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MAY 29, 1969

**THIS WEEK**

**WILLIAM R. DAVENPORT ELECTED  
CAMPBELLVILLE COLLEGE HEAD**

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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

**DONALD S. WHITEHOUSE**, pastor of Shawnee Baptist Church, Louisville, has resigned to join the Sunday School Board as editor of administration materials in the church training department. He will design church leadership training materials for use in Baptist publications. He is a retired chaplain in the United States Air Force.

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** Baptist Men have undertaken to furnish an apartment at Southern Seminary for an international student as a mission project. The men report the project almost complete.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Paducah, will again participate in Worship Under the Stars during the summer months. From June 15-August 3, the church's Sunday evening services will be held outside. The success of similar programs in the past led the church to again participate in this program.

**JAMES H. WRIGHT** was ordained to the gospel ministry May 11 by the Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington. The ordination was requested by the English Baptist Church in Indiana.

**MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**, Radcliff, held a note burning service Sunday, April 6, to mark the final payment of the church debt. The indebtedness was necessitated by the construction of an educational unit, the purchase of approximately 3½ acres of ground, moving and remodeling the parsonage and the purchase of a new Hammond organ. The church has now voted to build a new auditorium. Ferrill G. Gardner is pastor.

**MISS HANNAH FAIR SALLEE**, who was a Southern Baptist missionary to China for 39 years before her retirement in 1952, died May 4 in Beeville, Texas. Miss Sallee was born in Cox's Creek, Kentucky, and lived there as a girl.

**JAMES H. CURRIN**, state Sunday School Secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana for the past six years, has resigned effective June 30 to become pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis. He is a former Kentucky pastor.

**WAYNE E. OATES**, professor of pastoral care at Southern Seminary, received the fifth annual Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Association of Pastoral Counselors during the group's annual meeting May 1-3. Also, recently released by Westminster Press was Oates' 16th book, *On Becoming Children of God*. It is designed for teachers of children and youth.

**CLAUDE H. RHEA, JR.**, consultant in church music and mass communications for the Foreign Mission Board, has resigned to become chairman of the division of music at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He has formerly served as vice-president for administrative affairs and chairman of the fine arts division of Houston Baptist College and dean and professor of the school of church music, New Orleans Baptist Seminary.



Claude Rhea

**GRADUATION EXERCISES** at Kita Shirakawa Baptist Church, Kyoto, Japan, featured 16 nurses receiving diplomas from the Japan Baptist Hospital. They were the first graduates of the nursing school of the hospital.

**LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION** has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the life, friendship and work of Rupert A. Utley, former pastor of the Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville. Utley died February 17. In 1933 he organized the Grapevine church and remained its pastor throughout his active ministry. The church has almost 800 members and possesses one of the larger buildings in the association.

### NOTICE

Bluegrass Discount Nursery was struck by fire April 22 that destroyed its buildings. Owner C. L. Cutliff says all orders postmarked April 15-19 were probably destroyed. Other records were beyond replacement. Cutliff asks that customers "bear with" him as records are put back in order. Those who wish may re-order.

### Revival Reports

**First Baptist Church**, Albany, was led in revival by O. G. Lawless, superintendent of missions for Warren County Association. Pastor Mike Watts reports nine professions of faith and two additions by letter.

**Big Creek Baptist Church** of Booneville Association was led in revival by Marvin Freeman. Pastor Earl Davidson reports five professions of faith.

**Double Springs Baptist Church** of Waynesburg was led in revival by E. V. Carrier of Elizabethtown. Pastor Burney Manning reports 21 professions of faith and three additions by letter.

**Union Baptist Church** of Vanceburg, was led in revival by J. T. Miller, President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a former pastor of the church. Pastor Jim Beeland reports eight professions of faith and two additions by letter.

**Central Baptist Church**, Paris, was led in revival by Tom Henry, pastor of Bashford Manor Baptist Church in Louisville. Pastor William P. Cubine reports 11 professions of faith.

## Let Freedom Ring

Loraine was a WAC, a member of the Women's Army Corps, stationed in New Jersey. As a Christian, with membership in a Baptist church down South, one of the greatest problems she faced was loneliness, the feeling that "no one really cares." She was meeting new people in a new kind of personal—often impersonal—social and religious environment. Mixed with the loneliness appeared to be more than her share of ridicule and harrassment because she was a Christian.

*Could this Memorial Day be profitably spent evaluating the church's ministry to servicemen and women and planning for a future ministry to them?*

On a recent inquiry she completed for the Southern Baptist Chaplains' Commission, Loraine wrote:

"Up until now, I haven't learned how to deal with these problems. I try to overcome the loneliness by reading the Bible and trying to remember that God always cares. But even that doesn't always help. We are all human and crave human understanding and fellowship, especially Christian fellowship. I think if my own church back home took more interest in me, maybe I could make it better."

Did she feel that her home church did its utmost to prepare her spiritually and morally for military service? "No," she replied. "It was just, 'Take good care of yourself and don't forget to go to church,' and that's all that was done."

Another aspect of this matter is reflected in what Marine Sgt. Donald J. Alexander wrote.

"The church did not specifically prepare me for military life. However, I believe life is life regardless of whether it is military or civilian. My church did not prepare me spiritually for life through the Sunday School, Bible School, etc."

What would he suggest that his home church do to assist him live and witness for Christ? Alexander replied: "Correspondence, I think, is a big thing. Not just with the church, but with individual members of the church. Correspondence makes a man feel that he hasn't been completely forgotten by the people back home. It helps a lot."

Look at it for a moment through the eyes of the young person who is facing military service. He will soon be classified 1A. Should he enlist or wait to be drafted? What will it be like in either case? Can he maintain his Christian faith? Who knows really what it will be like? Can anyone tell him for sure he can continue to be an honest-to-goodness Christian during this crisis experience?

Sadly enough, according to the above mentioned survey by the Chaplains' Commission, only one out of seven service-bound youth have been given any type of counseling or recognition prior to their departure for military service. This is a slight increase over previous estimates, but still leaves a great deal to be desired.

Our churches observe special days for college students, and rightly so. But six out of seven Southern Baptist churches provide no ministry for these same students and other young people who will soon face military service. We observe "Student Night at Christmas," to recognize our college students home for the holidays, but in most cases the serviceman will not be home for Christmas.

We provide student directors in our colleges and universities, and we

should do this by all means. The serviceman, however, seldom finds anything corresponding to the Baptist Student Center where he can meet with other Christian servicemen for recreation and fellowship during his off-duty hours. This is not to say churches should do less for our students, but that they should do more for our military members and prospective members.

Why not a special day occasionally for servicemen? Many Baptist churches hold special recognition services for their military-related youth at such seasons as Armed Forces Day, which is May 17 this year; Independence Day, July 4; and Veterans Day, November 11. These generally have been most effective, and deeply appreciated by the servicemen and their families.

The first Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, J. D. Grey, pastor, held such a service in 1968.

The pastor, the youth supervisor and other church leaders and organizations wrote the men, enclosing copies of the special service bulletin. The reply most often received from this type of ministry is, "You can never know just how very much this means to me."

W. A. Criswell underscores the importance of such a ministry in affirming, "One of the most meaningful and far-reaching, though often neglected, ministries of our churches is that to the men in the military service. I would urgently encourage our pastors and staff workers in our churches to correspond with these young men who have taken on a man's responsibility in the Armed Forces of the United States. This period in their lives while they are under stress and strain away from home can be a very critical time of adjustment and change. Any word, no matter how small, may be the means to encouragement in the faith and in the work of the Lord."

In addition to the above-mentioned ministries to servicemen, Southern Baptists support a specialized program related to the five military service academies. Promoted jointly by the Baptist Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board, this venture seeks to assist cadets, midshipmen and other military personnel in the area to live and witness for Christ and to maintain ties with their denomination.

The directors of Baptist military personnel and student ministries request pastors and churches to communicate with them regarding personnel who are now or will be stationed at the military academies.

For further information regarding materials for a ministry to military personnel, write the Chaplains' Commission, Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

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### A New Look At Religious Tax Exemptions

The long standing practice of tax exemption for church and denominational real estate and buildings as well as exemption of income tax on businesses operated by religious organizations is under severe scrutiny today. In fact this historic practice is not only being looked at, but many religious organizations have already been assessed and have had to pay.

Included in those which have been assessed is the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the Baptist Building in Middletown and a convention owned truck used to haul mail to and from the Baptist Building. Under the threat by tax officials of selling the tax bill and upon the advice of the convention attorney, a tax bill of \$2,924.58 has been paid. A Baptist church in Louisville has been assessed for real estate it owns and upon which it plans to relocate. The church has paid under protest.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is presently involved in law suits over tax assessments on its publishing facilities in Nashville and upon Glorieta Assembly property in New Mexico.

What is happening to Baptists is also happening to other religious groups. Why have local and state governments decided to assess church and denominational property?

For one reason there is a crying need for more revenue in order to meet the rising costs of education and other services provided by these government units. This is especially true in cities and suburban areas where a sizeable proportion of property has been tax exempt due to ownership by religious, educational or charitable organizations.

Another reason is the rising tide of anti-clericalism due at least in part to the spirit of secularism in today's world. Many people today simply don't regard religion and churches with the same respect and reverence of past generations. Indeed churches are looked at by some as freeloaders which benefit from fire and police protection and other services of the state without paying anything.

In light of these developments what should be our stance as Baptists? Our Baptist forefathers were leaders in securing the freedom of churches from taxes and other possible government control. They

asked nothing from the state and accepted nothing from the state. Some of them died for their convictions but they won a precious heritage for all Americans.

Today we still regard this separation which makes for a free church in a free state as a basic New Testament concept as well as an American principle. At the same time we do not want to be regarded in any sense as opposing just taxes or not paying our way.

What should be our position? Some say we would be better off if we paid the going rate on all church property. There is something attractive about this idea but it has dangers. To allow the state to tax places of worship is to go too far. The power to tax is the power to destroy and religion should never be exposed to this danger.

Perhaps we would do well to hold out for tax exemption only for that property actually used for worship or religious education. Other property owned by churches and not used for such specific purposes should be taxed. This would include church owned pastoriums, parking lots used for anything other than church parking and property held for future expansion. Businesses operated for profit by churches and denominations should pay the same rate of taxes other businesses pay.

In this connection three cheers should be raised for the National Council of Churches and the United States Catholic Conference for their recent joint statement to Congress asking for elimination of special tax exemption from income tax now enjoyed by religious groups for unrelated church income. There are not many statements which could come from these groups which Baptists could heartily endorse but this is one. Southern Baptists would do well to take a similar stand in New Orleans next month.

The whole matter of tax exemption for religious organizations is in a fluid state now. Much more will be said about this before it is finally settled. We should work patiently with the government units concerned for a just and equitable solution which would provide the needed income for public services, but which would not jeopardize the continued freedom of religion.

### Davenport Brings Rare Qualities To Campbellsville

Friends and supporters of Campbellsville College rejoice over the choice of William Randolph Davenport as president. He appears to be eminently qualified having that rare combination of academic excellence, administrative ability and Christian commitment necessary for leadership of a Christian college today.

Campbellsville deserves the kind of educational leadership represented in Dr. Davenport. This school has grown greatly in academic stature and otherwise in recent years and the choice of a skilled professional educator as president will further enhance the reputation of Campbellsville.

Dr. Davenport is not only the enthusiastic choice of the trustees but also appears to have universal endorsement by the faculty and this is indispensable in a college today.

His very active participation as a layman in church and denominational life inspires confidence in him on the part of all Kentucky Baptists. All in all he comes as near being an ideal choice as could be pictured.

Above all, Dr. Davenport comes to Campbellsville out of a sense of divine compulsion and this is as it ought to be. Considering the problems confronting him, any man who accepts a Baptist college presidency today except under divine compulsion ought to have his head examined.

With his leadership and with a stronger and stronger faculty, Campbellsville has an opportunity for the most glorious chapter in an illustrious history. Let the prayers and other efforts of Kentucky Baptists be in this direction.

### BAPTIST FORUM



#### RESPONSE TO JAMES

Dear Editor:

In answer to Mr. James, I do not think he is reading the signs of the times wrongly. For 200 years the battle lines were clear. Evangelical Christianity was rooted in an inerrant, authoritative revelation from God. Those holding an opposing view could be identified. Those clear-cut battle lines have long since passed. Modern architects of new theologies have and are erecting strang buildings on the theological landscape and have caused many to lose their way. Actually, as might be expected, the confusion has reached far beyond the theological dimensions. Having lost an authoritative, eternal, forever-settled voice from heaven, the social, moral and political structure of society moves on without restraint. Let it be known that a corrupted, non-authoritative, non-inerrant Bible soon leads to a corrupted theology. A corrupted theology soon leads to a vitiated, non-militant Christianity, and a weakened Christianity inevitably leads to a breakdown in society.

We are seeing the results of such theology as Mr. James is talking about already, in the erosion of ancient landmarks, a roaring crescendo of human anarchy, all rooted in personal rebellion against all divine authority. It seems that the highest of God's creation has

entered into a personal vendetta against all that is noble, right, pure, holy and good; and that to make the effort successful he must eliminate divine authority, whether by declaring the death of God or singing a funeral dirge over an authoritative Bible. However, I do not feel I need to defend the Bible. It has endured a long history of attack before I came on the scene and shall be standing firm after I depart, but I do feel that we need to gird up our loins lest we, not the Bible, be eaten away with the subtleties of intellectual unbelief.

The Lord Jesus regarded the Old Testament as fully inspired and appealed to its final authority in His controversy with the Jews. There is not a particle of evidence to support the position that Paul thought some scripture uninspired. The authority of the word of God is an issue no minister trafficking in eternal verities can possibly escape. If in his preaching, pastoring, evangelizing, counseling, he is to be anything other than a dispenser of philosophies, a peddler of theological pabulum, he must settle the question of whether he has or does not have an authoritative Bible.

I will agree, that we are often accused of low mentality. This seems to be the stone which raises the most yelps. It seems to me that for the glory of joining the ranks of the intellectually

elite, too many have sold out their allegiance to the authority of God's Word. Biblical authority is rooted in the inerrancy of the scriptures, and inerrancy is rooted in the very character of God. Unless one is willing to forsake the essential infallibility of God, he cannot forsake the infallibility of His Word.

May I ask another question? Has such an alternative produced the kind of results needed by humanity? Does a muted revelation speak forgiveness to a deeply convicted sinner, transform tears of repentance into a psalm of Joy, shine a clear beam of light upon a pilgrim's pathway, or place a rainbow of hope over the grave of a departed loved one?

Covington, Ky. Russell L. Singleton

#### FORMAN DEMANDS

Dear Editor:

In "Daley Observations", May 15th issue, it was stated that the demands by James Forman were "unreasonable demands." I wish to differ with you. The demands are not really unreasonable. I feel that the white Christian (some, not all) has and, to some extent, are still profiting financially from "slave" labor.

The militant tactics left much to be desired, but the demands are not unreasonable. As white Christians we should do our best to do something about them.

Jeffersonville, Ind. Wm. R. Woodward

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## Shelby Camp Opens, Facilities Available

The Shelby County Baptist Camp will open on June 2nd and remain open until September, according to camp director, William T. Warford. The camp has accommodations for 125 persons. It includes 26 acres of land with a swimming pool and athletic fields. It also has adequate kitchen and dining facilities along with an open air tabernacle.

Girls' Auxiliary Week at the camp will be July 7-11 and Royal Ambassador Week will be July 14-18.

Warford reports that the camp has facilities for boys and girls at the same time and anyone interested in these facilities should contact William T. Warford, Route 5, Ardmore Lane, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

## Churches Help Pastor Meet Unusual Needs

Churches in two associations along with other friends are helping the family of Pastor John Zupancic of Brodhead Baptist Church in the unusual needs related to the illness of Cindy, the 10 year old daughter of the Zupancics.

Cindy was stricken suddenly last September and underwent surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center at Lexington for a brain tumor. She showed some improvement and returned home on November 21st only to have to be taken back to the hospital on January 14th for another operation. She was hospitalized until March 7th and is now partially paralyzed.

The medical bills for Cindy have come to more than \$10,000. The Zupancics also traveled back and forth to Lexington every day during the several months of her illness. The Zupancic's have one older daughter who is attending college at Somerset and a six year old son.

The Executive Board of the Rockcastle Baptist Association recommended that churches in the association help the Zupancics. The response has been encouraging, according to associational missionary, Henry Parrott. Some of the churches in Tates Creek Association where Zupancic formerly served have also assisted.

Friends feel the Zupancics would object to any appeal for help but have insisted on having a part. These friends would like for those desiring to help to know that contributions for the Zupancics can be directed through Rockcastle Association treasurer, C. H. Noe, Route 3, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456.



Left to right: Bob Cook, Mike Collins, Joe Price, Bruce Miles and John Auvenshine.

## Students Aid Pioneer Area Churches

Four Georgetown College students, the Sunday School Board, and the Michigan Baptist Convention took part in a unique experiment May 19-23. To help improve the music program in the "pioneer" area, these four students, who are active ministers of music, visited churches in Michigan for a week, leading classes, organizing choirs, and encouraging local people to participate in all forms of church music.

Bruce Miles, minister of music at Daniel's Fork, Lexington, worked in

the Dundee Baptist Church; Bob Cook, Porter Memorial, Lexington, was in Tecumseh; Joe Price, Falmouth Baptist Church, worked in Hillsdale Church. John Auvenshine, Dry Ridge Baptist Church, worked in each of the three churches as needed and directed the final evening when all interested churches participate.

Mike Collins, Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, served as alternate. The Michigan music program is directed by Harold "Hal" Crane.

## Albany Church Begins Mission Project

The First Baptist Church of Albany has adopted a new mission project for itself.

Located between Dale Hollow Lake and Lake Cumberland, the church has three boat docks within six miles of its location.

Over 1,000 persons use the area as vacation sites each weekend. According to Pastor Mike Watts, most of these are from out of state.

"We have selected one dock with a capacity of 700 persons for our first effort," Watts said. He outlined a program that includes worship services on Sunday morning and special youth services Saturday evening.

Speaking of the worship services, Watts said, "We will go to them with the gospel." He emphasized that lay people in the church will work in this effort. "It is a wonderful opportunity for witnessing," he stressed.

Saturday night sessions will feature youth choirs and combos. No restrictions are placed on the music, but the programs are to have a Christian emphasis.

Watts pointed out that local young people will lead this project but invited others interested in sharing in such an outreach to contact him in care of the Albany church.



### Toledo—our Macedonia

"Come over into Macedonia and help us"—Paul heard that cry and European missions began, and then came to us in America.

Now, the Great Toledo Baptist Area of a million souls says to Kentucky Baptists—"Come over and help us!"

The Board, the Convention last year said, "We will come!" We also knew that it would take more than 200 volunteer, unpaid preachers, singers, and laymen. We also pledged to raise \$50,000 to help promote a vast Crusade of the Americas in the Great Lakes area around Toledo—this July!

Co-chairmen dentist Charles Chatham and pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz tell us that we have raised about \$10,000 and are holding up contracts for publicity, etc., until Kentucky Baptists provide the other \$40,000. We need it now. Pray about it and send \$100 or \$1,000 or \$10,000 to me, made payable to "Kentucky Baptist Convention", and designated for Toledo Crusade! We believe God will move you to help!

On May 16-17, 30 of the preacher-singers going to Toledo met for prayer with 50 of the Pastors in the Greater Toledo Area. They are excited about our coming, our assistance. Let's reward their faith and hope—and our commitment. Now.

If you cannot give, you know someone who can. Tell them. Let us hear from you. God reward you for your help!

### Catch up with mission gifts

This is a wonderful time for all churches to check on their Cooperative Program pledges—are you up to date for the 9 months since September 1? If not, catch up. If you have extra money in the Lord's treasury, send it too.

### Before your vacation starts

Before you start on your vacation, why not catch up with your pledges to your church? Then, pay in advance of your vacation the weekly pledge you make to your church! It's much easier before your vacation than after it! You'll enjoy your vacation so much more with God's work taken care of in advance!

Harold G. Sanders

## William R. Davenport Elected Campbellsville College Head

William Randolph Davenport, chairman of the department of education at the University of Michigan, Flint College, Flint, Michigan, has been named President of Campbellsville College to succeed retiring J. K. Powell, it has been announced by Forest F. Shely, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

According to a report issued to the Board by the president's selection committee, Davenport has done his graduate work in preparation for and in obedience to a special call from God to spend his life in the field of education. The special call was recognized and acknowledged at a Baptist Student Union rally in Lexington, Kentucky. He has served with noted success in several institutions of higher education, including Butler University and the University of Michigan.

Also contained in the report was a statement that "letters from lawyers, educators, a senator, and numerous Christian businessmen supported their (the committee's) choice of Davenport." He combines "the rare combination of Christian and professional qualities that uniquely qualify him to serve as our chief executive."

Davenport, who was born in Pineville, Missouri, December 8, 1925, received his A.B. degree in Chemistry at the University of Louisville in 1947. In 1950, he was awarded the M.S. degree in Education at the University of Arkansas, and had the Ed.D. degree in Educational Administration and Supervision bestowed upon him in 1955 from the same university.

His teaching and professional experience includes positions as instructor in education, University of Arkansas; associate professor of education and director of student teaching, Butler University; consultant on television instruction, Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction; professor of education and chairman, department of education, University of Michigan, Flint, and director of a special education program for acoustically handicapped at the same university. He has also held

positions as a public school science teacher and principal.

Davenport holds membership in several professional education organizations including the National Education Association, American Association for Higher Education, National Society for the Study of Education, Association for Student Teaching, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Teacher Education and Professional Standards.

He is noted as a successful author in the field of education having written *Handbook for Secondary Supervising Teachers and Student Teachers* with D. C. Lang and J. D. Thomas in 1966. Currently, he and J. M. Nygaard have submitted a manuscript in preparation for Charles E. Merrill Books, Inc., *Professional and Legal Aspects of Career Teaching*.

Davenport, who is retired from the U. S. Naval Reserve, has been involved in community and church activities as director of music, deacon and Sunday School teacher at the Central Baptist Church in Flint; Board of Trustees, Michigan Baptist Institute, Detroit; Executive Board, Baptist State Convention of Michigan; Past Vice-President, Gideons of Indiana; Past President, The Gideons of Michigan; and International Zone Trustee, The Gideons International.

He has also been a member of the Advisory Council for John Wesley College, Detroit; a member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; a member of the Southern Baptist Foundation Board of Directors, and former chairman of the Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Davenport is married to the former Janet Chambers of Louisville who is a graduate of Atherton High School. She holds an A.B. degree in English and Psychology from the University of Louisville and has done graduate work in Secondary Education and Library Science at the University of Arkansas and the University of Michigan.

They have four children, Elizabeth, 19, a sophomore in Nursing at Baylor University; Martin, 17, a high school junior who has lettered in track and cross-country; Mary, 14, an eighth grade student; and Susan, 12, a sixth grader.

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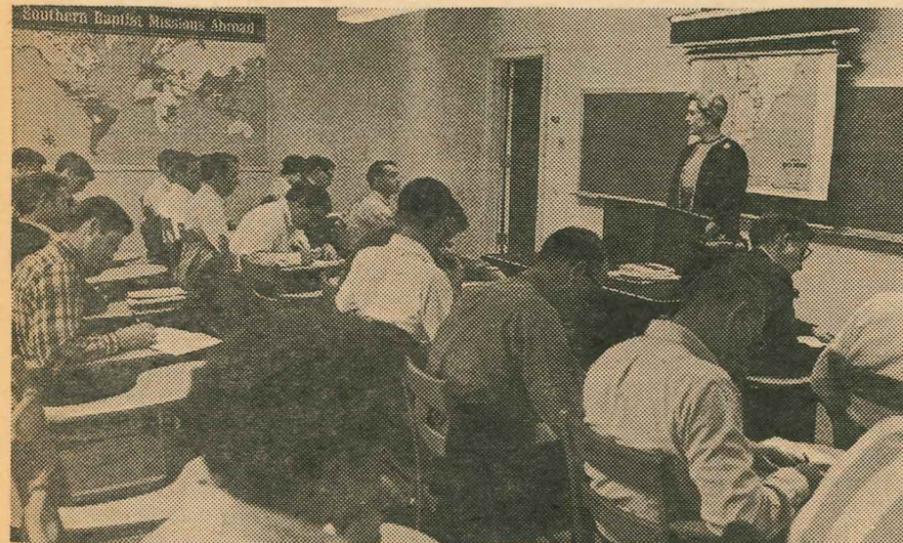
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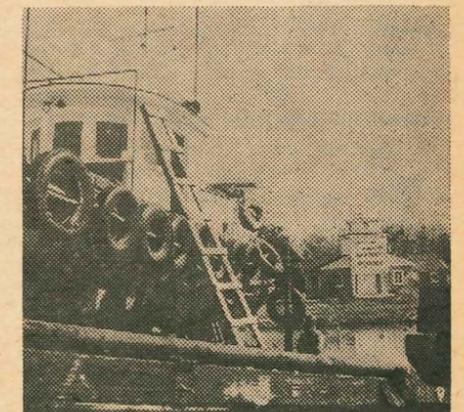
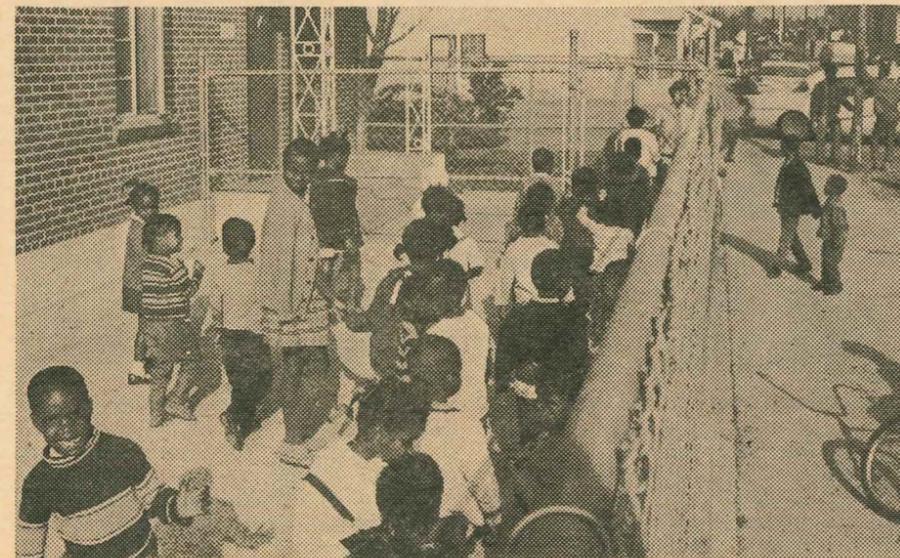
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# New Orleans Mission Guide

Local Baptist women will wear costumes similar to that pictured in upper right. They resemble the dress worn in the middle 18th century in Acadian Louisiana. Ladies in such dress will serve as hostesses and guides to visiting Baptists. (Right center) Mrs. Estell Johnson holds Bible classes in her home. She is one of 13 workers with National Baptists in Louisiana. (Left center) New Orleans Seminary will be one of the main attractions during the Convention. (Lower left) John Vandercook directs the Baptist Seaman's Service in the Port of New Orleans. Scriptures and tracts are distributed to seamen from all parts of the world. Other services are available. (Lower right) Good Samaritan Home for women is directed by Myrtis Capps. Counseling, church services and creative activities are offered.



(Upper left) Men sign up at the Baptist Rescue Mission. Worship services are provided each evening. Personal counseling and job placement are also offered. (Upper right) Language missions are prominent in New Orleans. Both Spanish and French speaking missions are sponsored by the department of language missions. (Right center) Staff members at the Sellers Home and Adoption Center hold one of the babies. The home helps unwed mothers rebuild their lives so they can live meaningful Christian lives. It also helps the mothers plan for the future of their babies. (Lower left) Carver Baptist Center is located in a Negro community and has activities available for all age groups. (Lower left) Many of the larger churches in Southern Louisiana began as small French mission. Little Caillou Baptist Mission helps bring the news of Jesus to the thousands living in the bayou country.



## Kentuckians Appointed By Home Mission Board

Fifteen persons—including two former foreign missionaries from Kentucky, several international natives and a former Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff member—have been appointed career missionaries by the SBC Home Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Arnold, former foreign missionaries to West Africa, will direct work with internationals in Baltimore, Maryland.

A native of Louisville, Arnold for 11 years served with the Foreign Mission Board. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Arnold is a native of Bowling Green and, like her husband, attended Georgetown College and served with the Foreign Mission Board.

Others appointed by the Board include: Mr. and Mrs. Theo Patnaik, for work with internationals in San Jose, California; Mr. and Mrs. Cass Vincent, who will work with the Polish in St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. David Benham, for work with the Indians in

Tyba City, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Isaac Armitage to direct youth and family services in Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ewing Chandler, as superintendent of missions of Mid-Valley Baptist Association in California; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brogan, to work with

National Baptists in Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Miss Beverly Hammack, a former HMB staff member, was temporarily assigned to the Sellers Home for Unwed Mothers and Adoption Center in New Orleans. (BP)

## Clendaniel Named Vice-President

Kenneth S. Clendaniel, dean of Clear Creek Baptist School, has been named vice-president of the institution. As vice-president he will be in charge of development and fund raising while still serving as dean.

The election came in the regular meeting of Clear Creek trustees on May 6. Other trustee actions included approval of the 1969-70 budget which provides salary adjustments for faculty and staff members. The trustees also

offered housing allowance to full faculty members who move from the school housing accommodations into their own homes. The vacated apartments would be used for additional student housing which is sorely needed, according to President Merrill Aldridge.

The trustees heard reports from several students now at Clear Creek. The In-Service Training Department reported 428 professions of faith in services conducted by Clear Creek students during the past year.

President Aldridge told the trustees that the most significant happening during the year was the final liquidation of indebtedness on the Student Apartment Building. The final \$75,000 indebtedness was paid on the project during the year.

One new faculty member was elected and another is being sought. The name of the new faculty member will be announced later.

## Beth Haven Fifth In Baptisms In SBC

Beth Haven Baptist Church in Valley Station was first in Kentucky and fifth in the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of baptisms recorded during 1968, according to a statistical summary prepared by the Sunday School Board.

Beth Haven, pastored by John A. Turpin, reported 270 baptisms. In 1967 the church baptized 183 persons which was tops in Kentucky for that year.

Leading the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms for the second straight year was First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma. Pastored by John Bisagno, the church baptized 344 persons during the last year.

Other churches reporting over 300 baptisms were the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and the First Baptist Church of DeRidder, Louisiana, with 310 and 303 baptisms respectively.

Convention-wide, 12 churches reported baptisms in the 200 bracket and 131 churches reported baptisms in the 100 category for 1968.

### Top Ten

In Kentucky three churches reported baptisms numbering over 100. They were: Glendale, Warren Association, 104; Vine Grove, Severns Valley Association, 102; and Yellow Creek, Daviess-McLean Association, 101.

Rounding out the top ten churches in Kentucky were: Valley View, Long Run, 93; Trinity, Elkhorn, 86; Green Acres, Long Run, 85; Ashland Avenue, Elkhorn, 82; Gethsemane, Long Run, 81; and Walnut Street, Long Run, 81.



**ALL-STATE CHOIR**—Phillip Landgrave, music professor at Southern Seminary, conducts the 130-voice All-State Youth Choir in recording five anthems for a professional type record. The choir was composed of nine choirs from eight associations. The instrumental en-

semble was composed of Campbellsville College students. The session took place at the Campbellsville Baptist Church on May 10. Another session is scheduled for 1970 at Georgetown College for choirs participating in 1970 regional music festivals.



**A GIFT**—Georgetown College's President, Robert L. Mills, is caught with an expression of surprise following a student demonstration on campus. No harm came to him or the school. The demonstration took the form of a gift from the student body on his tenth anniversary as President. The students presented him with a new electronic watch. Robert Mills joined Georgetown on May 15, 1959.

## Child Under Junior Age Should Not Be Baptized SBC President Says

The President of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, told his congregation that children under eight years of age should not be baptized.

"A child ought not to be baptized until he is a Junior—age 9, 10, 11, or 12; not at age four, five, six, seven or eight," Criswell said.

A check of Southern Baptist Convention statistics disclosed that during 1968, Southern Baptist churches baptized 1,463 children under six years of age, and 36,867 children ages six through eight.

Criswell said he had wrestled with the problem of baptizing children for over 40 years, and had baptized under-age youngsters mostly because of parental pressure.

"A parent comes to me and says his child, five or six years old, has accepted Jesus as Savior," Criswell said. "The Bible says a believer should be baptized. So, he says his child should be baptized."

"I know there is something wrong with that," he said. "I know that child has not reached the maturity by which he should be a member of the congregation."

"Every time I have done so I have had a self-accusation of conscience on my soul," Criswell said. "I know I am not doing right."

He said he had been pressed for the minimum age, and responded, "I am not God and I do not know."

"But," he said after listing several possibilities, "a child ought to be a Junior before being baptized."

Criswell said he knew he was doing wrong in baptizing children any younger than nine because of the number who return after they are older, saying they were not truly converted the first time, or that they could not even remember the experience.

He also said the older age is inferred, though not stated, in the New Testament.

"The whole book, Matthew through Revelation, is addressed to adults," he said. "It presupposes a mature mind."

"Teach the child to love Jesus, and any time he responds, bring him to the front," he told his congregation. "But before he is baptized, he needs the maturity of mind whereby he can take his place in the congregation." (BP)

## NBC To Feature Southern Baptists During June

Five radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co., "Faith In Action" network radio series during the month of June.

The programs, to be carried on network radio each Sunday morning in June, will feature two Baptist personalities—David Fite, Baptist missionary who was recently released after four years in a Cuban prison camp, and Bill Glass, professional football player for the Cleveland Browns.

Fite, in an interview with Don Sturgis of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, will tell of experiences he and his father-in-law, Herbert Caudill, had after being arrested four years ago by the Castro regime on charges of illegal currency exchange. The program is scheduled June 1.

All-Pro lineman Glass, a former All-American star for Baylor University in Waco, Texas, will chat during the June 8 show about his tours around the country during the off-season speaking to young people and adults about God's leadership "on and off the field."

A recording of an address to the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's seminar on "The Church's Mission in the National Crisis" by Jesse Jackson of Chicago will be featured on the June 15 program. Jackson is national director of Operation Breadbasket, a branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and a 27-year-old Baptist minister.

A discussion by a group of youth who are members of the Anselm Forum in Gary, Indiana, will be broadcast on June 22. The forum seeks to promote

brotherhood and truth through discussion.

Lilli Wolff, now a Dallas dress designer, will tell of her life as a Jew in Germany during the Hitler dictatorship on the June 29 program. She will relate how she narrowly escaped deportation to a Nazi extermination camp for Jews, and how she eventually found freedom and fulfillment in becoming a Christian and reaching America.

Check local radio guides for exact time of the broadcast. (BP)

## Missionary Returns To State

Mary Sampson, Southern Baptist Missionary to Taiwan, is planning a short furlough for the coming summer. She reports she will leave Taiwan June 8th, will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans and after June 15th may be addressed in care of Mrs. Nelle Bagby, 2022 Kenilworth Avenue, Louisville 40205.

Miss Sampson says she will not have time to inform friends in a letter of her recently made plans but hopes to see many of her friends in Kentucky during the summer. She will return to Taiwan about the middle of September for the opening of the university where she serves.

# Extremism, Racial Crisis Among SBC Agenda Items

A recommendation condemning extremism as "dangerous," "insidious," and "anti-Christian," plus reports on major Baptist efforts in 1968-69 in evangelism and in dealing with the nation's racial crisis, will be major items on the agenda for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in New Orleans.

A strongly-worded statement on extremism will be brought to the convention on Friday morning by the denomination's Christian Life Commission, which hits out at extremism on both left and right.

The recommendations affirm "our deep conviction that extremism of whatever variety and wherever found does not communicate the spirit of Christ, and that we stand fast against any man

or group who would subvert truth and corrupt justice through fear, suspicion, divisiveness and violence."

The statement condemns extremism of left and right equally. "Those of the left would turn the church into an agency of political pressure for radical restructuring of society while ignoring the supernatural dimension of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ as it changes individuals," says the report.

"Those on the right declare that the church's concern is only for man's soul and seek to force every member into a right adherence to the Bible as they see it, while ignoring the strong, pervasive emphasis of our Lord upon a costly discipleship which places moral and ethical demands upon every Christian in all personal and social relationships," it continues.

Major business items on the agenda include consideration of a record \$27,158,119 budget, reports from 21 different agencies and organizations of the convention, and election of officers.

Major reports will deal with results of a hemisphere-wide Baptist evangelistic effort this year called the Crusade of the Americas, and with efforts by each of the SBC agencies, especially the Home Mission Board, to implement "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the convention last year in Houston.

New curriculum and denominational plans for the 1970's will be revealed, as

will a new name for Training Union, the Sunday evening church training program of Baptist churches, as a part of another major report.

A half-dozen pre-convention sessions are slated to deal with a broad range of issues, including such things as theological openness and freedom, racism, birth control, war and peace, ecumenical evangelism, poverty, drug usage, and other issues.

Students who picketed the convention last year will meet jointly with adults who have organized a group called the "E. Y. Mullins Fellowship," on Monday, and then split into separate meetings on Tuesday at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church.

The students, members of a loosely-organized group called "Baptist Students Concerned," will devote their Tuesday sessions to planning strategy for influencing the main convention through resolutions, student participation, recommendations, etc.

A wide range of issues will be on the agenda for speeches in the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, Monday and Tuesday. The issues include separation of church and state, birth control, situation ethics and the new morality, the radical pulpit, preaching on social issues, poverty, and Baptist doctrine.

Another issue which might draw fire is a proposal from the SBC Committee to move the starting time for the 125th anniversary convention next year in Denver up from Tuesday to Monday evening, and that the Executive Committee study this proposal concerning future conventions.

Whether these or any other issues, however, will break open during the convention, no one knows for sure, including convention officials. (BP)

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In early April the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention sponsored a seminar at the center of continuing education of the University of Chicago. The theme, "The Church In the Age of Crisis," was appropriate since the churches of all denominations, especially Southern Baptist, are struggling to minister in this age.

Such personalities as Landon Gilky, theologian from the University of Chicago; Gibson Winter, noted sociologist of the same school; Gordon Clinard, pastor First Baptist Church in Angelo, Texas; Findley Edge, Southern Seminary; Karl Olsson, president of North Park Theological Seminary and College, and Daniel Grant political scientist from Vanderbilt, along with others, spoke to the group on the three-day program.

The seminar spoke to three areas: relationship of evangelism to social action, the racial crisis, and the ministry to youth.

The University of Chicago is located in the heart of a Southside ghetto. We could see the hollowed-eyed child and smell the odor of the long neglected over-crowded, unsanitary buildings. The burning question in such a situation is how does the church minister where unrest breeds amid despair and near hopelessness.

### Pure humanism

One answer was given by John Fry of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He, as many may remember, was questioned by a Senate investigating

## Reflections

# On The Christian Life Commission Conference

By JOHN DUNAWAY

Pastor, Eaton Memorial

Owensboro

committee for permitting the Blackstone Rangers to have their love-ins, take dope, and plan murder in their church. He told of the approach he had taken. When asked how many Rangers attend church, Fry said only a few ever attended because they were night people. His approach was humanism alone. Fry feels he has been successful in what he has done. In one sense he has succeeded. There have been no disorders in that area. However, the area is unsafe for people to walk in after dark. Muggings and murder are a regular diet for the Blackstone area. Such an effort has produced no change of character. The change of way for this group may now come because a Negro church has

won to Christ one of the leaders of the Blackstone Rangers. One thing can be said for Fry, at least he is trying something while most are silent and effortless.

### Prejudices tumbling

The second thing evident was that racial progress is being made within the Christian community. Some churches are staying in the inner city to minister in an integrated way. Others are developing a companion ministry such as Mahan Siler's church in suburban Washington and Edward Gibson's church in the inner city of Washington, D. C. Old prejudices are being set aside and love and understanding are making strides in the hearts of people.

This struggle producing progress was evident as a Negro attorney from Washington, D. C., shared spontaneously his testimony that progress was being made through open dialogue, human respect, and Christian love from both Negro and white.

Gordon Clinard stated that Jesus never knew a distinction between both evangelism and man's involvement in fighting social problems. Man has attempted to polarize the two positions. God makes us aware through faith of man's plight, and causes us to seek him through both a social and personal redemption. It was evident that many Southern Baptist churches were attempting both.

### Challenging involvement

The third area of crisis is in the church's effort to minister to youth. Jack Noffsinger said it is hard to bridge the gap between the passive church and the active youth. Some churches are attempting to be creative in ministering to modern youth through dialogue between the ages (youth and adult), a coffee house type of ministry for junior high on, social actions involvement by youth, youth visitation of the elderly. It was evident that any real valid ministry must be creative, challenging and involving youth in active ways to express their inner faith.

### Ministry of redemption

Findley Edge set the tone and actually summed up the problem of today when he stated the church must find her purpose and fulfill it. That purpose is a ministry of redemption of the total man accomplished by God's people in our time.

The church today struggles but out of the struggle can come a healthier people in whom Jesus Christ is Lord.

We left the seminar and the ghetto with a confidence that God is working in and through His people so that the gap between races and generations is being bridged.



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### BIBLICAL CRITICISM

Dear Editor:

After fourteen years of involvement in every Southern Baptist organization open to me, and after years of attending all study courses, revivals, and special conferences, I found that I, a high school student, had a great longing and thirst not met by my church's many programs. A major in religion at Kentucky Southern College, where Biblical criticism is employed, provided the intellectual and spiritual stimulation I was seeking. Through Biblical criticism my respect for Scripture and desire to study it have grown immensely.

Amen to Dr. Robison James' "Four Planks: A Platform for Denominational Renewal!"

Owensboro, Ky.

Sandra Lawson

### WOMEN DEACONS

Dear Editor:

We, the members of the East Union Missionary Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, would like to go on record as opposing at any time the ordination of women for the office of Deacon. We firmly believe that there is no Biblical background for women to be set apart for this office.

By a majority vote at our regular business meeting, we instructed the pastor and clerk to write letters to our Association, the executive secretary of the Baptist Convention, and to Dr. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, to publish this letter.

We're sending this letter in good faith and Christian love.

Graham, Ky.

East Union Baptist Church

S. Lee Sloat, pastor  
Raymond Sparks, clerk



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for June 8, 1969)

### LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## The Source Of Our Love

From this lesson we learn that Christians should test those who represent themselves as having been sent from God by scrutinizing what they teach about Christ Jesus.

### The errors of false teachers

I John 4:1-6

John tells us that the real test of all teachers is their attitude toward Christ. One who has been saved by Christ readily acknowledges both the deity and the humanity of the Lord Jesus. To deny the reality of the incarnation of Christ is to strike at the bare roots of the Christian faith. Moreover, it denies that there can ever be any real union between God and man. John contrasts the man whose origin is God and who is anxious to hear and delighted to accept the truth and the man whose source is the world and is either incapable of hearing or unwilling to accept the truth.

The first test of every spirit claiming to be of God is, "What think ye of Christ?" The two orders of teachers may be recognized by what they are in themselves, by the spirit by which they are imbued, and by what they believe about Christ. Repeatedly John emphasized the fact that the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ are linked inseparably. Christ was a unique person and His death had exceptional significance for man's relationship with God. His incarnation was a necessity if God's love were to be proved and demonstrated.

### The test of love

I John 4:7-11

It is impossible to put into words what the love of God actually means and does. One whom God loves can rise above all circumstances, trouble and sin, and can live victoriously and enjoy the abundant life. That is what the God Who loves you wants you to do. You can never know how wonderful God's love is until you yield yourself to Him. Love is a force whose existence cannot be concealed. "Beloved let us love one another." There you see the mutuality of love. Love begets love. Most of the irritations in life are soluble by love.

As proof of God's love, "God sent his only begotten Son into the world." The

purpose of His love was "that we might live through him." The love of God provides a "propitiation" or "covering" for our sins. By means of His precious blood our sin and guilt are blotted out. The product of God's love is expressed in the words: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." When we have been the recipients of God's love, it should flow through us to others. Christians are to love God's children, even though some of them may be unlovely. They should also love those who are not saved and seek to persuade them to receive Christ as their Saviour.

Love is the very essence of the nature and being of God. God's love does not pour forth its blessed beams on a select few, but on all men. God's love is unchanging. A soul can never drift far enough to be outside the circle of the love of God, nor fall so deep into sin as to be beyond the reach of God's love.

God's infinite, inexpressible, incomprehensible, immeasurable and inexhaustible love is unailing. When we fall into sin, His love forgives, when reverses come to us, His love strengthens us, when sorrow comes, His love

comforts. God's love is eternal in its duration. God loved in order that we might live. God expressed His love in the matchless gift of His Son. Christ died for us because God loved us. The real purpose which God had for sending His only begotten Son into the world was that we might have abundant, abounding, and overflowing life through Him.

### Our love for God

I John 4:18-21

God's love for us preceded our interest in and repentance toward Him. Because of His character, blessings, faithfulness, and love for us, which love was demonstrated by what God did for us, we now love Him. Those who truly love God express their love for Him by thinking about Him regularly, speaking about Him frequently, obeying Him faithfully, and living consistently for Him.

Love for God always finds expression in obedience to the divine commands, and in love for one another. Love for God and love for men are inseparable. Anyone who hates another does not love God and is very much unlike Christ.

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### Deuteronomy 26:5-9

These verses contain a confession

which the Mosaic law directed the Israelites to recite at the observance of "The Ceremony at the Presentation of First Fruits." They summarize God's acts of mercy and judgment in delivering them from their cruel bondage in Egypt and gathering them into the fruitful land of Canaan. The bondage of Jacob and the Israelites in Egypt was a symbol or type of man's bondage in sin. As their deliverance could not have been wrought by these slaves through a revolt against the Egyptians, so it was utterly impossible for men to deliver themselves from their bondage to sin and Satan.

As in the case of the Israelites in Egypt, whose only hope of salvation from sin is in the Lamb of God Who takes away his sin and imparts to Him the divine nature. Just as God looked upon their condition, heard their cries, brought them out of their bondage, and established them in the Promised Land, so has He preserved the lives of sinners, redeemed them from sin, brought them into His family, given them marvelous spiritual blessings, and assured them of a home in heaven. While enjoying the numerous blessings which Christ purchased and provided for us, let us be sure to express to Him the gratitude of our hearts and the praise of our lips.

Acts 13:17, 23

In the course of his first missionary journey, Paul delivered a memorable speech to his Jewish brethren in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, in which he boldly affirmed that God's purpose to redeem men from sin was not an afterthought in any sense. On the basis of His sovereign love God chose the Israelites, rescued them from the tyranny of Egypt, established them as a nation, through them provided the Redeemer and Saviour, and assigned to them the important task of witnessing to the Gentiles, guaranteeing to the obedient ones the assurance of His presence, protection, power and provisions. God's love for the Israelites called for them to love and obey Him. His love for us, as expressed in the death of Christ for us, calls for the presentation of all that we are and have to Him in response to and appreciation of His love.

Luke 24:25-27

Two disciples were walking toward Emmaus late in the afternoon of the day on which Christ arose from the dead. Stunned by the shattering experience through which they had passed, when Christ died, they were disturbed, disappointed, distressed, and depressed. As they trudged along, discussing their blighted hopes, a Stranger overtook and listened to them. They were astonished at His question, "What are the words that ye are exchanging with one another as ye walk?" After they related their story and explained the cause of their distress, this Stranger, Who was the Christ, began with Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament, expounded the Scriptures and especially the Messianic prophecies which were fulfilled in Him, and authenticated the events that had taken place. With their hearts warmed again, they extended to Him their cordial hospitality, which He readily accepted. At the evening meal they recognized that He was the Lord Jesus Christ. If they had only understood the Old Testament, they would not have been so dismayed by His death or so puzzled by His resurrection. The entire Bible centers around the Christ. The Old Testament predicted His coming, the gospels proclaimed the fact that He had come, and the rest of the New Testament promises His return.



## TEEN TEMPO

by  
Donal W. Key

### Is Your Hangup A Cop Out?

"You wouldn't believe how many hangups I have."

Words of a criminal, a pot user, a looney? No. These are the words of a teen-ager who lives down the street from me. Everyone in our community knows him because he's such a fine guy. You see the "cop outs" aren't the only ones with hangups, the "good guys" have them too, and just as many.

If you are a teen-ager today you probably have all kinds of hangups, and who knows better than you. Whether you handle them or they handle you will make the difference in your success at living.

Many a person has copped out under the pressure of his hangups. Maybe you are one of these or you feel you are near the point. Or it may be you feel you would never cop out. But in reality none of us are immune.

Is education one of your hangups? It is for many young people. The pressure is on like never before to get a formal education. They say it is hard to make it without one and they are probably right. To compound the difficulty, there is more to learn than ever before and needed change in educational methods is slow in coming. Education, or the lack of it, leads directly to a second possible hangup, that of economic status.

It takes a pretty good sum just to stay above the poverty level. For many

the pressure is on to come from underneath the oppression of poverty. And for others just the social pressure to maintain their particular economic level is a real hangup.

The Vietnam War and the draft is yet another hangup. What are the moral qualities of this war? This is a very valid question. When a person lays his life on the line he has every right to insist the cause be honorable.

As if these three hangups were not enough I see a fourth one, the unmovable status quo. A large part of the adult world is so satisfied with so many below par situations and achievements. This is an unpleasant affront to the idealism and zeal of youth. The everlastingly unsuccessful attempt to move the unmovable produces despair. And this leads to the fear that you may ultimately become one of them.

Sex is another hangup. You have it, that is you are one sex or the other, now what to do with it is the question.

Parents are kinda awkward to have too. And you never really know just what to do with them. Another hangup.

In the face of any one or all of these hangups you can choose to cop out. In fact you can be a cop out without even being aware of your state. Failing to face your problems and to deal honestly with them is all it takes to qualify.

## Too Many Buildings?

It may not be a shortage of ministers that really besets Welsh Baptists in some cases. Rather, it may be an oversupply of meeting places requiring pastoral attention, a district missionary there claims.

David Hughes, secretary of Pontypridd and Rhondda District of the East Glamorgan Association of Church, described the Rhondda region in Wales and added, "The real problem of the so-called 'dilemma of the pastorless churches' is not the scarcity of ministers but the multiplicity of buildings."

His solution? Dispose of all 44 chapels in the area in use at present. Build a Baptist center with a church, facilities for youth and old people, a lounge, and a restaurant.

Set up a four-man team ministry, with each man being a specialist in a different sphere. Divide each community in this region into sections, for which groups of laymen would have pastoral responsibility.

"Our real work of building up our members and evangelizing is not being done because all our energy is consumed in maintaining our individual causes," he told the *Baptist Times*, weekly newspaper in London.

"How on earth can we expect a congregation of eight women in a church that has been three-quarters boarded up (fully sealed on three sides) and has a leaking roof and rotting floorboards to evangelize?" Hughes wonders. (EBPS)

## No 'Recorder' Next Week

No issue of *Western Recorder* will be published the week of June 5. This change in the publishing schedule of the state Baptist paper became necessary when the presses on which the paper is printed were disassembled, beginning May 21.

*Western Recorder* is printed 50 times each year. Normally missed are the weeks of July 4 and Christmas. Under the revised schedule, for this year only, the July 4 issue will be printed. Subscribers therefore, will still receive the specified 50 issues.

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## Greenville Church Observes Centennial Celebration June 1

The First Baptist Church of Greenville will observe its centennial celebration Sunday, June 1.

Special guest for the occasion will be the former pastors, Roy Gabbert and H. Curtis Erwin. Doyle Searcy will be the featured soloist. Also present will be Elmo Barry.

The celebration services are planned. During the regular worship hour, Pastor W. C. Campbell will lead the congregation in a special observance. In the afternoon service at 2:30 p.m., Gabbert and Erwin will be guest speakers. A reception is planned at the close of the afternoon service.

The church invites all friends and former members to join them for this special celebration.

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## Staff Changes

**J. B. Senters** is retiring from the pastorate. His last pastorate was with New Prospect Baptist Church in Booneville Association.

The new pastor of Greenville Second Baptist Church in Muhlenberg Association is **Lester Snyder**.

**F. M. Speakman** is the new pastor of Kevil Baptist Church in West Union Association.

The Unity Baptist Church has called **Joe Spears** as pastor. He began his service with the Unity Church on Easter Sunday.

### CORRECTIONS

**Jack Duvall** is minister of music and education at the First Baptist Church, Greenville, instead of pastor as reported in an earlier issue. Duvall is a native of Louisville and a graduate of University of Louisville and Southern Seminary, church music school. He moved to Greenville from a similar position at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

**Willis B. Harvey**, minister of education, Central Baptist Church in Elkhorn Baptist Association, was reported in March 20 issue of *Western Recorder* as Willis Harven. Harvey lives at 1644 South Limestone, Lexington 40505.

**Forrest Woodson** was incorrectly reported as leaving Weaver Memorial Baptist Church in the May 15 issue of *Western Recorder*. He has not resigned this church in Long Run Association. The correct name should have been **Thomas Woodson** who is the pastor of New Harmony Baptist Church in Muhlenberg Association.



... Alcoholism may still be a big problem in the United States because too many of the temperance groups organized to combat it are mostly battling each other. That was among the findings of a task force of the National Council of Churches. The task force report recognized that "real differences do exist between groups," but declared the differences would be resolved "without destroying the integrity of any group." It recommended that the member churches "join with one another and with other organizations" in fighting alcoholism, but fell short of proposing that the churches establish an interdenominational body. (Louisville Courier-Journal, 1/26/69)

... Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin has approved a one-year extension of a \$210,000 Government subsidy to help pay for cigarette advertising programs in Japan, Thailand, and Austria. News of the decision came in response to a query by United Press International. The payment for advertising, which will continue at the level in effect for the past three years, is a small part of a broader program under which the Agriculture Department cooperates with the U. S. trade groups to promote overseas markets for American farm products. In the United States, however, other Government agencies have undertaken program to discourage cigarette smoking, which the U. S. Surgeon General has called harmful to health. (Washington Post, 3/21/69)

... Teenager's use of dangerous drugs has become a serious nationwide problem, John Finlator, associate director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, said recently. "Two years ago, the biggest problem was in the Northeast and on the West Coast. But today we're finding it all over the country," Finlator said at a two-day seminar on narcotics and drug abuse involving seven selected high school principals in the greater Washington, D. C. area. He also said that bureau investigations show that hard drugs such as heroin are a big problem among ghetto youth, while marijuana and hallucinogenics of the LSD type pose the biggest concern with children from affluent families. (Nashville Tennessean, 3/12/69)