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Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton, left, and A. B. Colvin of the direct missions department, climbed the scaffolding of this board, located on Highway 60 near Shelbyville, for a closer look at one of the 500 billboards dotting the state.



## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**JOHN WOOD**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, recently observed his fifth anniversary as pastor of that church. Notes of congratulations were received from state and SBC executives.

**MRS. JOHNNIE DeMOISEY**, widow of the late Rev. R. F. DeMoisey of Walton, died at Booth Memorial Hospital, Covington, February 24, following a fall in her home. She was 84. She is survived by five children.

**DAVID AL MYERS**, pastor of the Hill Grove Baptist Church of Guston for the last three years, has resigned. On February 15, he began a new ministry as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina. He may be addressed at 902-A West Palmetto Street, Florence 29501.

**WILLIAM M. BROWN**, a medical doctor in Corbin, died February 25. He was a trustee of Cumberland College and a member of the First Baptist Church of Corbin.

**GLENN HICKEY**, a foreign missionary to Brazil on furlough, is currently serving as interim pastor of the Graefenburg Baptist Church of Shelby County.

**H. LLOYD STORMENT**, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church of Louisville, celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of that church Sunday, March 2. He is the ninth pastor in the history of the church.

**SPRING CONFERENCE** was held at Southern Seminary March 4-7. Preaching each day was Dr. Jack Finegan, professor at the Pacific School of Religion. Delivering a special address each morning was Dr. Douglas V. Steere, noted professor, author and spiritual leader for the Society of Friends.

**MIKE MITCHAM** has accepted the call of the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, to become their new minister of music. Because of his training in television, Mitcham will work with the church's television ministry in addition to directing five singing groups.

**HELEN B. OSBORNE**, associate professor of health and physical education at Campbellsville College, has been invited to author a health textbook for college freshmen. C. V. Mosby Publishing Company extended the invitation to Miss Osborne who is in her third year as a member of the Campbellsville faculty.

**G. MAURICE HINSON**, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, was in the Netherlands March 2-9 as accompanist for singer Irene Jordan, opera singer and Columbia Records artist, in a series of pre-evangelistic campaign concerts.

**WILLIAM E. HULL**, professor and director of graduate studies at Southern Seminary, will be camp pastor for the first music leadership conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly June 12-18. The Conference provides study opportunities for ministers of music, instrumental leaders, age group music leaders, adult choir members and instrumentalists.



Hull

**KENNETH PUCKETT** was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Cunningham, Sunday, February 9. Puckett attended Paducah Junior College and Rolla School of Mines before entering the ministry. Both Puckett and his wife, the former Belva Brown of Milburn, are enrolled at the Mid-Continent Baptist College at Mayfield.

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE** has two of its graduates listed in the current issue of Outstanding Young Men of America. They are, Billy Wireman, president of Florida Presbyterian College, and Terry Otten, professor of English at Wittenberg University.

**J. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM**, distribution secretary for the eastern region of the American Bible Society, reports that a color publication, *Good News For Kentucky* is available to any church desiring them. The new publication is free in whatever quantity desired. Cunningham said he was particularly interested in getting them in jails, hospitals, county fairs and resort areas. Requests for the article should be addressed to Cunningham at 752 Kirkland Drive, Lexington 40502.

**SOUTHERN SEMINARY'S** Woman's Committee is scheduled for March 19 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held in Heck Chapel. Students who served in the Journeyman or US-2 program will be featured. All friends of the seminary are invited to attend.

**THE INFANT SON** of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Wilburn died shortly after birth at Central Baptist Hospital on Sunday, February 16. This was the first child for the Wilburns. He is minister of music at the Grace Baptist Church in Lexington.

**EAST WILLIAMSON BAPTIST CHURCH**, Pike Association, has a new pastor. He is Charles Milam. Formerly Milam was pastor of the Crosslanes Baptist Church in Nitro, West Virginia.

**NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY** will sponsor a student world mission conference March 21-23. Theme for the meeting is "Tell It Like It Is." Cost is only \$2 per student plus meals. Full information may be obtained by writing Dr. Ronald Hill, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans 70126.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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A great deal of pious, hypocritical, hogwash is handed out by individuals and churches in the Southern Baptist Convention about the "mission" of the church, the "special" nature of the "called out ones," and the dire need for God's people to save suffering humanity, presumably in physical as well as spiritual terms.

However, the truth of the matter is that, generally speaking, *Mr. Average Southern Baptist* could not care less about the plight of suffering humanity. This statement may sound too harsh, but it can be amply borne out by a look at some simple statistics.

According to the trend of the past few years, total gifts to SBC churches in 1969 should amount to about \$800,000,000. Southern Baptists now are giving just a bit less than three percent of their total income to God's work. However, being generous and assuming that they will on the average give a full three percent, one can quickly compute the *tithe* of Southern Baptists to be almost \$2,700,000,000 in 1969.

This means that convention churches could, if their members tithed, do all they are now doing in 1969 and still have \$1,900,000,000 "left over" for other purposes. What are some of these other purposes?

For starters, one might mention the alleviation of hunger, malnutrition, ignorance, and educational starvation in the United States. The news media have very graphically pointed up in recent days the unbelievable living conditions in many places. The plight of Appalachian mountaineers, ghetto prisoners, and poverty-stricken Indians come to mind. In fact, one's mind completely boggles in attempting to conceive of the overwhelming opportunities for Southern Baptists to use their potential surplus of 1.9 billion dollars in 1969 simply to alleviate the suffering of millions of Americans now, and prevent the same kind of suffering from being perpetuated in future generations.

But this dream of actually doing something—instead of merely talking a good case of Christianity—expands to exhilaratingly limitless horizons when one considers what the members of *all* denominations could do if they would just tithe together. The Methodists alone could probably match Southern Baptists in giving, or perhaps do even better.

Literally billions upon billions of dollars would be available if every U.S. family which calls itself "Christian" would assume enough of a Christlike

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posture to cough up a mere tenth of its income to feed the hungry, clothe the shivering, educate the ignorant, etc. ad infinitum.

But some horrified brother will react to this way-out approach asserting that God's people are responsible for "evangelizing" the world, not feeding it. The important thing is to preach the "good news," not give the cup of cold water, visit and heal the sick, care for the stranger, or actually (perish the thought) *give something tangible away* with no thought of reciprocation on the part of the recipient.

It seems so strange that contemporary Christians carry out the evangelization angle of the "mission" with a talking approach, when Christ's method often began with the physical approach. His

# "pious, hypocritical, hogwash"

by James L. Clark

overtures to the people did not take the form of sermons, theological or philosophical treatises, or smoothly delivered personal witnessing techniques learned from a book on "outreach." No, he simply "jumped right in," healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the bereaved, etc. The idea that someone just had to walk an aisle in some beautiful ivory tower of a sanctuary just did not seem to occur to Him. Without fanfare he alleviated human need—first. And, he did his work *where the people were*. He didn't expect them to come to His church or His house.

Or, some other horrified brother might react by claiming that the poor and suffering are the responsibility of all the people of the country, therefore making it incumbent upon the almighty government to do something. How strange indeed is this attitude in light of history!

In the early days of the country the church established schools because the government was not able to do so. Now the government, following the lead of the church, is primarily responsible for the education of its citizens. The same can be said in the matter of caring for the orphan and/or the youngster who has to be removed from an impossible home situation. Furnishing medical training and facilities constitutes another example.

Thus the strange paradox. At a time when God's people should be showing the government the "way" through devising ways and means for helping the poor and suffering, they are simply screaming for good old monolithic Uncle Sam to have mercy upon their souls. Could it be that the affluence of twentieth century Southern Baptists has so gone to their heads and hearts that they just cannot bear to part with the absolute minimum to help a fellow human being in need?

But, back to the business of evangelism. The protesting brother needs to be reminded that the hungry unbeliever cannot hear his pious pronouncements about salvation because of the deafening roar of the growling going on in his own empty stomach. The ignorant, the untrained, and the unemployed cannot get their minds on the theology of it all when they are obsessed with wondering how to feed, clothe, and educate their children. They all look at their condescending church-oriented fellow creatures driving their beautiful cars, wearing the latest fashions, and otherwise reveling in the status items of the world—then, slowly walk away, never believing a word.

But, not so with Christ. His approach did not compartmentalize the individual into two areas of living, the spiritual and the physical. No, His total approach was spiritual. To Christ "spiritual" seemed to mean the "total person." And His ministry to the total person involved most often an approach alleviating first the physical and mental suffering. The recipient of His ministry then recognized Christianity for what it was. He did not have to be told about Christianity—he learned about it by seeing what it does.

What a pity! In a world of begging, suffering, poverty-ridden humanity, God's people (by their own claim, not God's) clutch their precious coins to their chests and literally consign their fellow creatures to a fate which has to come at least somewhat close to being hellish. This tragic truth is so much more devastatingly apparent as it flies in the very face of the great truth, that the man the Christian claims to follow gave His all.





## Baptists And The Malignancy Of Materialism

There is no doubt about it. Baptists' faces are long these days when finances are mentioned. This was true in Nashville recently when Southern Baptist leaders looked at the financial outlook for 1970. It's true in many state conventions where contributions are hardly equaling expenditures and the churches likewise in many instances are up against it financially.

How do we explain this giving lag among Southern Baptists? There are several obvious factors involved which we can use to explain our predicament, but the one chief explanation is not easy to admit and to face.

Surely inflation is part of the story. The costs of living rise faster than the income of many Baptists and they are actually hard put to pay their bills. The tax load is a serious matter for many of us and it seems to grow heavier by the month. Winter time is hard on church budgets, especially if snow storms come on the weekend and church attendance is cut.

Even the health of Baptists is an important factor. In fact the Hong Kong flu was blamed for Southern Baptists' missing their budget goal in 1968 when the December offerings dropped drastically.

But the giving lag of Baptists has a more basic explanation than physical sickness, absenteeism, inflation or taxes. The true reason is more likely a spiritual sickness. Our real malady is the malignancy of materialism. This is the sickness that leads us to make God and His causes second to our own needs and wants. And this materialism malignancy has afflicted Baptists on every level.

The flu in December didn't damper the spending binge of Baptists. It's likely nine of every ten Baptist families spent more on themselves last Christmas than any Christmas in their lives. It would be amazing to know how many Baptist families spent more on one color television set in 1968 than they gave the entire year to the Lord's causes.

Church people are caught up in this madness of materialism. New automobiles, color TV's, expensive homes, sumptuous eating and all the other modern luxuries are a way of life for most of us. We make more and more, we spend more and more and have a harder and harder time meeting installment pay-

ments. By the time the average Baptist family makes the house payment, the monthly payments on one or two automobiles, pays the grocery bills and the taxes (local, state and federal), there's precious little left for anything. If a doctor or hospital or another unexpected bill comes along, it's hard not to take the Lord's money to meet the emergency.

This malignancy of materialism with which many Baptists are stricken is also a church disease. Churches are often swept along on this spending binge. And they often do like their members. They provide for their own needs and wants first and then share what's left with the rest of the world.

The result is their fixed obligations are often almost equal to their income. By the time churches make payments on a new building, pay the rising salaries of a pastor, staff members and other employees, take care of maintenance and other essentials, they have difficulty maintaining the present level to say nothing of increasing their gifts to causes beyond their own community.

Neither are state Baptist Conventions exempt from the spending habits in vogue today. Many state Baptist conventions, along with their colleges and other institutions are in debt up to their ears. Consequently they have to make debt payment a preferred item. Most of these conventions are also well organized and staffed which means salaries are a big item. Those who work with the state convention budget know how extremely difficult it is to find enough money for debts, for salaries and expenses, for schools and all the other needs and wants. The constant temptation is to keep more and more of each dollar in the state and send less and less to Nashville for world mission use.

And so it's a chain reaction. On every level we seem to put ourselves first. It begins in the pew. When church members put their wants first, the church hurts. When the church hurts and puts its needs first, gifts to the Cooperative Program are curtailed and the state convention hurts. When the states feel the squeeze and take care of their needs, Nashville is not far behind in feeling it.

In the meantime the spirit of sacrifice seems to be

absent on all levels. Everybody seems to expect the other person to sacrifice. To many members, the church and those on its payroll appear to be well off. The churches are not impressed with any sacrifices on the part of those supported by the state convention and to those of us serving on the state level, the institutions and personnel of the Southern Baptist Convention seem better off than we are and always have a hand out for more.

## A Call For Help In Ohio

The work of Southern Baptists in Ohio has always been close to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists. Until a few years ago the Southern Baptist churches in Ohio were affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, but the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists in Ohio has resulted in a thriving convention of 400 churches with a total membership of more than 80,000.

The towering leader of Ohio Southern Baptists is Ray Roberts who, as the very successful pastor at the First Baptist Church in Danville, Kentucky, heard the Lord's call to Ohio. Under his leadership the work grew rapidly from one association of small churches in a narrow band along the north bank of the Ohio River to probably the most successful pioneer mission work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ohio Baptists have always turned to Kentucky for pastoral leadership for their new congregations. Some of Kentucky's finest pastors have answered the mission call to Ohio. Among these is Jim Coldiron, an Ohioan who came to Georgetown College and Southern Seminary for training and who was an outstanding pastor at Cold Springs, Kentucky, when he returned to Ohio to become Superintendent of Missions for the Toledo area.

This brings us to the object of this editorial. In July of this year the Toledo area will be the target for an all out evangelistic crusade. A strenuous effort will be made to confront every person in the whole area with Jesus Christ and the gospel. Such campaigns have proven successful in this industrial and highly urbanized state.

The Southern Baptists' work in Toledo is still relatively young and weak. Baptists there simply do not have the resources nor the personnel to conduct such a campaign. This is where Kentucky Baptists come in.

Toledo Baptists asked us to join them in this effort and we jumped at the opportunity. Plans now are well along the way for an area crusade, July 13-27, with preaching and witnessing in 60 locations and a climactic evangelistic campaign in the large Toledo stadium.

How do we break the chain? How do we overcome this malignancy of materialism? Like physical malignancy the cure is not yet in man's possession. Surgery is the only hope, but surgery is painful. Spiritual surgery is confession and repentance on our part and forgiveness and renewal on God's part. The divine physician is ready when we are, but so far we apparently are not sick enough to submit to the operation.

The 60 teams consisting of preachers and laymen are being enlisted. They will go at their own expense or at the expense of their home churches since Toledo Baptists cannot bear the cost.

In spite of the voluntary services of these team members, the campaign planned will be costly. Radio and television advertising necessary to reach the masses comes high as does the rental on the stadium. Leaders of the Toledo Crusade feel that \$50,000 from Kentucky Baptists will be needed to underwrite the expenses.

There is no place in the tight Cooperative Program budget of Kentucky for such funds. The hope is that interested Kentucky Baptists will provide these funds above their regular gifts through their churches. A statewide committee for this purpose has been formed (see page 16, this issue).

Here's an opportunity for many who can't go to Toledo but who are concerned for this evangelistic project to have a personal part. It's a matter for prayerful consideration. Contributions ought to be sent to the area chairman (see page 16) or to Harold G. Sanders, Baptist Building, Middletown 40243.

## To New Orleans

Southern Baptists will descend upon New Orleans by the thousands for the Southern Baptist Convention session, June 10-13. The place and dates for this year's convention are the most suitable in many years for many Baptists. With public schools out for the summer, it will afford an excellent opportunity for making the convention a family affair or even a combined convention-vacation trip.

In these days of self-searching and the charting of new directions by Southern Baptists, every pastor and as many laymen as possible should attend the annual conventions. Churches should consider the cost of sending their pastors to the convention an investment instead of an expenditure. It's really the only way a pastor can keep up with the fast moving affairs of the denomination.

# God Redeeming Through Events Students Told

More than 1,000 students were challenged in Louisville to stand boldly on their Christian commitment while embracing the culture of the times, confident that this is God's way of communicating redemption through events.

The challenge was issued during the Student Missions Conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by John Killinger of Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Young people who do not tense-up in the situation, but who "will hold both to God and culture," can bring about a reconciliation between contemporary man and His creator through Jesus Christ, Killinger said.

The professor of preaching at Vanderbilt Divinity School added that modern man has lost control of the world about him—he cannot keep up with the population explosion, the knowledge explosion, or the technology explosion.

But God has not deserted this world of "death, violence, fear and fragmentation," Killinger told the conferees.

On the contrary, the Christian is in a position "to feel the power of God surging in a new way in the world, to feel God breaking out of old containers and vessels."

Facing the Christian mission in such a time of transition, Killinger said that "the church must not be guarded or defensive, but must feel and be sympa-

thetic with those who have chosen to drop out of the acceptable ways of society in honest search for personal identity.

"The church must be open, ready to listen and then we must speak in the rhetoric of grace," and become full participants in our culture, he said.

The students were exposed to some contemporary ideas about inner-city church ministries by two other conference speakers.

Two home missionaries—intense, hip-talking Ron Willis of the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, and James S. Wright of the Queens area of New York City—emphasized that the Christian ministry must follow "the Jesus approach."

"I walk the streets and try to meet need where I find it," said Willis, whose ministry touches people ranging from college students to hippies and members of the militant Black Panther Party.

"If a man needs shelter, I let him sleep in the church," said Willis, pastor of Golden Gate Baptist Church in Oakland, California. "If he needs food, I try to get him some. This is what Jesus did."

Wright, pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church in Jamaica, a suburb of New York City, said: "People get sick of the church that becomes an end

in itself, when all activities are centered on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock."

Two other speakers, William Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, and Lewis Wilhite, pastor of West End Baptist Church of Birmingham, spoke on motivational factors and the Christian message.

A special feature of the conference was a mass liturgy performed by the seminary's School of Church Music students on Sunday morning. (BP)

## Study Course Awards Show Increase For First Quarter

Kentucky Baptist churches apparently did more training in the fall of 1968 than the previous year. Study course awards for October-December 1968 reveal an increase of 1,181 above the same period in 1967. A total of 4,634 awards were earned in the three-month period.

The greatest increase was in the Category of Church Music—1,091 this year compared to 397 last year. Sunday School had an increase of 664 above last year's figures. The top 25 churches are listed by association, church, and total awards earned in all 21 categories of the Church Study Course.

Association—Church	Awards
Severns Valley—Severns Valley	257
South District—Gethsemane	147
Long Run—Buechel Park	91
Greenup—Flatwoods	87
Long Run—Ralph Avenue	83
Long Run—Walnut Street	81
Long Run—Fairdale	77
Elkhorn—Grace	73
Graves—Mayfield	71
Elkhorn—Immanuel	70
Muhlenberg—Central City	67
Christian—Hopkinsville First	66
Pike—Mouthcard	66
Northern Kentucky—Latonia	64
Nelson—New Salem	63
Long Run—South Jefferson	60
West Union—Trinity	59
Nelson—First, Shepherdsville	58
Elkhorn—South Broadway	57
Long Run—Kings	57
Taylor County—Campbellsville	54
Mercer—Bruners	51
Boones Creek—Central	49
Elkhorn—Versailles	48
Long Run—Eastern Parkway	46
Elkhorn—South Elkhorn	46
Northern Ky.—First, Newport	44
Northern Ky.—Hickory Grove	38
West Union—Oakwood Baptist	38

# Baptist Religion Professors Condemn Criswell Book Publicity

A resolution adopted by the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion meeting in Atlanta, deplored and protested "the nature of promotion and publicity" given to the book, *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True* by W. A. Criswell of Dallas.

The Baptist religion professors said the advertising campaign "clearly suggests that the position espoused in this book is the official position of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention," which published the book through Broadman Press.

The resolution adopted by the 64 Baptist religion professors said the group recognizes "the responsibility of Broadman Press to publish materials reflecting a variety of interpretations of the Bible," but it none-the-less deplored the publicity campaign on the book advocating literal interpretation of the Bible.

It added that any action "by a denominational agency which gives or appears to give denominational sanction to

a denial of the historical-critical approach inevitably undermines the work of Biblical teachers and alienates students from both the denomination and the Bible itself."

A second resolution called for the cessation of "harassment, biblicism and witch hunting," at Southern Baptist seminaries.

The resolution added that during the past 11 years, more than a score of seminary professors have "encountered the stifling effects of a restrictive atmosphere and have, under varied circumstances, departed from our theological faculties.

"We, as colleagues in the teaching of religion, say 'This must cease,'" the Baptist religion professors declared.

No particular seminary was singled out in the resolution, but a footnote said copies were sent to the presidents of the six SBC-owned seminaries, and to members of the board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—**Georgetown College alumni, parents and friends of the greater Cincinnati area gave a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Robert L. Mills on February 13 at the Erlanger Baptist Church. This is the tenth anniversary of Dr. Mills' administration at the College. The Mills are shown extinguishing 140 candles on a cake that represented the 140th anniversary of the school. Ten of the candles set in the center of the cake represented their decade of service to Georgetown and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Erlanger Baptist Church is Dr. Robert Mills' home church.

## Jennings Resigns Association Post, Accepts Pastorate In South Dakota

Chase W. Jennings, Sr. is retiring March 31st as Executive Secretary of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association and has accepted the pastorate of the Silk Memorial Baptist Chapel in Custer, South Dakota. Jennings has served the Northern Kentucky mission post for over 21 years.

He is a native of St. Joseph, Missouri, and a graduate of William Jewell College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jennings held student pastorates in Missouri, Kansas, and Kentucky, and was pastor of the First Baptist Church in DeSoto, Missouri, when he was chosen Superintendent of Missions for North Bend and Campbell County Associations in 1948. The two associations merged in 1967 to become the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association and the title of the mission post was changed from Superintendent of Missions to Executive Secretary. The association has 61 churches and one mission.

In September, 1968, Mr. Jennings married Mrs. Beulah Scoville of Mitchell, South Dakota. She was one of his childhood sweethearts in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sunday, March 16th, has been designated as "Chase Jennings Recognition Day" among Northern Kentucky Baptists. The Southside Baptist Church, Covington, where Mr. Jennings is a member will be host for a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Jennings at 2:00 P.M. A special program including the presentation of a gift is planned.

The Silk Memorial Baptist Chapel in Custer, South Dakota, is a pioneer mission under the direction of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention.

## Heart Disease Leading Killer Of Ministers

Heart disease increased its lead in 1968 as the number one killer of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees. Cancer held onto second place but showed a seven percent decline.

Statistics released by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Dallas reveal that heart diseases claimed the lives of 65 percent of members in the Southern Baptist Protection Program who died in 1968—an eight percent increase over the 1967 figure.

Eighteen percent of the deaths were caused by cancer.

Heart disease also continued as the chief cause of disability. Forty-three percent of the persons who were forced to give up their full-time ministry because of disability had heart trouble. This represents a one percent increase over 1967. (BP)

## First Application For RA Camp Made

Robert "Bobby" Catlett, pictured at right, became the first person to apply for R.A. Camp this summer when he turned in his application to Forrest Sawyer, state Brotherhood secretary, last August.

For the last four years, Bobby, who will be 13 in May, has attended R.A. camp. "It helps me be a better Christian," he said. "I think every boy should go."

When asked about his favorite camp activities, Bobby said he liked boating and swimming. He learned to swim at camp two years ago.

Bobby's father is a linotype operator for *Western Recorder*. His mother has been secretary for the state Sunday School department for 11 years.

Camp applications and additional information about R.A. camps are available from the state Brotherhood department in Middletown. Dates for the camps run from June 16-August 15.



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PRESIDENT

March 11, 1969

Dear Pastor

The School of Nursing at Kentucky Baptist Hospital is faced with a severe shortage of student applicants. Unless we can increase the student enrollment it will be difficult to justify continuing the school. Knowing of your interest in higher education, we are asking your immediate help.

This is the only hospital in the state that continues to operate a three year school of nursing. There is increasing competition with two year programs that have developed in recent years. We believe three years of theory and practice offers many advantages and would like the opportunity to explain these advantages to those who are academically qualified and interested.

An energetic advertising campaign for the recruitment of student nurses has been planned. All three Louisville television stations will give special programs using students from our school during the week of March 17, which has been designated by the governor as Student Nurse Week in Kentucky. The local newspapers and high school papers over the state will give news items and other information. It is hoped this publicity will help to refresh your memory about the school.

We ask that you and your people join with us in prayer for this most worthy project in Christian education. Your encouragement to young people interested in a career in the nursing profession will mean much to them and to the School of Nursing at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Please invite those interested and qualified to write us for additional information.

Thank you in advance for anything that you may do in support of this recruitment campaign.

Sincerely

*H. L. Dobbs*  
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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Student Paula Kinman works with a baby in a hospital isolette as Instructor Lois Collier gives direction.

WHILE BAPTISTS have been concerned about finding funds to operate Baptist colleges of Kentucky, another crisis has arisen in Baptist higher education that increased funds cannot cure.

The School of Nursing at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, is faced with the possibility of closing unless additional students are found for the three-year nursing education program.

This year only 45 students entered the hospitals nursing program. The school can accommodate at least 70 new students each year. The downward trend has held for the past few years.

Mrs. Myrna Myers, associate director for nursing education at the school, indicated the loss of students was largely due to two-year diploma programs while it takes three years to earn a diploma at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

She explained that nine two-year programs exist in Kentucky. Students in these programs learn enough nursing theory to pass the state board examination, Mrs. Myers said, but they have had little clinical experience.

One Louisville area hospital recently hired several of the two-year graduates and found it necessary to employ an instructor to oversee their work.

"Our goal is to produce a competent beginning nurse practitioner," Mrs. Myers said. "We don't turn our nurses loose on the community until they are able to practice without an instructor."

Mrs. Myers pointed out that graduates of the school of nursing at Baptist Hospital always do well on the state board exam. "Our nurses do not pass by the skin of their teeth. They have had the theory and practice. When a nurse graduates from our school she has worked in intensive care, coronary care and other clinical units. She is familiar with all the latest equipment

## Shortage Of Students May Close Hospital School Of Nursing

by BOB TERRY  
Assistant Editor

which many of the two-year graduates have not even seen."

To support her claim, figures were cited showing that Kentucky Baptist Hospital nurses had ranked first in the state on state board exams in recent years.

"Our girls are always ahead of some of the baccalaureate programs, too," Mrs. Myers stated. A baccalaureate program is a four-year program where the graduate is awarded a college degree.

The Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing was founded in 1924. Since that time it has graduated approximately 1,300 graduate nurses. Formerly the school was affiliated with Kentucky Southern College. Now it has a working agreement with Jefferson Community College. It is accredited by the state board and National League of Nursing.

Yet, in spite of its high standards, the school is hurting for students. An intensive program of recruitment has been initiated. Funds for a fulltime student recruiter were recently approved. During Kentucky Student Nurse Week, March 16-22, 68 radio advertisements will be aired across the state. Baptist Hospital nurses will also be interviewed on television programs in Louisville.

"Most of the state is unaware of our program," Mrs. Myers said. "Our students largely come from Louisville and central Kentucky. We get few from northern Kentucky and none from either the eastern or western part of the state."

"And I believe there are students in these areas who would be interested in attending our school," she continued.

One selling point used by the nursing school is that no student has been turned away in the last four years for financial reasons.

In addition to a private loan fund administered by the hospital, students may receive funds from the Nursing

Opportunities Loan and Grant Aid Fund. Money borrowed from the fund may be repaid over a ten-year period at low interest rates. Up to 50% of the loan can be cancelled by five years of nursing after graduation.

"We have also changed the admissions requirements," stated Mrs. Myers. "We haven't lowered our standards but we



Nurse Judy Rice Crowder changes the bandage of a patient. In 1967 she was a summer missionary to Israel.

now accept married students or will allow a student to marry and continue in the program.

"We also accept men but we haven't had any male applicants yet," she explained.

Mrs. Myers noted that nursing had changed drastically in the last fifty years. When little was known about the care of sick and dying people, all a nurse could do was be sweet and comfort the patients. That is no longer true.

"A nursing student must have brains," the supervisor stressed. "The math and science courses she has to take are no snaps. Nationally the drop-out rate is 33%. Here it is 40%."

"I get letters from pastors saying, 'I can't understand why you didn't take so and so. She is a sweet Christian girl and would make a fine nurse.' Well if she is a sweet Christian girl and has brains, we will take her. If she doesn't, we would be wasting her time and ours," Mrs. Myers emphasized.

"The existence of our school is justified in terms of service. Graduating 60% of a class of 45 is not enough," she concluded.



Mrs. Carolyn Cook Jacobs was valedictorian of her graduating class five years ago. Now she instructs students.

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**Cooper Says Challenging  
Financial Drive Needed**

The first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi, told executive secretaries of state Baptist foundations in Jackson, Mississippi, that Southern Baptists need a great, concerted financial effort.

"The greatest evil in our country today is not alcoholism, stealing, immorality or lawlessness," said Cooper, "but it is that of covetousness, greed and secularism."

Cooper, president of the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp., said he felt that a great financial campaign, similar to the \$75 million campaign of the 1920's, would "give Southern Baptists a challenge, a unity, a cohesiveness of action and an involvement of laymen that is sorely needed at this time." (BP)

**Listener Responds  
To Russian-Language  
Radio Program**

One of the first responses to the new Baptist-sponsored, Russian-language radio broadcast recalls an earlier contact between George Zarubin, the radio preacher, and the listener in Russia.

A few years ago, a request for a Russian hymnbook was passed along to Zarubin, who lives in Paris, France. Zarubin sent the requested hymnal, but it was never received at the address in Russia.

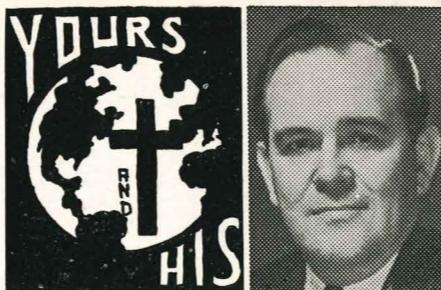
When he learned that the hymnbook had not been received, Zarubin cut apart another Russian hymnal and sent it, page by page, as letters to the man who made the request. These pages were received, and Zarubin got a thank-you letter in reply.

This same Russian was a listener to the first Baptist-sponsored, Russian-language broadcast which was transmitted January 6. "Now I have heard your voice by radio," the listener wrote. "This is a joy for us." (EBPS)

**Famed Heart Surgeon  
Heads Medical College**

Dr. Michael Debakey, famed heart surgeon, has been elected president of the new non-profit corporation which operates Baylor College of Medicine and as chief executive officer of the college.

The election actually reaffirms a position Debakey held before Baylor College of Medicine recently began operation outside the framework of the Baylor University system and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



**Growing in missions**

Every church should consider the matter of growing in the grace of mission involvement. It is perhaps the hallmark of a mature person and church: this matter of seeing and believing in mission work through others. It takes faith, it takes vision, it takes courage to stand and point the way to others who may not have grown to that degree of faith, vision, and courage in love. This is the vital test of pastors, deacons, and church leaders: anyone can see that local church needs are to be seen and met, and paid for—but this matter of giving through one's denominational missionary organization, of trusting them to train and send out workers to the ends of the earth, and seeing that one goes with them if he sends them—this is long-headed, and warm-hearted Christian love, the lack of which dooms a lost world to a Christless eternity! How do you stand the test? When we all get to heaven (if we do!) the test of our faithfulness will be right here: "As the Father hath sent Me"—said Jesus, "Even so send I you." What God sent Jesus to do on earth, He sends us. We report on His assignment, not our selected deeds. You remember the song: "What's done for Christ, only will last."

**Some good examples**

Of the many which could be cited here, and God knows every one—let me speak of Pastor George R. Bausum and the deacons of the Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady, who, seeing that the saints of (Kentucky's) Corinth church were giving to save the world \$11.45 per person through the Cooperative Program annually, voted to increase the percentage of their offerings for the Cooperative Program for 25% to 30%—this is twenty (20) percent dollar increase in one year!

T. L. McSwain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, and the budget committee recommended that their annual gifts for saving the world through the Cooperative Program be increased from \$3,000 to \$10,000 in one budget! This is 333 percent increase in dollars!

Of course, all things have a history and context. Your church may be giving very little and a big increase is tremendous; you may be heavily involved in mission giving already, and a smaller increase is just as noteworthy in God's books and in the lost man's concept of your love.



PRIZE WINNER—Second prize in the Illustrative Division was awarded Georgetown College photographer Ed Bodin during the meeting of the Southeastern Professional Photographers Convention in Atlanta, February 15-18. The print scored enough points to be automatically accepted for exhibition at the National Professional Photographers of America Convention to be held in New York City in June.

**July Promotion Used  
At St. Matthews**

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, voted recently to observe Promotion Day in its educational organizations the last Sunday in June on a permanent basis.

Last year the church experimented with the date and found it very successful according to pastor Alton H. McEachern.

Frank Perry, minister of education at the St. Matthews church, pointed out that the June date corresponds to the promotion date of public schools.

"Promoting the student in church organizations is one way of acknowledging his promotion in school," Perry said.

The educational worker also noted that students promoted to either junior high or senior high groups have two months to get acquainted with other students in their new bracket before school begins.

Other advantages listed by Perry include the work of the nominating committee being completed before vacation season begins, teachers elected in time for training at Cedarmore and Ridgecrest, and more daylight hours for visitation and organization of new classes.

**Pastor's Foresight Provides  
For Family After His Death**

The foresight of Pastor George R. Abernathy in planning for his family in case of his death has helped his widow and two sons greatly, according to A. W. Walker, secretary of the Annuity department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Abernathy, pastor of the Sedalia Baptist Church, died on December 11, 1968.

Annuity Secretary Walker recently delivered Mrs. Abernathy a check from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board covering the benefits under the Life Benefit Plan. The plan will also provide educational funds for the twin sons when they arrive at college age (19-24).

Abernathy was also in the Health Benefit Plan which helped in hospitalization and other medical expenses. Mrs.

Abernathy and the twins can continue in this plan by paying the dues but they could not join the plan if Abernathy had not already been in it.

"Sedalia Baptist Church and the other churches Abernathy served are to be commended for participating with him in the denominational retirement plan," says Annuity Secretary Walker. "Such a plan not only protects the pastor and provides financial care to his family, but it relieves a church of heavy financial responsibility in such times."

Churches and pastors are urged to use the services of Secretary Walker in making such plans. Requests for assistance should be directed to Annuity Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

**Keep Favorable Tax Policies Toward  
Churches Congressional Committee Told**

A Texas Baptist Foundation executive at a hearing in Washington, D. C., appealed to Congress for continued favorable federal tax policies for churches and their institutions.

George L. Shearin, associate secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, told the Congressional House Ways and Means Committee: "No step should be taken by Congress which might discourage or diminish the giving of the American people toward the vital work of these great religious, educational and charitable enterprises."

The committee is conducting full scale hearings on tax reform proposals for the federal government. Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (Democrat, Arkansas) is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

The first subject under investigation by the committee has been tax-exempt organizations and the tax treatment of charitable and religious contributions.

Among other items the Treasury Department is recommending:

►That the amount of allowable standard deduction for income taxes be increased from 10 to 14 percent of adjusted gross income;

►That those using the standard deduction be permitted also to claim and itemize additional contributions for deductions;

►That the charitable deduction be limited to those amounts in excess of 3 percent of adjusted gross income;

►That the present 30 percent limitation on deductible charitable contributions be increased to 50 percent;

►That the provision for the establishment of the two-year trust for the benefit of charity be eliminated;

►That the appreciated value of gifts of property to charitable causes be subject to the capital gains tax; and

►That existing provisions of the unrelated business income tax for certain organizations be repealed, but that they continue to be extended to churches and to social welfare organizations. (BP)

**Seminary Physician  
George Carlyle Mackie  
Dies At Wake Forest**

The campus physician for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary since its founding, Dr. George Carlyle Mackie, died at Wake Forest, North Carolina, January 8.

Funeral services were scheduled January 10 at the chapel of Southeastern Seminary, with seminary president Olin T. Binkley and Wake Forest Baptist Church Pastor Lamar Brooks officiating.

Dr. Mackie had taught and practiced medicine in Wake Forest for the past 40 years. He was professor of physiology and pharmacology at Wake Forest College's medical school before the school moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He had been the physician for Southeastern Seminary since it was founded in 1951. (BP)

# Baptists Affected By Swedish Merger Talks

Free church merger possibilities in Sweden are escalating, but the merger discussion has had a noteworthy influence on Baptist life in the country. The discussion has evidently killed any hopes, however meager, for a reunion in the near future between the two leading Baptist groups.

The Baptist Union of Sweden, larger of the two with its 27,000 members, is taking an active part in merger talks. The Orebro Mission, which split from the Baptist Union about 25 years ago, has 19,000 members. Its executive board has declined to join in the merger conversations.

Erik Ruden, Stockholm, general secretary of the Baptist Union, said in his personal column in the union newspaper, *Veckoposten*, "It is to be regretted that Orebro Mission will not participate in the free church merger discussions. A reunion of the Baptist Union and the Orebro Mission is not possible at present. I hope the Orebro Mission will reconsider its decision against participating."

Leaders of the Swedish Missionary Union (Congregational), which has 90,000 members and is largest of the groups, unfolded the merger ideal in their weekly newspaper last fall. Other denominations began responding to the proposal.

The 12-member Baptist Union delegation at the first merger conference was led by general secretary Ruden. It also included the president of the union, president of the pastors' association, president of the Baptist seminary, foreign missions secretary, home missions secretary, president of the youth society, and a woman pastor.

Polled a few weeks ago by the union to determine their attitudes toward the merger proposal, Baptist Union pastors responded to the merger idea favorably in overwhelming numbers. Of 187 asked their opinions, 151 favored the merger. However, they differed on how to make it a reality.

## In Louisville

# Annual Youth Night Slated For April 4

The annual Kentucky Baptist Youth Night Rally is scheduled for April 4 at Freedom Hall in Louisville. It will be jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists.

This announcement was made Wednesday, March 5, by J. M. Boswell, chairman of the committee on order of business for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Boswell said that in accord with the direction of the convention, the plans

had been approved for the youth night rally.

Originally the youth night was cancelled due to conflict with Crusade of the Americas meetings and other reasons. However, the convention meeting at Florence instructed the executive board to proceed with the event.

Featured speaker for the rally will be Arthur Blessitt, Sunset Strip evangelist who is concluding a two-week revival effort in Louisville this week.

Others on the program include World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jimmy Ellis, an active layman in Riverview Baptist Church, Louisville, and recording artist Jimmy Smith of Prospect.

Youth choirs from across the state will join together in rendering special music. Four songs are being mailed to interested churches along with a registration card to indicate whether or not the choir will participate.

Eugene Sutherland, minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville will lead the choirs. Congregational singing will be directed by Thurmond Coleman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jeffersonton.

Harold Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, commented, "We know it is late to schedule the Youth Night Rally, but we are fortunate to have such a top-flight program. We hope to have 25,000 persons for the meeting."



**NOTE BURNING CELEBRATION—Indian Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, recently built and paid for a \$13,000 pastorium. Shown burning the note on the home are L. H. Landrum, left, representing the building committee, Pastor T. Raymond Jones, center, and A. C. Downing, representing the church finance committee. The church has a total membership of approximately 275.**



## THANK YOU

Dear Editor:

Since my tour of duty began in Vietnam five months ago, I have been receiving your paper regularly. I want to express my appreciation to whoever is responsible for having the *Western Recorder* sent to me.

It may also interest you to know that after reading each issue, I pass the Baptist paper around to other Marines who also enjoy your stateside news. FPO, San Francisco Earle L. Cole

## TEEN TEMPO

Dear Editor:

I am writing to tell you how much I've enjoyed "Teen Tempo," especially the one on "Whose Sex is Dirty." I've been asked a question about pre-marital sex, and this is going to be my answer. Thanks for having such a series. Please have more of it. Mouth Card, Ky. Connie Kuriger

# Warf Accepts Pikeville Church

The Pikeville First Baptist Church has called Curtis H. Warf as pastor. Warf, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sturgis, for eight years will begin his Pikeville ministry on March 30th.

Warf is a native of Green County. He graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before going to the Sturgis pastorate he served the Friendship Baptist Church, Campbellsville; Bethel Baptist, Benton; and Utica Baptist, Utica.

He has served on the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and the State Nominating Committee. He is presently serving as a trustee of Campbellsville College.

Mrs. Warf is the former Jean Akin of Franklin, Kentucky. The two Warf children are Ben, 10; and Beth, 5.

At Pikeville Warf will succeed J. V. Case who is now Superintendent of Missions for the Daviess-McLean Association. The Pikeville Church is known for its extensive mission program in Pike County.

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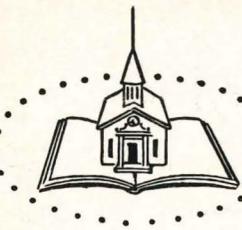
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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 23, 1969)



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II Corinthians 4:5-18

Written under a stress of emotion, this fourth chapter of II Corinthians reveals intense feeling and far-reaching thoughts. Stirred to the very depths of his being by the false accusations of self-commendation or of "preaching himself," Paul inquired, "How can this be?" Paul had neither invented the gospel nor planned his life as a missionary. He was the subject of a divine experience, the instrument of a divine purpose, and the medium of a divine manifestation.

The flash-light glimpse of the face of Jesus Christ, which Paul caught on the Damascus road, had resulted in the complete transformation of his life. In today's lesson he lets us into the innermost secrets of his soul, and reveals the proper virtues and motives for all Christians.

### Christ centered

After Paul was saved and called to be a minister and a missionary, his message was always about Christ. In emphasizing that what he preached was nothing more nor less than the gospel of Christ, Paul revealed that it is the responsibility of each preacher to direct the attention of people to the crucified and risen Christ as the One in Whom God's purposes are fulfilled, the One Who saves men from the penalty, power, and presence of sin, and as the Lord Who requires the full and complete obedience of believers.

It is noteworthy that when Paul was subjected to cruel criticism and painful persecution, when his motives were questioned, and his reputation was besmirched, and his character was vilified that he went on with his work. In spite of all the opposition, he went on preaching the gospel of Christ, introducing people to the Saviour, and teaching the saved how to live victoriously. He never stopped doing constructive work in order to engage in debate or conflict with any of his critics or false accusers. He simply let his record speak for itself. Wise indeed were those in his day, and are those of our generation, who do likewise.

Paul was aware of the fact that his call to be a missionary had been due

to the grace and mercy of God, and not to any merit of his own. Thoroughly convinced of the importance and magnitude of the task to which he had been assigned, this humble man of God was willing to endure whatever suffering and persecution might be necessary in order to be an effective witness and a useful missionary for Christ.

God has revealed Himself through creation, nature, His inspired Word, His preincarnation appearances, and the face of Jesus Christ. In the wonderful face of Christ, we see the manifestation of the ineffable glory of God without being dazzled by the effulgence. Jesus Christ is the only complete exhibition of God's glory.

This light has not shined in our hearts for our sakes only, but that we might transmit it to others. It is a most solemn duty, incumbent on all who have received the truth, to impart it to others. Every Christian is to be a light-bearer. The light is divine, but the light-bearer is human. To reflect properly "The glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," we must be like Him in thought, feeling, and action.

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Mark 14:22-26; 32-41

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### The Lord's Supper

Christ instituted the Supper in express recognition and for the everlasting remembrance of His death; therefore, there was not any atmosphere of mystery surrounding it.

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The Lord's Supper is an ordinance which is to be observed by and in His churches at stated intervals. The members of the church, by or in which it is being observed, partake of a bit of bread

Paul gave this testimony, which was both an humble confession and a thrilling exclamation: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

Paul likened himself and his associates in the missionary work to fragile earthenware pots, which were unattractive in themselves, but their contents were quite valuable. Their value was not intrinsic, but in the service which they performed.

Regardless of what burdens were imposed upon him, and in spite of the fact that death seemed imminent on many occasions, Paul never wavered in his devotion to Christ or in his faithfulness in proclaiming His Word. One of the secrets of his greatness was his complete abandonment to the service of Christ. His unwavering faith is a challenge to all of us. Assured of a glorious resurrection, he gladly suffered in order to be helpful to others. He never swerved from the pathway of Christian duty, but persevered to the end. People could look at his life and be convinced that they should live as Paul did.

and a sip of the fruit of the vine in commemoration of the suffering and dying of Christ for them. Our observance of this ordinance refreshes our memories with the love of Christ for us, and brings more vividly to our recollection His sacrificial work so that our love for Him is increased and strengthened thereby. He certainly expects us to remember Him in the spirit of deep humility, grateful love, faithful obedience, and joyous hope.

At the conclusion of the Lord's Supper, Christ and His disciples sang a hymn and went out into the mount of Olives.

### The Lord's suffering

Christ and the eleven disciples, who accompanied Him, went to a garden which was about a mile from the city. It was to this place that He had retired frequently for the purpose of prayer.

The name of the place was "Gethsemane," which means "oil press." Probably it was so named because a press was there, the purpose of which was to extract the oil from the olives in the orchard. It was an emblem of trial, distress, and agony. Our Lord's distress as He approached the cross cannot be estimated.

Upon arriving at Gethsemane, Christ divided the disciples into two groups, leaving eight near the entrance, and taking the other three into the garden with Him. Christ chose the three to stand by Him in this solemn hour who had made the loudest claims of friendship, love, and loyalty. Merely to have them near Him, and to know that they were there to watch and pray, even though they could not share His holy burden, was to be a source of comfort to Him.

Communion with the Father was a necessity in Christ's life, and His resource in every hour of need. It was as much His habit as was breathing. The scene in Gethsemane is one of the most striking pictures in the entire Bible—solemn, sacred, and sad. We stand in awe as we behold it. Alone, in the deep recesses of the garden, in the dead of night, prostrate upon His face and pleading with the Father was our blessed Lord. At the time of His deepest distress, the human companionship which He craved was denied Him because even His dearest earthly friends slept while He suffered and prayed.

### The Lord's submission

When the cup of human guilt was held out to Christ, His tender and pure heart revolted from the pain and the shame of it. Dreading the ordeal which He was facing, Christ prayed earnestly that, if it were possible, the cup might pass from His lips. With Him the Father's will was the ultimate authority, so He prayed and then yielded to that blessed will uncomplainingly and gladly. His prayer was a marvelous expression of prompt and complete submission to God's will. Christ was determined to conform to it in every respect. How grateful we should be for His matchless example in this respect as in all others! We, too, should pray and yield to God's will because it is perfect. Even though we know that His will is always right and best, it is not easy for us to be submissive to it in all cases.

Returning to the three, Christ found them fast asleep. They had not anticipated the imminent arrest of their Lord. After awakening them, Christ chided them by saying, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." That was His way of warning them of the more challenging hours that were yet to come. His words were unheeded, for each time He returned the Lord found the men asleep. If people do not give sympathy and help when it is needed, they never have that opportunity again.

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# Kentucky Baptists Ready Selves For Ohio Evangelistic Campaign

July 13-27 are the dates set for the greater Toledo, Ohio, Evangelistic Crusade to be led by Kentucky Baptists.

The two-week period will be divided between a mass evangelistic campaign and local church revivals in the 60 participating Toledo area churches.

John Bisagno, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma, will lead the first week's efforts. His church has led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms several times.

He will be assisted by Bette and Ed Stalnecker who will be in charge of revival music. Also the team of Carol and David Tyson will be involved in the music.

The Toledo Mudhen Baseball stadium will be the site of each evening's meeting during the first week.

The following week, July 20-27, Kentucky Baptists will saturate the area with 60 teams of four each. An evangelist, musician, and two others will assist local church members in visitation and personal witnessing. Each person will pay his own way or have his church assume his travel expenses.

To help with the cost of publicity, city-wide surveys, and other necessities of this evangelistic thrust, Kentucky Baptists have committed themselves to raise \$50,000. The Ohio convention is adding \$25,000 to this amount.

The commitment to raise the money and furnish the workers was made by the convention during the 1967 session at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Ray Roberts, executive secretary for the Ohio convention, extended the invitation to work in the area to the state executive board which recommended it to the convention.

While Kentucky is working in the Toledo area, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas will be carrying on similar efforts in other Ohio metropolitan areas.

Hicks Shelton, secretary of evangelism for Kentucky Baptists and coordinator of the Toledo effort said, "I think Kentucky Baptists will respond to this challenge. Before the campaign began we received \$5,000 from one donor and other smaller pledges and

donations from others. A total of \$8,000 was raised before we actually started."

Of the workers needed, Shelton said many people had volunteered to preach. Other pastors have volunteered to lead out in the visitation and personal witnessing efforts. "The need," Shelton said, "is for music men and laymen to show an interest."

Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, general co-chairman of the Crusade, described it as "one of the greatest challenges which has faced us as Kentucky Baptists. . . ."

From Ohio, associational missionary James O. Coldiron reports "enthusiasm, interest, concern and commitment are growing."

"In our training sessions for the Crusade and the inspirational service with John Basagno speaking," he writes, "there was a wonderful expression of concern. God is moving in our midst."

## The Greater Toledo Crusade

### Our Goal

60 Evangelists  
40 Musicians  
120 Laymen  
\$50,000

### Our Committed

60 Evangelists  
20 Musicians  
20 Laymen  
\$8,000

### Our Need

0 Evangelists  
20 Musicians  
100 Laymen  
\$42,000

## We Must Go And We Must Give

### IF YOU CAN GO

You are invited to contact Thomas H. Shelton secretary of evangelism, if you can assist with the crusade by working in any of the various areas. Laymen are especially encouraged to clear their calendar in order to participate.

### IF YOU CAN GIVE

You are invited to send your gift for this mission and evangelistic effort to Dr. Harold G. Sanders, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, marked "Toledo Crusade" or send it to one of your regional chairmen.

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