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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH Youth Choir presented a concert of sacred music for the First Baptist Church of Hodgenville, January 19. The Buffalo church is located in Severns Valley Association.

ROBERT F. SASSER was ordained to the gospel ministry January 5. The ordination took place at the Kirksville Baptist Church, Kirksville, where his father, R. E. Sasser, is pastor. The younger Sasser is presently pastoring the Harris Memorial Baptist Church near Richmond.

PARKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, recently lost one of its most active members. Edward M. Trent, oldest member of the church, in length of membership, had been active in all areas of church life before his death. He had served as deacon, treasurer, Sunday School teacher and Training Union director. Also, he was a member of the Long Run Association executive board. He is survived by his wife, four sons, a daughter, fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NORMAN ELLIS, pastor of Cadiz Baptist Church for 12 years, has resigned to accept a pastorate in Jackson, Tennessee. In all, Ellis has served Baptists in Trigg County for more than 20 years.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE will hold registration for its night school classes February 1 at the Gatliff Building on campus. A total of ten courses are being offered for credit. Information about the courses and other information may be obtained from night school director Charles O. Smith by writing to him at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

VERSAILLES BAPTIST CHURCH sponsored a trip to Southern Seminary for its Juniors who attended January Bible Study. The January 19th trip included a tour of the campus and the two archaeological museums on the seminary campus.

SHERMAN ADAMS has accepted the call of Calvary Baptist Church, London, to be their new pastor. He goes to this position from the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, New Castle, Indiana, where he served for more than four years. Adams may now be addressed at 103 South McWhorter, London.

SAN GUNNETT was recently honored with the presentation of a plaque by the Long Run Association. The occasion was his retirement as association treasurer after ten years at that post. Gunnett is a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church.

HAROLD S. MAUNEY has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville. To accept this position Mauney resigned the pastorate of the Lonsdale Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. A native of Corbin, he is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Mauney is married and has one child.



Mauney

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, is the site of a Southern Baptist Seminary Extension department. An Old Testament course taught by Georgetown College Professor Joseph Lewis is offered there each Tuesday evening through April 1.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, has begun a late night television program entitled "Encounter." The program appears each Sunday evening at 11:15 on channel 62. A spokesman for the church indicated that the church hopes to reach a largely overlooked audience by the late night program. Trinity church also has a radio spot on a popular morning radio program in Lexington.

DAVISS - McLEAN ASSOCIATION will conduct a telephone religious census of its area February 8-10. The census is in preparation for the upcoming Crusade of the Americas. Those serving as callers were asked to attend a training session before receiving their assignments.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, Waco, Texas, has received stock valued at almost \$700,000 to construct a Communications Center to house the school's departments of journalism and oral communications. The building will be named in honor of the late Jack Castellaw, son of the donor, Mrs. Janie Castellaw. Young Castellaw died while a student at Baylor in 1927.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, New Orleans, observed its 125th anniversary on December 29, 1968, with Dr. R. G. Lee delivering the anniversary sermon. Dr. J. D. Grey has been pastor of this congregation since 1937. Both he and Mrs. Grey are native Kentuckians.

W. R. GRIGG, associate secretary in the department of work with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board, was guest preacher for Ebenezer Baptist Church, Louisville, Sunday, January 26. The Ebenezer church is one of eight General Association churches dually aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. M. H. Gant is pastor of the church.

HERSCHEL H. HOBBS has adopted the Crusade of the Americas theme, "Christ, the Only Hope" for his February theme on "The Baptist Hour." Each message during the month will deal with a different aspect of the Crusade theme.

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The Menace Of The Minorities

Our government is democratic, and ours is a democratic tradition. This means that basic in our thinking has been such beliefs as the ultimate wisdom and rightness of the majority, and justification for majority rule.

But something new has appeared on the scene.

Not only is the truthfulness and the reliability of these positions questioned

by J. Winston Pearce
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intellectually, their reverse is put into practice socially, politically, culturally, and intellectually.

Today, minorities rule.

Recently, the respected columnist, James Reston of the New York Times, wrote: "On the last few days, we have seen a small minority close the schools in New York, another militant minority held registration at Columbia University, a third make shambles of a welfare office in Brooklyn, and a fourth howl down Vice President Humphrey and Senator Edward Kennedy in Boston." Reston goes on to say that the "tyranny of the minorities" (his phrase), seems to dominate public affairs and prevail over the majority, and to prevail by force.

The columnist's position is based on undeniable facts. While he limits his examples to New York and to Boston, he could have given specific incidents from every section of the country. The major centers such as New York, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Berkeley and Los Angeles get the headlines, but other sections do not escape the experience.

Menacing fabric of Republic

Today the minorities are menacing the very fabric of the American Republic.

Consider the President of the United States, holder of the highest office in the nation, the elected representative of all of the people, elected by a majority of the people: he is embarrassed, harassed, hindered, prevented from appearing in public and addressing the very people who elected him to the high office. Governors, senators, leaders in industry, science and education are be-seiged, mobbed, shouted down, and always (we are reliably informed) by the minorities.

Because the disturbance, the disruption, the violence comes from such a small minority, the situation is discounted. It is unfair, so the argument goes, to condemn an entire university when only two percent of the faculty and five

percent of the student body are responsible for all the disturbance. It is unjust to indict an entire Black Power movement simply because an insignificant percentage of that movement is violent.

Clearly, this argument has merit. But practically and result-wise, it really does not matter whether the disruption is by the few or by the many. If a university is brought to a complete halt in its educational process, does it matter whether those who are responsible are 500 or 25,000 in number? If a building is ransacked and irreplaceable records are deliberately destroyed, it is poor comfort to remind those in the present who rely on these valuable records, or the generations yet unborn who would benefit by the records, that only a minority participated in the destruction.

"Minority," the magic word

It is easy to be lulled into inactivity by the sound of that magic word, "minority." It should be remembered that Hit-

ler never had more than a minority of the German people who were committed and dedicated to him and his cause. The same was true of Russia and Communism. But the minute minorities have a way of moving immense majorities.

It is one thing to condemn the whole for what a part of the whole does. It is something else to again ignore or excuse the part because the whole is not involved.

If you can keep it

It is reported that one day during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, Benjamin Franklin came out of the assembly and was questioned by a woman who said: "What shall it be, Mr. Franklin, a monarchy or a republic?"

Franklin answered, "A republic, madam, if you can keep it." That is still a cogent observation. And, the hour is late.

Race Relations Sunday, Proof That Love Is Not Supreme Among Christians

by Jack C. Naylor
Pastor, Oaklawn Baptist Church
Paducah, Kentucky

Love is the distinguishing mark of a Christian. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." How seriously do we consider this statement made by our Lord? Surely it wasn't spoken just for its beauty.

Sunday, February 9, is designated as RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY. What a haunting thought! The very fact that we have such a day marked on our calendar reveals our failure to love one another. While it is an acknowledgment of our failure, it is hoped that it is an effort, be it ever so late and feeble, in the right direction. The need is evident.

Sorrowfully we confess, there are some in our churches whose attitudes

toward people of other races do not vary greatly from those of the unregenerate world. Granted, even as Christians, our views may vary, but they should always reflect something of the love of Christ.

What shall be our approach? Shall we accept the fact that we must learn to live with all men. Nay, we should desire to live peacefully with all men. What a difference! Quite contrary to much popular thought, it takes moral and spiritual courage to love people irrespective of race or color. It takes no courage to help maintain the status quo.

Father held us to love others—ALL OTHERS!

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This Year's Evangelistic Conference Was Different

This year's Evangelistic Conference was supposed to be different and it was. Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton planned it that way. The program lacked some of the oratory and preaching traditionally associated with these meetings, but it provided some other elements which could be more beneficial in the long run.

The test of the value of such an experience is the same as that of a worship service. It is not how much it is enjoyed at the time but how much permanent effect it has upon the participants. Only time will reveal the fruits of this year's Evangelistic Conference.

One very satisfactory achievement of this year's conference which could be overlooked was the complete cooperation between the Negro and white Baptist conventions in Kentucky. Interracial Baptist activities have become so common and so successful by now in Kentucky that one could assume this was always the case, but we quickly realize this is not so. This was truly a Joint Evangelistic Conference as it was billed.

Moreover the program proved that our Negro brethren can preach in any Baptist major league. Three of the program headliners this year were Negroes and each left a lasting impression. The message of J. V. Bottoms, Louisville, was solid, the sermon of Bowling Green's J. H. Taylor was unforgettable and the addresses of Kelly Smith, Nashville, were scholarly and erudite beyond that generally expected or heard in such a meeting.

The rest of the program offered a delightful variety. It included the informal but incisive Bible studies of Ken Chafin of Southern Seminary, the insights of Nathan Porter of the Home Mission Board on ministering to today's youth and the solid preaching of Leighton Ford of the Billy Graham team.

For many the strongest impression of the whole program was that made by Owen Cooper, the only layman speaker. This Mississippi layman, now serving as vice president of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, is a favorite in Kentucky. He always handles his assignment well, but more than that he is a personification of his message when he speaks on a layman's witness for Christ.

Beyond any insights and impressions of the program there seemed to be a spirit of concern among the servants of God which is growing stronger and stronger. This is the feeling that we don't have as many of the answers as we have thought and that time is running out for us. The air of confidence in our ability and our methods in evangelism which characterized us a few years ago has been replaced with a spirit of humility, repentance and searching for ways only the Lord can give.

This searching for genuinely effective ways to confront a preoccupied and apathetic modern generation appears to be leading to a return to the basic pattern of the apostolic church described in Acts. This is the one-to-one witnessing in which the prepared sermon is preceded by or replaced with a personal testimony as to the reality of personal faith in Jesus Christ.

This is not to disdain or discontinue the use of preaching or mass evangelism efforts. It is to affirm the most authentic and effective witness is that of one person who really knows the Lord to another person who needs the same experience.

And so the result of this year's Evangelistic Conference might be somewhat different from other years. Many pastors went home without a half dozen red hot sermons picked up from the speakers and without the confidence that their services and those of a visiting evangelist would get the job done in evangelism this year. Rather they are turning to God to seek how they might lay concern for lost souls upon their fellow church members and how they might teach and lead their people in personal witnessing.

If this be the fruit of the 1969 Joint Evangelistic Conference, it will be most memorable.

Loving The Lord In Death And In Life

Jesus said to find a man's heart, look where his treasure is. In other words what is first in one's life is not always revealed by listening to his words but by watching what he does with his material possessions.

By this standard many of God's children show up poorly. Too many of us who claim to love the Lord give our pennies for the redemption of the race from sin and suffering and spend our dollars on ourselves and our loved ones. This is true while we live and even more true when we die. The number of Baptists who leave anything after they are gone for God's work is so few that it makes news when the Lord's causes are included in a will.

There's a glaring contradiction between our words and our actions in this respect. Why is it that many Baptists who profess love for the Lord and who are faithful and even generous in tithes and offerings while they live completely forget God's causes in planning for death. They readily admit that God is responsible for all they are and have, but promptly overlook Him in disposing of their earthly treasures when they die.

To be sure one reason is that God is not really first in our hearts. We look out for ourselves first and what we don't use for ourselves we generally leave for our children and our relatives. This reveals what Jesus said about where are hearts really are.

There's another reason, however. We have not been taught our stewardship responsibilities and privileges in this respect. How many sermons have you ever heard on putting God's cause in your will? Have you ever been talked to personally about what some of your possessions could mean for the Lord after you are gone?

There is much stewardship preaching and teaching in many Baptist churches, but it is mostly concerned with underwriting the current budget. We are all so concerned with our success in reaching the present

budget that we forget what might be done for the long range needs of God's causes.

Each year at this time we try to remind ourselves of the importance of making a will and remembering God when we do. There is no indication, however, that this effort has been successful. We need to do much more. We need not only sermons but discussions in Training Unions and other places dealing with this important matter.

The most qualified person to lead a discussion on making a will is an attorney. There are enough Christian attorneys that any church could arrange such a program. Only an attorney can answer the many technical questions related to making a will.

As for the many causes of the Lord worthy of remembering in a will, the pastor or a denominational worker could conduct an enlightening discussion. In the past the most often remembered cause in the wills of Baptists has been homeless children and consequently have a commendable Kentucky Baptist Child Care Ministry. But more than this cause is worthy. Our Baptist schools are in desperate financial plight today. If Baptists now gone had been led to remember their schools in their wills, these schools would be much better off today. The same would be so in relation to our foreign and home mission efforts.

The list of worthy causes to be included in the wills of Baptists is almost unlimited. The Cooperative Program needs such undergirding. So does the state Baptist paper which is more and more limited in sources of income but is unlimited in potential for influencing the Baptist masses for more faithful and intelligent response.

The promotion of will making by Kentucky Baptists is the special responsibility of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Information and help are available to anyone upon request from the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Telephone (502) 245-4101.

BAPTIST FORUM



EDITORIAL RESPONSE

Dear Editor:

We agree wholeheartedly with you in your editorial "Women Don't Rate For Baptist Leadership," i.e., we agree with your defense of women, not with the title.

More and more laymen and laywomen should be used on all our boards in state and convention-wide agencies. Southern Baptist Convention has taken steps forward in the use of laymen on various boards making it mandatory that at least one-third must be laymen (it would probably be better to be fifty-fifty, since there are so many more laymen than ministers).

But, not nearly enough has been done to use the talents of our good women. Just to get the record straight, Southern Baptist Foundation has one representative on its board of directors who is a lady, a member who means much to the Foundation. She is Mrs. Robert Fling, who represents Woman's Missionary Union, one of our most enthusiastic participants and supporters.

More power to the ladies! Southern Baptist Convention can use all of their leadership ability.

Nashville, Tenn.

Kendall Berry

MISSIONARY LAYMEN

Dear Editor:

Interested in doing mission work as a layman in California for one year, two years or indefinitely?

Positions for school teachers and various other good paying positions are available in the beautiful Pajaro Valley in Watsonville. For complete information and assistance please contact Mr. Loren Hester, 73 Shady Oaks, Watsonville, California 95076, phone 408-724-2177, or Roy South, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, 353 Arthur Road, Watsonville, California 95076, phone 408-722-4093. Watsonville, Calif.

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Georgetown Students Organize CHECK, Social Action Group

Almost 100 students at Georgetown College are engaged in a plan to alleviate social problems in the community.

The independent student organization calls itself CHECK. The letters in the title stand for Collegians Helping to Enrich Community Kids. The students are investigating the feasibility of incorporating. The group has been operating on an informal basis since last September.

The Georgetown Presbyterian Church has agreed to let CHECK use its new educational facilities on East Main Street as a community center for the new program. The collegians presented their plan to the local church recently and unanimous consent was granted. The pastor of the congregation, Rev. Hogan Yancey, has been serving as a counselor for the organization.

Miss Becky Richey, a junior at Georgetown, and a native of Adairville, is chairman of CHECK. She is assisted by an executive committee of seven. Additional student members of the committee are Bill Switzer, Karen Kimmel and Nyleen Martin.

Three of the seven are members of the College administration. They include: Dean of Men James Bergman; Mr. Wallace Williams, Financial Aid Officer; and Miss Miriam Floyd, Assistant Dean of Women.

In a recent letter to Governor Louie Nunn, the executive committee outlined a seven-point program for Georgetown's less privileged children. The letter was written in response to the Governor's

request for college student action in local college communities.

The formulated list of goals adopted by the Georgetown students are: (1) to involve college students in an active and meaningful role in the community; (2) to establish a lasting bond among Georgetown's three communities... the black, the white and the college; (3) to provide an opportunity through which collegians can use their education for the betterment of the community.

They propose also to: (4) stimulate the growth of Georgetown's youth, both physically and mentally; (5) establish a recreational program in which every youth in Georgetown can participate; (6) raise money for worthwhile civic projects which will benefit the youth of the city; (7) create the occasion for the youth to meet in an atmosphere of Christian brotherhood.

CHECK'S initial activities involving these 100 college students have aided a large number of the city's children. The students feel that words are not enough to solve the nation's ills. It takes action.

Members of the organization have been tutoring grade school students who have been unable to keep up with their classmates. The tutoring has been done on a one-to-one basis. Future plans call for including high school juniors and seniors in the program.

The collegians have begun a counseling program for potential juvenile delinquents in the area.

Recreational programs of all types

have been engaged in. The local Presbyterian Church facilities will permit CHECK to expand this feature. The downtown location of the building will permit all the city's youth to take advantage of the program.

The organization is busy looking for ways of funding several other programs that can be initiated during Georgetown's second semester which begins this week. Georgetown College has made available many of its facilities for the program.

Tom Henry Accepts Pastorate Of Bashford Manor, Louisville

Bashford Manor Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Tom Henry as its new pastor. He begins his service February 2.



Henry, a native of Tennessee, resigned the pastorate of Graefenburg Baptist Church in Shelby County to accept the new position. He had pastored the Graefenburg church for four and a half years.

A graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, Henry served Shelby County Baptists as chairman of evangelism and member of the Baptist state convention executive board.

Henry also was recreation director of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, chaplain of Old Masons Home of Kentucky and youth sponsor for the state Juvenile Delinquency Clinic.

He is married to the former Ann Baber of Winchester. They have one daughter, Amy Paige, age 5.

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PARSONAGE DEDICATED—Bill Althaus, chairman of the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, presents a gold key to the new parsonage to Pastor T. L. McSwain and his family. The new house contains four bedrooms, three baths, a study, den and recreation room. To celebrate the completion of the parsonage, an Open House was held. Approximately 400 persons attended. McSwain has been pastor of the Richmond church since August, 1968. During that time a new staff member has been added, two Sunday morning worship services have been started, 58 persons have been baptized and 100 joined the church by letter.

Spanish Pianist Presents Crusade Concerts In Kentucky February 3-14

Dedicated musical talent and dynamic Christian testimony unite in the Crusade Concerts to be presented in Kentucky by Maria Luisa Cantos during the first half of February.

Miss Cantos' concerts in several countries have evoked critics' praise as "a very outstanding concertist with exceptional interpretation" (Milan, Italy), with "a wonderful touch... and with developed, rhythmical, explosive power" (Berne, Switzerland) as well as "very solid technique and musicianship" (Santiago, Chile). In New York a critic describes her as possessing "an admirable power of interpretation."

Her testimony? Our missionaries in South America report that her testimony in the concerts, churches and on a national radio hour was very effective.

Among Miss Cantos' appearances will be the following:

Crusade Concert Itinerary

February
4—7:00 P.M. Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville
5—9:15 A.M.—Campbellsville College
5—1:00 P.M. Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville

6—8:00 P.M. Georgetown College
7—11:30 A.M. Prestonburg Community College
7—7:30 P.M. Central Baptist Church, Maysville
9—10:45 A.M. First Baptist Church, Frankfort
9—3:30 P.M. Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington
9—6:45 P.M. Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort
10—7:00 P.M. Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam
11—8:00 P.M. First Baptist Church, Henderson
12—7:30 P.M. First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville
13—8:00 P.M. First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville

On February 18, Miss Cantos will play a piano concert in Carnegie Hall in New York.

The Kentucky Baptist music department and the churches and educational institutions are underwriting the expenses of these concerts, as a special witnessing thrust for the church revivals in the Crusade of the Americas this spring.

Missionary News

To the field

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eldon Sturgeon, Mexico, have completed their furlough and may now be addressed at Castillo Velasco 48, Mexico 10 DF, Mexico. Sturgeon is a native of Milton. Mrs. Sturgeon is the former Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Musen, Kenya, have completed orientation and may now be addressed at Baptist High School, P.O. Box 2739, Mombasa, Kenya. Musen is a native of Boyd County. Mrs. Musen is the former Jenny Rossetter. She was born in Bowling Green but reared in nearby Smiths Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Barron, Ghana, have completed orientation and may now be addressed at Ghana Baptist Seminary, P.O. Box 1, Abuakwa, Ashanti, Ghana. Barron was pastor of Wickland Baptist Church in Bardstown at the time of his appointment.

Address change

Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, missionary emeritus, is now living in Kingston, Tennessee. She may be addressed at Box 935, Kingston, 37763. Mrs. Bratcher is the former Artie Porter of Caneyville. She and her late husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1918. He died in 1953 and five years later she retired.

Mother Of TU Secretary James H. Whaley Dies

Mrs. Kate Mathis Whaley, mother of Kentucky Baptists' Training Union secretary, James H. Whaley, died Sunday, January 19, in Middletown, following a stroke two days prior.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. Whaley moved to Middletown three years ago to live with her son James, in whose home she died.

Although 83 years of age and in failing health, Mrs. Whaley attended services regularly at Woodland Baptist Church, Middletown.

Memorial services were held January 20 in Middletown. Burial was in Tifton, Georgia.

Mrs. Whaley is survived by a brother, her son James and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Gerrald of Burbank, California. There are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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SBC Contributes \$83,682 To Crusade Central Office, 90.6% Of Total Gifts

The Southern Baptist Convention contributed \$83,682 out of a total of \$90,340 received by the Crusade of the Americas central office in Sao Paulo, Brazil, during 1968.

The total contributions, indicating amounts from each of the 42 Baptist conventions in 33 countries participating in the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort, were released by Henry Earl Peacock, general coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas and a Southern Baptist missionary in Brazil.

Sixteen of the 42 conventions did not contribute financially to the Crusade of the Americas during 1968, the report indicated.

The Southern Baptist Convention contributed 90.6 percent of the total. Brazil was next in total contributions with

\$1,326 and the Evangelical Baptist Convention of Argentina was third with \$1,142. All the remaining contributions were less than \$1,000.

Eight Baptist conventions in North America were included in the report. Contributions listed were: General Association of General Baptists, \$500; North American Baptist General Conference, \$830; Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, \$80; and SBC, \$83,682.

North American Baptist Conventions listed on the report with no contributions were: Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; and Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. The American Baptist Convention was not included on the list since it is not a participating national Baptist body. (BP)



A partial view of the audience attending the Monday evening session



Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton presided over few sessions but he did all the behind-the-scenes work.

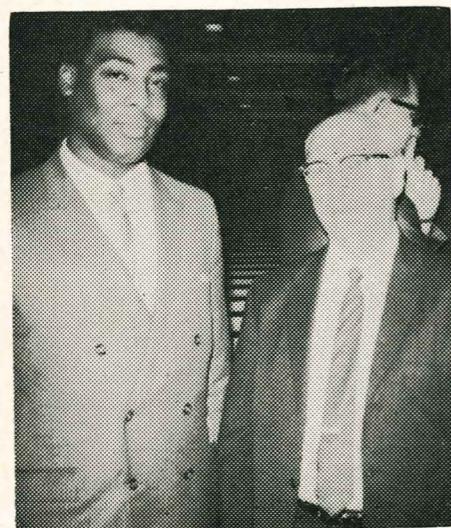


J. T. Miller, Kentucky Baptist Convention President, visited with most everyone during the three-day meeting.

Kelly Smith and Southern Seminary Professor Swan Haworth took time to reminisce about the time they were both pastors in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Ken Chafin led three Bible Study periods in addition to delivering the closing sermon. He is Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Jack Terrell (Beverly) received short notice about the conference when she learned Monday morning she would replace Joe Ann Shelton who was ill.



Ministers Challenged To Risk Change, Become Committed

by **BOB TERRY**
Assistant Editor

More than 1,000 Kentucky and General Association Baptists gathered at Alumni Chapel on the campus of Southern Seminary for the 1969 version of the Evangelistic Conference January 20-22.

The bottom floor of the auditorium was packed most every session forcing many to the balcony for seating room.

Gospel music, challenging preaching and searching questions provided for those attending what one termed "a revealing look into evangelism as practiced today."

Illness strikes

However, for a while there was some doubt about the program getting under way. The flu took out two first-day program personalities.

Miss Joe Ann Shelton was unable to attend because of illness. At 9:30 a.m. Monday, she contacted Mrs. Jack Terrell of Dallas and sent her as a substitute. Mrs. Terrell (Beverly) is a soloist for the First Baptist Church of Dallas and a faculty member at Dallas Baptist College. Her husband is an associate in the Texas Baptist music department.

Mrs. Terrell, together with Betty Jean Chatham, provided what Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton described as "sparkling music."

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, was in bed with the flu and unable to attend the Monday evening session also.

A third program personality was unable to appear later in the week. Henry Earl Peacock, missionary to Brazil and general coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas, was leaving his motel room in Nashville, Tennessee, to fly to Louisville when he received word that his mother had died in Georgia.

In spite of these temporary drawbacks, the evangelism conference was "outstanding" according to several attending.

Searching realism

"We tried to set a tone of searching realism and then move toward a climax Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning," said Shelton. "And I believe we did."

"This was basically a question raising session. We know we don't have all the answers now and are more open to God's leadership," the Evangelism Secretary continued.

Nashville Pastor Kelly Smith presented two scholarly addresses on "Christ, the Hope of Theology and Morality." Instead of finishing his theme in a third address, Smith laid aside his

manuscript and preached a message he titled "I Recommend Jesus."

"That was the turning point of the entire conference," Shelton remarked. "Smith preached like only he can."

Panel discussion

A panel composed of Kentucky pastors Frank Owen of Lexington and Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, along with Owen Cooper, Mississippi layman and vice-president of the SBC, and Nathan Porter of the Home Mission Board, was described by one as "The best I've seen at such a meeting. Frank Owen seemed to raise the questions and the other men grappled with them."

Porter was singled out for praise by Hicks Shelton. Of Porter, he said, "He made it plain to our pastors that a new day has dawned with our young people. You don't reach them any more with the old language."

"Something else I admired about him was that he didn't have all the answers. He is out there struggling like the rest of us," Shelton said.

Camp Managers Confer At Cedarmore Feb. 3-6

The Southern Baptist Assembly and Camp Managers' Conference will be held this year at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

February 3-6 are the dates of this annual event meeting in Kentucky for the first time. This year's participants, about 140 strong, will come from all the Baptist state conventions as well as from at least three foreign countries.

According to Marvin M. Byrdwell, manager of Cedarmore Assembly, Kentucky will be represented by approximately 40 different associational, district and church camp managers.

For four days conferees will read, discuss and study new techniques to better equip them in their task of managing Baptist camps and assemblies.

Leading one session will be former Cedarmore assistant Larry Haslam who is currently with the Sunday School Board. Other Kentuckians on the program include Byrdwell, Bob Myers of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and A.B. Colvin, secretary of Kentucky Baptists' Direct Missions department, who will discuss the involvement on camps in Crusade of the Americas.

The Conference begins Monday evening and continues through Thursday noon. Anyone interested in attending one or more sessions of the program should contact Marvin Byrdwell at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

Most of those interviewed pointed to Tuesday evening's service, along with Ken Chafin's commitment sermon Wednesday morning as the highlight of the conference.

A special feature of the Tuesday evening service was a concert by the youth choir of the Green Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Raoul Cunningham, director.

Their music set the stage for Leighton Ford, associate with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, to tell the preachers to be available to people and be flexible in their approach to the needs of men.

More than one way

"Our Lord," said Ford, "dealt with men according to their needs. Only to Nicodemus did he say, 'You must be born again.' To the rich young ruler Jesus said, 'Go and sell what you have and give to the poor.' To Zacchaeus he said something else."

"This ought to show us that there is more than one way to present Christ to the world," Ford concluded.

Earlier in the evening Owen Cooper had told the conference that the first witnessing for Christ recorded in the New Testament was done by laymen, shepherds who went and told what was told to them.

Involve laymen

Also, the first simultaneous revival crusade was carried out by laymen when, during persecution, the early church members scattered to all parts of the Roman empire telling about Jesus, Cooper reminded the audience.

Pointing out the declining number of ministers in Christian denominations today, Cooper said we may rapidly be approaching a time when laymen will have to do the preaching to carry on God's work.

Kenneth Chafin, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary, was the final speaker of the conference.

"The most unhappy people in the world," he said, "are those who don't have a purpose for their lives. In Christ we have found a purpose that goes beyond dollars and cents or how many 'things' we can own."

Chafin then challenged the pastors to evaluate their own ministry in terms of relevance, hope and commitment.

"It is only as we speak to the needs of man in a way he understands, hoping in the One who has assured us of ultimate victory and commit ourselves to His task no matter what happens to us, that we can fulfill our purpose for God," Chafin said.

Vacation Bible School Clinics Set, Hopkinsville, Lexington Host Sites

More than 182,000 children will attend Vacation Bible Schools in Kentucky churches this summer. To insure the best leadership for these children, churches, associations and the state Sunday School department have joined together in faculty training programs.

This year two Vacation Bible School Clinics will be held. On February 25 the first will meet at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. February 27 is the date for the other, meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.



Barry

Each clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 3:55 p.m. Harold Purdy, pastor of First Baptist Church Madisonville, and Franklin Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, will bring special messages.

Those attending the clinics are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch since the lunch period is short. Drinks will be furnished by the host church.

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Baptists and education

I believe that Kentucky Baptists believe in and support Baptist colleges, schools, and seminaries.

I hear so much idle talk about "Baptists just do not believe in Baptist colleges and schools any more." I read this statement in our papers often. Unless the fact be presented, many who believe "anything if its in print" may be persuaded to a position which I think does not exist. Baptists put their money where their hearts are, but not always where their mouths are.

Today, the budget of the Kentucky Baptist Convention contains one million dollars for our Baptist schools and colleges for operation and buildings (capital needs). This is one-third of our mission money spent inside Kentucky. In addition, after five years of giving through the CEA campaign, several hundred Baptists are still paying on their pledges—many on their second round of pledges: we call them our "Second Milers" for CEA—Christian Education Advance. This is for our schools and a portion for BSU Centers, and a smaller portion for RA-GA Camps of the state.

In addition, through the "Southern Baptist Convention Portion" of the Co-operative Program, we, with other state conventions of churches, pour millions into our six Baptist Seminaries. The thousands of dollars given to endow the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Seminary speaks well for Kentucky and other Baptists in support of Baptist theological education.

A non-college people

All this support of Baptist higher and theological education is from a Baptist people in Kentucky only less than 5% of which are college graduates! We are second only to Arkansas Baptists in the relatively few who have had the advantage of a full college education, yet we support Christian higher education for our youth because we believe that Baptist higher education is better (because Christian) education for our youth. I thank God for Kentucky Baptists and their concern for the finest in education which honors Jesus Christ, believes the Bible, and is committed to the purposes of Christ in the redemption of our world. Thank you, Kentucky Baptists.

Harold G. Sanders

Message For Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 2, 1969

William Carey, the pioneer missionary, made Baptists look at a map, not in terms of colonization, but in terms of men and their eternal destiny.

Should there not be a large map of the world in every Baptist church to remind us that "God has no favorites" (Romans 2:11)? The map should remind us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). The map should remind us that in the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ we are members of a world-wide Christian family reaching out into more than 120 countries of the world.

Recognize differences

On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Baptists throughout the world recognize their differences, which are various and many, and emphasize their unity. It is the occasion when before God we lift this unity out of the academic and make positive that which so often remains passive.

Our Baptist unity lies not in the structure of a world church or an organization which joins together the scattered ends of our fellowship. Our unity is basic in Jesus Christ. Our unity surmounts our differences and reaches across the barriers of a divided world. "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Corinthians 12:13).

Day of challenge

The day in which we live is a constant and vigorous challenge to the Christian church. We live in a sad, disillusioned and revolutionary world torn asunder by its wars, confused by its politics, and bitterly prejudiced by its inequalities and injustices. Wherever we live in the world we should be concerned for the life and welfare of the society in which God has placed us. God has placed some of his people in situations that are hard, hostile and dangerous.

We take this opportunity of speaking to those of our Baptist people who are separated from their fellow believers by

political barriers and where governments deny the liberty to serve Christ without hindrance. We assure them that they are remembered as an integral part of our life and work. We speak to the minority groups who so often face hardships and opposition and assure them that they have equal standing and are held in equal esteem with all our world fellowship. We would speak with one voice and declare our hate of the injustices, inequalities and prejudices which in time past crucified the Son of God and today divide man from man and nation from nation.

Path of destruction

On this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, let us declare that a world which disregards God and the love and righteousness revealed in Christ is a world

that is treading the path of inevitable destruction. "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:19).

Let us turn together to the place of our redemption and renew our love in the presence of the Saviour of the world. Let us dwell in the love that saves souls and changes enemies and inspires sacrifice and delights in service.

Let us pray for each other that the Spirit of God may be upon us and the life of Christ within us as we unite in our one task throughout the world to bring men to the knowledge of his saving power and to extend the bounds of his Kingdom.

After 11 Years

Arkansas Executive Secretary Resigns, Tells Board "Heart Still In Pastorate"

S. A. Whitlow has announced his resignation as executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention effective June 30.

In a letter to the executive board of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which he read at the close of the board's annual January meeting in Little Rock, Whitlow expressed gratitude "for the privilege of serving in the capacity of executive secretary for more than 11 years," and pledged his "continued prayerful and loyal support to our denomination as it attempts to minister to the needs of men."

Whitlow, 63, told the board he was resigning because his heart is still in the pastorate. He said he hopes to return to preaching in a small church somewhere near his home in Hope, Arkansas.

The resignation was accepted with many expressions of appreciation for Whitlow's leadership and a committee was named to plan official recognition for his services.

The board was holding its first meeting in the recently completed new Baptist Building, located in Little Rock at 525 West Capitol Avenue. The \$1,290,000 building was occupied by the convention on December 30. Plans are being worked out for the dedication of the building sometime this spring.

Permission was granted Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and Tom Logue, secretary of the State Baptist Student Union (BSU) department, to conduct a group to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo, Japan, in the summer of 1970.

For the first time in the history of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, total receipts passed the \$3 million mark, reaching \$3,134,826.81 for the year of 1968. (BP)

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Baptists Chided For Race, Poverty Problems Of South

Two major speakers to the Baptist Public Relations Association meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, chided Southern Baptists for failing to do more about the problems of racism and poverty in the South.

"It is a well-established fact that the extent of hunger, poverty, and racism is greatest in the South where you are most numerous and powerful," said Mrs. Gloria Hobbs, deputy director of the Job Corps Center in McKinney, Texas.

Horrors of poverty

Mrs. Hobbs painted a word picture of the horrors of poverty, asking the Baptist public relations workers to try to imagine how a mother feels when she comes home at night and finds two rats biting her child, one nibbling on his lip and another on his toe.

"It is up to you people to assume the responsibility to translate, not statistics, but the reality of poverty," she said. "There is so much Southern Baptist public relations people can do to bring

about sympathy for the trials and tribulations of the people who live in poverty.

Suggestions

Saying solutions to the poverty problem will have to come at the local level, she offered 16 suggestions to Southern Baptists. Included among her suggestions were:

Get meaningfully involved; get to know personally social workers in the ghetto and poor people; encourage churches to develop special poverty projects; stimulate honest dialogue between church members and the poor; become informed yourself; don't show hostility toward ministers who leave the church to go into this kind of ministry; be sincere, honest, and don't be a do-gooder; and take a stand, even if it means stepping on the toes of some very powerful Baptist who owns sub-standard shacks and tenements.

Price of disobedience

Another speaker, Clarence Jordan, founder of the Koinonia Farms in Americus, Georgia, compared Southern Baptists to the Hebrew people who were not allowed to enter the Promised Land because they disobeyed God.

"It may be that the price Southern Baptists will have to pay for disobedience in the last 25 years will be to wander in the wilderness of despair and even death for the next 50 or even 100 years," said Jordan, himself a Southern Baptist.

"Our problem is more than racism," he continued. "It is hypocrisy. And nowhere is this hypocrisy more apparent and more at home and more nurtured than in, of all places, the Christian churches, especially the two major churches of the South—Methodist and Baptist."

Jordan told the public relations workers that if he were in their place, he would not boast about Southern Baptist statistics, claiming God has surely blessed. "The number of leaves on a tree has never been the basis on which the power of the chain saw can be spared," he mused.

Ideological dilemma

"We are in an ideological dilemma over what we are, and what we have committed ourselves to be," he said. "We have pledged ourselves to justice, and have practiced injustice. We have said we are lovers of righteousness, and inequity has been our lot."

Yet Southern Baptists need not worry about integrating their churches, for no self-respecting Negro today would campaign to join a white, Southern Baptist church, he said.

With the advent of Black Power, the Negro today is looking for something

deeper, more meaningful. "His cry is now going to be black dignity, black manhood," Jordan said. "He came to the United States involuntarily as a slave, as an animal. He now wants to withdraw into black separatism and one day to re-enter society as a man."

Reprisals

Jordan spent an hour after conference sessions sharing his personal experiences at his integrated farm in Southwest Georgia. He told of being kicked out of a Southern Baptist church because he brought an Indian to the worship services, of being beaten, of his home being machine-gunned, and of economic and legal reprisals brought against him and his family because of his interracial farming community. (BP)

Construction, Site Loans Ceiling Raised By Home Mission Board

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors have raised the church loans fund ceiling from \$75,000 to \$100,000, effective January 1, 1969.

At the same time, the directors approved raising of the site loan limit from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"Our primary concern in raising the loan limits is assistance to the churches who have experienced gratifying growth and need to build additional units," said Church Loans Director Robert H. Kilgore.

This action was possible because of additional funds made available by June 1967 action of Southern Baptist Convention, which gave the division the authority to borrow funds with its liability limited.

Another factor is the enlarged staff which the directors have authorized for church loans division, Kilgore said. The division now has eight men devoted exclusively to counseling with churches about their building of loan needs. (BP)



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Second Baptist Missionary To Cuba Freed, Both May Return To States

Southern Baptist missionary Herbert Caudill, 65, apparently has been freed from house arrest in Havana, Cuba, and will be allowed to return to the United States.

Word of Caudill's release came from Donald Fite of Atlanta, twin brother of missionary David Fite, Caudill's son-in-law, whose release from a Cuban prison was announced shortly before Christmas.

"We don't know what is happening or why," said L. D. Wood of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. "We are just grateful that they both are free."

Wood, after communication with Donald Fite, said it appeared both Fite and Caudill—and their families—would be allowed to leave Cuba in February if transportation can be arranged.

Caudill and Fite were both arrested on April 8, 1965, and subsequently convict-

ed of illegal currency exchange. Caudill was sentenced to 10 years, Fite to six.

The wives of both men have remained in their Havana homes. Just last fall, the oldest of the three Fite children, 12-year-old James David Fite, Jr., was permitted to leave and now is staying with the Donald Fites in Atlanta.

Caudill, who earlier was imprisoned in La Cabana Fortress near Havana, had been under house arrest since the spring of 1967, when he was released under close watch to seek treatment for a detached retina, the same ailment that earlier had cost him sight in one eye.

He underwent surgery in March 1967, by an Atlanta eye surgeon, who was permitted into the country for the delicate operation, which apparently was a success.

Detailed information on when or how the Fites and Caudills would be able to return to the United States was not available. (BP)

News From The Baptist Seminaries

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

Two Southern Seminary professors are experiencing the extremes of January weather.

Joseph Stiles, professor of church administration, spent the week of January 18-25 in the Bahama Islands. He was there at the invitation of the Bahama Southern Baptist Mission to participate in Bible Conferences throughout the area. He also found time to bask a little in the island sun.

On the other extreme was Walter Delamarter, WMU Associate Professor of Social Work at Southern. Delamarter spent the month of January in Alaska leading Family Life Conferences at various Air Force bases.

Delamarter reports that he had time to get in a little ice fishing and moose hunting in weather as cold as 65 degrees below zero.

Flood and fire

In the January 16 issue of *Western Recorder*, it was reported that New Testament Professor William Hull's home was gutted by fire Christmas Day. *Western Recorder* has also learned that Old Testament Professor Clyde Francisco's home suffered extensive damage when water lines froze and broke flooding the entire house. Furniture, books and other household items were a total loss.

On hearing of the two tragedies, Frank Stagg, New Testament Professor at the seminary, commented that it was remarkable that the Old Testament

teacher's home should be destroyed by a flood while the New Testament teacher's home was destroyed by fire.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

John Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern, has been named chairman of the national publications leadership competition of the American Public Relations Association. In 1965 and 1968, Seelig won several awards in this national competition.

Seelig has also been elected president of the Baptist Public Relations Association. Before his election Seelig won seven first and second place awards in the Associations annual competition.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

Doug Chatham, a December graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has been named associate director of public relations for the seminary. His responsibilities include the student placement program which assists students in securing preaching opportunities and employment.

Chatham is a graduate of Mississippi College and a former pastor in Mississippi and Louisiana.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

James D. Smart, professor of Biblical interpretation at Union Theological Seminary in New York, delivered the H. I. Hester lectureship on preaching January 21-24. Smart also participated in a continuing theological education seminar during that time.

Judge Clears Way For Sale Of SBC Organization Site

An Augusta superior court judge has lifted a temporary court order restraining the city's First Baptist Church from selling its downtown property—the site of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Judge William M. Fleming had issued a temporary restraining order December 6, 1968, after 14 individuals filed suit to block the church's plan to move to a 32-acre site already purchased on Walton Way.

A majority of the membership voted in May to purchase the Walton Way property, clearing the way for sale of the downtown site.

But, the 14 persons protested, saying the downtown site should be saved for historic purposes. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized at the Augusta church in 1854, but the building in which the SBC was formed was replaced by the present building in 1902.

Church officers announced last May that appropriate historical markers will be placed on the present site after the move is made.

Judge Fleming's brief order of last week gave no explanation for his lifting of the restraining order.

George Linney, church moderator, said, "We are gratified over the court's decision upholding the cherished Baptist principle of majority rule in the local church." (BP)

John Parker, Retired Minister, Dies In Hartford

John Parker, retired minister living in Hartford, died Tuesday, January 14, in the Ohio County Hospital. He was 79.

Parker served as pastor for 47 years before retirement. He pastored churches in Barren, Logan, Muhlenberg, Christian and Ohio Counties.

Churches organized under his ministry include New Barren Springs in Christian County, Calvary in Muhlenberg County and Second Baptist in Hartford. Parker remained a member of the Hartford church after his retirement.

Surviving Parker are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Parker, three daughters, a son, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton was related to Parker through marriage. Shelton's father, retired minister T. G. Shelton of Murray, is closely related to Mrs. Parker.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for February 9, 1969)

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

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His power over nature

Mark 4:35-41

At the approach of evening, following a busy day, Christ suggested to His disciples that they go across the sea. Perhaps nothing could have been more restful and refreshing than a quiet ride across blue Galilee.

Extremely weary from the strain of teaching through the day, Christ felt the need of rest. He went to the rear or stern of the boat, lay down and soon went to sleep, while the others steered the craft. Suddenly a violent squall or hurricane arose and the high waves began dashing against the boat and over the sides of it.

It was their obedience to Christ that brought the disciples into this grave danger from which they were powerless to escape. Fearful and alarmed that Christ was either unconscious of their peril or unconcerned about their danger, they quickly aroused Him with words that were mingled with distress, petulance and rebuke, saying in substance: "Master, we are perishing; don't you care enough to do something for us?"

Storms in the lives of Christians are frequent. The fact that one follows Christ closely does not mean that he will have cloudless skies and smooth sailing. When the storms of life come over us, we do not have any right to conclude that Christ is unmindful of us. We must avoid the attitude of the disciples which was expressed by their rebuke of Him for neglecting His duty in failing to protect them. Let us never assume that His deliverances are a matter of debt and not of grace.

Christ arose and spoke to the sea as if it were a person and immediately there was a great calm. Then He rebuked the disciples for their fears which had grown out of their unbelief. The presence of fear is always due to the absence of faith.

His power over disease

Mark 5:25-29, 34

On His way to the home of Jairus, Christ passed along the narrow streets filled with a crowd of curious people

who did not want to miss anything He was going to do. They were eager to gratify their curiosity by the expected display of some miracle, or hear words of strange import from His lips. The multitudes pressed around Him so closely that it was difficult for Him to move along. In this vast crowd was a woman with an earnest and hidden purpose. Note:

Her condition

This poor woman had been suffering from a chronic constitutional illness for twelve long years. Her very touch was regarded as defiling, so she was not permitted to enjoy the ordinary privileges, such as having social contacts and entering the synagogue. And what made it even worse was the fact that others regarded her trouble as being the direct consequence of her sins.

Even though her illness had sapped her strength and caused her great sadness, she was fondly clinging to life. In her efforts to get well, she had gone to numerous physicians, but her case defied their skill and ability. After she had spent all of her money for medical treatment, she grew worse, and had been given up as a hopeless case, but she refused to give up in self-pity.

Her cure

What this weak, wan and emaciated woman heard about Christ opened the door of hope for her. She resolved to apply to Him for a cure. She was convinced that He was able to heal her, and that if she could touch His clothes she would be healed. Unostentatiously she made her way through the crowd, came up behind Christ, stooped down and nervously, shrinkingly and appealingly touched the hem of His garment. As soon as she touched His robe, the fountain of her hemorrhage dried up.

Her confession

Knowing that someone had exercised faith in Him and touched Him, Christ stopped instantly, turned and faced the crowd, which was pressing closer around Him, and said, "Who touched my clothes?" He scanned face after face until His eyes rested on the trembling woman. Aware that she had been perceived, she cast herself on His mercy, as she fell prostrate at His feet and told Him the whole truth about the miracle of healing which had been wrought in her, and awaited the expression of His will. Confession should always follow cleansing.

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Christ came into the world to reveal God to men, to redeem men from sin, and to reconcile men to God. During His earthly ministry He called, taught and trained those whom He had saved, and sent them forth to proclaim His message of salvation to others.

Luke 10:1-2

As certainly as the harvest of grains and fruits requires the efforts of men, so in the Lord's harvest human beings are used in preaching, teaching and witnessing to the end that souls may be brought into a saving knowledge of Christ. While the Saviour was here in the flesh, He chose seventy workers and sent them forth in pairs to precede Him to the places which He intended to visit. In each place much work for Him remained undone, and there were not

nearly enough people to do it. Because of the shortage of workers, Christ instructed the seventy to pray earnestly that more people would be willing to become His helpers. He sought to impress upon them the urgency of their task. The large number of unsaved people in every community today is positive proof of the need of more workers. Moreover, it should be remembered that harvests do not last indefinitely.

John 17:18-23

As the Father had sent His Son into the world on a specific mission, Christ sent forth His disciples as His representatives and messengers—to live, to witness and to shine as lights for Him.

In order that they might accomplish His purpose, Christ prayed that His disciples might be separated from the

world, and set apart to do the specific work of representing Him effectively. God's truth constituted the means through which they were to be sanctified. Christ's representatives in every age need special cleansing grace to make them vessels fit for the use of the Master. Governed by the truths of God's Word, they possess the ability to conform to His will for them.

One is impressed with the fact that, even when He was facing the cross, our blessed Lord prayed for others. What a contrast to much of the praying today which is centered around self! If we would only follow the example of Christ in His prayer life, things would be quite different for us.

In this remarkable and matchless prayer Christ prayed not only for those disciples who accompanied Him, but also for all who would receive Him as their Saviour down through the centuries. All of them would need the same spiritual blessings which the eleven needed. He wanted all of them to have that which they would need so much, namely, the protecting power of God.

Since they had been linked in inseparable union with God the Father, Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit, our Lord prayed for their spiritual unity, that they might have oneness of spirit. The purpose of this unity, or oneness of believers for which Christ prayed was stated plainly in verse 21: "That the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Matthew 28:16-20

In obedience to the command of their Lord, the eleven apostles made their way to Galilee, and there they met the Master. When they saw Him, they proceeded to worship Him, and he readily accepted their worship.

His power was announced

Quietly, but without any hesitation or reservation, Christ announced that to Him had been given all authority over the entire creation. "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and on earth." No greater claim was ever made than that. It is a claim of unconditional and unlimited authority.

His program was advanced

Christ commanded us to go into all the world making disciples for Him and teaching them His glorious truths. He expects us to evangelize the unsaved and to edify the saved. Christ's program, which is our task for life, is universal in its scope, individual in its appeal, practical in its purpose, and personal in its obligation. We are not expected to bring the whole world to Christ, but we are commanded to take the gospel of Christ to the whole world.

His presence was assured

If we hope to enjoy His blessed presence, it is incumbent upon us to advance His program. The enjoyment of Christ's presence is conditioned upon our obedience in His commands. His presence with us guarantees constant companionship, fullness of joy, sufficiency in trial, and comfort in sorrow.

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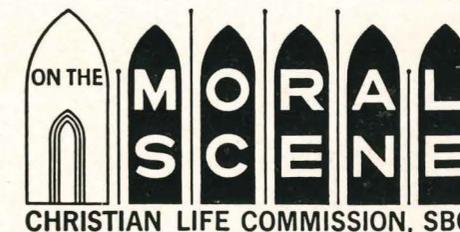
The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky invite all ministers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to join them for their Baptist Pastors' Conference to be held February 18-20.

The West Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, will host this annual event. Garland K. Offutt is the host pastor.

Special guest speaker for the occasion is Gardner Taylor of Brooklyn, New York. Taylor is pastor of the 8,000-member Concord Baptist Church and former president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He will deliver four addresses, each dealing with a different aspect of life in our time.

Harold Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Herman Ihley, secretary of the department of interracial cooperation, and Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, are also on the Pastors' Conference program.

Eight General Association churches are dually aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. At the state Convention in Florence, a resolution was adopted encouraging white churches to dually align with the General Association. Recalling this, Herman Ihley said, "Participation in the Baptist Pastors' Conference is one way to demonstrate our interest in fellowship with our Baptist brothers of the General Association."



... "For the first time on record, not a single criminal was executed in the U. S. last year. The number of executions has sharply declined since 1930, when the Federal Government first began keeping track of them; in 1967, only two persons were executed. One major reason for the decline is growing public opposition to capital punishment, which has led some states to abolish it. More than 435 prisoners reside on death rows across the U. S. They received stays of execution last year either because of individual appeals or because the death penalty itself is under attack in the courts on constitutional grounds." (*Time*, 1/10/69)

... "Mary Whitehouse says she wants television in Britain to 'build character instead of destroying it.' As a result she has been called a crank, a puritan and a busybody. She has had to have police protection and she gets threatening phone calls. For the past six years this grey-haired, bespectacled woman has waged war on filth on television as co-founder of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. She claims the association represents 100,000 people. She said, 'I do it because I feel the vast majority of people are greatly concerned with the trends developing on television. Promiscuity, infidelity, and drinking are presented as normal and inevitable.' Mrs. Whitehouse was a senior teacher at a high school when the idea of a cleanup-television campaign first struck her. Mrs. Whitehouse has been married for 27 years. Her husband, Ernest, a coppersmith in a family business, supports her campaign wholeheartedly. When her own children were at school, television was banned from the house for three years. Although she was viewed as a crank by many when she announced her organization, her views are now at least considered, if not acted upon, by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Independent Television Authority (ITA)." (*Nashville Tennessean*, 1/16/69)

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10 YEARS AGO January 29, 1959

Georgetown College launched phase one of a campaign to raise \$42,000 in construction funds for a new girls' dormitory. The new dormitory for women represents the first girls' dorm constructed since Rucker Hall was erected in 1895 said President Leo Eddleman. The Georgetown College president said the new dormitory was necessary because the number of women enrolled at the college had doubled in the last five years to a total of 500 girls residing on campus.

First Baptist Church, Paris, voted in the morning worship hour to construct a new educational wing to cost \$128,000. That evening the members returned to find \$20,000 damage done to existing facilities by a fire that afternoon.

Hi-Acres Baptist Chapel, a mission of Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, was officially constituted into a church. LeRoy Arnold, mission pastor, was called as the church's first pastor.

25 YEARS AGO January 27, 1944

During the first two months of the current fiscal year, receipts of the Baptist State Board of Missions showed an increase of \$169,625.06 over the receipts of last year.

Lewis C. Ray, business manager of *Western Recorder*, resigned to return to the pastorate according to an announce-

ment made by *Western Recorder* Editor John Freeman. Ray resigned to accept the pastorate of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville.

50 YEARS AGO January 30, 1919

Pulaski County Woman's Missionary Union reported that it had raised \$500 to establish a memorial fund for church buildings and loans. Six missionary societies contributed through "Sunday Egg Envelopes." Because the project was so successful, the WMU plans to use the same methods for raising money for foreign and home missions.

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