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A Southern Baptist medical volunteer examines a baby brought in a box by its mother to the Baptist clinic in El Porvenir, Honduras. This year 70 physicians and dentists made three to six week visits overseas at their own expense to help in a medical mission unit. In addition to help rendered, these volunteers bring back to their church and communities a first-hand knowledge of world missions.

# Enduring Long-term Illness

by John H. Boyle,  
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Some of the most courageous persons I have known have been those who were forced to live for many weeks, months and years afflicted with an illness which could not be cured or, at least, cured right away. Instead of getting well they got worse. Instead of dying once and for all they kept on living a death-like existence, sometimes with much pain and suffering.

The chronically ill person is one who lives with the constant reminders of his frailty and weakness. He is bound somewhat permanently to his sickness. There may be times when his condition is not acute and his disease is under control. But though the symptoms are less severe, the problem is still there and, given the right conditions, will make itself known in obvious ways sooner or later. Hence the diabetic, the person with chronic heart disease, the chronically ill tubercular patient, the leukemia patient and many others are constantly haunted by the awareness that their lives must be lived within the limits set by a physical condition which may not improve measurably for the present and, perhaps, even for the long-range future.

The situation of such individuals is further aggravated by the fact that they may have to be cared for in a hospital, nursing home or some other institution. Separated from family and loved ones they soon despair of ever leaving their prison of pain and discomfort. Chronic illness, therefore, is a confining experience in which a person may be overwhelmed by feelings of frustration, boredom, resentment, bitterness and a sense of utter hopelessness regarding his future.



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Under these circumstances a person's self-esteem is often severely clobbered. Since his illness and confinement curtail his functioning he may begin to feel totally useless and worthless. Time weighs heavy upon him and his day-to-day existence becomes unbearably boring. Feelings of self-pity sweep over him as he experiences himself as a helpless victim of circumstances.

How do you endure such a condition as chronic illness? Four things are essential. First, use the gift of memory to remind yourself of past experiences in which your worth as a person was affirmed by others, including God. Accept the support of those who, by caring for you and ministering to you, reaffirm your worth and value. Second, exercise as much mastery and control over your situation as is possible within the limits imposed by your illness. Resist the temptation to let others decide for you and do for you what you can decide and do for yourself. In this way you maintain your dignity and integrity as a responsible person.

Third, deliberately try to invest your emotional energy beyond yourself. Insofar as is humanly possible, seek to avoid self-pity by turning your attention and care to others in their hurt and trouble. Though you may not be able to do much of this a little goes a long way in preventing you from growing in on yourself too soon and thus "dying" before your time.

Finally, affirm daily your faith in God who, in Christ and in others who love you, shares with you in the fellowship of suffering and reassures you that he will not abandon you but will be with you always.

# DEVOTIONAL



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## On Commitment

*Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him: and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5*

John Hurt wrote in an editorial in *The Christian Index* a few years ago some recorded phrases about his father who had retired as a pastor. The words were recorded by a church clerk about this spiritual leader after 41 years of service. They went like this: "He led us out of the wilderness by his stability" ... "He was patient" ... "He was doctrinally sound" ... "He has a great faith" ... "His sermons were always spiritually mature." These are just a few of the recorded phrases and in reading them again recently I realized what it means to commit our way unto the Lord.

Too many of us today in times of stress and trouble in our personal lives have lost the reality of commitment to God. We express ourselves in words and actions as if God is to blame for all our ills. We are not willing to admit that sin in our lives causes disregard for biblical truth and failure to acknowledge our trouble as basically spiritual.

It is said of Arthur Miller, the author, that in all of his writings he seeks for the "moment of commitment" when a man separates himself from other men. ... There comes a time when as Christians we must separate ourselves from other men and respond to difficulty with stability, being doctrinally sound and spiritually mature.

The Psalmist presents the challenge and God has the power if we are willing to make this an act of decisive personal commitment. To make an absolute transfer of all that we possess to God, this is our moment of commitment. It means not only commitment in the present time of stress but it means commitment of our future. Now our attitudes belong completely to Jesus, our activities must be in keeping with the highest ethical teachings of Jesus and our will must be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Then and only then can we know the real meaning of committing our way unto the Lord.

# OUTLOOK ON OUTREACH

By R. Othal Feather,  
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If there is one pungent word which seems to characterize the new concept for Southern Baptists during the 1970's it is "Outreach." It symbolizes the new organizational structure of the Sunday School. No longer are we to select Sunday School class presidents who can preside with dignity. Now we will search diligently for class Outreach Leaders who are or will become capable of leading their class members in an outreach lay ministry during the week. The same will be true at the department and general Sunday School levels. New mission actions through Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood portray equally well the desire of our people for consistent and effective outreach. New literature and other source materials are equally effective for encouraging aggressive outreach through the various church organizations during the 1970's.

The Saviour's earthly ministry was literally filled with events of outreach. He "came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Seeking (outreach) is first in the sequence. This was implemented by the sending out of the twelve and the seventy (Matthew 10:1-20; Luke 10:1-20). It was implied the day following the transfiguration, in the healing of the man's son (Luke 9:37-43) and immediately following the healing and saving of the man who was mentally ill and dwelling among the tombs (Mark 5:19). One third of Luke's gospel is devoted to the journeys and encounters of Jesus. These and many other such incidents show the centrality of "outreach" in our Lord's earthly ministry. Even His parting words at the time of his ascension, the great commission, commands outreach, "Go... I am with you" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

It was my rare privilege to work with the Foreign Mission Board this past summer in east and central Africa. Our mission was to help the missionaries, pastors and lay preachers prepare for their 1970 evangelistic crusade, "New Life in Christ for Africa." One of my responsibilities was to encourage outreach.

In Mbale, Uganda, following a Saturday morning session on outreach, we all made our way to some church or preaching station in the interior for the Sunday services. Billy Cruze, a new missionary still giving much of his time to language study, accompanied an African pastor to his small church. They found only one person waiting for the services. The three — missionary, pastor and one-man congregation — started the service by singing some hymns but no one came.

A brief conference ensued and they decided to sound the horn on their English Land Rover vehicle several times, but still no one came. After further consultation it was decided that the African pastor would stand on top of the Land Rover and announce loudly in all directions that a church service would soon follow. One more person came but they were convinced many others in the area should be reached for this service. So, they visited some of the nearby huts. After several efforts they found only one elderly man at home. He informed them that all the able bodied persons in the area were in the fields gathering millet. The missionary, African pastor and two laymen made their way through the grain fields inviting the workers to attend their church service. As a result of their outreaching visitation, 84 attended the late noon-day Sunday service and 12 adults made professions of faith.

As I listened to their story the next day my thoughts turned back to my homeland, the good old U.S.A., where Southern Baptists were known for their aggressive outreach in the 1950's. Then

as I reflected further I became mindful of our waning interest in outreach during the 1960's. Outreach in many churches has been comparable to sounding the English Land Rover horn or the ringing of a church bell, long since outmoded except for a few affluent congregations who are called to worship by melodious church chimes.

Some of our churches have persisted in using the modern telephone, comparable to calling out loudly from the top of the Land Rover, and the results have been almost nil.

But, thank God for a few faithful churches, small and large, who have clearly interpreted New Testament outreach to be going after the people, where they are, with a person to person appeal in the name of Christ. This has been true of all of the fifty churches with the largest Sunday Schools in the United States, while the majority of our churches continue to rationalize about substitutes for real outreach. The results of genuine New Testament outreach continue to be most rewarding when we maintain the right outlook on outreach.

## Let's Switch—Not Fight

"I'd rather fight than switch."

Other than being a punch line for a cigarette commercial, this is the theme song of some church members. And when it comes to money matters the fighting is usually more prevalent than the switching!

Ever since the inception of the Cooperative Program in 1925, most Southern Baptist churches have set their mission goals in terms of dollars. Each year they have endeavored to increase the amount of dollars to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

In recent years, however, many Southern Baptist churches have switched to a percentage plan of giving to mission causes. Instead of setting a dollar goal each year, they decide at budget planning time to give a certain percentage of all undesignated offerings each month.

But what are the reasons for switching? There have been four prevalent reasons given by the churches and pastors where this plan has been followed: 1) It is easy to understand; 2) It is fair to all churches; 3) It means more money for missions; 4) It makes increases easier.

The average church member readily understands that he can increase his mission giving by merely increasing his weekly giving. He is aware that more money will go to missions if more money is given.

Giving on a percentage basis is fair to the large church and the small church. Both stand on equal ground when they give on a percentage basis.

The leaders of churches which give on a percentage basis testify that this method allows their church to give more to missions. Some have even gone so far as to say that this plan of giving has noticeably increased their church's budget each year.

It is easier to increase a percentage than a sum of money each year. A church begins with a challenging percentage and increases it each year without experiencing a shortage elsewhere in its budget.

If this matter comes up for consideration in your church, think about these advantages before you fight. And — for once — consider switching instead of fighting!

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

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### Kentucky Baptists Will Long Remember Dr. W. C. Boone

Dr. W. C. Boone, the beloved former Kentucky Baptist executive secretary who died on July 9, has received from many who knew him the tributes he so richly deserved. The words of Miss Doris Yeiser, his faithful secretary for a number of years, which appeared in the July 18 issue of the *Western Recorder*, said many of the things in many of our hearts. The occasion, however, cannot pass without a personal expression from this writer who was blessed by Dr. Boone's friendship and example.

Dr. Boone was first, last and forever a preacher of the gospel. His accounts of his painful struggle as a college student with the call to preach before surrendering helped explain his lifelong devotion to proclaiming the gospel. I first knew him when he was pastor at Crescent Hill Baptist Church and I was a first year seminary student. His sermons were textbook models of our seminary course in homiletics.

His preaching never became subordinate in his promotional ministry as executive secretary. No won-

der, then, when he retired at 70 he was as energetic and active in preaching as he ever was. It was no surprise he led in the organizing of a new church in Jackson, Tennessee, where he lived and served as its pastor as long as his physical strength would allow.

Among his many personal qualities was the ability to identify with those of every level. His aristocratic background and his dignified appearance could have been expected to be a barrier in his communication with some Kentucky Baptists but this was never so. He was appreciated wherever he went and the confidence he inspired was a major factor in the steady growth and response of Baptists in Kentucky under his leadership.

The Lord used many others before him and will use others after him but when the Lord calls the roll of those who served Kentucky Baptists nobly, Dr. W. C. Boone will be near the top. The memory of him and his ministry should inspire those of us who survive him and are working for what he worked.

### With God's Servants In The Mountains

Kentucky Baptists have a wide variety of conferences, assemblies and camps to choose from each summer. Among the most unique and rewarding of these summer conferences is the Mountain Missions Conference sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Missions Department and held on the campus of Oneida Baptist Institute. This editor was one of the participants in this year's conference who will cherish its memories and blessings a long time.

This was the 22nd year for this gathering of those who minister in the challenging mountains of eastern Kentucky. In earlier years it was for pastors only but now it is a family affair. And so the ring of children's laughter and the cheery chatter of pastors' wives are heard along with the serious and light conversations of preachers.

The affair is a delightful blend of worship, study, rest and fellowship. The accent is on informality with coats and ties almost never seen. Everyone is in classes and conferences during the morning and separate worship services for adults and youth are the order for the early evening. The rest of the time is

free for all the happy activities preachers and their family members enjoy. For some who attend it is the only real vacation of the year.

The setting on the Oneida campus seems an indispensable part of the experience. Chairs are set up under the stately trees atop the hill on which the school stands. Couples who have this one opportunity each year to visit each other engage in happy conversation. Preachers gather in small or large groups to swap experiences, to settle theological issues or just to whittle while engaging in light talk. Some parents swim, play tennis and ping pong or otherwise frolic with their children. And it is not unusual to see a preacher and his wife holding hands while strolling across the campus. Laughter rings across the campus late into the night and spontaneous singing of children and adults occasionally breaks out and fills the night air.

Architects for this annual affair are Bob Jones, director of the Kentucky Baptist Mountain Missions Program, and A. B. Colvin, Kentucky Baptist missions secretary. To watch these two men work together and

to see the relationship which exists between them and these preachers in the mountains is to understand the spirit and success of the conference.

The week provided many blessings for this participant but two stand to have the most permanent effects. One was the experience of rooming with James Rose who was one of these mountain pastors before he felt led by the Lord to extend his ministry to Southern Baptists through the Southern Baptist

Sunday School Board. His compassion and concern are as big as the mountains he still loves and they rub off on all those around him.

The other special blessing came at the end of the final Bible study hour when a spontaneous confession and testimony service seemed to bring heaven down to fill our souls. Such high moments are not experienced often enough by this writer but they are worth waiting for and remembering.

### An Appeal And An Opportunity

This column is not and cannot be used ordinarily for appeals for one Baptist church or one Kentucky Baptist institution. But here's an extraordinary situation which seems to justify making an exception.

Oneida Baptist Institute president David Jackson has been searching unsuccessfully for several months for a dietitian to supervise the buying, preparing and serving of food at this Baptist boarding high school. School at Oneida begins the last of August and this makes the need a crisis. The crisis is quite personal with president Jackson since Evelyn, his wife, is doubling as dietitian along with the help of the dean of women, Mrs. French. These ladies already have

their hands completely full with other duties at Oneida and must be relieved.

As of last week Oneida also needed a math teacher and an English teacher. The math vacancy came as a result of the recent tragic accidental death of Joseph Calvin Barnes.

To teach or otherwise serve at Oneida is an opportunity for a Christian ministry and this appeal is made on that basis. Anyone reading these words who is qualified and is interested in such a Christian ministry or knows someone who might be is urged to contact President David Jackson, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Kentucky 40972. Telephone (606) 847-2202.

### BAPTIST FORUM



#### SUPPORTS PLACEMENT HELP

Dear Editor:

I would like to voice my strong approval of your recent editorial, "Should the denomination help churches find pastors?" Your support of John Mitchell's thoughtful article on the need for better programmed assistance to pastorless churches and pastors is a healthy one with which I personally concur while I see many practical difficulties in the establishment of the kind of placement service which he outlines. The emphasis is good and the need is great. Especially insightful is his emphasis upon the need for a church profile of the pastorless church. This would both offer the church a real opportunity for self examination as well as provide desperately needed information on the nature of the church for the seeking pastor.

You mentioned that two of the fears which such a plan would arouse would be the fear of dependence upon human instrumentality and the fear of denominational politics and favoritism. However, those who would raise their voices

most loudly against such an approach often find themselves resorting to questionable procedures in the use of human instrumentality to insure that their name gets before a pastorless church in their efforts to be God's called man for that particular situation. This is a fear which we should not have given our concern and understanding of a call to the ministry. For the Biblical concept of call has always stressed that God works through human instruments to achieve His will.

I must also agree with you that the greater fear is that such a plan would encourage denomination politics and favoritism. Such a plan would, however, have the potential for actually lessening the denomination politics and favoritism that exists with our present approach to relating church and prospective pastors.

Louisville, Kentucky Larry McSwain

#### LIST AVAILABLE PASTORS

Dear Editor:

Should the denomination help churches find pastors?

I would say yes, perhaps not exactly as presented by John G. Mitchell (*Western Recorder*, July 18, p. 3). I believe there are two points in his plan that need further study. Number one, profiles would not always present a true picture of pastor or church. Number two, there could develop a political, rather than a spiritual, effort to bring both pastor and church together.

It seems to me that a simple and effective way to help both pastor and church would be for the *Western Recorder* to print the names and a short resume of both ordained and licensed ministers. Any pastor desiring to be listed could do so. Then churches would have constantly before them information on who was available, pertinent information as to how to get in touch, and then could act as they felt led.

Burna, Kentucky Tom Keeling

#### GOOD CONVENTION

Dear Editor:

It seems that most everyone has an opinion on the convention and rightly so. What was wrong with the convention? What in the world do we expect when we get 13,500 messengers together? I, along with others, am inclined to think it was a good, very good, convention and much was accomplished. I think there have been some senseless things said

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## People And Places

W. Louis Walters celebrated his sixth anniversary as pastor of Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, July 5. A reception was held by the church in honor of the pastor's anniversary following the evening service. Walters, a 32nd degree Mason, served as moderator of the Long Run Association in 1969. He has also served in various other capacities. Former pastorates include Lake Dreamland and Fourth Avenue, both in Louisville.

Arnold Wayne Carter was licensed to preach by the Calvary Baptist Church in Mercer County during the morning worship service Sunday, June 28. A 1970 graduate of Mercer County High School, Carter plans to enroll in Campbellsville College this fall. Already he has done supply preaching in neighboring churches. Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Carter. Pastor of the Calvary church is Ty Clenny.

James Cox, professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, is serving as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, during the months of July and August. He and his family moved to the church field where he can serve full-time during these months.

Ohio River Association has adopted a resolution praising the ministry of A. J. Smith, former pastor of the Mexico Baptist Church. At the time of his res-

ignation to accept a mission pastorate in Ohio, Smith was moderator of the association and a member of the KBC executive board.

Baptist Tabernacle in Paducah recently voted to purchase a new organ for the sanctuary. The cost is in excess of \$3,500. A fund raising campaign is now underway to pay for the instrument.

Nelson Willis, Sr., pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Louisville, died Friday, July 19.

He was a member of the National Baptist Convention, Central District Association, and the Ministers and Deacons Alliance.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Alva Jackson; three sons, Daniel, Robert and Nelson Willis, Jr., and six grandchildren.

J. Newton Dupin, 89, died July 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thelma D. Myers in Louisville.

A native of Nelson County, he was a charter member of the West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, and a deacon emeritus there. Throughout his Christian life he was very active in his church and the Long Run Association of Baptists. Throughout his married life of 63 years Dupin was a subscriber to *Western Recorder*.

He is survived by his wife, the former Octavia Neal; another daughter, Mrs. Lucille Clark, Pooler, Georgia; a son, Thomas R. Dupin, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



### Home again

The nicest thing about making a trip around the world, even when attending the 12th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, is getting home again! We arrived at 10:05 p.m., Wednesday night, July 22, tired but happy over the new vision of Baptist work and world need which came to us on this tour.

### Breathes there a man?

Every country and continent has its fine points and its poor points, each its own civilization and contribution to the world culture, but after a quick visit on four continents and more than a dozen countries we returned to these United States of America with greater appreciation of our national heritage than ever before. Through my mind a dozen times ran the opening words of the poem:

*"Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land'..."*

Leaving New York we saw the Statue of Liberty; returning to Hawaii, then Los Angeles, then Louisville, we swelled with pride at being citizens of this great nation. We saw people in far greater need, in deeper poverty, in more wretched conditions than anyone in this country. We felt the power of the Christian culture of which we are a part with a new impact. Thank God for America, and pray for our sins that we may be what God would have us be and what the world needs.

So many of our tour group said: "if all the critics of our nation could have a first-hand view of conditions around the world, they would come back thanking God for their citizenship."

In nations where as little as 5% are Christians of all kinds and persuasions, one can feel the difference. The United States is by no means 100% Christian but the Spirit of Christ has done much to make this the greatest country on earth.

The greatest single fact of the world tour is the conviction that we must take Christ and His message to the millions of lost people all over the earth. The Great Commission is a larger commission. The Cooperative Program is a greater necessity—the channel by which the lost may see the Great Light. More on this topic later.

*Harold G. Sanders*



**PARTICIPANTS** — Only part of the 250 participants in the Twenty-second Annual Conference for mountain preachers and their families showed up for the group picture. Oneida Baptist Institute serves as host for the event each year and many enjoyable and beneficial activities occur underneath the shade trees pictured in the background.



**FAMILY AFFAIR** — The Mountain Mission Conference was a family affair and pastor and Mrs. Frank Kuriger took it seriously. Seven of their children accompanied them and they filled one whole table at meal time with one child left over for another table. In the picture they are examining an old fashioned nail pulled from the James Anderson Burns museum which is adjacent to the Oneida campus. Kuriger is pastor of the Mouth Card Baptist Church in Pike County.



**NEW APPROACH EXPLAINED** — Kentucky Sunday School secretary Roy Boatwright, center, explains details of the new Sunday School approach to Bob Jones, left, and pastor Kale Conner. Theme for the conference was "The Challenging 70's." Other conference leaders included Kentucky annuity secretary A. W. Walker, mission secretary A. B. Colvin, Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley and James Rose from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.



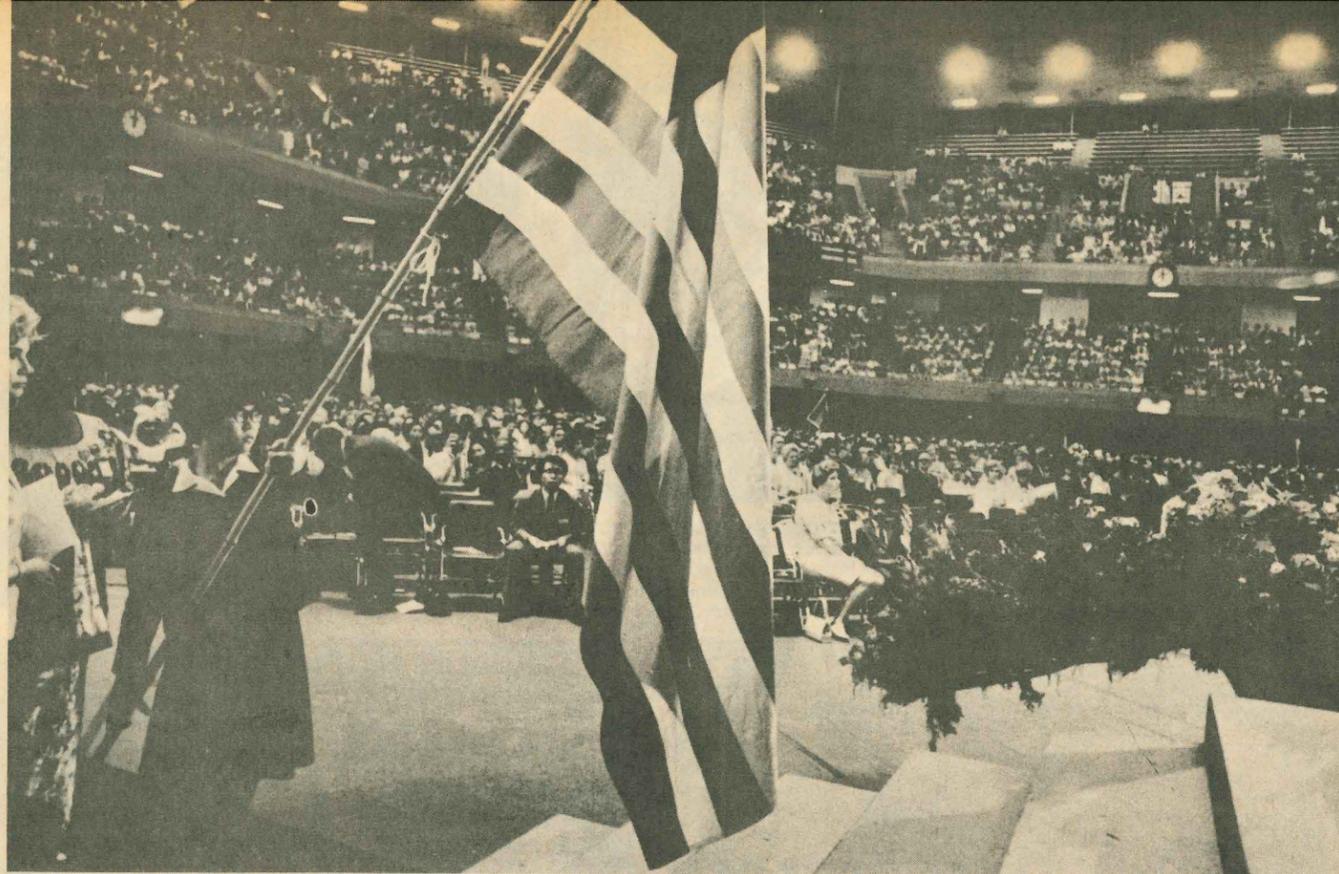
**PREPARING FOR KENTUCKY TOUR** — Ronald Wells, former minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and a Southern Seminary graduate, discusses changes in his original song drama, "I Wonder," with Miss South Carolina, Claudia Carmen Turner (right), and Miss Nancy Whitlock. Miss Whitlock will replace Miss Turner as lead vocalist in the production while Miss Turner prepares for the upcoming Miss America Pageant in September. Wells, who now serves the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will lead the 188 voice Touring Youth Choir on an August tour which includes three performances in Kentucky. On Thursday, August 6, the group will present "I Wonder" at the First Baptist Church, Pineville, sponsored by the Bell County Association. The following evening at 8:00 p.m., the group will sing at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. On August 13, at 8:15 p.m., the choir will be featured at the John L. Hill auditorium on the Georgetown College campus. The public is invited.



**JUNIORS** — Juniors look and listen intently as Mrs. Robert C. Jones conducts mission study. Children studied in the morning, frolicked in the afternoon and worshiped in the evening.



**PRECHOOLERS** — Preschoolers were taught by Mrs. A. B. Colvin and Mrs. Edwin Davis. The children were so captivated with the teaching that the photographer went unnoticed. Mrs. Colvin is associate director of the nursery school-kindergarten at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



**ROLL CALL OF NATIONS** — The Liberian flag led the Roll Call of Nations during the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo as more than 10,000 Baptists from around the world looked on. During the colorful ceremony the flags of

76 countries represented at the congress were carried across the stage while a representative from each country said the congress theme — "Reconciliation through Christ" — in his native tongue. (BWA photos by BP)

## BWA Congress Ends Emphasizing Peace, Reconciliation

The 12th Baptist World Congress, after hearing a score of speeches on the themes of racial equality, peace, justice, hunger, disease, evangelism, Christian unity and reconciliation between people and nations, adopted a manifesto, a message to its churches and a half-dozen resolutions dealing with the same basic issues.

The six-day congress ended in Tokyo, Japan, with a message by evangelist Billy Graham on the roles and responsibilities of youth, while about 50 Japanese young people protested the prominent clergyman's presence on the program.

Theme for the congress was "Reconciliation through Christ," with most of the speakers repeating and amplifying the topic again and again.

The 8,556 registered Baptist delegates from 76 countries, though voicing their unity repeatedly in sermons and resolutions, frequently displayed their differences.

While the 15,000 seat Budokan Hall, built for the Olympic judo matches, was filled with as many as 10,000 persons on the opening and closing nights, many of the delegates and guests went sight-seeing in Tokyo, Osaka, Nikko, Hakkone

and other scenic Japanese spots during the daytime sessions.

**PROTESTS:** The congress opened with a keynote address by Theodore F. Adams, retired minister from Richmond, Virginia, who issued a plea for Christians to unite in breaking down the barriers of racial prejudice, social customs and political differences that divide nations and individuals by applying the reconciling gospel to life.

While the former BWA president spoke, about 30 Japanese youth passed out copies of a resolution critical of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo. It decried the renewal of the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty. A later leaflet opposed Billy Graham's presence on the program because of Graham's close ties with U.S. President Richard M. Nixon.

No real demonstrations occurred, however. The most vocal opposition came while Graham was speaking. Youths sitting in the balcony began to clap and shout a Japanese word meaning "nonsense." Graham patiently waited for a moment and then went on with his address when the noise subsided.

A protest was also shouted out during the opening "Roll Call of Nations" when

the Russian flag was carried on the stage along with those of the other nations represented. A former Romanian Jew converted to the Lutheran Church, Richard Wurmbbrandt of Burbank, California, shouted, "The blood of Christians is on that flag" as the Russian Baptist representative walked off the stage. Later, police quietly removed Wurmbbrandt, who was not a delegate nor a Baptist.

The Roll Call of Nations, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the congress, combined with dramatic presentations on Baptist work in each continent, music from the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and numerous international musical groups added inspiration and drama to the congress.

Issues were discussed mostly in morning panel presentations, evening addresses and in the resolutions, manifesto and message to the churches.

**PEACE:** On the subject of peace, the congress urged world statesmen to intensify efforts to find world peace by strengthening the United Nations and making it representative of all peoples.

The peace resolution adopted by the delegates declared: "We cry out against the continued tragedy of the conflicts

in Indochina and the Middle East and urge that the killing be stopped."

In two of the strongest speeches during the congress, United Nations general assembly president Angie Brooks-Randolph of Liberia and former Minnesota governor Harold Stassen, now an attorney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, called for strengthening the United Nations as a means of reaching world peace.

Stassen, a several-time candidate for the U.S. Presidential nomination in the Republican Party and one of the original signers and drafters of the U.N. Charter, told the congress he believed the charter should be rewritten to include both Chinese governments, both German governments, both Korean governments and both Vietnamese governments.

The Liberian United National official, Mrs. Brooks-Randolph (nee Angie Brooks), said that while the world's masses want justice and peace, world government leaders show by inaction they really don't want this. She said the church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders to obtain peace.

If the church does not speak out on the issues of peace, poverty, war, human environment and others, the church might ultimately find it is not able to be a positive influence in the world, she said.

Another major speaker, German Baptist executive Gerhard Class, said he felt sure that the Baptists from each of the 76 countries represented were convinced that each country really does desire world peace and yet all efforts to obtain world peace have failed.

Class said the task of Christians is to take the initiative in reconciling mankind as the major step toward world peace.

**RACE:** On the related subject of race relations, a Black pastor from Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, Thomas J. Kilgore, hit hard at racism in the church and in America, saying the North American church is the worst offender in racial injustice.

"The churches have more to repent of than anyone else," said Kilgore, immediate past president of the American Baptist Convention. "They have failed to fulfill their role."

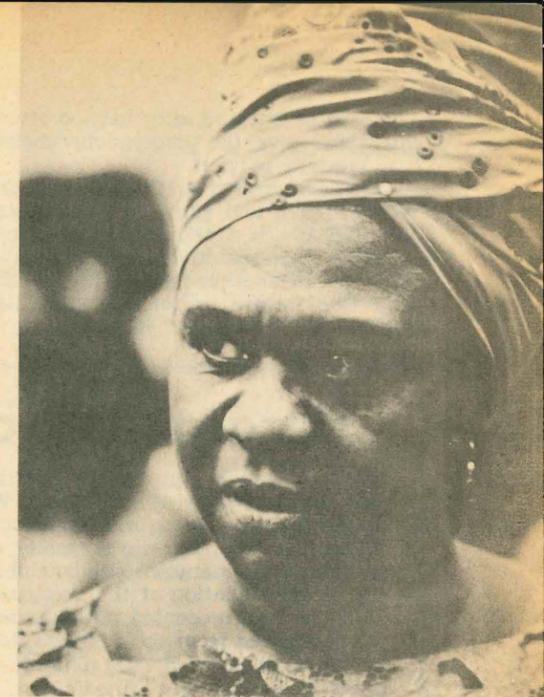
Another Negro Baptist pastor from America, John W. Williams of Kansas City, Missouri, said in the congress sermon that Christians cannot permit, without protest, a divided world that pits brother against brother because Christianity proclaims that "every homicide is a fratricide and every war a civil war."

In another major address, David S. Russell of London, England, said the issues of race and world poverty are "ugly-headed monsters which strike deadly blows at decency and dignity and must be resisted and slain in the name of God who came to destroy the dividing walls between man and man."

Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, said that the church must be inter-racial at all levels and must eliminate "social hatred and prejudice and bigotry of all kinds."

A resolution on reconciliation and racial discrimination called racism a "repudiation of the teachings of Jesus Christ." It also lamented the presence of racism in "our places of worship and in some of our respective communities and nations."

The resolution pledged efforts toward "the total elimination of every vestige of racism" in the church and said, "We repent of the sins of racism."



**UN OFFICIAL SPEAKS TO BWA** — Mrs. Angie Brooks-Randolph, president of the United Nations General Assembly, appealed during the 12th Baptist World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance for Christians to work for world peace by seeking to strengthen the United Nations. A native of Liberia and a Baptist, she was dressed in colorful African robes as she spoke at the Budokan in Tokyo.

A Black Baptist minister from the United States, William Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, spoke on the program instead of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. King had been scheduled to speak but had to cancel a few weeks before the meeting, Lawson said.

Lawson issued a plea for youth and the older generation to work together in changing the world "for God, for your neighbor, and for yourself." He declared that the older generation had relied too much on big business, big government and the military to change the world.

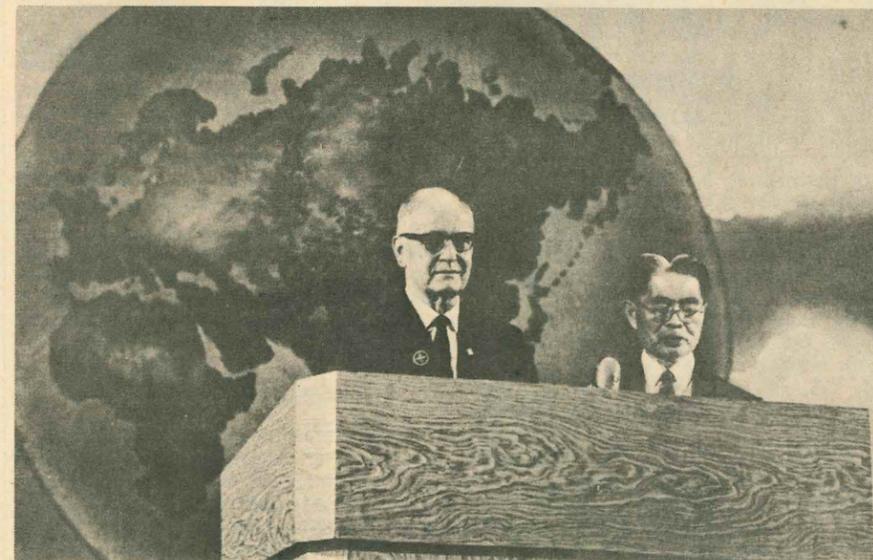
He said adults need the honesty and idealism of youth but that youth need the experience, patience and knowledge of unseen dangers. "You need us (adults) as much as we need you," Lawson said to the youth.

He urged youth and adults to work together to draft a plan for changing the world for good and to teach Christians to love neighbors.

"How do you convince Southern Baptists, who practiced slavery a century ago, that the non-white world still finds them arrogant?" he asked.

Several speakers commented that the congress was dominated by Americans, and by Southern Baptists in particular. Of the 8,556 delegates, about 5,800 were from the United States and about 5,000 from the Southern Baptist Convention.

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**ADAMS KEYNOTES BWA** — Theodore F. Adams (left), former Baptist World Alliance president and retired pastor from Richmond, Virginia, delivered the keynote address at the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo. Adams is now visiting professor of preaching at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Russell of England said that too often Christians give the impressions theirs is a Western religion.

"We have dressed it (Christianity) in Western garb and exported it to other countries as if it were just another commodity we had manufactured and wanted to sell in another part of the world. May God forgive us for our stupidity and our self-assurance," he lamented.

**SOCIAL ACTION:** U. Kyaw Than, general secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, said Christians should tackle the issues of peace, hunger and reconciliation between nations and people.

"While two-thirds of the world is begging for bread, the wealth of the nation that could provide bread is spent on a space venture to bring back a rock

from the moon," Than decried.

During a commission's report on religious liberty and human rights, an American seminary professor said that social action by the church is the only way to change systems which oppress people.

Said Culbert Rutenber, former president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Covina, California:

## Hargroves Tops Hobbs For BWA President

V. Carney Hargroves, an American Baptist minister, won the presidency of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) in the first contested presidential election in the 65-year Alliance history. Hargroves, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Germantown (Philadelphia), Pennsylvania, was the recommendation of the nominating committee.

In an unprecedented move, a member of the committee nominated from the congress floor Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After extended discussion, delegates elected Hargroves in a written ballot. Hargroves won both in the propor-

nominating committee process. He said that at least one member of the committee voted knowing nothing of the candidates but their names. "Thirty-nine Baptists ought not to determine without choice the decision of 8,000 Congress members in electing the president to represent 31 million Baptists," he said.

McCall, president of Southern Seminary, said that he wanted to provide delegates a choice of candidates.

Hargroves, the nominating committee candidate, is an American Baptist, a native of Virginia and a graduate of Southern Seminary. He has been pastor of the Philadelphia church since 1932. He is a former chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship and a former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

John Williams, Kansas City, Missouri, urged before the vote that BWA members maintain a spirit of unity regardless of the outcome of the election. Williams, whose church is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of America, said, "I know both men. They do not want us to be divided."

David Russell, London, England, opposed the Hobbs nomination. He said the constitutional provision for nominations from the floor should be used only in situations of doubt or emergency.

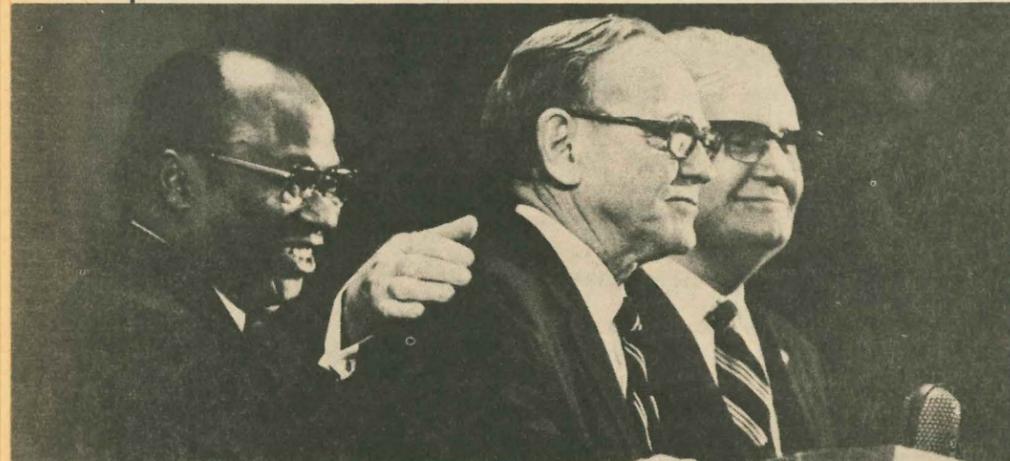
"This action calls into question the competency and integrity of the nominating committee," he said. "The committee worked with many names, and Hargroves gained wide acceptance in this representative committee." Russell contended that the committee was representative, while the floor was not.

"The general secretary of the Alliance is a Southern Baptist," he said. "In his first year of office it is appropriate that the president be from another convention."

Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, responded that the floor nomination was not without precedent. He said that British Baptists had challenged the committee nomination for general secretary last year.

The occasion Dehoney referred to was an executive committee meeting, not a general congress. He also questioned whether the committee report was unanimous, saying that some members did not vote.

Two Asians expressed disappointment that the presidential nominee was not an Oriental. Shuichi Matsumura, chairman of the local arrangements committee for the Tokyo meeting, said he would have preferred an Asian to an American for nomination but supported the committee's choice. (BP)



**NEW BWA PRESIDENT** — V. Carney Hargroves (center), pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, is greeted as the new president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) by congress delegates. William R. Tolbert (left) is vice president of the Republic of Liberia and outgoing BWA president. Herschel H. Hobbs (right) is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Hobbs, a Southern Baptist, lost the election to Hargroves in a close vote but pledged his support to the new BWA president.

tionate vote total and in a simple count of votes. The actual vote count was not announced but a member of the teller's committee told reporters that the total was 841 votes for Hargroves and 636 votes for Hobbs. Attendance at the session was far below the opening crowd of an estimated 10,000 which included many who were not official voting delegates.

Of the 55 different conventions voting in the election, all but 14 voted decisively for Hargroves.

L. Venchael Booth, United States, chairman of the nominating committee, said the committee recommendation was reached unanimously "in a spirit of unity and prayer."

Duke K. McCall, United States, then nominated Hobbs, he said, "to enable the general meeting of the Baptist World Congress to participate meaningfully in the election of the president."

McCall spoke of "rumblings of dissatisfaction" with the

"It is an act of love to feed the hungry, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of poverty. It is an act of love to bind the wounds of a soldier, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of war."

A call for Baptist churches around the world to participate in a world evangelistic effort of reconciliation between 1973-75 was presented by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

For the first time, a commission on Cooperative Christianity presented a report on Christian unity, discussing ways Baptists can relate closer with those of other denominations. "We should spare no effort to restore unity in the church, but how to achieve this is one of the great issues of our day," said George Beasley-Murray of Spurgeon's College, London, England.

**YOUTH:** A resolution urging more participation and representation of youth

## BWA Names 12 Vice Presidents, Two Are Southern Baptists

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has elected 12 new vice presidents from around the world, including two Southern Baptists.



Miss Hunt



Cooper

The new vice presidents come from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and North America.

Southern Baptists elected were Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama, and Owen Cooper, a businessman from Yazoo City, Mississippi.

L. Venchael Booth, a Negro Baptist pastor from Cincinnati, Ohio, was also elected to a vice presidential spot.

Other vice presidents are Isamu Chiba, educator, Tokyo; J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Ibadan; Daniel Y. K. Cheung, pastor, Hong Kong; Janos Laczkovzki, pastor, Budapest, Hungary; Rubens Lopes, pastor, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Austin Masa, general secretary, Philippine Baptist Convention, Ilailo City; T. B. McDormand, educator, Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada; B. R. Moses,

in the Baptist World Alliance was adopted, calling for youth to be involved in the planning process for the organization and congress sessions every five years.

Billy Graham concluded the congress with a sermon on youth, saying that adults are in danger both of ignoring youth and worshipping them.

"Youth has become an obsession with the older generation," Graham said.

Graham said he has made a constant effort to understand and have dialogue with youth and is convinced that young people lack purpose in life "because they have been robbed of moral values and religious faith."

He concluded with an evangelistic appeal for youth to respond to the Christian faith. An estimated 200 visitors and delegates responded to Graham's invitation to come forward and make some kind of decision for Christ. (BP)

secretary, Baptist Union of India, Vellore; and Rudolf Thaut, seminary president, Hamburg, Germany.

Delegates also elected two treasurers — Carl Tiller, an American Baptist layman from Washington, D.C., and M. G. Polson, a lawyer from London, England. (BP)

## FMB Med Clinic Closed By Personnel Shortage

A medical clinic which had served over 40,000 Indonesians has been closed and the building of a controversial Baptist hospital has been seriously impeded for lack of medical personnel, according to R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for southeast Asia.

The clinic and hospital site are located in Bukittinggi on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Earlier this year, the Foreign Mission Board announced that land and a building permit for the hospital had been secured and construction would begin shortly.

"Just as the doors open... we suddenly don't have the personnel to go there," Parks said. "We've got to have a surgeon and a general practitioner just to open the hospital."

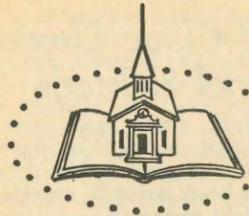
Currently, Dr. Kathleen Jones, stationed in Kediri, Java, is the only Southern Baptist missionary physician in Indonesia. Under her supervision, missionary nurse Ruth Ford maintained the clinic in Bukittinggi for some time, anticipating the arrival of Dr. Frank B. Owen from the United States.

However, Dr. Owen died en route to Indonesia, leaving Dr. Jones as the only Baptist physician serving Bukittinggi and Kediri, which are about 1,000 miles apart and on different islands.

The clinic was closed because Indonesian law dictates that a physician must be on hand to maintain medical clinics, Parks said. (BP)



**KENTUCKIANS** — Among the Kentucky groups attending the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan, was this one led by Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary Harold G. Sanders. Here the group is pictured in the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. They made an around the world tour, climaxing with the BWA Congress.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for August 9, 1970)



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## Failure And The Future

Isaiah 1:1-9

Isaiah, the greatest and most famous of the Hebrew prophets, was a citizen and perhaps a native of Jerusalem. Apparently he enjoyed the social and educational advantages of that city in his day. He became a man of honor, insight, wisdom, eloquence, versatility, devotion and literary genius. Upon receiving his call from God to work for Him, Isaiah unreservedly committed himself into His hands to be used in His service. He considered it a privilege to offer his personality, possessions and plans to Him Who had done so much for him. His remarkable ministry as a counselor of kings extended through the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah.

When Isaiah began his ministry religious conditions were deplorable. Instead of responding with grateful obedience to God's great purpose for them — that of living holy lives and being an instrument through which He could bring about the redemption of many others — the people of that great nation were morally and spiritually sick. Their ethical standards were exceedingly low. They frequented the sanctuary and made elaborate sacrificial offerings but God did not approve their worship. God is never pleased with sham or pretense. He is pleased when people are right in their relationship with Him and with others and when they prove that they are by the submission of their hearts to Him and by the conformity of their lives to His will.

The fact of rebellion  
Isaiah 1:1-4

There is a remarkable similarity between conditions in Judah in Isaiah's day and those which prevail in our country today. Conduct did not substantiate profession. Isaiah poured out caustic irony and burning satire on the follies, fashions and vices of the disobedient people. Standing for righteousness in all areas of life and activity, Isaiah warned the proud, ungrateful and disobedient people that if they continued in their rebellion against God the judgment of God would be inevitable. Isaiah's genuine love for God caused him to put forth his best efforts for Him. He entreated the people to turn to the Lord and serve Him. Appreciating the righteousness of God and

His abhorrence of sin, Isaiah burned with righteous indignation at the very thought of injustice, cruelty, oppression, dishonesty and immorality. He refused to condone unrighteous acts in any individual. He challenged his fellow countrymen who were living in open rebellion against God to repent of their sins and to turn from their wicked ways. There was still hope for them if they would only repent and get right with God.

God was deeply grieved that the chosen people, for whom He had done so many wonderful things, were living in open rebellion against His will and were treating Him as though they did not have any relationship with or responsibility to Him. The fact of their rebellion against God and departure into idolatry and other degrading sins provoked God to anger and brought His judgment upon them.

The fruit of rebellion  
Isaiah 1:5-9

As a result of the sinful rebellion against God of the people, God ceased to protect Judah whereupon she became involved in numerous troubles with oth-

er nations and their land was being devastated by an invader. Multitudes lost their lives. Many were taken captive. Property was destroyed.

Instead of truly repenting toward God, the people rebelled more and more. True to His holy and righteous nature, God refused to condone the terrible sins of the people. God did not enjoy chastising the people but their disobedience made it necessary that He do so.

Terrible bruises, stripes and wounds resulted from the misconduct of the people. Festers and infections needed careful cleansing, treatment and healing. God sought to treat the wounds of those composing the nation but the people refused to accept treatment from Him. As we gaze at society in these days, we observe a terrible sickness but there is not any possibility of conditions becoming better unless people repent and turn to God. If the present trends continue, one wonders how long it will be until various other places go the way of Sodom and Gomorrah. The only hope for the future is in God's grace and what He can and will do through those who repent, believe and depend on Him for the strength which they need.

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## Judgment And Promise

At the instigation of Satan and by the willful choice of Adam and Eve sin entered the world. Sin, which began with our first parents who were deceived by the subtle innuendo of Satan, was passed on to all of their descendants. Sin so permeated man that his whole being came under its defilement. As the members of the human race multiplied, wickedness increased proportionately. Men became so corrupt that God decided to execute judgment on them because of their terrible wickedness. His doing so indicated that there is a limit of His patience with sinners.

Genesis 6:5-8

Man's sin is the only thing about him that God has ever called great. Wicked works are the fruit of man's fallen and corrupt nature. Not only were man's deeds sinful but "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Every imagination includes both purposes and desires. What an awful state of corruption!

Man's wickedness grieved God. "Grieve" is a love word which means to plunge into deep sorrow or to cause acute pain. God can be grieved by what people think, say and do. Sin always

grieves God, whether it be in the believer or the unbeliever. It also deprives people of happiness, impoverishes their lives and destroys their usefulness.

Man failed to fulfill the great purpose for which God created him so God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." The Creator, and He alone, has the right to destroy what He created. Obviously the words "create" and "destroy" stand here in simple contrast to each other. To create means to bring into being and to destroy means to put out of being.

So grievous was the wickedness of the people that God had to send a flood to destroy the human race, with the exception of one righteous man and his family. The first thing we are told about this man, Noah, is that he "found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Grace is the foundation of every life that is well-pleasing to God and the source from which issues every blessing we receive. On what ground did Noah find grace? It was on the ground of the sovereign eternal purpose of God Himself to bless him.

Genesis 6:13-14

Having revealed to Noah His purpose to destroy all of the corrupt and violent people on the earth, God commanded him to build an ark according to His detailed plans, thereby averting any possibility of an error. Promptly and faithfully Noah followed the instructions which God gave him. Instead of making suggestions to God as to how to improve the ark or how the world might be saved in some other manner, Noah simply did as God commanded him.

Genesis 7:1, 4-5

Surely Noah felt sad at heart that not a single person outside his own family, to whom he had preached so faithfully and earnestly, had heeded his warning and entered the ark with him. But Noah was safe because he had entered the ark and the Lord had shut the door behind him. The ark was the only place of safety against the oncoming judgment.

Genesis 9:8-13

In these verses we have the account of the first great covenant mentioned in the Bible. Notice that the initiative, as always, comes from God. Noah did not propose a covenant nor ask for one. The great covenants of the Bible are not agreements between equals but between a benefactor and beneficiaries. It was of God's free grace alone that the covenant was made. It gave the assurance that human life should not be cut off or the world destroyed again by a flood. In the giving of the rainbow, God ratified His promise that no more would the earth be destroyed by flood and He established a memorial of the new relationship between Himself and His creatures. The rainbow was a visible sign which would serve at once to confirm men in their faith and to dispel their fears.

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about it but that just happens to be my opinion.

In the July 15 issue Hugh Wamble and Norman Shands had articles that made a lot of sense to me. Here are men who have their feet on the ground. Here are men who would hesitate to give their conclusion without much thought and study. I agree 100% with Wamble in what he said about our seminary and college professors. I think the wise ones will think twice, maybe three times, before they do much writing and who can blame them.

In the July issue of the Southern Seminary's *The Tie*, Duke McCall wrote some things worth reading three or four times. I am thankful for men like these I have mentioned and their conclusions and thoughts go a long way with me.

All in all I think Denver was one of our best conventions and the editorial analysis of Dr. Daley was as honest and correct as it could be. Those who could not go, after reading his editorial, knew the sum and substance of the convention.

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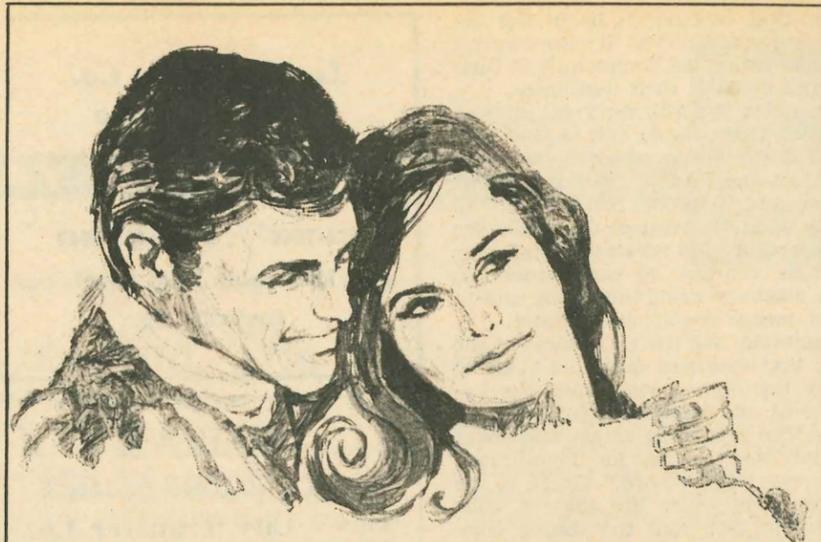
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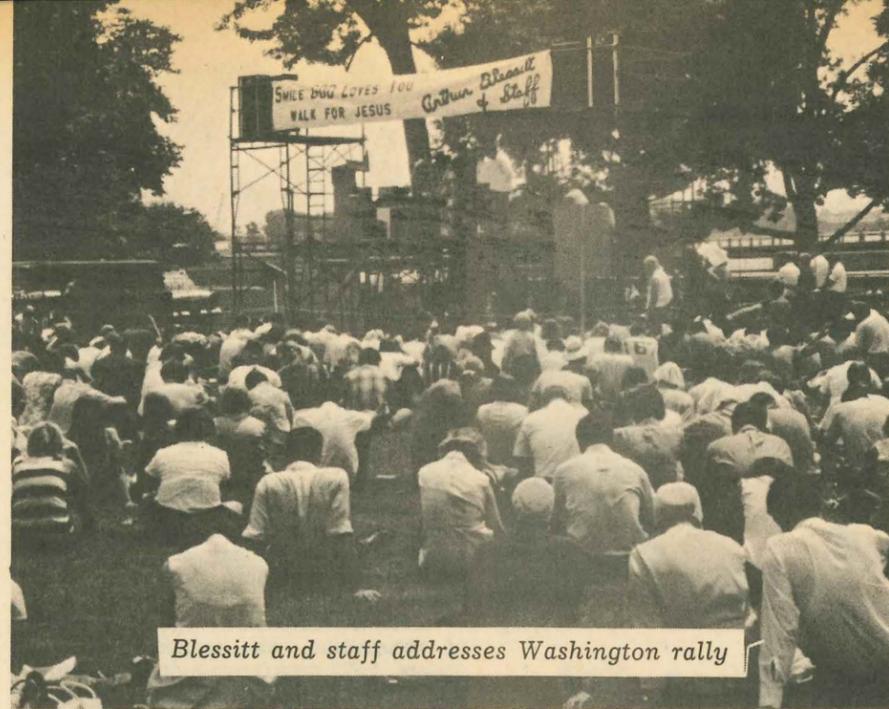


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Blessitt and staff addresses Washington rally

**Blessitt Completes Cross-Country Trek**

Preaching a message of "love to overcome the hate in the nation," hippie evangelist Arthur Blessitt of Hollywood, California, completed in Washington, D.C., a 4,000 mile "walk for Jesus" which he started six months ago on Christmas day in Los Angeles.

Rolling a 10-foot, 150-pound cross on old bicycle wheels, Blessitt and a few associates from Sunset Strip, a hippie hang-out in Los Angeles, ended the trip with 24 hours of prayer and fasting prior to a rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

Earlier a group of about 600 young persons joined Blessitt carrying his cross in a march around downtown Washington. Shouting to passersby and onlookers that "Jesus loves you," the group sang folk rock religious songs and gave cheers for Jesus.

Dressed in mod clothes and wearing his hair in the long hippie style, the 29-year-old Southern Baptist minister challenged the youths, many of them dressed also in the garb of the hippie world, to be a part of a new revolution: the "Jesus revolution," he called it, at a rally ending the 24 hour period of prayer and fasting.

Blessitt, who earlier in the day had collapsed from exhaustion, according to a Red Cross nurse, preached with strength and compassion for about 30 minutes to a crowd of about 1,000 persons.

In his appeal to the crowd in Washington, Blessitt asked his followers "to stress love and understanding instead of hate . . . to go into every community and become brothers with every man . . . to go on the streets, hand in hand . . .

shoulder to shoulder . . . to share Jesus in a new revolution."

"God, we can't live without revival in the land," Blessitt prayed, pleading for a spiritual revival to begin in the group gathered before him and in the Congress and White House.

"There is so much suffering, death, disease, pain and hate . . ." he cried.

"We can't live with our churches so cold, our preachers so dead and our buildings so fine," he cried, with tears streaming down his face.

In front of Blessitt as he spoke was the mobile cross he and a few converts had wheeled across the country. Fashioned from an old rough-hewn telephone pole, the cross was splashed with red dots about two inches in diameter.

The two-hour rally at the Washington Monument began and ended with the group shouting cheers to Jesus. "Give me a 'J,'" a leader shouted in typical cheerleader style.

The group responded with a loud "J." "Give me an 'E' — give me an 'S' — give me a 'U' — give me another 'S' — what have you got?" And the crowd yelled back, "JESUS."

Another cheer popular with the mainly teenage crowd during the march was "Rah, Rah, Roo, Jesus loves you. Rah, Rah, Ree, Jesus loves me."

For the most part, those in the crowd seemed to be middle-class church-going young people who want some identification with a new spiritual movement. Many of them have adopted the language and clothes fashions of the hippie community while holding on to a fundamentalist faith.

One of the followers, a radiant 15-year-old junior in high school, said she and her father were recently "saved" in one of Blessitt's meetings, though both had been members of a Baptist church for some time.

Active in the youth program in a church in West Palm Beach, Florida, she said her recent experience had changed her attitude toward people, "especially colored people."

The young girl and her father, like a majority of those at the rally, had followed Blessitt to Washington just to participate in the prayer day observance.

At the rally in the hot midday sun, Blessitt told the eager young people that he was going to stay in Washington for 40 days to pray and fast for a spiritual revival.

Citing references of early disciples who "went into the wilderness to pray," Blessitt said there was "no bigger wilderness in the nation than Washington, D.C." He called the nation's capital "a jungle of bitterness, hate, deceit and chaos."

Noting that permission to pray on the Monument grounds had not yet been granted, Blessitt told the crowd that he would prop his cross against a tree at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 15th Street near a telephone booth.

"Nobody could object to setting up the cross of Jesus Christ against a tree," he declared.

The young Baptist evangelist, who operates His Place, a Christian coffee house on Sunset Strip, urged his followers to go into the nation's capital and other cities and "feed the hungry . . . clothe those who are naked . . . and help find shelter for the homeless."

Blessitt promised that he or someone from his staff would be on hand at the telephone booth on the mall 24 hours of the day to answer any calls for prayer and other requests. That telephone number, he said, is (202) 393-8893.





New Child Care Center

## Child Care Center Dedication Set

The new Baptist Child Care Center facilities, located on the Spring Meadows campus in Middletown, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, August 30, according to an announcement made by Ford Deusner, general superintendent of the child care program.

The new building, erected at a cost of \$220,000, contains approximately 8,500 square feet of floor space. Its design is contemporary and functional, Deusner said.

Ground was broken for the new facilities on September 13, 1969. Holloway Ready Mix Company, Inc., of Middletown was the contractor. Louis and Henry, Architects and Associates of Louisville were the architects.

On June 17, the new Child Care Center was occupied. "We now can house our staff and seat our guests. We have more privacy and are more comfortable," Deusner commented.

He recounted how the Child Care program had outgrown its old facilities at 305 Evergreen Road in Middletown. During the seven years of its use, the addition of new programs and new staff members had made the facilities cramped.

The former facilities are now up for sale, Deusner pointed out. Money coming from the sale of this property will be used to replace funds taken from invested holdings for the new construction.

Present plans call for the new facilities to be dedicated at services between the hours of 2:00-4:00 p.m., August 30. Following an address by KBC executive secretary Harold Sanders, the building will be open for inspection. Deusner said all friends of the Child Care program are invited to attend the dedication services.

## Johnson Honored In Northern Ky.

Roy Johnson, well known Baptist preacher in Northern Kentucky, was honored on the occasion of 50 years in the ministry on Sunday, July 19, at Greenview Baptist Church. Johnson delivered the sermon in the morning service and following a picnic lunch he was surprised with a "This Is Your Life" program.

Many of those associated with him during his 50 year ministry returned to participate in the celebration and altogether more than 500 attended the services, according to Greenview pastor Bill Hodge. Johnson is a member of the Greenview Church. A love offering collected by a Florence restaurant and a book of letters from his closest friends were presented to Johnson.

The entire 50 years of his ministry

have been spent in the Northern Kentucky area. Since 1921 he has served as pastor of five churches: Crescent Springs, Big Bone, Burlington, Florence and Sand Run. He has retired twice but still preaches nearly every Sunday. In 1958 he retired from the Florence pastorate but came out of retirement in 1965 to serve as pastor of Sand Run until 1968.

In addition to his regular pastorates he often preached in missions which grew into churches. Two of these were Beaver Lick and Paint Lick.

Through the years he has been regarded as an effective evangelist. Statistics from his ministry include 3,000 professions of faith and more than 1,700 marriages and 1,800 funerals.

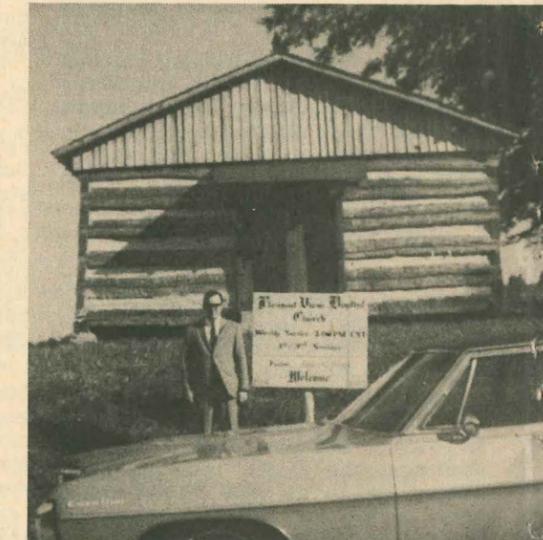
## Ky. Churches Receive S.S. Recognition

Sunday School achievement guide recognition has been given to 107 classes, departments and Sunday Schools of Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky during the first nine months of the 1969-70 year.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention 5,375 such recognitions were made, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Merit Achievement," the first level of recognition, was earned by 2,676 classes, 1,572 departments and 268 Sunday Schools; "Advanced Achievement," the second level, was reached by 388 classes, 285 departments and 7 schools; the highest achievement, "Distinguished," was gained by 104 classes, 74 departments and one Sunday School, that of First Baptist Church, Dover, Florida.

Oklahoma led all states with 1,126 total recognitions.



**THE LORD'S LOGS** — The Pleasant View Baptist Church in Russell County Association, began in 1884, was reactivated in 1967 under the leadership of pastor James C. Porter. The building was remodeled, including the installation of a roof made of old fashioned hand hewn wooden shingles. In the 1969 annual the church reported a membership total of 10. Between June 28-July 5, pastor Porter and O. D. Cooper led the church in a revival effort. Five professions of faith were made, two came for baptism and one made a rededication. These were the first professions of faith and baptisms since the reactivation.