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NOT EUROPE, BUT NEW ORLEANS: Street lights, overhanging balconies, wrought iron grills and narrow streets with horse-drawn carriages are reminiscent of Europe, but it is all in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Bounded by North Rampart Street and the Mississippi River, the French Quarter stretches between Canal Street and Esplanade Avenue. It is not far from the site of the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-13.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

MISS CLARA JEWELL, long an active Baptist, died Sunday, April 13, of a heart attack. She was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, the Woman's Committee of Southern Seminary and the Woman's Board of Spring Meadows Children's Home. For 60 years she was a Sunday School teacher at Portland Avenue Baptist Church. She was the sister of George Jewell, former assistant editor of *Western Recorder*.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE A Cappella Choir completed a four-state concert tour April 23. The eight-day tour took the choir as far south as Tampa, Florida.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Ashland, sponsored a Drug-Narcotics Seminar for its young people Sunday, April 13. The seminar was led by Captain Nelson Paden of the Huntington, West Virginia, Police Department.

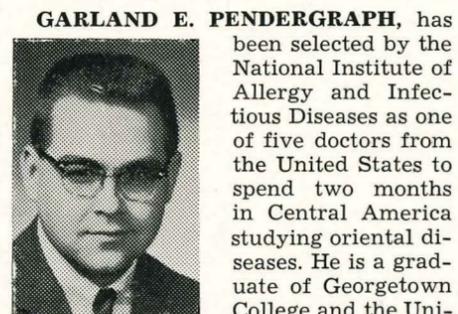
ST. MATTHEWS Baptist Church voted April 2 to renovate its sanctuary. New stained glass windows, pews, carpet, sound equipment, pulpit furniture, baptismal dressing rooms, rest rooms, church parlor, bride's room, an enlarged foyer and lighting are included. Total cost of the contract is \$149,600.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY will sponsor an Institute of Biblical Archaeology July 17-August 14. A sightseeing trip to Athens and Rome will follow a three-week archaeological dig at Tel Malhata, northeast of Haifa. Those participating will earn six hours credit at the seminary. Through an arrangement with Tel-Aviv University, the cost of the 30-day trip has been reduced to \$850. A limited number of pastors may participate. Additional information may be secured from the Public Relations department of the seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans 70126.

WILLIAM CLEMMONS, former educational director of Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, has joined the Sunday School Board as supervisor of the vocational guidance section, church training department. A former missionary to Italy, Clemmons will direct the program of vocational guidance in interpreting the Christian meaning of vocation and offering guidance with emphasis on church-related vocations.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Madisonville, sponsored a youth retreat for its young people Friday and Saturday, April 11-12. The group went to Camp Brosend, Newburg, Indiana, and to the Greater Evansville Crusade led by Bill Glass, defensive end for the Cleveland Browns professional football team. Glass spent the mornings with the young people at the camp.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Hopkinsville, will sponsor a youth retreat April 25-26 for its young people. Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly will be the site of the retreat.



GARLAND E. PENDERGRAPH, has been selected by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as one of five doctors from the United States to spend two months in Central America studying oriental diseases. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky. Pendergraph is the son of G. R. Pendergraph, director of Church Development Ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

SOMERSET BELL RINGERS, a handbell group of the First Baptist Church of Somerset, recently spent a weekend touring eastern Kentucky giving concerts. Two Somerset high schoolers, Don Linville and Sandy Gregory, accompanied the group and spoke during the sermon time at each performance.

"FOR PETE'S SAKE," a production of the Billy Graham World Wide Pictures, will premier in the Louisville area Monday and Tuesday, April 28-29. Sponsored by the Fairdale Baptist Church, the full length film will be shown at Fairdale High School. Admission charge is \$1.00. The film begins at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

NORMAN BOWMAN has been named editor of *Baptist Student*, publication of the student department of the Sunday School Board. Since 1965 he has served as assistant editor in the student department and as editor of special materials for the church training department. Bowman is the author of *College is a Question Mark*, an introduction to college life and the BSU for high school seniors.

MISS ONETA GENTRY has been named editor of *Tell* and other Girls' Auxiliary materials published by the WMU. She came to that position from the Sunday School Board where she was copy editor for Broadman Books.

SWISS COLONY BAPTIST CHURCH, London, recently purchased and put into service a new 25-passenger International church bus. Maynard Head, who is beginning his sixth year there, is pastor.

SENATOR CARROLL HUBBARD, JR. of Mayfield will be the speaker Monday, June 9, 1969, at the night service of Baptist Student week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. His topic is "The Christian in Politics". Hubbard, 31, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Hubbard of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is moderator and a deacon at Mayfield's First Baptist Church.

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Baptists In Eastern Europe Thrive Under Discrimination

(This is an interview between James O. Duncan, editor of the *Capital Baptist* at Washington, D. C., and C. Ronald Goulding of London, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, concerning Baptist work in Europe, and especially the Communist bloc countries of Eastern Europe.)

DUNCAN: Dr. Goulding, all of us have been concerned about the fate of Baptists in Czechoslovakia since the Russian occupation of that country in August 1968. Can you tell us what is happening there?

GOULDING: Baptists in company with all Christian churches in Czechoslovakia are enjoying a period of continuing liberty in their activities. The people have a greater freedom in the teaching of their children in things religious. There is the possibility of building new churches in new areas. It is possible that there will be a greater separation between church and state.

DUNCAN: Are you saying that there is more freedom for Baptists in Czechoslovakia since the Russian invasion or was the freedom on its way before the Russians got there?

GOULDING: Certainly, the freedom was there from the very beginning of this period of liberalization. There has been a gradual improving of the situation for the Christian churches, and our Baptist people enjoy exactly the same privileges and responsibilities as any other Christian church in that country.

DUNCAN: Of all the countries in Eastern Europe, which one has the strongest Baptist witness?

GOULDING: In numbers, the strongest Baptist family in Europe is in Russia. We believe that there are 600,000 registered Baptist believers there, with a larger number—something like 3 to 4 million persons—attending the churches.

DUNCAN: In the other countries of Eastern Europe, which country has the largest group?

GOULDING: Undoubtedly, Romania. And here it is encouraging that the number of Baptist believers in Romania is increasing. Converts are being made, and people seeking to hear the Word of God are coming within the church.

DUNCAN: Do you know of groups being persecuted in these countries today?

GOULDING: I am not sure what we mean by persecution, because there are so many degrees of it. I do not think of persecution against any group now except perhaps the dissident group in the U.S.S.R.—the group that has broken away from the Baptist Union. Undoubtedly here is persecution as we would term it, but the authorities in that country would say that this is the normal

process of law. However, there is an apparent discrimination against Christians in a considerable number of places.

DUNCAN: Is it still the Communist goal to abolish the church and the Christian faith?

GOULDING: There has never been any change in the ideology of Marxist Communism that there is no place for God or for an organized church in organized society.

DUNCAN: What success are the Communists having?

GOULDING: If one reads the Communists' own comments on their success, they are rather disappointed. Some of their writers, particularly from the U.S.S.R., have felt that they have not made the progress that they could wish. They have even complained that Christian activity has grown in spite of the pressure.

DUNCAN: Do you know of places where the Communist leaders look upon these people and their dedication with perhaps a sense of appreciation?

GOULDING: Where Christians are performing a role in society as an expression of their Christian faith, where their morality is outstanding, where their integrity is relied upon, where their love for humanity is expressed, there is evidence of definite respect for what they are doing on humanitarian and social grounds. This form of witness in some places has favorably impressed the authorities and perhaps even given a new image of what the Christian is and of what the Christian church is.

DUNCAN: With this kind of a relationship developing, do you think that the Communists might provide even a little more freedom for the Christian?

GOULDING: I think the Communists must now, 50 years after the revolution, be thinking that the Christian church will not be exterminated as easily and as quickly as they once thought, and if this is so, there must be a place for it in their society. Since the church is recognized as not being anti-social, I think that the Christian will be permitted to follow what we would call their spiritual witness and worship.

DUNCAN: One would assume that there is a real shortage of trained leadership; that is, a shortage of ministers. How do these people get along with ministers?

GOULDING: This problem of a lack of trained leadership is one of their major problems. But, of course, if you cannot have what you want, you must have what you can get. This has revealed some unexpected strength in the Christian community. In a number of countries the churches have had to turn to laymen—men who do a full day's work from dawn to dusk, maybe in the

fields or in the factories, and then have the responsibility of quite a large congregation. This is a tremendous responsibility, particularly when we bear in mind that these men have no theological literature to which they can turn. They have to create their sermons and not just read them from other people. God has raised up a generation of dedicated laymen who give their life to Christian preaching and teaching as lay pastors. This does not wholly fill the need and they are conscious of it, but they are doing an outstanding work. In East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia the Baptists have seminaries.

DUNCAN: How is church attendance? Are the churches filled with people?

GOULDING: This again varies considerably, I have never been to a Baptist church in Russia, whether it was on Sunday or during the week, that it was not overcrowded. In Romania also, there is a shortage of buildings and of space, and there are more people wanting to get in than can get in. In Poland, there are only a few Baptists but they are very evangelical. There is a growing attendance.

DUNCAN: How do you account for the fact that in these countries where the rule of government is Communist, you perhaps have a more vital religion than you do in other countries? Does persecution help make the church stronger?

GOULDING: I think persecution rather acts like a refiner's fire, and it purifies the ore until only the gold remains. Consequently, you have a strong church even if it may or may not be a large one numerically. I believe that in a society where the thing you stand for is attacked, you are bound to give serious thought to its significance and importance. The point of courageous decision has to be reached quite early in life in these countries. In such a test, what you believe becomes of greater value and greater significance. In these countries Christian fellowship is a very rich thing indeed.

DUNCAN: These people in Eastern Europe are aware, I assume, that there are Baptists in over 100 different nations who stand with them as much as Baptists can stand with one another. Is this a source of strength to them?

GOULDING: I believe it is. Let's look at it from a very realistic standpoint. In Europe all of the Baptist people are minority groups. Consequently, the authorities have not heard of Baptists save as a remote sect in their own country. Yet, suddenly there comes the realization that this is not a tiny group of awkward people, but members of a greatly respected international Christian family.



The Shape Of Things For New Orleans

Each year several weeks prior to the Southern Baptist Convention we try to put the available Convention programs in the *Western Recorder*. This is to stimulate interest in this important meeting and to enable those going to know how to plan and what to expect in the way of programs for the Convention and the auxiliary meetings. We have not received all the information at this time, but what we have is in this issue and can serve as an advance convention handbook.

This year's Convention offers an opportunity for messengers to make it a family affair. New Orleans is a picturesque setting for the meeting and has many attractions and interesting historical sights. The hall in which the Convention meets is brand new and should provide ideal facilities.

The June 10-13 date is one of the latest for the Convention in many years. By then all children should be out of school so mothers and teachers won't have to miss the Convention this year. With the cost of travel and lodging increasing year by year a combined convention-vacation trip is a good idea. Incidentally, all the advanced information indicates the prices in New Orleans will be high and, since most Baptists have limited funds, it might be a good time to go on an austerity diet and lose some unneeded pounds.

The 1969 Convention has the appearance now of being a calm and quiet one though there is always the chance explosive issues will arise. We don't have controversial issues slated this year like last year's racial Statement of Concern. Neither is there specu-

lation as to who will be elected president. Dr. W. A. Criswell has made an excellent president for the past year and will be enthusiastically elected for a second term if he agrees, and there is no indication he will not agree.

The New Orleans Seminary troubles of recent months seem to be calming down and such matters are more often subject for corridor conversation than material for discussion on the floor of the Convention.

One recommendation from the Executive Committee which calls for the 1970 Convention to begin earlier in the week thus preempting the prime time used by the annual Pastors' Conference may draw fire.

Last year's statistics will not give cause for rejoicing among the messengers this year since these figures again will show a decline in nearly every area of our work. Rather it will be a time for self-examination by the Convention and an opportunity for recommitment to our task.

With or without extraordinary issues for consideration the Convention is always a high hour for Southern Baptists. It affords a thrill and inspiration nowhere else found. Most messengers return home with added zeal and new dedication.

It's unfortunate that preachers and their wives will chiefly make up the Convention. They need the inspiration, but so do the laymen. Every Baptist should make it a goal to attend at least one Southern Baptist Convention. There is still time to make it the 1969 meeting in New Orleans.

Sex Education Is Needed In Public Schools

It is not surprising but it is disappointing that efforts to provide sex education in the Louisville and Jefferson County public schools are being met with stiff opposition on the part of at least a very vocal minority. It is not surprising because sex has always been a controversial subject, and its very mention is therefore dirty and taboo for many even today. It is disappointing because youngsters today need help

so desperately in this area and are not receiving it from any other worthy source.

The opponents of sex education in public schools are right in saying the chief responsibility for giving sex education belongs to the parents. The truth is, however, very few parents are qualified or are willing, if qualified, to help their children in this area. Since the home is not providing such education, chil-

dren are forced to depend upon unworthy sources for their information or misinformation as it often turns out to be. Such a failure by parents has contributed to the present plight of youth.

Sex education for youth could rightly be a ministry of the church since sex is clearly pictured in the Bible as a good gift of God to be used according to His will. But again traditional taboos about sex and its discussion would make sex education a very controversial topic for handling in church youth organizations.

About the only place left for training children in sex and family life then is the public school and here it has its problems. The two chief problems related to sex education in public schools are the instructional materials to be used and the personnel to handle these materials. It could be expected that the curriculum materials would not suit all parents. The material writers could be wrong in some materials recommended especially for children in the early grades. Parents should be consulted in the planning of such materials.

Teachers of sex education to school pupils must be carefully screened, trained and supervised. Such a delicate theme is subject to abuse and harmful handling.

The opponents to sex education seem sincere but misinformed. They have reacted largely with prejudices and fears. The belief that sex education is a devise of the communists to pervert and weaken the morals of American youth is preposterous. The claim that such information will lead to an increase in sexual immorality is unfounded.

On the other hand the lack of sex education in the past has been accompanied by a whirlwind of sexual immorality among young people. It is shameful how many high school girls become unmarried mothers these days. It is hard to see how anything could make the situation worse, and something must be done in an effort to stem the rising tide of youth immorality.

Parents should not listen to fear mongers like the Christian Crusade of Tulsa, Oklahoma. These would-be messiahs of America from communism and theological liberalism live and thrive on fears and ignorance of their followers. Our local school officials are more concerned for the welfare of our children than these calamity howlers. These school leaders may need our help in arriving at final plans and materials for this worthy effort, but they also need our endorsement and encouragement.

BAPTIST FORUM



to convey the wonderful truths of our Lord.

Nashville, Tenn. Larry Haslam

UPROOTING PASTORS

Dear Editor:

One of the most deplorable, unnecessary and hard to understand things (by this scribe, at least) is the common practice among Baptists of uprooting so many successful pastors to fill positions that could easily be filled by competent and consecrated Christian laymen—whether it be Sunday School Board vacancies, Children's Homes, editors and so on down the line.

The minister's task or commission is to preach the Gospel. The ministers, the pulpits; the laymen, the other jobs. Paul said: "Christ sent me not . . . but to preach the Gospel." He refused to be side-tracked. He said, again: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel." This writer feels that we should pray for the Lord to send more preachers instead of displacing the ones we have.

I would like very much to hear other of our brethren express their views on this all-important subject and to show me whether I am right or wrong in my judgment. The pastor should think, not only once, but twice before leaving his pastorate for some other vocation, even if it means more money. Second thoughts, they say, are best.

Horse Cave, Ky. Ben G. Lively

CRISWELL'S BOOK

Dear Editor:

I have read President Criswell's book, *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True*, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It is refreshing to read a book which does not seek to elevate the author, but only to glorify Christ, and elevate that Word which contains the only revelation from God to man having been confirmed by the Spirit of the Living God.

I have but one question: Why the uproar by the "Bible" teachers?

Having read this marvelous little book, I am compelled to the impression that the teachers don't want publicity for it because they are afraid someone will think they believe everything the Bible says is literally true. Now, before getting upset over the meaning of the word "literal," one ought to discover the meaning from a good dictionary.

I am quite sure that the outcome of this investigation will be a realization of the fact that when Dr. Criswell says the Bible is literally true, he is saying that the words Christ or the inspired disciples wrote that are contained in our Bible are true, whatever they may mean. So then the statement of Christ in Matthew 19:29, or anywhere else for that matter, is true because Christ said

it, regardless of our interpretation of it.

You say that Dr. Criswell's "approach" has worked well for him; I am not surprised. It is my conviction that many young preachers today would benefit by following his example, and preach God's Word without embarrassment or apology.

Lexington, Ky. J. D. Conn

LAND-BETWEEN-THE-LAKES

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the recent article "The Land-Between-the-Lakes." This area is truly a great asset to Kentucky and a great opportunity for Baptists to minister.

The number of families camping in our nation is growing each year. Families camping together can experience much of the closeness and oneness that has been lost in our present hectic pace in life. The natural thing for many families in such a camping situation is to realize also the closeness of God and their relationship with him. Earl Warford is in a position to minister and help others to minister to these families. Thank God for Christian leaders who are willing to use "different methods"

SBC To Feature Evangelism, Social Aspects

The 1969 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled in New Orleans June 10-13 will emphasize both evangelism and social ethics, the committee which planned the convention program has announced.

The proposed agenda for the annual meeting of the 11-million member convention was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Richard Kay, director of the church services division of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Citing an effort to obtain a balanced program for the four-day session, the committee pointed out that the Friday afternoon and Friday evening closing sessions of the convention will feature an evangelistic emphasis being planned and conducted by Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas and the SBC Home Mission Board.

The Friday morning session will emphasize "the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas" with both the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, and the SBC Christian Life Commission, in addition to the report of the resolutions committee.

The committee's statement also point-

ed out that they believed Southern Baptists "should not always just 'hear from ourselves' but should periodically hear from those outside our own convention constituency."

The two "outside" speakers, both Baptists from other conventions, enlisted by the committee were S. M. Lockridge, Negro pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, California, and Culbert Rutenber, president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

The committee on order of business

SBC Housing Not Critical, Committee Chairman Says

The housing situation during the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-13 is "not yet critical," the chairman of the convention's housing committee, G. Avery Lee, said in New Orleans in late March.

also pointed out that special emphasis will be made on Wednesday evening to a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" by the SBC Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission, in an effort to explain and interpret "forthcoming major developments which will relate to all churches."

The four-day convention will open Tuesday evening, June 10, with the annual convention sermon by Scott L. Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., and the annual president's message by Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas. (BP)

Lee reported that the convention housing bureau had placed 7,000 people in 3,000 rooms as of March 25, and that by the first of April, the total would increase to 8,000 persons.

Lee, who added that hotel rooms during the week of the convention are filling rapidly, offered several suggestions to those making hotel reservations: "Be patient if your confirmation is slow in coming," he said. "The housing bureau makes the assignment, then the hotel sends the confirmation, with a copy to the bureau office.

"If the hotel asks for a deposit, send it. This is standard hotel procedure. Failure to send the deposit could result in 'no room in the inn' on June 10.

"Please do not try to switch from one hotel to another. One such request is not much of a bother, but a hundred is. If you have a confirmed room, better hold on to it. Also try to avoid duplicate reservation requests," Lee added. (BP)

Southern Baptist Convention are to be held.

Convention officials said there is good street car service from the church direct to the Rivergate, and adequate parking facilities at the church for those who want to park at the church and ride the street car to the convention meeting site. (BP)

Nursery Facilities Planned For SBC In New Orleans

A child care center will be set up at the First Baptist Church nursery to care for pre-school children of out-of-town visitors attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 9-13.

The convention's nursery committee in charge of making the arrangements has established several policies regarding the child care center at the convention.

The policies state that only pre-school children of out-of-town guests can use the facilities.

Charges of \$1.50 per child, regardless of the number of children in a family, will be made for the service.

The nursery will be open 45 minutes prior to each convention session and 45 minutes following each session, Monday through Friday, June 9-13.

First Baptist Church is located at 4301 St. Charles Ave., in New Orleans, about 40 blocks from The Rivergate Convention Center where sessions of the

Ministers' Wives Slate Luncheon

Several hundred wives of Southern Baptist ministers will meet in New Orleans June 11 during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention for a "Mini-Mardi Gras Luncheon."

The 12:45 Wednesday luncheon will be held at the Royal Orleans Hotel, only a few blocks from the Rivergate Auditorium where the convention will hold its sessions.

The program will feature soloist Martha Branham of Dallas and comedian Grady Nutt of Louisville, Kentucky.

Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the convention hall beginning Monday, June 9 at a cost of \$4.75.

"Sorry about that ticket price," said Mrs. Avery Lee of New Orleans, vice-president of the organization, "but it was the best we could do in New Orleans." (BP)

Monday Morning, June 9

- 9:15 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 9:30 Welcome to New Orleans—J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans
- 9:35 Welcome to New Orleans—Bob Harrington, chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans
- 9:55 Response—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:05 Special Music
- 10:15 Message: "Born Free"—Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
- 10:40 Congregational singing
- 10:45 Greeting—W. A. Criswell, president, Southern Baptist Convention and pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 10:55 Message: "The Bible and Birth Control"—Wayne Ward, Professor Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 11:20 Offering
Special music
- 11:35 Message: "Saved to the Uttermost Means Saved Completely"—H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Monday Afternoon, June 9

- 1:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 2:00 Message: "The Christian and War"—Jess Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2:25 Special music
- 2:35 Message: "Situation Ethics, the New Morality and Christian Faith"—John Drakeford, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:00 Congregational singing
- 3:10 Message: "What Is Jesus Doing Now?"—Eddie Lieberman, evangelist, Greenville, South Carolina
- 3:40 Offering
- 3:55 Message: "The Gospel of a Radical Pulpit"—Manuel L. Scott, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

Monday Evening, June 9

- 6:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 7:00 Message: "Ecumenical Evangelism"—Alastair Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia
- 7:25 Special music
- 7:40 Address—Governor Albert P. Brewer, Montgomery, Alabama
- 8:10 Congregational singing
- 8:20 Testimony—Vonda Kay Van Dyke, 1965 Miss America, Phoenix, Arizona
- 8:50 Offering
Special music
- 9:05 Message: "The Unlit Paths"—John Edmund Haggai, evangelist, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday Morning, June 10

- 9:15 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 9:30 Message: "Saved to the Uttermost Means Saved Forever"—H. Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Alabama
- 9:55 Special music
- 10:05 Message: "Jesus Is Able To Save"—John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- 10:30 Congregational singing
- 10:35 Message: "Biblical Preaching and Social Issues"—Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 11:00 Testimony of a Baptist Editor—Hudson Baggett, editor, *The Alabama Baptist*, Birmingham, Alabama
- 11:10 Offering
Special music
- 11:25 Message: "Redemption Through the Blood"—Manuel L. Scott, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

- 1:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 1:55 Message: "Jesus and the Poor"—Vander Warner, Jr., pastor, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
- 2:20 Election of officers
- 2:35 Presentation to past president
- 2:40 Address: "Marijuana During the Week and LSD on Sundays"—Dr. Ira Myers, Alabama state health officer
- 3:05 Congregational singing and special music
- 3:15 Message: "Christ, The Only Way To God"—Charles T. Carter, pastor, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama
- 3:40 Presentation of new officers
- 3:45 Offering
Special music
- 4:00 Message: "The Second Coming of Christ"—R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

Pastors' Conference To Relate Bible To Major Issues

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, meeting in New Orleans June 9-10 just prior to sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a program aimed at meeting major issues of the day with strong, positive, Biblical preaching, the Pastors' Conference president said in releasing the program.

Theme for the two-day meeting will be "The Living Lord Confronting Today's World," said Pastors' Conference President Harper Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dothan, Alabama.

Twenty major addresses, messages and program features will highlight the two-day program. Sessions will be held at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, corners of St. Ann and St. Peter, and St. Claude.

Shannon pointed out that one of the changes in the program format this year was "a tremendous reduction in the number of program personnel." Last year, there were 58 major addresses during the two-day meeting.

Another new feature this year is the introduction of a Sunday evening pre-conference dinner and colloquy, featuring a panel discussion and open floor dialogue beginning at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Royal Orleans Hotel, and ending at 11:30. Cost of the full dinner served and the colloquy will be \$10, Shannon said.

The panel will discuss the theme, "Students, The Church and Today's Issues," and will include at least one college student along with Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; B. Gray Allison, a Baptist evangelist from Rustin, La.; and Ron Willis, pastor in San Francisco and minister who works with the hippies of the Haight-Ashbury district. (BP)

Bus Shuttle Set

A free shuttle bus will run from the Rivergate Convention Center where the Southern Baptist Convention meets June 10-13, to the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary during the week of the convention.

The bus will run each hour throughout the convention week, enabling those who attend the convention to visit the seminary campus while in New Orleans.

The seminary will hold open house on Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., during a period of time when no convention sessions will be held.

A visitor's reception center on the seminary campus will provide information and guides for tours of the campus throughout the week. (BP)

Southern Baptist Convention Program

JUNE 10-13, 1969
THE RIVERGATE EXHIBITION CENTER
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

THEME: "Christ in Faith and Work"

OFFICERS:

- W. A. Criswell, president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- Owen Cooper, first vice president, president of Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corporations, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- Lee Porter, second vice president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas
- Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, retired editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
- W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- Porter W. Routh, treasurer, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- Lee Roy Till, music director, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- W. C. Fields, press representative, public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- Richard Kay, chairman, committee on order of business, director, church services division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday Evening, June 10

THEME: "Faith and Work Proclaimed"

- 6:45 Music for inspiration
- 7:00 Call to order
Music
Scripture—John S. Farrar, pastor, First Baptist Church, Culpepper, Virginia
- Invocation—James Gantenbein, pastor, Suburban Heights Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon
- 7:10 Report of registration and constituting of the convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:15 Committee on order of business—Richard Kay, chairman, director, Church Services Division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California
- 7:20 Welcome—The Honorable John McKeithen, governor of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 7:25 Worship
Music
Scripture—James M. Baldwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and convention sermon alternate
- 7:35 CONVENTION SERMON—Scott L. Tatum, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- 8:10 Music
- 8:15 Announcement of
Committee on Committees

Committee on Resolutions
Tellers

- 8:20 Music
- 8:35 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—W. A. Criswell, pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Benediction

Wednesday Morning, June 11

THEME: "Faith and Work at Home"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation—J. L. Canafax, associate director, division of missions, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
Memorial Service—Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:45 Executive Committee—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:30 Worship
Music
Scripture—Katsuro Taura, director, cooperative church development division, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 10:40 Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
- 11:25 Music
- 11:30 Home Mission Board—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Georgia
- 12:45 Benediction—William Carter, pastor, Oakhill Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana

Wednesday Afternoon, June 11

THEME: "Faith and Work in Citizenship"

- 2:15 Music for inspiration
- 2:30 Invocation—Noland Phillips, pastor, University Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio
Election of officers
Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
- 3:15 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:25 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, executive director-treasurer, Nashville
- 3:40 Southern Baptist Foundation—Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 3:45 Worship
Music
Scripture—Trenton Bruce, pastor, St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
- 3:50 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas
- 4:10 MESSAGE—John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- 4:35 Benediction—Edward Wolfe, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, Alaska

Wednesday Evening, June 11

- 7:15 Music for inspiration
- 7:30 Invocation—G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida
Woman's Missionary Union—Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama
- 7:45 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Memphis, Tennessee
- 7:55 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, executive secretary-treasurer, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Jacksonville, Florida
- 8:05 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 8:35 Worship
Music
Scripture—Fred Hollomon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kansas
- 8:45 "Shaping the Seventies Presentation"
- 9:45 Benediction—Herbert Hughes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cedar City, Utah

Thursday Morning, June 12

THEME: "Faith and Work With Others"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation—W. R. Buchanan, superintendent of missions, Central Baptist Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Committee on resolutions (first report)
- 10:00 Committee on committees
- 10:05 Committee on Baptist state papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 10:10 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:30 Election of officers
Miscellaneous business
- 11:35 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
- 11:45 Worship
Music
Scripture—Bobby Belcher, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Salisbury, Maryland
- 11:50 Recognition of fraternal messengers
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 MESSAGE—S. M. Lockridge, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California
- 12:45 Benediction—Garrett Graham, pastor, Jackson Heights Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

No Convention Session

Thursday Evening, June 12

THEME: "Faith and Work Throughout the World"

- 7:15 Music for inspiration
- 7:30 Invocation—Fred D. Barnes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina
Education Commission—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 7:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Herman Burns, managing art director, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and chairman

- 7:50 Report of the seminaries and presentation of the seminary presidents—Olin T. Binkley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and chairman of the seminary presidents' group
- 8:05 Message on Christian education—W. R. White, president emeritus, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 8:35 Worship
Music
Scripture—Hoyle Haire, pastor, First Baptist Church, Booneville, Arkansas
- 8:45 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Richmond, Virginia
- 9:55 Benediction—Milo Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado

Friday Morning, June 13

THEME: "Faith and Work for Humanity"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation—John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 10:00 American Bible Society—Roy J. Madsen, director of church relations, New York City
- 10:05 Committee on boards (final report)—John C. Huffman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, chairman
- 10:10 Committee on denominational calendar—Dan D. Bryson, First Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri, chairman
- 10:15 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:35 Worship
Music
Scripture—Robert Hastings, editor, *Illinois Baptist*, Carbondale, Illinois
- 10:40 Miscellaneous business
- 11:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 MESSAGE—Culbert Rutenber, president, American Baptist Convention, and professor, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts
- 12:45 Benediction—Roy Gresham, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, Maryland

Friday Afternoon and Evening Sessions, June 13

An evangelistic emphasis is being planned and conducted by the convention president and the Home Mission Board for these two sessions. At the Friday night evangelistic service, John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, will speak.

NOTE:

1. Convention By-Law 21 states that one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.
2. Items in capital letters will be called for at the time indicated and are not to be shifted, altered or abbreviated.
3. The Executive Committee and the committee on boards will make their reports in sections. The portion of their report dealing with a board or agency will be presented at the time the report of that board or agency is presented to the convention.

Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting

Two missionaries recently freed from prison in Cuba and their wives, a missionary to Vietnam, a Quaker philosopher, and the translator and illustrator of *Good News For Modern Man* will be major speakers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in New Orleans June 9-10.

Theme for the meeting, slated at the Rivergate Exhibition Center, is "The Future is Happening," according to WMU President Mrs. Robert Fling.

The former missionaries to Cuba are Mr and Mrs. Herbert Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. David Fite. Mrs. Caudill and her daughter, Mrs. Fite, will talk about their husbands' imprisonment in Cuba and will present their families Tuesday morning, June 10.

The missionary to Vietnam on the

program is Herman P. Hayes. The Quaker philosopher on the program is D. Elton Trueblood, author and professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. He will appear twice, speaking first on the subject, "The Company of the Committed." In a later session, he will be in dialogue with his former student, Kenneth Chafin, now professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Major addresses will also be brought by Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the WMU national organization and pastor's wife in Pleasantville, N. Y.; Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary with

offices in Birmingham, Ala.; and William M. Pinson, Jr., professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

The world premier of a new youth musical will climax the Monday evening session. The Sound of Singing Youth, 125 students from Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, will perform "Happening Now," a new musical by Bob Oldenburg, consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Eddie Lunn, a Baylor University student, Waco, Texas.

A special feature Monday morning will depict missions work in the city of New Orleans and will be brought by representatives of home missions institutions in the city. (BP)

JUNE 9 - 10, 1969

**THE RIVERGATE EXHIBITION CENTER
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

THEME: "The Future Is Happening"

Mrs. Robert Fling, President, Pleasantville, New York

Monday Morning, June 9, 9:30

THEME: "Make Us Instruments"

Music and Missions—Claude H. Rhea, Jr. "The Future Is Happening . . . In Tanzania"—Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Missionary to Tanzania

Organization "Louisiana Under Ten Flags"—Kathryn E. Carpenter, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union of Louisiana

Recognition of Hostess Committees—Mrs. Dewey F. Blades, Sr., Metairie, Louisiana

"In a Broken World . . . New Orleans"—Home Missionaries "People Are Talking . . . About WMU in the 70's"—Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union

"The Hour Is Striking"—William M. Pinson, Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Closing Meditation "Humbling ourselves before God, we implore him to create in us a right spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of . . . his righteousness, his peace, and his love toward all men."—From "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," adopted by the SBC in Houston, June, 1968.

Monday Afternoon, June 9, 2:00

THEME: "We Declare Our Commitment"

Music and Missions—Claude H. Rhea, Jr., Richmond, Virginia "The Future Is Happening . . .

"In Yosemite National Park"—Dan C. Routledge, home missionary, El Portal, California

"In An Ocean City Coffeehouse"—Arlie Watson, Jr., home missionary

"In Brooklyn with Polish Youth"—Nella Popow, home missionary

"Words Will Not Suffice . . . in Harlem"—Roderick Loney, home missionary

"Company of the Committed"—D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

Closing Meditation "Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing and renewal is in the redemption of the whole of life. Let us call men to faith in Christ."—From "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation"

Monday Evening, June 9, 7:30

THEME: "Enveloped in . . . a Revolution"

Music and Missions—Claude H. Rhea, Jr. "Good News for Modern Man"

—Robert G. Bratcher, Translator, American Bible Society
—Annie Vallotton, Illustrator, Paris, France

"Happening Now"—Premier of a contemporary youth musical by Bob Oldenburg, Nashville, Tennessee, and Eddie Lunn, Baylor University, performed by the Sound of Singing Youth, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Closing Meditation "Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in goodwill, freedom, and justice under God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife."—From "Statement on Crisis in Our Nation"

Tuesday Morning, June 10, 9:30

THEME: "Christian Ventures in Human Relationships"

Music and Missions—Claude H. Rhea, Jr. "The Future is Happening . . . in Vietnam"—Herman P. Hayes, Missionary to Vietnam

Business By-Laws "Imprisonment and Liberation in Cuba"—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, former missionaries to Cuba; Mr. and Mrs. David Fite and family
President's Address: "No Time to Be Afraid"

Closing Meditation "Inadequately but sincerely, we have sought in our nation and around the world both to proclaim the gospel to the lost and to minister to human needs in Christ's name. Individually and collectively, we are trying to serve, but we have yet to use our full resources to proclaim the gospel whereby all things are made new in Christ."—From "Statement on Crisis in our Nation"

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10, 2:00

THEME: "The Opportunity We Face"

Music and Missions—Claude H. Rhea, Jr. "The Future Is Happening . . . in Yemen"—Mrs. David C. Dorr, Missionary to Yemen

"Keys on a Ring"—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union

Business Election of Officers Dialogue: The Future of the Christian Faith Kenneth Chafin, Billy Graham Associate Professor of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
D. Elton Trueblood, Earlham College

Benediction Closing Meditation "The Christ we serve, the opportunity we face, and the crisis we confront compel us to action."—From "Statement Concerning the Crisis in our Nation"

Music Conference Sets Composers' Symposium

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, meeting in New Orleans June 9-10 just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a composers' symposium dealing with the role of the composer of church music in the 20th century.

Top church music composers participating in the symposium will also give presentations of examples of each composers' compositions, said the conference president, Donald Winters, chairman of the music department at William Carey

College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Major addresses at the two-day conference will be delivered by Bill G. West, pastor of River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston; Donald Hustad, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the annual presidents' address by Winters.

Composers who are to participate in the symposium are Ralph Carmichael of Hollywood, California; Phillip Landgrave of Southern Seminary, and Ron Nelson of the music school faculty at

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

The Baptist church musicians will also have an opportunity to ask the composers symposium participants and Hustad questions concerning their presentations during an open discussion period.

Sessions of the conference will be held at the Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here, with a Monday night banquet at the seminary cafeteria. (BP)

JUNE 9-10, 1969

**LEAVELL CHAPEL
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Monday Morning, June 9

10:20 Organ Prelude—Beatrice Collins, faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

10:30 Call to order Presentation of program

10:45 Worship through singing Congregational singing—Frank Stilwell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia Soloist—Josephine D'Arpa, faculty, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

11:00 Choral meditation—The Seminarians, William L. Hooper, faculty, New Orleans Seminary

11:20 Message—Bill G. West, pastor, River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

11:55 Closing prayer

Monday Afternoon, June 9

1:15 Organ prelude—Gladys Day, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

1:30 Worship through singing Congregational singing—A. Joseph King, minister of music, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Soloist—Sue King, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

1:45 Concert—Chapel Bell Ringers, John R. Chandler, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

2:05 Report of the nominating committee

2:15 Composers' Symposium—Ralph Carmichael, arranger, composer, conductor, Hollywood, California

Ron Nelson, faculty, school of music, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Phillip Landgrave, faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

(A discussion of objectives, philosophy, role as a composer of church music in the twentieth century, with live presentations of examples of each composer's compositions.)

3:45 Worship hour—Carey College Chorale, Donald Winters, conductor, William Carey College

4:10 Choral benediction

Monday Evening, June 9

6:00 Conference banquet at seminary cafeteria Master of ceremonies—James Woodward, chairman, music department, Oklahoma Baptist University

Entertainment—"The Citizens", First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, Bob Burroughs, director

Monday Night, June 9

7:50 Organ prelude—Beatrice Collins, faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

8:00 Worship through singing Congregational singing—Carl Perry, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

Solo 8:15 Presentation of honorary memberships

8:30 Demonstration—Lecture: "Music in the Outreach of the Church"—Donald P. Hustad, faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

9:00 Concert—Concert Choir, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, James Cram, director

9:25 Closing prayer

Tuesday Morning, June 10

8:45 Organ prelude

9:00 Worship through singing Congregational singing—James Allcock, Jr., Maryland state music secretary

Solo 9:15 Concert—Junior High Choir, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Perry Taylor, director

9:40 President's message—Donald Winters, chairman, music department, William Carey College

10:00 Departmental conferences and election of officers

11:00 Hymn of faith

11:05 Open discussion moderated by William L. Hooper, faculty, New Orleans Seminary

Panel of composers: Ralph Carmichael Donald P. Hustad Ron Nelson Phillip Landgrave

(Written questions from conference personnel directed to an individual member of the panel or to the panel at large.)

11:35 Concert—Youth Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Charles W. Worley, director

12:00 Closing prayer

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

1:15 Organ meditation

1:30 Worship through singing Congregational singing—Scotty W. Gray, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Solo 1:45 Concert—Singing Churchmen of Mississippi, Dan Hall, director

2:10 Project 69-70—Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas

2:25 Business session

2:45 Recognition of past presidents

3:00 Hymn of devotion

3:05 News from Nashville

3:30 Concert—Church Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, Harry L. Cowan director

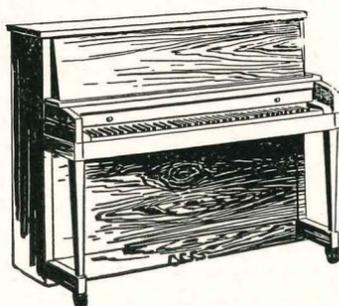
3:50 World Premier of "For the Living of These Days," by Duane Blakely—Church Choir and Instrumental Group, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, directed by Harry L. Cowan

(Duane Blakely was commissioned by the Executive Council of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference to write this anthem for the 1969 meeting in New Orleans.)

4:10 Adjournment Closing prayer-benediction

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Educators Plan For SBC Meet

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association has selected the Sheraton-Charles as their convention hotel when they convene, 9:30 a.m., June 9-10, 1969 in New Orleans. Their theme, "Design for a Decade", will permit a detailed projection of "70's Onward" for Church Training, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Pastoral Ministries, during two of the five sessions. Harold A. Souther, president, director Christian education, Kansas City Baptist Association, encourages the attendance of educational workers from every area of Southern Baptist life.

"It is imperative for Southern Baptist leaders to have a thorough knowledge of our changing organizational structure, curriculum and design if we are to minister effectively throughout the 70's," stated Souther. The officers have planned an agenda to meet this

need. The first session, Monday 9:30 a.m., will feature James Frost, secretary, Sunday School Department, Texas Baptist Convention, and a panel of five persons discussing "The Religious Educator, the Person, the Program".

The Monday night banquet, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, will be directed by Russell Noel, president-elect, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Gale Dunn, minister of music and education, Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, has been selected to direct the music for sessions of the Association. Other officers to preside are: Philip H. Briggs, vice-president and associate professor of religious education, Midwestern Seminary; Miss Hazel Rodgers, vice-president, adult consultant, Sunday School Board; and Miss Gracie Knowlton, secretary-treasurer, professor secretarial science, Southwestern Seminary.

SHERATON-CHARLES HOTEL
JUNE 9-10, 1969
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

THEME: "Design for a Decade"

Monday Morning, June 9

- 9:30 Music design—Gale Dunn, minister of music and education, Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas
9:40 "The Religious Educator, the Person, the Program"—James Frost, secretary Sunday School Department, Baptist General Convention of Texas
10:15 Panel Presentation: "Is It In the Bible?"—Panelists:
Don Herman, minister of education, Parkway Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri
—Lucien Coleman, Jr., assistant professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
—Mrs. Maurice Williams, Birmingham, Alabama

- 11:00 Music
11:05 "Pastoral Ministries Design"—Ernest Mosley, consultant, Church Administration Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.
11:25 Audience Reponse
11:40 Recess

Monday Afternoon, June 9

- 2:00 Music Design—Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
2:10 Sunday School Design for the '70's—A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board
2:50 Audience Response
3:05 Church Training Design for the '70's—Philip B. Harris, secretary, Church Training Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board
3:45 Audience Response
4:00 Recess

Monday Evening, June 9

- 6:30 Banquet at First Baptist Church, New Orleans (cost \$2.00 per person)

Tuesday Morning, June 10

- 9:30 Music Design—Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
9:40 Woman's Missionary Union Design for the 70's—Mrs. Marie Mathis, director, Promotion Division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union
10:00 Audience Response
10:15 Brotherhood Design for the '70's—Norman Godfrey, director of Field Services, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission
10:35 Audience Response
10:50 Communication Break
11:10 "Design for a Decade"—W. L. Howse, director Education Division, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board

11:30 Recess

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

- 2:00 Music Design—Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
2:15 Business Session
2:45 Implementation of "Design for a Decade" in the Church—Russel Noel, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
3:20 "Motivation for the Religious Educator"—Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
4:00 Adjourn



NEW KENTUCKY MISSIONARIES—Among the 13 missionaries appointed at the last meeting of the Foreign Mission Board were four Kentuckians. At left are Mr. and Mrs. James P. Craigmyle. He is pastor of the Rockport Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, and former pastor of Salvisa Baptist Church in Mercer County Association. They will serve in Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Holland will go to Japan. He is a native of Shelbyville. She is the former Kathleen Thompson of Louisville. Both taught school in Louisville and Harrodsburg.

FMB Files Monthly Report

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board employed 76 missionary journeymen and two missionary associates and appointed 11 career missionaries at a regular monthly meeting April 10 to bring its overseas staff to 2,466.

Board members and visitors stood in appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen for 30 years of service to God through the Foreign Mission Board. The Cauthens were missionaries to China from April, 1939, until he became secretary for the Orient in January, 1946. He has been the Board's executive secretary since January, 1954.

Cauthen expressed appreciation to Alabama Baptists for a gift of \$10,000

for Nigerian-Biafran relief, saying that it came at a time when the Board's relief funds were depleted.

The Board's committee for Africa announced that the Baptist Convention of Mozambique, in its recent sixth annual assembly, invited Southern Baptists to send a fraternal representative to the Baptists of Mozambique. The Board voted to seek a qualified man, fluent in the Portuguese language, and to begin procedures for sending him and his family to Mozambique if permission can be secured from the Portuguese government for them to reside in the country.

U.S.-Peru troubles

Frank K. Means, secretary for South

America, reported on his just-completed tour of countries on the west coast of the continent. He said United States citizens in Peru, including missionaries, have felt themselves being drawn into the center of an international storm for some time, as the result of Peru's expropriation last October of U.S.-owned oil facilities and the seizure of U.S. fishing vessels within the 200-mile limit imposed by Peru.

"It remains to be seen whether or not the course of action selected by our government will prove to be the best in the long run," Means commented. "In the meantime, your missionaries in Peru need your prayerful support. We should be praying that they may be patient and judicious during this time when there are no ready-made answers to questions with which they may be required to deal."

Crusade impact pronounced

In Ecuador and Chile, Dr. Means had opportunity to observe the opening phases of the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic campaign, a hemispheric effort which has been in planning for four years. "The impact of the Crusade probably is much more pronounced in South America than here in the United States," he said. "The meetings (in Ecuador) were being well attended, and quite a number of decisions had already been registered, even though the campaign was still in its first week."

A rally held at the First Baptist Church in Santiago, Chile, drew 1,500 persons to hear Rubens Lopes, of Brazil, who initiated the program of mass evangelism that led to the hemispheric campaign.

Missionaries in Colombia are attempting to project work into many heretofore neglected areas of the country, Means reported, and five new preaching centers have been opened as a result of staff additions. The Colombia Mission has displaced that of Chile as the fourth largest Southern Baptist missionary group in South America.

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(These Lessons for May 4, 1969)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Ministering To Strangers

If we are to follow the examples of Christ and the early Christians, we must demonstrate our concern for strangers by locating them and ministering to their needs.

Hebrews 13:1-3

Shocked by the breakdown of Christian fellowship, and convinced that this prevailing condition would lead to a breach of their fellowship with Christ, the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews challenged all of his Christian readers to continue the cultivation of brotherly love. The prevalence and expression of love for one's brethren in Christ must not be overlooked or neglected.

However, their love must not be limited to Christians, but it must also find expression in hospitality to strangers. It is to be remembered that persecution caused many Christians to become travelers, so by entertaining such they could render them a great favor and at the same time express their love for Christ. Christian hospitality extended to strangers is enjoined upon all who follow the Lord Jesus. He will certainly bless and reward those who are kind and hospitable to others.

Jeremiah 38:7-13

Knowing that Jerusalem was going to fall into the hands of the enemy, due to the fact that her people had forsaken God and plunged into idolatry and immorality, Jeremiah urged the inhabitants thereof to surrender in order that their lives might be spared and their city left intact. With Jeremiah preaching capitulation, it was very difficult for the patriotic princes in Jerusalem to arouse the people of their city to strong resistance.

The princes approached the king, told him that Jeremiah was a dangerous man, one who was unfriendly to his government and people, charged him with treason, and urged that the prophet be put to death, whereupon Zedekiah gave them permission to do with him whatever they pleased.

It was suggested that they "cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah, the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison" (Jeremiah 38:6), and they did. This dungeon was a bottle-shaped hole in which there was a lot of thick, sticky

mud. It was deep, dark, and damp. It was a miserable place in which neither rest nor comfort were possible. Doubtless the princes intended that Jeremiah should die there from neglect, cold, and hunger.

A saving person

God provided a deliverer for Jeremiah, whose name was Ebed-melech. Who was he? He was an Ethiopian, a black man from the South. This eunuch was the servant of the king, performing his duties in connection with the king's harem.

Realizing that he could not be true to God without being loyal to God's prophet, Ebed-melech promptly and courageously went to his monarch and called his attention to the injustice and cruelty of his princes toward Jeremiah. It was a daring act when Ebed-melech faced the king in his own court. Permission was given him by the king to take Jeremiah out of the dungeon. To guarantee the safe deliverance of God's prophet, the king gave his servant the assistance of thirty men.

A simple provision

When Ebed-melech got permission from the king to rescue Jeremiah, he

went into the palace and got a supply of rags, and took with him thirty men from the king's household and proceeded to the dungeon. His coming must have brought great comfort and hope to the prophet.

Notice his tender solicitude in instructing Jeremiah to put the old, soft rags and worn-out garments, which he was about to let down to him, under his armpits, so that when they began to pull the ropes he would not be cut by them and subjected to torturing pain.

Matthew 10:42

People are inclined to underestimate and to depreciate the value of little things. Because we are deceived by the illusion that the little which we might do is not worth the doing, we are disposed to ignore the small deeds of kindness we might do each day.

Our Lord placed great emphasis on little things time and again. Even though you may not be able to do much or to give much, you can at least give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, and know that it will count in the estimation of the Lord. After all, the true value of any service is to be measured by the motive which prompts it.

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Jeremiah 36:27-28, 32

When Jeremiah's long and useful ministry was drawing to a close, God commanded him to record on a scroll the inspired prophecies that he had uttered against Israel, Judah and the nations. Jeremiah promptly called in his gifted scribe or secretary, Baruch, and dictated to him a summary of the prophecies. In

them Jeremiah emphasized the inevitability of God's judgments upon the nation, and declared that repentance toward and faith in God constituted the only hope of the citizens therein.

For some reason, probably due to the fact that he was in disfavor with Jehoiakim, the king, Jeremiah was forbidden to enter the temple. He commanded Baruch to take the scroll to the temple on a certain occasion and read therefrom to those assembled there. Those who listened became frightened at the predicted fate of their nation, whereupon they immediately brought the information which they had received to the attention of their king. Naturally, he ordered the scroll brought to him and read in his presence. Resenting the instructions and warnings contained therein, Jehoiakim,



who was sitting before the fireplace, took his penknife and slashed off that which had been read, cut it in shreds and threw them into the fire, over the protest and intercession of three members of his cabinet.

In obedience to God's command, Jeremiah again dictated to Baruch what he had given to him before, plus some additional prophecies. How foolish for anybody to think that by seeking to exterminate a copy or copies of God's Word that he can thwart the divine will! Regardless of the lengths to which men go to mutilate and destroy God's Word, God will preserve it and transmit it to the generations that will arrive on the scene long after its enemies have died and been forgotten.

John 21:24-25

In writing the gospel which bears his name, the Apostle John readily acknowledged that his account of the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus was only fragmentary. It was quite evident that many other things could have been written about His life, death, and resurrection, but they were not necessary to the accomplishment of the divine purpose.

What the "beloved apostle" gives us is a penetrating insight into the person and ministry of Christ. Since John recorded, as the Holy Spirit directed, what he saw, we would do well to accept his testimony as being true and accurate.

II Peter 3:15b-18

Peter exhorted God's children to live in peace with God and men, to keep themselves unspotted from worldliness, and to live so as to receive His approval.

Peter made a tender and beautiful reference to Paul and his writings about the second coming of Christ. While he readily acknowledged Paul's writings as being truly the inspired Word of God, he did not consider it strange that some of the things which came from the infinite mind of God through the great apostle could not be understood easily by the finite mind of man.

Thinking of the aspiring souls whom the Holy Spirit had introduced into the sphere of grace, Peter wrote, "Keep growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." After we have been born into a state of grace, we must keep on growing therein. Salvation is a free gift, but Christlike character is an achievement.

Our growth must be along two lines—in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. Growth in grace is "the process of our becoming what God would have us be." God wants Christians constantly to be getting a broader grasp and a firmer grip on the truth which has its source in Christ.

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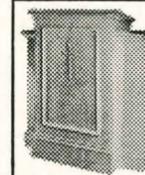
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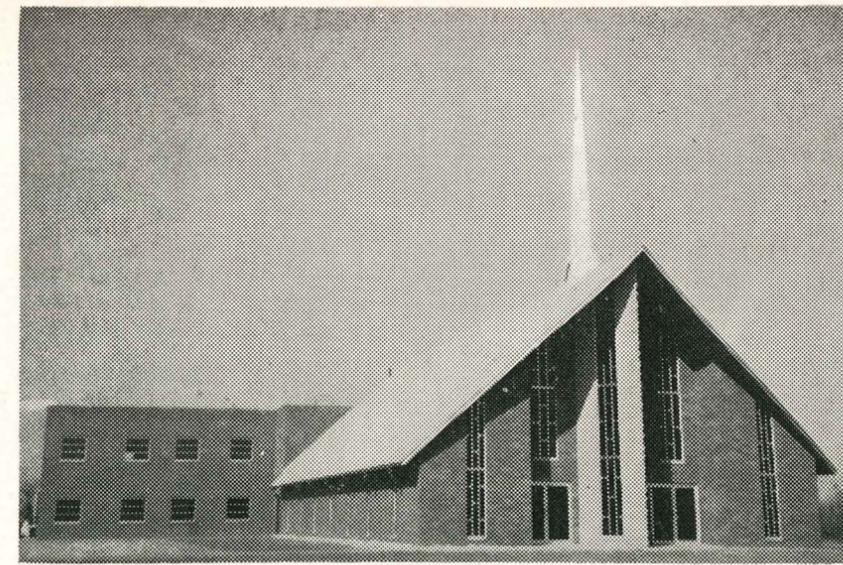
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UP FROM ASHES—New Liberty Baptist Church, Madisonville, burned to the ground December 16, 1967. Only a few weeks prior the church had begun a building program. With their building destroyed and the new one just started, the church met in a local school for seven weeks, then moved to a town hall until the new building was ready for occupancy. On March 30, a dedication service was held for the new church building with 550 persons present. The \$185,000 structure is located on a 12-acre plot. Including land value and furnishing, the new plant cost totaled \$220,000. Robert Wade is pastor of the New Liberty church.

Administration Conferences Planned

The Church Administration department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will sponsor conferences across Kentucky the latter part of May.

Joining G. R. Pendergraph, department director, will be Idus Owensby, church administration consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The Church Council and Its Function" will be the discussion topic considered by Pendergraph. Owensby will discuss "The Pastor and His Staff."

Pendergraph pointed out that the conferences should be attended by every staff and church council member. He added that a pastor's staff does not mean just paid employees since many tasks are performed voluntarily.

Conference sites and dates are: First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Monday, May 26; First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Tuesday, May 27; First Baptist Church, Hazard, Thursday, May 29; and Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Friday, May 30.

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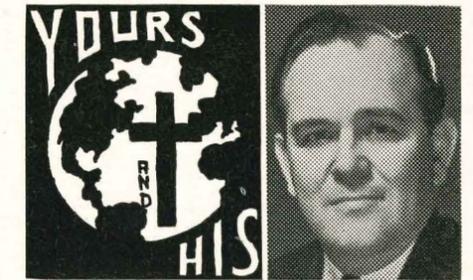
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Retrospect

As we look back to April 20, I wonder how much we may have emphasized the Cooperative Program in our church. It was a day set aside by Southern Baptists to emphasize the nature and importance of our missionary program throughout the state and world. We realize also that it was revival Sunday in many churches. It may have been that it was not suitable for your church to observe Cooperative Program Day on April 20. The particular day is not sacred. It is suggested. So if you failed to do it, do it the next Sunday. Follow up your revival with this important fact of sharing Christ with the whole world through the Cooperative Program.

A fine correction

In the April 3 issue of the *Western Recorder*, 25 churches were listed as high in per capita gifts through the Cooperative Program for the first six months of the Convention year—September 1 through February 25.

We failed to include one very fine church—the Elm Grove Church on Cadiz Road in Murray, Blood River Association. During that same period they gave \$2,351 through the Cooperative Program, this being an average of \$12.84 per member which would make them high on the list of per capita giving to world missions. During the previous year with 367 members they gave \$12.71 per capita per year through the Cooperative Program.

Hospital offering May 11

On Mother's Day every Baptist and every Baptist church is encouraged to make a special offering for the healing ministry of that church through the Baptist Hospitals of our state. A church is not equipped to carry on a healing ministry in the sense that a hospital is. Therefore, Baptist churches have founded Baptist hospitals which they can support cooperatively.

The Mother's Day offering through the Sunday School and church is to provide Christian medical care for people who do not have the money but who have the need. Do your part to make it possible to heal in Christ's name.

Revival Results

Fordsville Baptist Church, Fordsville, was led in revival by Randell Green, a former pastor of that church. Current pastor Guy M. Deane reports "many decisions and additions to the church."

Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, completed its revival with four additions by baptism and five by letter. The Calvary staff led the evangelistic effort.

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, was led in revival by Clyde Murdock of West Virginia. Dallas Vincent, pastor of the church, reports 10 professions of faith and 14 additions by letter.

Cropper Baptist Church in Shelby County recently completed a revival led by Pastor Roger Newell. Two decisions were reported.