store sat a funny looking man in a red suit. Scores of children were clamoring to get to him. Blaring from a loud-speaker overhead were the words of a song, "Here comes Santa Claus, here come..." He wondered who Santa Claus might be.

He had heard they celebrated his own birthday at this season of the year. It was December 24. He decided to stop in a store and ask, but people were so busy buying and selling, he could get no one's attention.

He walked back into the street. The night was cold, and he was tired from his journey. He would look for an inn. Ahead he saw a sign which read, "Sleeping Rooms." Under it flashed the word "Vacancy." He walked into the lobby and up to the desk. The clerk was busy at his work. At first he did not notice the stranger. Politely he asked, "May I have a room. I'm so very tired." Without looking up, the clerk pushed the register under his nose to sign. Then, looking up for the first time, he slowly closed the book and said, "I'm sorry stranger. We've never had any room for you."

In bewilderment he stumbled out, and wearily made his way to the park across the street. Here he sat down beside a man poorly dressed. He asked the beggar if they celebrated Christ's birthday here. The beggar laughed heartily, "You must be a stranger here on earth," he replied. "Of course they do. They call it Christmas. It's the only time of the year I get a good meal."

William J. Sullivan is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Benton, Kentucky.

The beggar continued, "Do you see that church on the corner. Tomorrow is Sunday. The people will gather and sing carols concerning the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The preacher will tell the story of God sending his Son to earth." "Will they let anyone attend?" the stranger asked.

The beggar looked into his black face, and then replied, "You better ask at the door."

The damp night air in the park had chilled him to the bone. He was glad to see the morning sun. The people had begun to come to the church. How happy they seemed to be. Many were in shiny new cars, and most were in beautiful clothes. He had seen them buying them in the stores yesterday.

He began walking slowly to the church. He was ashamed of his rumpled suit, but maybe they would be too busy

to notice. Besides, he had seen one or two others who were not dressed so fine.

He could not wait to tell the usher who stood by the door that it was his birth they were celebrating today. How good it felt to be loved so much by so many. He could hear the choir singing, "O How I Love Jesus." The usher smiled and warmly greeted everyone at the door. "He will warmly shake my hand," the stranger thought to himself.

Suddenly, the usher looked his way. The smile quickly faded from his face. He had a mingled look of fear and anger. His lips began to quiver. The stranger smiled and asked politely, "May I come in?" The usher glanced quickly into the church, and as he slammed the door the stranger heard him say, "There's no more room, nigger."

He slowly turned and walked away. As he passed the beggar in the park, he thought he heard him say, "I guess I came too early. I'll wait another 2,000 years. Maybe then there will be room."

Executive Board Holds December Meet

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in its regular December meeting, December 5-6, gave special recognition to Training Union Secretary James H. Whaley, Sr., for 15 years of service. The board also heard the report of Executive Secretary Harold Sanders and organized for its work during the coming year.

Whaley honored

Whaley was honored at a testimonial dinner at Boone Lodge on December 5th. Those evaluating Whaley's work included Executive Secretary Harold Sanders, Wendell Romans, Eldon Boone, Mickey Martin and Stanley Howell. Romans is Mt. Washington Baptist pastor, and Howell, now with the Sunday School Board in Nashville, is a former associate of Whaley in the Kentucky Baptist Training Union Department. Boone and Martin are associates with Whaley now.

Whaley is a native of Georgia. He was a business man before entering full-time religious work. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary and was an associate in the Alabama Baptist Training Union department for three years before becoming Training Union secretary in Kentucky in 1953.

He is married to the former Wilma Coburn who is also a New Orleans Seminary graduate. The Whaleys have three children.

Executive Board organizes

The board on Thursday afternoon heard the Executive Secretary's report and organized for its work. The board's nominating committee's report was accepted and Board Chairman J. T. Miller named the chairman of the various committees of the board.

Those selected included Robert W. Ivy,

assembly and camps; J. Chester Badgett, campus ministries; Thomas Steele, Christian education; William Y. Sanders, Christian life; Winn T. Barr, denominational cooperation; D. E. Jones, finance; Carl Sears, nominating; Eldred M. Taylor, operating and Allen W. Graves, program.

These chairmen along with Convention President J. T. Miller, First Vice President Jack Sanford, Second Vice President John A. Wood and Executive Secretary Harold Sanders, ex officio, constitute the administrative committee. Sanford was named chairman of this administrative committee.

The various committees met on Thursday night and reported to the board on Friday morning.

Miscellaneous business

In miscellaneous business a motion was made by William Holladay, Centertown, to put the Executive Board on record expressing concern for language used in the Georgetown College student publication and the failure of the administration and trustees to exercise needed discipline in the matter. The board tabled the matter until the next meeting in May, 1969, in order to give the Georgetown administration and trustees time to handle the matter.

A motion by Orion Bell, III, LaCenter, for reconsideration of the Board action in November, calling for compulsory retirement of board employees at the age of 65 failed.

The Board meeting was climaxed by a presentation of the Crusade of the Americas in Kentucky and in Toledo, Ohio, where Kentucky Baptists will help in an evangelistic campaign in July. Wayne Dehoney, Crusade Coordinator for North America, delivered the inspirational address on the crusade.

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Public Schools Are Threatened

The contribution of the public school system to American life is inestimable. It is really unique in all the world and has helped America outstrip all other nations in progress.

One danger in such a blessing is that we tend to assume we will always have it. This is not necessarily so. Indeed, there are disturbing trends today that may lead to a weakening and a decline in the quality and contribution of public schools in America.

The disturbing development relates to the use of public funds in private and parochial elementary and high schools. These schools until recent years were on their own and had to pay their own way entirely. Not so today!

Private and parochial schools today share more and more in tax funds. The channeling of public funds into these schools is on the basis of what is known as the child benefit theory.

This theory holds that public funds can be used to benefit the pupils in parochial schools providing they don't benefit the schools themselves. We can thank the Johnson administration for coming up with this scheme after President Kennedy had held the line even under pressure from his own churchmen.

First there came public funds for school lunches, medical examination services and such for parochial pupils. Then came the famous legislation which provided special equipment, laboratories, library books, etc., for parochial schools. Technically it's all on loan to the schools but the benefit is the same.

Now comes the lately publicized shared time plan in Louisville schools and in Nelson County schools. In this plan in Louisville public school teachers paid entirely with public funds teach parochial school pupils certain subjects in parochial school classrooms. And the Kentucky attorney general indicates it's constitutional in his opinion.

Certainly no one should want to deprive any child of his privilege of public school education and all children including Catholic children have always been welcomed in public schools. But to provide public school teachers for instruction in parochial schools is another matter.

Such a precedent of using public funds for private or parochial pupils has disastrous possibilities. Sup-

pose, for example, Baptists in America should establish enough elementary and high schools to accommodate their children and should demand public school teachers to come to Baptist schools in Baptist buildings to teach nonreligious subjects.

Suppose other denominations did the same thing. This is more than a supposition in some cases. There are Church of Christ high schools in more than one state in operation now and a report has it a wealthy Church of Christ layman is interested in sponsoring a chain of such schools in an adjoining state.

Suppose further that all private elementary and high schools, started for more excellent academic programs or even to avoid desegregation as the case is in some places, should demand tax funds on the basis of the child benefit theory.

Where would all this leave the public schools? It would leave them depleted funds as a result of increased tax support of private and parochial schools. It would also leave for them only those students not wanting to get in or not wanted in private or church related schools. Thus public schools would be left with limited funds and the unwanted students. This could lead only to their becoming the inferior rather than the superior schools they have been historically.

Such an eventuality should be considered before we all join in the ecumenical spirit and the love everybody attitude today which tolerates anything and questions nothing.

The Kentucky attorney general's opinion on the shared time plans now in use in Louisville and in Nelson County should not be taken as final. The constitutionality of these plans should be tested all the way, if necessary, to the Supreme Court. The public school authorities involved should also be challenged by the tax payers who are concerned for continued strong public schools for all American children.

Next week there will be no WESTERN RECORDER printed. Our mailing permit allows 50 mailings per year. Our custom is not to print an issue for Christmas week and one week in July. The next WESTERN RECORDER you receive will be dated January 2, 1969.

Our Thanks And Holiday Wishes

Our mailing permit calls for 50 issues a year and since this one makes 50 for 1968, this will be our last issue until next year. It is the desire of all of us who work in producing the *Western Recorder* to express gratitude to our readers and to give assurance of a sincere prayer for a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year season for all of you.

It has been a happy year of ministry for all of us here. Our readers have been generous and gracious. They have been helpful in many ways including the critical observations. Sometimes critics are more help-

ful than those who are always complimentary.

Among our blessings this year was the coming of Bob Terry as assistant editor. For Bob and his wife, Eleanor, it was a special year. Their first child, a son named Bobby Brent, was born on December 7th.

The year ahead is one of the most critical ones for Kentucky Baptists since I have been in denominational work, in my opinion. Our devotion to God, our commitment to His task for us and our love for one another are our only hope. Will you join us in praying and working in this spirit?

Four Kentucky Couples Appointed Missionaries At December Meeting

Two "pioneers" in the field of recreation in Southern Baptist churches, Rev. and Mrs. Robert V. Myers of Louisville, were employed on December 5 by the Foreign Mission Board as missionary associates for the Bahamas, where he expects to establish and direct a Baptist camp and conference facility.

Currently minister of recreation in Crescent Hill Baptist Church and adjunct professor of recreation, camps, and retreats at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mr. Myers told the Board that his work in recent years has provided an opportunity not only to demonstrate recreation in mission but to teach future church leaders the value of ministry through fun at camps.

Through his work as vice-president of the Christian Camp and Conference Association, International, Mr. Myers came in contact with hundreds of camp leaders from many countries. "I was shaken into awareness that God might want my family and me to serve in camping and recreation in foreign missions," he explained. "Three years ago I prayed, 'Lord, put me in missions.' Now I see that God has engineered our circumstances beyond our dreams and fitted us for being a part of his purposes in the Bahamas."

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Sanderson of Hopkinsville will find years of experiences in camp counseling and summer mission work helpful when they begin their new work on a Caribbean island. They were appointed missionaries to Trinidad on December 5 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Currently pastor of Casky Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Mr. Sanderson expects to serve as camp director.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, he grew up in Mayfield and Murray, Kentucky. Mrs. Sanderson, the former Hannah Trigg, is a Kentuckian. Born in Frankfort, she grew up in Middletown.



KENTUCKIANS APPOINTED—Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at their December meeting were, from left to right, first row, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Jones, Louisville, East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Moore, Plant City, Florida, Malaysia; second row, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Myers, Louisville, Bahamas; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sanderson, Hopkinsville, Trinidad.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson are graduates of Murray (Ky.) State University, he with the bachelor of arts degree and she with the bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

A graduate of Southern Seminary, he has served as pastor of the Hill Top Chapel, Jackson, and Bethany Baptist Church, Sturgis.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas A. Jones, Sr., of Louisville, were appointed missionaries to East Africa on December 5 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He recently gave up his position as engineer with a chemical products manufacturer in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to enroll in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville.

Mr. Jones expects to serve as business manager for the Baptist Mission of East

Africa (Kenya and Tanzania). He will assist missionaries by serving as liaison between them and government officials, making travel arrangements, ordering equipment, and attending to myriad other details.

Rev. and Mrs. Vernon L. Moore, natives of Louisville, Kentucky, and Hillsdale, New Jersey, were employed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board on December 5 as missionary associates to Malaysia. Now pastor of Whitehurst Road Baptist Church, Plant City, he expects to preach and to assist in the development of churches overseas.

Mr. Moore pastored First Baptist Church, Hilliard, Florida, Hopewell Baptist Church, Plant City, and Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Johnston City, Illinois, prior to his current pastorate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for December 29, 1968)

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

A New Heaven And A New Earth

This lesson assures us that in His own good time God will see to it that His eternal purpose in Christ is carried to its ultimate consummation.

The New Creation Revelation 21:3-7

In these wonderful verses we are given a splendid description of the great happiness which is in store for the children of God in their future abode. As children of God and followers of Christ, we are looking forward with great anticipation to that day when we shall be delivered not only from the penalty of sin and the power of sin, but also from its very presence.

As Christians we are looking forward to that great day when we shall enter upon our inheritance and drink to the full from the fountain of the water of life. Then, the desire of our hearts will be realized fully. No longer will we be plagued by the temptations and evil machinations of Satan and his emissaries. All of the former things, which have caused us so much pain, sorrow and distress, will have passed away. We will have entered upon a new state wherein dwelleth righteousness and peace.

In a world of sin, suffering and sorrow, such as the one in which we now reside, these blessed words fall like an indescribable benediction on a multitude of human souls which are weary with the march of life. The abolition of sickness, suffering and sorrow is not an idle dream but an absolute reality. These glorious words from the eternal God have been the comfort of His people during their darkest hours. They are to be believed and relied upon as we journey through this life, for nothing can prevent their fulfillment. Life in heaven will be transformed, revitalized and made new through the power of Him Who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The New City Revelation 21:22-27

For a full description of this celestial city one should read the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters of Revelation. Even though one may not be able to understand and to explain all of the symbolism recorded therein, he is made to rejoice in the wonders of the place to

which by God's grace he, as a Christian, is going.

There will not be any need of a temple, a place which has been dedicated and set apart for God's habitation, in this new and holy city because the presence and all-pervasive glory of the Lord will make the place a sanctuary. Neither will there be any need of the sun or the moon for He Who is now the light of the world will then illuminate the celestial city. The eternal and ineffable God will manifest Himself in the Lamb Who is the light of the city. Then, as now, the invisible God will become visible only in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Last Invitation Revelation 22:17

Reminiscent of the Saviour's invitations: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," and "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink," John penned this last clear and urgent invitation in the Bible calling unbelievers to repent and believe on Christ.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

The Best Is Yet To Be

The Book of Isaiah presents the Messiah in the role of Servant of the Lord. In this capacity He rendered an invaluable service to both the Lord and people.

The Mighty One Isaiah 42:1-4

"Behold my servant!" Let all hearken and attend to the One here revealed, Who was endowed with God's spirit, anointed for a holy and arduous task, and sent to teach the ways of God to the people of the world. The prophet was speaking of Christ as the servant of the Lord, Whom the Father chose, called and commissioned. His primary task was the redemption of His people, and this assignment was carried out diligently and faithfully.

Both as man and as Mediator Christ was strengthened by the Father, so that He did not fall under the weight of the sins of the people or of the wrath of God. With the Lamb of God, the Medi-

This is a call to come to Christ and be saved. There has never been another call so vast in its circumference, so intense in its earnestness, so inclusive in its scope nor so earnest in its appeal. The blessing offered is "the water of life." To take the water of life means that you are born into God's family and become a partaker of the divine nature. This great offer to those who will come to Christ includes salvation, satisfaction and safety.

From whom does this invitation come? It comes from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit convicts, invites, woos and draws people to God. The church joins the Holy Spirit in the call to all who are lost. She is at her best when she is trying earnestly to win the lost to Christ. The call also comes from the individual Christian—"Let him that heareth say, Come." It is both the mission and the duty of the saved to say to the lost, "Come." This call comes from Christ, Who said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

ator between God and man, and the Redeemer and Saviour of the people, the Father was delighted. He was well-pleased with what He did as His servant, with the sacrifices which He made with the righteousness which He wrought out, and with the effective manner in which He reconciled men unto Him.

Our Lord might have adopted the violent method of the warrior, or the disputatious and contentious method of the noisy agitators who terrorized others by their denunciations and threats, but instead He chose the quiet, peaceful and spiritual method. He spoke in the gentle voice of calm serenity and reasonable persuasion. Incarnating quiet strength, He lived His life, did His work, spoke the truth, bore His sorrows and blessed many.

When the lives of men are bruised by temptations, sins, afflictions and sorrows, the Lord does not throw them away, but He mends or repairs them. He holds out the scepter of His grace to

them, strengthens, supports and upholds them with the right hand of His righteousness.

The Messiah Isaiah 61:1-2a

In these words Isaiah was describing in part the ministry of the Messiah. This passage definitely referred to Christ. We know this because our Lord read these words on one occasion and then said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:21). By His own interpretation our Lord applied these verses directly to Himself.

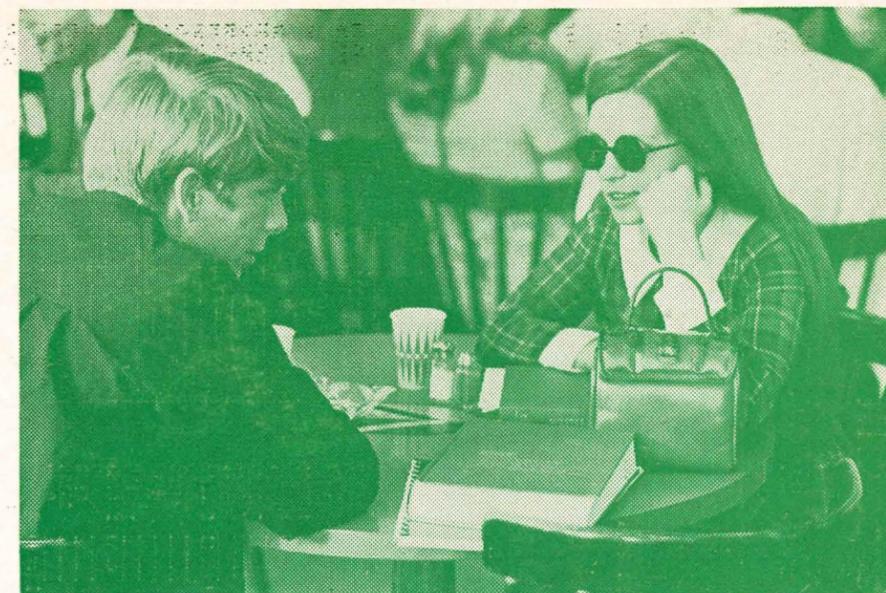
Following His entrance upon His public ministry and His remarkable victory over Satan through the use of God's Word, our Lord came at length to the small town of Nazareth, where He had been reared. There He intended to make known the way of life to His own townspeople.

Since there were no regular speakers in the synagogue, those in charge designated some competent and honorable person to conduct the services. It was the custom that when a distinguished visitor was present the one in charge of the service would invite him to read the Scriptures, and then deliver any message he might have for the people. Such an invitation was extended to Christ, and, always alert to embrace every opportunity to speak to the people, He readily accepted the invitation.

When Christ stood to read, the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Turning to the sixty-first chapter, He read these verses which declared God's purpose to send the Messiah to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. He abruptly stopped reading in the middle of verse two, which had to do with His work as Saviour only, sat down and made the explicit and startling declaration that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Him.

The Mission Isaiah 61:2b-4, 10-11

Had our Lord read any farther He could not have given the explanation which He did then. He simply left the next sentence for future application, as His second coming will usher in "the day of vengeance of our God." The time of grace and mercy is called the "acceptable year," while the period of judgment is called the "day of vengeance," implying that the period of mercy is much longer than that of wrath. The "day of vengeance," is yet to be. When Christ came to earth the first time the grace of God that bringeth salvation appeared. When He returns He will take vengeance upon the ungodly. The portion of this passage which Christ did not read publicly that day remains to be fulfilled at His second coming.



STUDENT NIGHT—"To Make Him Known" is the theme of the 1968 Student Night at Christmas program in Southern Baptist churches. Thousands of students will share in telling of their experiences in campus life during special worship services December 29, 1968. BSSB



DECEMBER 22—DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Sunday before Christmas, December 22nd, has been named as a Day of Prayer for Peace by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

It is hoped that every church in Kentucky will take appropriate notice of this opportunity to pray for this war-torn world. Certainly Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace, is a wonderful time to pray for reconciliation among men.

This recommendation came to us from the Christian Life Committee, Wm. Y. Sanders, chairman. He is pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Furthermore, this intention to make December 22 a Day of Prayer For Peace has been shared with the state executive secretaries and editors of the various Baptist state conventions, hoping that others of our fellow Baptists may join with us in this undertaking of intercession.

Christmas greetings to you

I take this opportunity to extend warm Christmas greetings to you and yours during the season just before us. This action is not only personal, but on

behalf of President J. T. Miller and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Every Christmas the Christian world takes new hope in the conquest of love over hate, joy over sorrow, peace over strife. It is a day on which we should dedicate ourselves to the Christ, to his purposes in the earth, to His churches and the mission causes in His name.

The weary, heavy-laden, hopeless world longs for a knowledge of the Son of God who "taketh away the sin of the World."

Disillusioned people of all ages yearn for the living presence of Him who "came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

A world embroiled in strife, torn and twisted in mind by cold wars and torn and twisted in both body and mind by the actual wars on the earth, look for the present coming in power of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

"Publish glad tidings,
Tidings of Peace,
Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release."

Harold G. Sanders

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| | | Cow Creek | 165.00 | West Hickman | 2,220.49 | West Hickman | 2,220.49 |
| | | Dwale Mission | 76.94 | Totals | 18,689.17 | Totals | 18,689.17 |
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| | | Hobrock Mission | 28.00 | | | | |
| | | Homebranch | 10.00 | | | | |
| | | Hunter | 467.81 | | | | |
| | | First Inez Memorial | 1,215.00 | | | | |
| | | Ivoryton | 24.18 | | | | |
| | | Jack Creek Mission | 148.98 | | | | |
| | | Lambert Mission | 165.00 | | | | |
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| | | Wash Fork | 189.03 | | | | |
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| | | Salversville | 145.00 | | | | |
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| Eighteenth Street | 4,556.04 | 50.00 | 1,274.36 | Victory Memorial | 17,826.00 | Necyees Creek | 102.91 |
| Elk Creek | 958.38 | 302.08 | 1,412.84 | Brookview | 4,607.76 | Stearns First | 1,184.78 |
| Fairdale | 4,672.81 | 630.80 | 1,891.94 | Vine Street | 1,992.20 | Walkers Chapel | 333.19 |
| Farmont | 939.40 | 114.00 | 825.00 | Virginia Avenue | 1,090.00 | Wilson Avenue | 169.75 |
| Farmdale | 6,410.94 | 2,675.08 | 65,412.94 | Walnut Street | 848.00 | Totals | 8,651.60 |
| Fern Creek | 5,291.00 | 2,253.16 | 1,110.00 | Weaver Memorial | 32.00 | MERCER | 780.15 |
| First Jefferson | 4,699.88 | 1,110.00 | 200.00 | West Broadway | 1,022.16 | Association | 25.00 |
| First Prospect | 327.76 | 229.55 | 293.90 | West End Mission | 61.47 | Benton | 1,656.82 |
| First Taylorsville | 2,600.00 | 1,956.04 | 719.39 | West Side | 719.39 | Bethel | 1,744.72 |
| First Middletown | 2,434.90 | 654.06 | 198.00 | Westport Road | 796.57 | Braxtons Chapel | 6,387.15 |
| Fisherville | 1,823.00 | 125.00 | 3,259.21 | Woodland | 796.57 | Bruners Chapel | 71.92 |
| Foster Avenue | 4,440.00 | 152.00 | 502,483.23 | Totals | 14,197.36 | Buena Vista | 1,467.82 |
| Fourth Avenue | 19.43 | 160.61 | 6.95 | LYNN | 2,147.26 | Burgin | 288.10 |
| Franklin Street | 690.36 | 84.33 | 2,173.47 | Association | 1,247.26 | Calvary | 1,457.82 |
| Friendship | 520.44 | 29.03 | 278.02 | Athertonville | 186.62 | Cornishville | 1,012.12 |
| Garfield Avenue | 2,007.00 | 350.85 | 20.05 | Aetna Grove | 295.74 | Deep Creek | 15,060.53 |
| Gettsmane | 2,820.74 | 375.30 | 278.02 | Bethel | 186.62 | Elers Chapel | 1,972.85 |
| Grace | 3,253.54 | 2,070.37 | 20.05 | Boiling Springs | 295.74 | Fellowship | 330.77 |
| Green Acres | 8,522.17 | 840.25 | 278.02 | Bonnieville | 186.62 | Harrodsburg | 8,132.39 |
| Harmony | 2,330.76 | 1,748.11 | 20.05 | Broadford | 295.74 | Hopewell | 982.89 |
| Highland | 13,723.47 | 10,973.39 | 147.51 | Center Point 1 | 30.00 | Kirkwood | 540.75 |
| Highland Park Second | 896.51 | 290.00 | 30.00 | Center Point 2 | 30.00 | Pioneer | 95.21 |
| Highland Park First | 4,400.00 | 290.00 | 30.00 | Cherry Springs | 32.81 | Saivasa | 901.47 |
| Highway | 9,474.46 | 1,365.36 | 30.00 | Cherry Springs | 34.38 | Shakerstown | 345.91 |
| Hillview | 3,253.54 | 394.35 | 441.00 | Concord | 25.00 | Shawnee Run | 2,251.01 |
| Hopewell | 1,470.00 | 737.74 | 100.00 | Cub Run | 25.00 | Totals | 56,608.96 |
| Hursbourne Chapel | 1,982.53 | 2,220.75 | 1,211.60 | Falling Springs | 86.00 | MIDDLE FORK | 26.69 |
| Immanuel | 3,499.82 | 1,832.52 | 1,211.60 | Friendship 1 | 32.50 | Jason | 30.00 |
| Kenwood | 5,073.60 | 1,832.52 | 1,211.60 | Friendship 2 | 102.14 | First Creek | 30.00 |
| Kings | 4,147.19 | 369.01 | 147.51 | Hawatha Street | 30.00 | Langdon Mission | 65.50 |
| Knob Creek | 2,682.83 | 144.06 | 357.14 | Letonfield Creek | 32.81 | Lick Branch | 176.71 |
| Knob Creek | 151.17 | 389.35 | 34.38 | Lincoln Memorial | 34.38 | Mt. Paran | 153.83 |
| Lake Dreamland | 121.11 | 389.35 | 34.38 | Little Rock | 34.38 | Napier | 176.71 |
| Lake Louisville | 5,295.00 | 931.00 | 178.30 | Lone Oak | 178.30 | Totals | 45.00 |
| Les Lane | 4,300.00 | 2,136.46 | 257.63 | Loas Grove | 39.50 | Akersville | 951.84 |
| Little Rock | 111.94 | 343.21 | 515.37 | Mt. Lebanon | 285.38 | Fountain Run | 463.55 |
| Long Run | 118.36 | 1,207.43 | 38.90 | Mt. Olivian | 49.62 | Gamaliel | 60.67 |
| Lynn | 7,027.21 | 1,207.43 | 38.90 | Mt. Pisgah | 199.70 | Indian Creek | 64.95 |
| Lynn Acres | 2,820.74 | 490.91 | 1,100.07 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Mill Creek | 65.00 |
| Mainly Memorial | 2,820.74 | 676.56 | 100.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Monroe | 119.11 |
| Maple Grove | 2,820.74 | 397.87 | 441.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | New Design | 106.50 |
| Meadow Heights | 2,820.74 | 397.87 | 441.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Oak Grove | 250.00 |
| Meadow Heights | 2,820.74 | 397.87 | 441.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Peters Creek | 119.11 |
| Meadow Park | 2,297.46 | 597.01 | 100.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 |
| Minors Lane | 1,076.68 | 318.36 | 100.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Rockridge | 47.75 |
| Mt. Elmton | 106.68 | 14.13 | 753.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Temple Hill | 1,473.04 |
| North 42nd St. | 334.36 | 238.42 | 753.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Temple Hill | 1,473.04 |
| North & O | 2,715.43 | 2,715.43 | 337.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | First Rompkinsville | 2,680.97 |
| Oak Grove | 2,715.43 | 2,715.43 | 337.00 | Mt. Tabor | 266.91 | Totals | 6,999.90 |
| Oakdale | 384.64 | 259.13 | 742.25 | Mt. Zion | 7.58 | Antioch | 65.39 |
| Okolona | 7,258.71 | 874.20 | 1,918.51 | Bacon Creek | 163.00 | Bethlehem | 185.02 |
| Ormsby Heights | 2,338.59 | 1,156.15 | 403.50 | Bethlehem | 185.02 | Burrato | 30.00 |
| Parkland | 2,338.59 | 1,156.15 | 403.50 | Burrato | 30.00 | Cedar Gap | 13.72 |
| Parkway | 3,079.97 | 1,343.28 | 223.53 | Cedar Gap | 13.72 | Central Grove | 8,473.51 |
| Penile | 104.78 | 1,974.41 | 223.53 | Chappel Grove | 8,473.51 | Chappel Grove | 8,473.51 |
| Pleasant Grove | 659.92 | 413.10 | 123.14 | 20th Street | 22.00 | Good Hope | 561.37 |
| Plum Creek | 2,927.92 | 248.05 | 25.00 | Corinth | 269.58 | Greenland | 161.39 |
| Poplar Level | 339.00 | 541.88 | 30.00 | John Creek | 13.40 | Highland Park | 115.78 |
| Portland Avenue | 969.59 | 62.07 | 82.63 | Monroe | 65.00 | Hopewell | 168.00 |
| Ralph Avenue | 8,761.06 | 749.97 | 331.39 | New Design | 106.50 | Indian Gap | 305.26 |
| Ridgewood | 1,108.89 | 4,777.91 | 1,955.00 | Oak Grove | 250.00 | Jacks Fork | 7.58 |
| Riverside | 491.19 | 22.10 | 3,428.57 | Peters Creek | 119.11 | Level Green | 35.00 |
| Rockford Lane | 12,299.31 | 2,210.00 | 1,389.50 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Main Street | 347.99 |
| Shawnee | 2,619.30 | 4,763.31 | 1,955.00 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Meadow Creek | 20.00 |
| Shively | 9,957.68 | 2,493.04 | 231.57 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | New Mt. Zion | 25.00 |
| Shively Heights | 8,191.75 | 463.00 | 1,193.26 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Oak Grove | 26.00 |
| South Jefferson | 10,541.31 | 1,320.34 | 98.64 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Park Hill | 30.00 |
| South Park | 361.40 | 273.75 | 25.00 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Pleasant Grove | 1,350.00 |
| Southside | 5,594.11 | 2,975.30 | 25.00 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Rockhold | 47.00 |
| St. Matthews | 18,241.23 | 335.00 | 80.00 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Sandstone | 100.70 |
| Hillsdale | 631.48 | 292.53 | 1,955.00 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Southside | 155.34 |
| Sunshine Mission | 1,317.39 | 1,978.22 | 231.57 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | Totals | 202.05 |
| Sylvania | 314.00 | 96.78 | 98.64 | Pleasant Hill | 29.75 | McCREARY COUNTY | 3,428.57 |
| Th-xton Lane | 13,249.04 | 1,071.80 | 142.12 | First Whitley City | 1,389.50 | First Whitley City | 1,389.50 |
| Valley View | 7,571.66 | 2,183.96 | 56.00 | Green Grove | 16.00 | Green Knot First | 345.23 |
| Cardinal Hill | 118.03 | 15.69 | 215.28 | Hickory Knob | 5.00 | Hickory Knob | 5.00 |
| Van Buren | 865.33 | 173.19 | 98.99 | Hilltop | 20.00 | Marshes Siding | 62.03 |

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| Rolling Fork | 753.64 | 427.42 | 340.00 | Gray | 354.42 | Dunn Springs | 50.00 |
| Victory | 513.76 | 196.87 | 150.00 | Greasy Creek | 340.00 | Dycusburg | 304.99 |
| Wakefield | 10.00 | 153.00 | 787.09 | Highland Park | 322.35 | Dyer Hill | 990.00 |
| Wickland | 570.77 | 249.85 | 182.59 | East Barboursville | 125.59 | Emmanuel | 338.03 |
| Totals | 70,401.59 | 2,326.28 | 19,194.38 | Horn Branch | 1,478.08 | Friendship | 82.60 |
| Association | 801.40 | 10.00 | 10.00 | Liberty | 36.00 | Good Hope | 36.00 |
| Ashland Avenue | 2,484.39 | 579.37 | 54.35 | Lucust Grove | 307.00 | Grand Rivers | 152.30 |
| Bayler Lick | 1,363.99 | 54.35 | 8.28 | Martin Chapel | 842.50 | Lake City | 99.95 |
| Bellevue | 2,096.22 | 2.00 | 8.28 | Northside Mission | 53.58 | Lola | 25.00 |
| Big Bone | 1,785.73 | 358.50 | 32.00 | Old Flat Lick | 32.00 | Lola | 25.00 |
| Bullittsburg | 5,517.27 | 3,410.50 | 10.00 | Poplar Chapel | 471.82 | Lola | 25.00 |
| Burlington | 5,517.27 | 1,780.82 | 1,950.00 | Poplar Grove | 1,244.68 | Marion First | 1,945.36 |
| Calvary | 863.08 | 1,950.00 | 25.24 | Richard Branch | 67.75 | Mexico | 395.09 |
| Centerville | 65.00 | 44.77 | 10.00 | Roadside | 62.50 | Mint Spring | 28.10 |
| Oakland Avenue | 65.00 | 368.90 | 8.28 | Salem | 100.00 | Old Salem | 274.00 |
| Crescent Springs | 3,529.72 | 752.13 | 52.40 | Salt Gum | 83.00 | Frances | 52.00 |
| East Bend | 52.00 | 52.40 | 100.00 | Sinking Valley | 88.52 | Pickneyville | 283.35 |
| Elmerson | 214.83 | 631.35 | 543.45 | Springfield | 50.00 | Repton | 343.14 |
| Eranger | 16,281.36 | 426.00 | 4,982.23 | Swan Pond | 664.04 | Salem | 1,419.95 |
| Fair Lane | 1,576.02 | 519.00 | 405.68 | Turkey Creek Mission | 87.15 | Second Marion | 187.61 |
| First Bellevue | 6,028.29 | 195.00 | 4.36 | Walker | 4.36 | Shady Grove | 74.60 |
| First Cold Spring | 5,501.22 | 195.00 | 1,183.75 | Walker | 4.36 | First Smithland | 958.06 |
| Covington First | 1,697.40 | 963.76 | 134.00 | Warren | 111.65 | Sugar Creek | 236.27 |
| First Dayton | 1,980.00 | 879.43 | 9,309.02 | Young Grove | 601.51 | Sulphur Springs | 111.65 |
| First Ft. Thomas | 5,864.61 | 879.43 | 22.50 | Totals | 33,068.27 | Tilene | 139.45 |
| Highland Heights | 2,428.54 | 1,073.25 | 2,182.94 | OHIO COUNTY | 22.50 | Union | 590.50 |
| First Ludow | 6,000.00 | 510.00 | 2,599.79 | Adoburg | 114.00 | Mt. Olive | 135.60 |
| First Twelve Mile | 1,319.11 | 316.85 | 1,017.79 | Barnetts Creek | 80.00 | New Harmony | 61.00 |
| First Walton | 5,032.52 | 141.50 | 2,101.79 | Barnetts Dam | 277.27 | New Hope | 50.00 |
| Flagg Spring | 120.00 | 258.00 | 1,275.78 | Belle Run | 382.00 | New Hopewell | 526.70 |
| Florence | 9,250.00 | 197.00 | 2,286.78 | Centerville | 412.47 | Northside | 59.27 |
| Fort Mitchell | 5,200.00 | 1,566.44 | 10.00 | Central Grove | 839.69 | Old Bethel | 223.75 |
| Grace Chapel | 1,652.52 | 391.93 | 11.05 | Cedar Run | 100.12 | Pride | 389.52 |
| Grants Lick | 2,866.49 | 655.75 | 74.85 | Clear Run | 74.85 | Sturgis | 109.80 |
| Greenview | 2,914.80 | 154.18 | 270.68 | Cool Springs | 157.11 | Unontown | 458.10 |
| Hebron | 3,325.16 | 1,631.99 | 311.35 | Cool Springs | 157.11 | Woodland | 1,389.00 |
| Highland Hills | 3,487.00 | 1,235.02 | 305.12 | Dunfield | 33.45 | Totals | 34,576.11 |
| Immanuel | 1,930.19 | 800.00 | 86.50 | East Fork | 68.40 | OHIO VALLEY | 37.35 |
| Kentaboo | 1,947.05 | 86.50 | 416.67 | E. Hartford Mission | 62.49 | Bethany | 358.00 |
| Lantonia | 613.45 | 1,357.00 | 4,627.41 | Fairview | 108.90 | Blackford | 140.00 |
| Licking Valley | 20.00 | 679.37 | 1,348.11 | Fairview | 108.90 | Commercial M | 28.50 |
| Madison Avenue | 5,753.13 | 2,214.12 | 35.00 | Fairview | 108.90 | Dekoven | 176.96 |
| Main Street | 1,633.16 | 899.27 | 442.50 | First Hartford | 395.14 | First Clay | 306.64 |
| Mentor | 899.27 | 442.50 | 287.02 | Huffs Creek | 411.40 | First Morganfield | 976.81 |
| New Banklick | 937.20 | 2,191.67 | 329.88 | Independence | 49.55 | First Providence | 2,966.81 |
| Oak Island | 2,589.70 | 1,219.67 | 329.88 | McHenry Creek | 578.00 | First Sturgis | 1,997.24 |
| Oak Ridge | 180.00 | 1,219.67 | 329.88 | Mount Carmel | 87.00 | Grangertown | 346.56 |
| Persimmon Grove | 362.94 | 351.45 | 351.45 | Mt. Zion | 19.31 | Grove Center | 34.59 |
| Piner | 1,369.00 | 395.73 | 110.60 | New Panther Creek | 53.26 | Grove Center | 34.59 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 542.63 | 218.14 | 60.00 | New Zion | 110.60 | Mt. Olive | 135.60 |
| Rosedale | 1,680.35 | 209.30 | 116.00 | Pleasant Grove | 116.00 | New Harmony | 6 |

Sermon Contest Slated on 1969-70 SBC Theme, \$150 Award Offered

A committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Inter-Agency Council has announced plans for contest for the best sermon on the 1969-70 SBC theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

The contest will be open to any Southern Baptist "sermonizer or would-be sermonizer", including both ministers and laymen. Deadline for entry is March 31, 1969.

First place award in the contest will be \$150. Second place wins \$100, and

third merits \$50. Five honorable mention awards are slated at \$25 each.

Purpose of the contest, according to a three-man subcommittee of the SBC 70 Onward Committee is to "encourage the widest possible concern about the significant implications of the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

Sermons should be 1,500 to 2,000 words in length, including outlines incorporated into the written material.

Decision concerning awards will be made at the time of the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention.

Entries should be typed, double spaced in 8½ x 11 white paper, and mailed to the 70 Onward Committee, Room 104, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219. (BP)



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