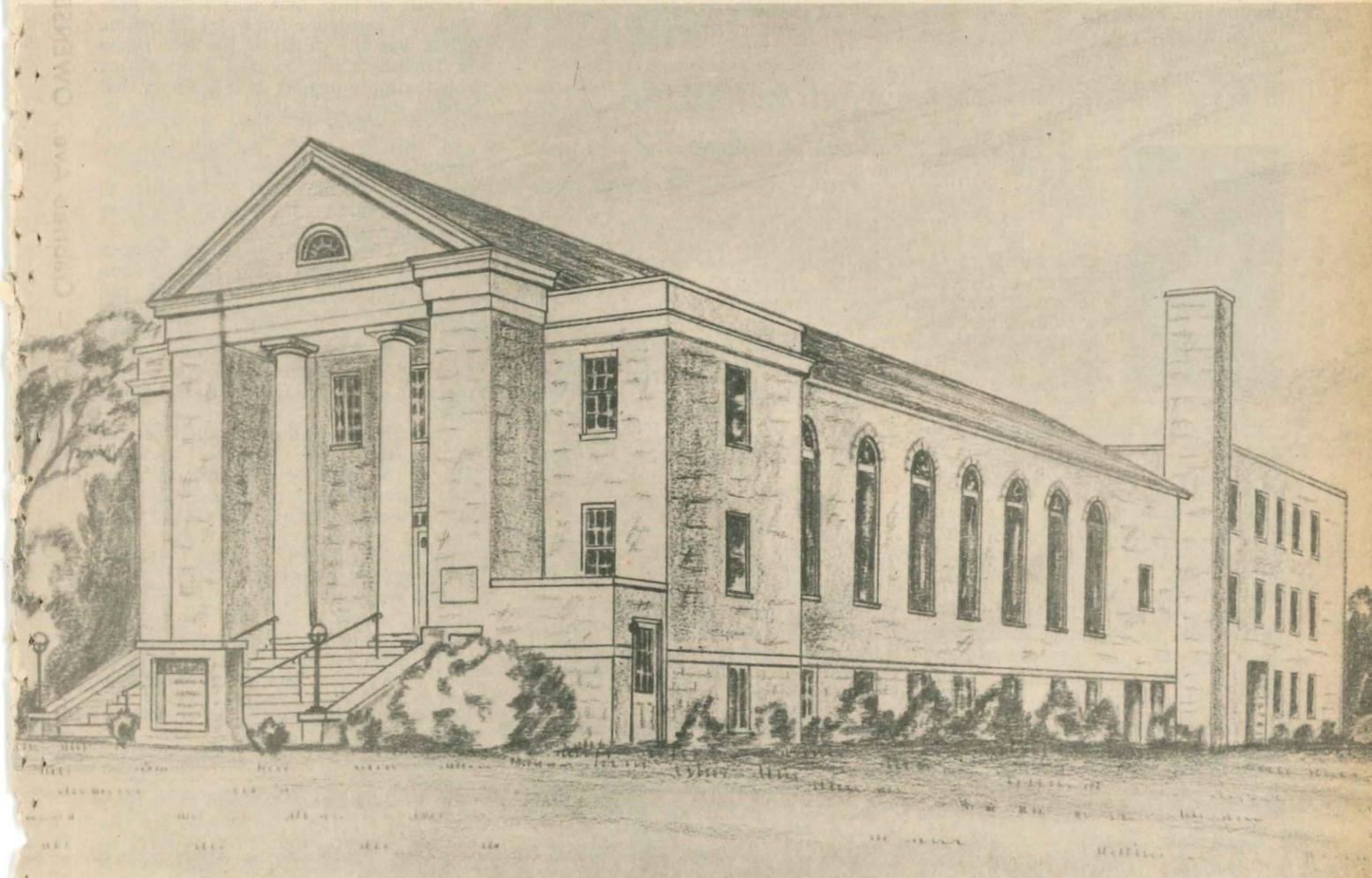




WESTERN RECORDER

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On Sunday, October 11, the First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown, Kentucky, will commemorate its 125th anniversary. Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, will preach in the morning worship service beginning at 10:45. A basket lunch will be served at the church at 12 noon. At 2:00 p.m. that afternoon a brief history of the church will

be given and Garnett Puckett, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, and a former pastor of the Jeffersontown church, will speak. The Adult Choir will sing in the morning service and the Youth Choir will sing in the afternoon service. All present and former members are cordially invited to attend events of this day.

People And Places

Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will have a dedication service for the remodeled sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 1970. All are cordially invited to attend. Foster Avenue Baptist Church is formerly a mission of Walnut Street Baptist Church. L. Foster Rose is the pastor.

Bobbie Brooks, pastor of the Mackville Baptist Church, and Mrs. Brooks are the very happy parents of a new daughter. Her name is Bobby Ruth. The Brooks are both natives of Paris, were reared in the First Baptist Church of Paris and are graduates of Clear Creek Baptist School.

The Golden Age Fellowship of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Wilmore, recently celebrated its sixth anniversary. The fellowship is an interdenominational effort to provide a social outlet for community members age 65 and over.

Don Bishop, chairman of Campbellsville College's physical education department, has been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."



Hawkins

Henry Hawkins was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, September 6 by the Three Forks of Bacon Creek Baptist Church in Lynn Association. Hawkins, a student at Campbellsville College, is pastor of the Hardyville Baptist Church.

Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Lexington, has initiated a new television program entitled "One Way." It premiered Sunday, October 4, on WKYT in Lexington. Benjamin H. Moore, pastor of the Chevy Chase church, produces the program. Chevy Chase's minister of music, Gary Foster, is in charge of music for the production.

Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, held special dedication services Sunday, September 20, for a new three-manual Allen Custom Organ recently installed in the church auditorium. A dedicatory

recital was played by Don Hustad, church music performer at Southern Seminary. Lloyd Storments is pastor of the Bethany Church.

Thomas Layman was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, September 20, by the First Baptist Church, Richmond. A native of Oldham County, Layman is a senior at Eastern Kentucky University. He serves the Peytown Baptist Church as pastor. Layman was licensed to preach by



Layman the Gardendale Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Guy Howard was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, August 30, by the Coxton Baptist Church in Pine Mountain Association. Howard is serving as pastor of the Coxton church.

Fred Moffatt, Sr., Dies At Age 72

Fred T. Moffatt, 72, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church at Frankfort, died Thursday, October 1, 1970.

Moffatt was pastor of the Frankfort church for 24 years until his retirement in 1961. After retirement, he was executive director of the Kentucky Parole Board during the administration of former Governor Bert Combs.

He was a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board and served for 30 years on the board of trustees of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. Moffatt also was active in civic affairs of Frankfort.

Before going to Frankfort in 1937, Moffatt held pastorates in Byington, Tennessee; Horse Cave, Kentucky; Jellico, Tennessee, and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The family said expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society or to the First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

DEVOTIONAL



Eugene N. Fleming
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Rekindling The Fire

2 Timothy 1:6

So often we are pale, placid and passionless Christians. What has happened? Why are the coals of fire low? Doesn't the fire need to be fanned?

Paul reminded Timothy to rekindle the gift of God that was within him. This is a reminder for every Christian. What was the cause of the low flame in Timothy's life? Was it gross sin or was it simply neglect of the factors that would keep the flame hot? Basically, if one neglects to apply God's Word and will in his life he will lose his warmth and glow. This must have happened to Timothy and it happens to every Christian who fails to live close to Jesus Christ.

In 2 Timothy 1:1-18 Paul reminds Timothy in verse 5 to reflect upon his heritage. We need to go back and recapture some of the great memories we had in our intimate relationships with God. God often reminded Israel to remember what he had done for them all along the way as he delivered them.

The church ordinances will help us to remember our spiritual heritage. This is the point of the Lord's Supper.

In verses 8-10 Paul writes about the gospel that has been committed to Timothy as a trust. It is our trust too. It must be proclaimed with lips that have been touched with coals of fire.

Paul reminds Timothy in verses 15-16 of men whose hearts had turned cold and in contrast Onesiphorus whose heart remained warm. It is implied that some had grown ashamed of the gospel and its power and yet here was a man who was not ashamed of Paul's chains. This is the fire that needs to be fanned in our lives. Are you ashamed of the gospel?

In looking ahead to what is in store for the Christian Paul mentions twice in this chapter "that day." It is to be a day of rewards. Jesus had said, "If any man serve me, him will my father honor." This concept will warm your heart.

We need a hot fire in our hearts. The fire has "died down," let it be fanned by a conviction that applying the Word and will of God to our lives will cause a warmth and glow that will be felt by others.

In Compliance With Convention Request

Sex Education Bibliography Presented

This bibliography is an effort to meet the need expressed by a motion made in the 1969 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for a sex education bibliography. It is prepared in three parts. However, many of the books could just as well fit in one of the other categories because of content overlap. A great amount of material has been and will be published in the Sunday School Board Curriculum. None of this material is included on the assumption that you are aware of it.

General course materials

General course materials suitable for teaching in a series of studies either in church or school are:

Understanding Sex Before Marriage by Herbert J. Miles; Zondervan, due December, 1970.

Sin, Sex, and Self-Control by Norman Vincent Peale; Guideposts Associates, Inc., Publishers, 1968.

The Great Sex Swindle by John W. Drakeford; Broadman Press, 1966.

The Stork Is Dead by Charles W. Shedd; World Books, Publishers, 1968.

The Church's Ministry to the Older Unmarried by M. D. Hugen; Eerdmans Publisher, 1959.

The Concordia Sex Education Series (Missouri Lutheran Synod): *Book One, *I Wonder Why* (children ages 5-9), *Book Two, *Wonderfully Made* (boys and girls 4-6th grade), *Book Three, *Take the High Road* (junior high school), Book Four, *Life Can Be Sexual* (high school students), Book Six, *Christian View of Sex Education* (for pastors, teachers and church leaders) — the starred (*) books have a film strip and long play record related to the book available; Order the series from Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63118.

A Curriculum Guide In Sex Education by Manley; Family Life Publishers, Inc. Excellent help in planning for sex education classes for children and for adolescents.

Sex and the Church by Oscar E. Feucht; Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, 1961. This book is one of a series of six that has been published by The Family Life Committee of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. It examines all that has been taught in the past and that which is being taught today on the subject of sex. This is a middle-of-the-road interpretation of the Bible teachings on sex. The last chapters present the contemporary views of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Lutherans. The final chapter, "A Christian Interpretation of Sex" is one of the most practical discussions on Christianity and sex in print. This book, written by outstanding scholars, is in simple, practical language.

The Biblical View of Sex and Marriage

by Otto A. Piper; Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1960. This is an able and thorough discussion of the Biblical concept of marriage and sexuality. It approaches the subject in light of two basic assumptions: 1) the spiritual, social and ethical treatment of sex should start from the nature of sex and 2) Christian leaders and theologians should derive their interpretation of sex from the Bible.

The Family In Christian Perspective by C. W. Scudder; Broadman Press, Nashville, 1962. Chapter Two in this outstanding volume on family life is entitled "Sex and Marriage." Here, the author uses the insights of Christian theology to help his readers understand the meaning and function of sex in marriage. The theoretical orientation of this chapter is superior.

The Mystery of Love and Marriage by Derrick S. Bailey; Harper and Brothers, New York, 1952. A scholarly biblical study of the sexual relationship in marriage with many helpful insights into the nature of love and the permanent significance of "one flesh."

Building A Successful Marriage by Judson T. and Mary G. Landis; Fourth edition, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1963. A popular standard college textbook in marriage and the family. It uses the functional approach in dealing in the processes of courtship and the problems related to married life. This book presents current research related to courtship and marriage without becoming technical.

Counseling for Church Leaders by John W. Drakeford; Broadman Press, Nashville, 1962.

Family Life (monthly 12-page bulletin) by American Institute of Family Relations. *Family Life* is designed for counselors, clergymen, physicians, social workers and other professional people who are interested in keeping abreast of developments in the field of marriage and family life.

Individual or family materials

Materials suitable for private study or parental instructions are:

Why Wait Till Marriage? by Evelyn Millis Duvall; Association Press, New York City.

The Essence of Marriage by J. A. Fritz; Zondervan, 1969.

Parents Guide to Christian Conversation About Sex (for parents); Book Five *The Concordia Sex Education Series* (a long play record and film strip related to this book is available).

A Guide For the Christian Sex Education of Youth by Brown; Family Life Publications, Inc. Contemporary guidelines and materials for sex education programs grades 7 to 12 helpful to parents.

Before You Marry by Duvall; Family Life Publications, Inc. Excellent counseling aid. Survey questions that should be asked on love, sex, health, character, money and personality.

For Young Adults Only by Richardson; Family Life Publications, Inc. Helpful insights, understanding of problems of sex, parents, social needs, etc. of young people.

Sex Facts and Fiction For Teenagers by Mozes; Family Life Publications, Inc. Self-help in sex education for young people. Written in good taste. Carefully selected illustrations.

Teenagers & Sex by Pike; Family Life Publications, Inc. A very helpful non-dogmatic guide for parents. Recommended for church libraries.

A Doctor Talks To 9-To-12 Year Olds by Mellach & Mandel; Family Life Publications, Inc. Human and animal reproduction and development. Illustrated.

A Doctor Talks To 9-To-12 Year Olds by Lerrigo & Cassidy; Family Life Publications, Inc. A doctor tells children the facts of sex and discusses bodily changes and new feelings, up to adolescence.

Parents Guide to Christian Conversation About Sex by Kolb; Family Life Publications, Inc. Helps parents provide sound sex education — glossary, bibliography and appendix of contraceptive techniques. Filmstrip and record for use in group teaching of parents.

Whom God Hath Joined by David R. Mace; Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1953. This little book contains four weeks of daily devotional readings on subjects related to Christian marriage. Each day's reading contains a passage of scripture plus some outstanding quotations from marriage literature and Dr. Mace's insightful advice on each subject. Written in the language of lay readers, it is an ideal wedding gift for the bride and groom. It could be of untold value to any husband and wife who would read together one chapter a day for four weeks.

What To Tell Your Children About Sex by the Child Study Association of America; Duell, Sloan, and Pearce, New York, 1964. This book discusses questions about sex that children ask their parents. Each stage of the child's development is covered from infancy to adolescence. It is written simply and plainly in question-and-answer form, under the direction of the CSAA.

Premarital and neomarital materials

Materials for premarital situations and for the young married in making the necessary adjustments in marriage.

Sexual Happiness in Marriage by Herbert J. Miles; Zondervan, 1967.

Understanding Sex Before Marriage

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One View Of The Birmingham Episode

The report on page seven of this issue of *Western Recorder* on the rejection of two Negroes for membership by the First Baptist Church of Birmingham and the resignation of pastor Herbert Gilmore and youth director Betty Bock, because of this action by the church, may well be the number one Southern Baptist story of 1970. Every *Western Recorder* reader is urged to read and reflect upon it carefully.

The following observations are based upon this and other reports and are being made by one who is viewing the episode from a distance. Therefore, I realize these observations might be quite different if I had been on the scene.

The episode has both discouraging and encouraging aspects. The most discouraging part of it is that apparently sincere believers in Jesus Christ and in the Baptist understanding of the New Testament would be rejected by this of all Baptist churches. The First Baptist Church of Birmingham has long been regarded as one of the great Baptist witness stations and missionary churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Its great pastors and its close connection with the convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union have caused many of us to regard it as one of the great missionary minded churches in the convention. We could have expected this church to be a leader for other Baptist congregations in proclaiming and practicing Christian fellowship and church membership without regard of race or color.

The encouraging aspect of the episode is that about 300 of the members believe the New Testament teaching that God is no respecter of persons or colors and these 300 were courageous enough to express themselves with moral protest.

The following quote of Dr. Byrn Williamson, "Dr. Gilmore, many of the church members feel as you do, that we have no moral right to deny membership to these Christians solely because they are black," stands to be regarded in the years ahead as one of the great statements uttered in a critical period of Southern Baptist life.

The statement of Pastor Gilmore in resigning, which is too long to quote here, is also an admirable expression of one who not only preaches but practices the teaching of the New Testament.

Another hero of the hour was Judge Hobart Grooms. Read the article again on page seven and consider carefully the contents of his resolution.

It is inevitable that accusations will be made

against Pastor Gilmore for the way he handled the affair and other charges will be made against him which are unrelated to this episode. This always happens in such an experience. It is also likely true that being human, as all of us are, Gilmore made some mistakes. I happen to know this man intimately and appreciate him for his many admirable qualities. This is not to say I do not see shortcomings in him, as he doubtlessly sees in me and as are in all of us.

Probably the biggest mistake of Gilmore was to think he could go to any Southern Baptist church in the deep south and bring about a racially integrated congregation within two years even though he stated clearly his convictions on the matter when he accepted the pastorate. Gilmore is an idealist and has paid the price idealists often pay.

Gilmore has now joined Tom Holmes of Georgia and a growing number of other Southern Baptist pastors on a list of those who are willing to pay the price for their convictions on this highly controversial matter. This list is still far too short, though I believe it is growing by the day.

Gilmore is further to be admired for not immediately beginning a new congregation composed of those sharing his convictions. There surely appears to be a sufficient number of those who share his convictions to begin a going church, but whether or not this would be wise must be determined by those involved as they seek the mind of the Holy Spirit.

It could be hoped that in addition to the very limited number of congregations up to now in the deep south where one or two Negroes have been added to the fellowship, there will be more and more Southern Baptist churches in Birmingham, Atlanta, Dallas and other great Baptist strongholds, as well as in every rural community, where true belief in Jesus Christ, belief in the New Testament teachings and the Southern Baptist commitment to a world mission ministry will be the sole basis for acceptance or rejection of fellow Christians. Our race, color, class, economic standing or any other worldly standard should be completely disregarded.

In some parts of the convention, where Southern culture is not such a dominant influence in Baptist churches, the acceptance of black Baptists in predominantly white congregations not only occurs without controversy but is an officially adopted policy of these churches. However, this gives no grounds for self-righteousness on the part of these churches. They have other sins for which to repent.

A Tribute To Mrs. George R. Ferguson

What does one say to a fellow worker in the cause of Christ when retirement nears for him or her? What words can adequately convey the deep felt appreciation for years of meritorious service? These and similar questions were pondered by many in the Baptist Building as Mrs. George R. Ferguson, executive secretary of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, approached September 30, the official day of her retirement.

By Bob Terry,
Assistant Editor

Together with the rest of the WMU staff, Mrs. Ferguson's efforts produced gains in Kentucky WMU during the past year

while other states reported declines. Miss Alma Hunt, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, executive secretary, noted this fact at the organization's April convention in Paducah.

Kentucky Baptists owe a big "thank you" to Woman's Missionary Union for their role in making Cedar-moore Baptist Assembly a first rate facility. The WMU cottages, the WMU conference building, improvements in the Cedarmore tabernacle, GA cottages, thousands of dollars for Boone Lodge and the Ferguson-Jaegle Conference Center all attest to the splendid support Cedar-moore has received from the WMU under Mrs. Ferguson's leadership. Kentucky Baptists tried to recognize this fact by partly naming the conference center in her honor.

Another big day in the life of Woman's Missionary Union occurred in 1963, when Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. J. S. Woodward, then president of the state organization, were allowed to make the WMU report to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. This was the first time women had been allowed to make the Woman's Missionary Union report.

Mrs. Ferguson has already been described by the WMU presidents with whom she served as "... trustworthy ... dependable ... knowledgeable ... inspirational ... conscientious ..." and an on-going list of adjectives that could fill a page. Suffice it for us to say that Mrs. Ferguson will be deeply missed but the greatness of her work will stand as a monument to her personal greatness.

Few in the Baptist Building have served longer than Mrs. Ferguson's 21 years. Few have been as cooperative or as accomplished.

Her leadership ability and knowledge of WMU work were recognized while she served as Kentucky WMU president and it was during this time that she was elected to the executive secretary position.

The first pressing problem facing the then new WMU executive was whether or not to employ a private detective to catch the thief who was stealing Woman's Missionary Union paychecks. With this settled, Mrs. Ferguson turned her energies toward more creative pursuits. Scholarships for Kentucky girls attending Southern Seminary were established, loan funds for nursing students were inaugurated, donations toward a chapel for Simmons University were raised and Kentucky more than doubled its goal for funds for the new offices of SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Ferguson guided the state organization during the 50th anniversary of Kentucky WMU and the 75th anniversary of convention-wide WMU work. Her leadership in interpreting the recent organizational changes in the local churches has been outstanding.

Reflecting On The Editors' Briefing Conference

Criticism of the Foreign Mission Board can be heard in most areas of the Southern Baptist Convention. People ask why so many missionaries are returning to the United States. Why is there so much unrest among the missionaries, ask some who visit the foreign fields. Why don't the missionaries have as many dramatic experiences to share with the churches, ask others.

By Bob Terry,
Assistant Editor

Several explanations of missionary unrest were offered. However, officials questioned that the unrest was greater than in

previous years. The ease of communications, officials said, has simply increased the awareness of unrest.

Great stress was placed on the changing role of the missionary. Churches started by missionaries have organized their own national conventions on many fields. Thus, missionaries who were once in the forefront have assumed new roles. More and more they become resource persons equipping the nationals to do the needed tasks. The results are evident. While glorious victories are still being won by the nationals, the missionaries are sharing different type stories that many of us at home are not prepared to appreciate.

A complete editorial would not be enough space to adequately deal with each question. Thus, we will not attempt to answer the questions. Instead, let us share part of the answers given by FMB personnel when these and other questions were asked by the Baptist state paper editors during the "Editors' Briefing" September 16-17 in Richmond.

Winston Crawley, director of the FMB's overseas division, said that while the number of missionaries returning has increased, the percentage of returning missionaries has remained rather stable, between three and four percent. "Simple arithmetic shows you that three percent of 2,500 missionaries is more than three percent of 1,000 missionaries," he pointed out.

In complete frankness, not all answers were completely satisfactory but it was pleasing to know that FMB leaders were aware of more problems than could be asked about and are seeking solutions. These dedicated servants of Christ deserve our support and prayers as they seek to do His will on the foreign fields.

Kentuckian Heads Malaysian Seminary

Bill Clark Thomas, Southern Baptist missionary to Malaysia, has been named the fifth president of the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang.

Thomas, a Kentuckian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil S. Thomas of Cadiz. He was graduated from Murray State College (now University) with the bachelor of arts degree in 1955 and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with the bachelor of divinity degree in 1958 and the doctor of theology degree in 1963.



Thomas is married to the former Ruth Aralee Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Douglas of Paducah. They have four children.

The Thomases were appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in June, 1963. After studying Mandarin Chinese in Singapore for two years and in Taipei, Taiwan, for one year, they began teaching at the seminary in January, 1969.

Thomas was acting president from April to September of this year. He succeeded missionary Sidney P. Schmidt as president.

In addition to administrative and teaching responsibilities at the seminary, Thomas served as chairman of the Malaysia-Singapore Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) for the 1969-70 term. Currently he is chairman of the personnel committee of the mission and treasurer of the North Malaysia station. He is also chairman of the North Malaysia Baptist association of churches and serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary, Hong Kong.



1971 diaries coming

The Kentucky Baptist 1971 Diary should be in Middletown being readied for mailing to all church leadership and denominational workers.

It is a beautiful, useful, pocket size calendar for 1971, with the dates of significant meetings of all church groups, leaders, pastors, etc.

It also contains the time and place of all Ridgecrest, Glorieta and Cedar-more Assembly meetings.

It also carries the themes, dates and places of the Southern Baptist Convention meetings for five years.

Yes, and much more. It has a 1972 calendar in it, too. Place for your own notes, phone numbers, appointments to be written in. Name and address of your denominational leaders — it's your "annual in your pocket."

Free to church leaders only

We print enough diaries for every pastor, treasurer, and Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, WMU and Music director of every Baptist church in Kentucky but not for general distribution to all — deacons and members, for example. If we do have any left over and you desire a quantity for a special purpose, you might buy some at 25 cents each.

If you are a teacher or worker in any Baptist institution, you should get one. If you are a missionary, you should get one. If you don't, write us. We hope you'll like the beautiful gray-green color with black letters this year.

Upping your mission budget?

Hundreds of churches are busy now "working up" new church budgets. It is an exciting time, a time for a new start at the old and growing task of winning a lost world to our Saviour and our fellowship in His work. It's a time to make up for past failure in mission giving. It's a time to "up your last year's figure" of mission giving — no matter how well you did!

In fact, if you do not give more than 6 percent of your budget above last year, then you will "do" less with the same dollars-of-last-year because of the increased cost of living (for missions and missionaries, too, the cost of living goes up!).

Do not forget your pastor

In making your new church budget, seriously look at the salary you are paying your pastor and other staff members: is it worthy of your church?

HAROLD G. SANDERS

At Birmingham

Two Resign, 300 Walk Out When Negroes Rejected

By Jack Brymer
Associate Editor, Alabama Baptist

About 300 members of Birmingham's First Baptist Church walked out of the morning worship service "in moral protest" after two Negroes were denied membership and the pastor and youth director had resigned.

The walkout came after Byrn Williamson, Birmingham physician and staunch supporter of Southern Baptist foreign missions, read a statement expressing disapproval of the church's action in rejecting the two Negro membership applications.

"Dr. Gilmore, many of the church members feel as you do, that we have no moral right to deny membership to these Christians solely because they are black," Williamson said to pastor Herbert Gilmore and the church.

"We would like to show our disapproval of this action the church has taken now by standing and leaving this service immediately to assemble in room 100 of the (church's) education building for prayer," Williamson said.

The action taken by the church climaxed a four-month struggle which began when Mrs. Winifred Bryant, a Negro, and her 11-year-old daughter, Twila, presented themselves for membership in the church.

Twila was one of the first students enrolled in a tutoring ministry of the church, directed by Miss Betty Bock, youth director.

In July, during a quarterly church conference, T. R. Lawson, formerly a coach at a Birmingham high school, called for the resignation of the pastor and the youth director. Vote on his motion was delayed because the pastor was attending the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

In a meeting in August, after eight hours of debate and 10 ballots, the congregation refused to dismiss the church staff by a vote of 241-237, a margin of four votes.

Although a majority, according to observers, voted to accept the two Negro applicants as members, the church's bylaws required a two-thirds majority on any contested action after the deacons had reviewed the action.

Gilmore then read his resignation as pastor of the church for the past two years. In his resignation statement Gilmore said:

"My understanding of the Christian faith compels me to believe that God is the father of us all, that he is no respecter of persons, that Christ died for all and that all persons therefore are of infinite worth; that in Christ, neither color, condition, race or sex are significant; that the church is the body of Christ commissioned to reconcile all men to God because it is a group of

men and women who are already at one with God and each other.

"By your action in rejecting these two people because they are black, you have denied these fundamental truths of Christian faith," Gilmore continued.

"I have said that I would not be the pastor of a racist church," he added. "I meant what I said. So this morning I respectfully request that you accept my resignation effective November 1."

Youth director Betty Bock then presented her resignation to the church saying: "I cannot lead in ministries in which evangelism and ministry must be separated. To minister to any individual in the name and to be unable to share with them the good news for fear they will respond contradicts the most basic concepts of the Christian faith.

"Twila was one of the first students to participate in our tutoring program," Miss Bock continued. "We sought to communicate God's love for her and she responded. Now she is unacceptable for church membership."

The group which walked out "in moral protest" met briefly for a period of prayer and then shared a basket lunch. More than 290 were served.

The group indicated no plans to start a new church at this time but are waiting to see how things go after November 1 and are designating that

their offering take care of the staff and maintain the church's current ministries to the inner city area, observers said.

At this point it is not certain what the group that walked out will do but all indications are that a new church fellowship will be formed which will have an open door policy on church membership, observers here said.

At the luncheon, they adopted a five-point resolution submitted by former U.S. fifth circuit court judge Hobart Grooms, now retired.

The resolution stated that 1) we maintain our ministries, 2) we support our ministries, 3) we retain a downtown location, 4) we extend our company of the committed, and 5) we dedicate our efforts to building a new fellowship.

"To achieve these objectives, we will devote our efforts, tithes, gifts and offerings," said the resolution approved by the group.

Gilmore said in an interview later that he had nothing to do with the suggestion of the group which left the church in protest "to pull out" and he had no plans after November 1.

"I believe that the battle for the Christian faith at this point in our history is going to be won or lost at the local church level," Gilmore said. "I could hope there would be a church somewhere that wants an honest and compassionate pulpit that seeks to make Christ Lord of life." (BP)

Church Training Conferences Planned

The Training Union department has scheduled four leadership conferences in the eastern part of the state and four leadership conferences in the western part. The conferences are designed for Training Union leaders and adult members who wish to better their leadership role in the local churches and the associations.

The afternoon sessions (4:00-5:15) will provide help in understanding the new plans for speakers tournaments, new plans for drills and the use of pre-school resource material.

Evening sessions (6:45-9:00) are designed to help leaders and members make the best use of fall curriculum materials.

Pastors, Training Union directors and other general officers will discuss "Developing a Church Training Program." Associational Training Union officers will attend the session, "Promoting and Conducting Church Training through the Association."

Training Union workers and members are urged to attend the Leadership Conference nearest them: Places and dates are:

October 12 — High Street Baptist Church, Somerset, and West End Baptist Church, Paducah;

October 13 — First Baptist Church, Hazard, and Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green;

October 15—Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville;

October 16 — Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, and Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Ashland.

Bob Taylor, consultant in the youth section of the church training department of the Sunday School Board; Mike Speer, stewardship commission, Nashville, and outstanding Training Union leadership from Kentucky will be leading the various sessions of the conferences.

Minister's Counseling Service Begins

A counseling service for Georgia Baptist ministers and their families has been initiated at the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

The experimental program has been established by the hospital committee of the convention's executive committee for a one-year period, according to Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

E. A. Verdery, director of pastoral care at the hospital, will direct the counseling service. He will involve members of the chaplains' staff and other professional workers at the hospital as needed.

The program will be evaluated by responsible convention committees to determine whether it will be continued beyond the experimental period, Garrison said. (BP)



ANNIVERSARY — Booneville Baptist Association celebrated its 100th anniversary during its annual session September 17-18. Above, host pastor Dennis Rush, Horse Creek Baptist Church, cuts the anniversary cake while association pastors look on.

New Rule On Smut Mail Passed By U. S. Senate

The Senate has passed unanimously a bill requiring unsolicited pornographic advertising to be labeled as such and permitting the return of such material to the sender at no cost to the person who receives it.

Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana), the bill as finally written by the Senate

Post Office and Civil Service Committee would require the following label in outstanding type on all unsolicited pornographic advertising:

"The enclosed material is sexually oriented advertising, and may, if unrequested by the addressee, be returned to the sender unopened at no cost to the addressee."

Return postage would be paid by the sender plus a service charge of not less than 50 cents, according to the bill's requirements. The measure calls for a penalty of \$5,000 for each piece of such matter that is not labeled, or for failure to pay the return postage.

This measure as amended involves no censorship, the report further stated. "It is silent on mail matter ordered or requested by the addressee, who, when he breaks the seal knows what to expect."

However, the bill is designed, the committee declared, "to protect the family member, possibly an impressionable child, from the shock of blatant sexual photographs or other sexual material." (BP)

D.C. Baptists Name Langley Ex.-Sec.

James A. Langley, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., has been elected executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Langley, 45, succeeds M. Chandler Stith who has been in this position for the past 28 years. The new executive secretary will assume his responsibilities November 1. The District of Columbia Baptist Convention, made up of 59 churches, is affiliated with both the Southern and the American Baptist Convention.



Langley

A native of Alabama, Langley is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theo-

logical Seminary in Fort Worth. Langley holds the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary and the master of theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. (BP)

Nixon Sets Oct. 21 As "Day Of Prayer"

President Richard Nixon has asked "all Americans to pray that the scourge of war be lifted from the earth, and that the anguish of those who have felt the horrors of war be eased."

The President made his plea to the nation as he proclaimed Wednesday, October 21, as "National Day of Prayer, 1970."

An ancient prayer, "Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace," was used as a text for the President's proclama-

tion.

Commenting on the prayer, the President said, "The path to peace is through the hearts of men, and it seeks a particularly noble reward: The ability to examine one's own role in bringing harmony and tranquility to others."

At the same time the President proclaimed a national day of prayer, he also issued nine other proclamations for special events during October and November. (BP)

cial or educational institution. But one cannot turn so easily from scores of friends and a multitude of memories. The experiences shared with other students form a strong bond. I could not break that bond.

Professors such as Dr. Coker, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Meece, and Mr. Boyd offered me much personal assistance which I could not slight.

And, in those closing days of the spring semester when tragedy struck this school with the loss of one student and the critical injury of four others, I began to see the close ties of concern between all the individuals of Campbellsville College.

In the waiting room of the intensive care ward of St. Joseph's Hospital in Louisville that first long evening, I saw at least fifty students along with Mr. Hardy, Mr. Kibbons, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. H. White appear at various times to lend prayers and encouragement to tearful parents.

It was little, but it expressed the depth of love in the people of this college. Hope can never die in such people and in such an institution. I want to share in that hope, and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so. Campbellsville, Ky. Kent J. Cooper

what we can and will do for the Kingdom through our Sunday Schools. Paducah, Ky. L. Jack Criswell, Jr.

'HOPE CAN NEVER DIE'

Dear Editor:

Four months ago I knew I would never set foot on the campus of Campbellsville College again. Disgruntled with required worship services, with a BSU hamstrung by the administration when it attempted a voluntary communion service, and with a statement by President Davenport that this school was operating on a principle which arose from one side of a debatable theological question, I decided to look for education in a more open spiritual atmosphere. I announced my intention to the entire State of Kentucky via a letter to the *Western Recorder*.

Yet I am here.

It is no hardship to abandon any so-



TALK SESSIONS — On Saturday, September 19, students from Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, University of Louisville, Jefferson Community College, Elizabethtown Community College and Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing gathered at the U. of L. campus for a day long discussion program. Topics under consideration were campus unrest, sex and morality, drugs and what students believe and disbelieve about the Christian faith. The discussion program was one of a series being sponsored across the commonwealth by the KBC student work department. Above, Dennis Ham, right facing camera, participates in one of the four groups working that day.



NEW CHURCH — First Street Baptist Chapel, a mission of First Baptist Church of Mayfield, was officially organized into a church Sunday, September 27. Thirty persons presented themselves for membership in the new church at the first service. The congregation also called chapel pastor Charles E. Cloyd as pastor of the new church. A. B. Colvin, secretary of the KBC direct missions department, and John Huffman, pastor of the mother church, participated in the organizational meeting. The name of the new church has not yet been decided.



STATE PARK MINISTRY — For the past two years, a group of young people from the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Pulaski Baptist Association has sponsored a Sunday morning worship service for vacationers at General Burnside Island State Park. The services include congregational singing, scripture reading, special music, a personal testimony and devotional comments. Pictured above are some of those who worked in the program this past summer. Front row, left to right, are Shelia Fisher, Wanda Fisher, Sue Jacobs, Janice Fisher and Margaret Phelps. Back row, left to right, are Phillip Jones, Tim Trimble, Peggy Bryant, Carol and Jack Grider.

Sex Education (Continued) Bibliography (from page 3)

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Impotence and Frigidity by Hirsch; Family Life Publications, Inc. A long time authority on sexual behavior describes causes and treatment. Clear and thorough coverage.

Sexual Harmony In Marriage by Butterfield; Family Life Publications, Inc. A classic guide — much used in marriage and premarital counseling.

A Christian View of Sex and Marriage by Eickhoff; Family Life Publications, Inc. Recent sociological and psychological insights into love, sex and marriage in Christian perspective.

Sex Without Fear by Rev. Ed. Lewin & Gilmore; Family Life Publications, Inc.

Sexual Happiness in Marriage by Miles; Family Life Publications, Inc. Frank and honest discussion of sex in Christian marriage. Examines attitudes and techniques essential to sexual harmony and happiness.

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Submitted by sex education subcommittee of Christian Life Committee:

- James Best, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
- Chester P. Culver
- C. A. Easterling
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS
- C. R. Daley
- Douglas Oliver
- Archie Allison

BAPTIST FORUM



BIBLE PROMINENT AT CONFAB

Dear Editor:

I, too, attended a training conference led by the Sunday School Board at Twelfth Street Baptist Church in Paducah, Kentucky. The lady who did not see the Holy Bible displayed or did not hear it read should have attended the conference led by Roy Boatwright. In every session he not only read from the Bible, but prayed and preached. His point was and is that the Truths of God's Word are what all this work and training and study is about.

But let me point out that this conference was not meant to be a course in theology but a study in methods of presenting the unsearchable riches of Christ to a lost world. Others might not have been "turned on" by this conference but I was and still am. As I look to the future I am very optimistic about

Executive Board Recommendations To KBC

Article VIII of the constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention states that "thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Convention, the Executive Board shall publish in the *Western Recorder* its recommendations, except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

In accordance with the wishes of the Convention, the following recommendations from the executive board will be presented to the messengers in annual session, Tuesday, November 10, 1970, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, for their consideration.

Recommendation I —

Cooperative Program goals and distribution 1971-72

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of the Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the convention in annual session. The 1971-72 goals and divisions listed below will be recommended to the 1970 annual convention:

	1970-71 Approved Goal	*1971-72 Budget Goal
A. Cooperative Program Goal		
1. Distributable Operating Budget	4,100,000.00	4,200,000.00
2. Capital Funds Phase	50% each—	over goal
Student Centers, Cooperative Program		
B. Other Budget Income (est.)	**260,829.00	**275,000.00
Total Budget Goal	4,360,829.00	4,475,000.00
C. Kentucky Baptist Causes	2,820,800.00	2,885,400.00
Distribution of this item established by vote of the Executive Board at its regular meeting for consideration of the detail		
Budget	(68.8%)	(68.7%)
Other Budget Income (est.)	260,829.00	275,000.00
Total Kentucky Causes	3,081,629.00	3,160,400.00
D. Convention-Wide Causes	1,279,200.00	1,314,600.00
The distribution of this item as voted by Southern Baptist Convention	(31.2%)	(31.3%)

*The 1971-72 General Budget approved at the annual meeting of the Convention at Lexington, Kentucky, November 11, 1969.

**Other estimated income includes Annuity Board participants, RA and GA percentage of CEA receipts, Home Mission Board participation, WMU, Interest, Sunday School Board participation, Miscellaneous Sources and Special Missions. (Does not include designations for schools, colleges, Hospitals, Church Buildings, Woman's Missionary Union, Western Recorder, Cedarmore, Children's Homes, Christian Education Advance, and Refund on Budget Expenditures.)

Recommendation II —

General recommendations for the 1971-72 budget

1. If the Cooperative Program receipts exceed the total budget goals, the overage shall be used 50% for Student Centers and 50% for the Cooperative Program. If the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches fall below the goal, all allocations, except debt retiring commitments, shall be reduced proportionately.

2. We heartily recommend that all our churches continue to support the Cooperative Program and to increase their contributions at least four percent of the total new budget.

3. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on April 16, 1972, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches who seldom give or give below their worthy level are invited to take an offering on this day.

4. We further recommend that the Vacation Bible School offerings be given to world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the annual Thanksgiving Offering for our child care program.

6. That we approve the Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our three hospitals.

7. That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU — Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions and the State Missions Offering in September.

8. That we again ask the Sunday Schools to observe State Missions Day for educational purposes only.

9. That the Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above, and that we heartily disapprove of any other appeals through our churches, organizations in the churches or list of members in the churches when such appeals are made by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts. We recognize the right of our institutions to approach individuals for gifts of \$100.00 or more.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish before January 1 of each year a summary of their receipts and disbursements for the past year for publication in our ANNUAL; and a copy of their latest annual audit, made by a Certified Public Accountant, to the office of our Treasurer on or before November 1 of each year. The Treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

Recommendation III — Formula for distribution of Christian Education allocation

The total Christian Education program, consisting of three colleges and two schools, receives a \$580,000 allocation in the 1971-72 budget. The Christian Education Committee is responsible for working out a formula for the distribution of these funds. They made the study, brought their recommendations to the executive board and requested that the board recommend them to the messengers of the convention. Their recommendation is:

Formula for distribution of Christian Education funds. The Christian Education Committee recommends that the \$580,000 be distributed according to the same formula as approved for 1969-70. The breakdown is as follows:

I. Program of Higher Education	\$486,700.00
(divided equally between the 3)	
1. Basic Allocation (3 colleges)	
25%	\$121,675.00
2. Student Allocation 75%	365,025.00
Georgetown	\$166,400
Cumberland	123,147
Campbellsville	75,478
(distribution on basis of previous allocations and enrollments for previous year)	
II. Program of Adult Ministerial	
Training	57,900.00
Clear Creek Baptist School	
III. Program of High School Baptist	
Education	35,400.00
Oneida Baptist Institute	
Total allocation for 1971-72	\$580,000.00

Contingent Recommendation IV — Board of Child Care to begin a Baptist ministry to the aging

The messengers to the 1969 annual convention meeting in Lexington, November 11, responding to a Report of Special Committee to Study Human Needs through its chairman, David A. Nelson, amended the report on motion of

O. W. Yates of Lexington directing the executive board to study the matter of establishing a home for the aged and passed the amended report.

Following convention action, the administrative committee and the executive board referred this matter to the program committee for study and report. John W. Kruschwitz, chairman, brought the matter to his committee December 4, 1969. J. T. Miller moved that the matter be given to a special subcommittee for study. Those appointed were James E. Jones, chairman, Henry Johns, George Phillips, George Cook and Archie Brook. The subcommittee took its task seriously, made a thorough study of the needs and methods of serving the aging and on May 4, 1970, reported to the program committee which made its recommendation to the full executive board:

"That the Program Committee recommend to the Executive Board that the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care be asked to study the feasibility of using one of its present facilities to begin a ministry to the aged; and That the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care bring a report of its study to the Program Committee for possible recommendation to the Board." Approved.

Following board approval, the program committee and the board of child care set about making a feasibility study of using one of its existing facilities to begin a Baptist ministry to the aged. They took their task seriously and in consultation with their staff and program committees met several times to make a feasibility study before making a firm proposal from the board of child care to the board through the program subcommittee and, later, through the full program committee on September 15. The proposal was carefully studied, the amount of additional support adjusted downward to a point referred to in the revised proposal which would, if approved by the convention, begin a long-desired ministry of "personal care" to the aging by fall of 1971. The program committee will recommend to the executive committee acceptance of the proposal November 9 and, if they approve, will recommend its acceptance by the convention November 10.

Proposal of the Program Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care to its full Board on October 13:

"In recognition of the ever-growing number of aged people and their need of professional help in the form of care and services from both public and private agencies, and in fulfillment of a dream expressed even 55 years ago in the charter of Glen Dale Children's Home that Kentucky Baptists also provide 'a refuge for disabled Baptist ministers, their wives or widows, and destitute women of the Baptist faith in Kentucky,' and in response to repeated requests that the Kentucky Baptist Convention provide a program of care for the aged, the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care proposes to extend and enlarge its program to include such a ministry.

"The Board of Child Care proposes to begin by providing care and services for the aged at Pine Crest on a trial basis for a period not to exceed five years. If during this period the program, in the opinion of the Board of Child Care, is financially feasible, appropriate permanent financial support will be sought from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It proposes that the necessary changes in staff and the physical plant be made in order to qualify that institution for a license as a 'personal care' home for the aged; that the cost of effecting the necessary physical changes be paid for by the Baptist Board of Child Care from invested reserve funds; that the Kentucky Baptist Convention, in view of this expanded ministry to the aging, agrees to recommend an increase of \$8,400 per year, for five years, from the Cooperative Program beginning September 1, 1971, to the Baptist Board of Child Care for this ministry, subject to annual review in the light of the measure of success in operating a proposed home for the aging on a self-sustaining basis.

"It proposes that admission be open to both men and women; that preference be given to those holding membership in churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Con-

vention; that no one be denied admission on the grounds of their race, religion, or national origin; that those admitted to care shall pay for the services rendered to them; that the minimum rate per month be the maximum allowed under Public Assistance; and that the capacity of the home be the minimum number to make the program self-supporting, with a maximum number to allow each resident to receive services to meet his total needs.

"The Board of Child Care further proposes that its major thrust continue to be in the field of child care; that the children living at Pine Crest at the end of the 1970-1971 school year be absorbed into the campus population at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows; that there be no diminution of the Board's efforts to meet the needs of every child referred to it for help; and that the child care facilities at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows be enlarged and expanded whenever the needs of children make this necessary and as the funds required become available."

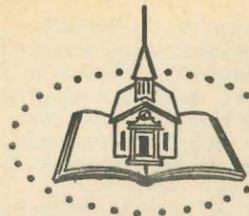
Therefore, if the proposal is approved by the Board of Child Care on October 13 or prior to the convention, and approved by the Executive Board November 9, it will become a recommendation from said Board to the messengers of the convention. At this writing, therefore, it is a *contingent* recommendation. It is printed for your study in advance of the meetings November 9 and 10.

Deusner Offers Explanation

In this week's issue of the *Western Recorder* there is published the proposed recommendations of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to the convention meeting next month in Louisville. There is a recommendation which particularly involves the Board of Child Care and one of our cherished Kentucky Baptist institutions, Pine Crest Children's Home, at Morehead. Because this now becomes public information, I would like to submit the following statement.

The Board of Child Care is offering to extend its services in the area of ministry to aging people. It does so for the following reasons: 1) the growing number of elderly people and their need for care beyond that which can be given by their families; 2) the continued requests of Kentucky Baptists that a ministry to the aging be established on the convention level; 3) the fact that the Board of Child Care is oriented toward Christian benevolence; that it has a growing conviction that it should be concerned with services to the entire family; and that it has the organization, the facilities and the professional staff which will enable it to extend its program to include the care of the elderly more readily than any other existing convention agency.

The Board of Child Care has proposed that Pine Crest be the designated place to begin such services. There are good reasons for the selection of this institution. 1) It is our smallest home, with the smallest number of children in care. The children living at Pine Crest can be transferred to Spring Meadows and Glen Dale over a period of time. There would not be room at Pine Crest for this process to be reversed. 2) There are adequate community resources at Morehead to make Pine Crest a suitable personal care facility. These include local hospital and nursing home care, a comprehensive care center, the Morehead University programs, a new interstate highway and the ready accessibility of the city, its churches and businesses to the campus. 3) The cost of maintaining Pine Crest as a child caring institution. Due to its small campus population the per capita cost at Pine Crest is much higher than at either of our other homes. Expansion of facilities can be effected more economically at either or both of the other homes than at Pine Crest. It is envisioned that a personal care home for aging persons of both sexes would be self-supporting within a reasonable period of time after opening. In consideration of our limited resources and the continued rise in the cost of living, the changes proposed appear to be the exercise of good stewardship. — C. Ford Deusner, General Superintendent



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for October 18, 1970)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Freedom And Law

In substantiating his contention that faith is the only means of justification before God, Paul summoned the towering figure of Abraham as an example. He called attention to the fact that Abraham's faith "was accounted to him for righteousness" and gave him acceptance with God, long before the giving of the Mosaic law. Likewise, all true sons of Abraham were justified before God through faith alone. God has never had any other way of salvation for any sinner than by grace through faith. To seek justification through obedience to the law is to attempt the impossible but through a genuine faith it is possible to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Galatians 3:21-29

Inasmuch as the law demands perfect obedience, and no mere human being has ever been completely obedient to it, every one of us has been under the curse as a result of our disobedience. Any one who seeks justification before God through their personal efforts or works will live and die without coming into possession of it. Conviction of sin can come through the law but keeping the law can never bring justification or salvation to anybody. Faith in Christ alone can deliver from the curse of the law.

God's purpose in redemption was to create a new people in Christ Jesus. The Lord Jesus came to bring salvation to all who would receive Him as their Saviour. The purpose of the law was to serve as a schoolmaster to convince men of their need of Christ and bring them to Him. The responsibility of the law was discharged when men were brought to Christ. Right relationship with God comes through personal faith in Christ. People are either in Christ or without Him. Through faith in Him they become the children of God. Those who are in Christ and belong to Him are characterized by oneness with Him. Whether they are rich or poor, privileged or underprivileged, educated or uneducated, God treats them with equal love and compassion. As His children they are heirs of God's resources and promises. What a glorious privilege is theirs!

Galatians 4:1-7

All men have a desire for freedom and they are entitled to the privilege

of having and enjoying it. From eternity God intended to send Jesus Christ into the world to make it possible for men to be free in the fullest and truest sense.

These verses announce the birth of Jesus Christ or the incarnation of deity. God made ample preparation for and appropriately timed this great event. Like all other events in the divine chronology, there was a time appointed by God for the incarnation of Christ. "When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son." The Saviour arrived exactly on time—the time appointed by the Father, foretold by the prophets and when conditions had ripened sufficiently for this glorious consummation.

The time which God chose for Christ to be born was very much like our own era. Then, as now, people were disillusioned and desperate. Then, as now, people were discarding the accredited religion as something that was outworn and of no further use and they were readily accepting anything that was offered to them as a possible substitute. In that tragic day Christ came to earth not merely with the Father's sanction but under His directive will.

As to the process of the incarnation, we are told that "God sent forth his

Son, made of a woman, made under the law." The phrase, "made of a woman," points significantly to His supernatural conception. It excludes human fatherhood. Christ Jesus was begotten by the Holy Spirit and conceived by the virgin Mary. There was in Him a union of deity and humanity. He was as divine as if He were not human and as human as if He were not divine.

What was the real purpose and final goal of the incarnation of Christ? Christ came "to redeem them that were under the law." He accomplished this by fulfilling the requirements of the law. His supreme purpose in coming was to make atonement for sin. Christ redeemed us "that we might receive the adoption of sons." Adoption is the transferral of a person from one family into another. In spiritual adoption a child of Satan is taken out of his family and placed in the family of God. When we become the children of God through the redemption that is in His Son, we are the recipients of His love, care and discipline. Because the Holy Spirit indwells us we enjoy cleansing, guidance and victory. As children of God we have all the rights and privileges of the family circle. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

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cepts. Without diligent and pains-taking study of the Bible one cannot mature in the faith or be a good Christian in any era.

Psalm 119:9-16

This passage begins with a question about how a young man can cleanse his way and go straight. This question is often asked hopefully and wistfully by thoughtful young people. In this volcanic period of youth, when the will is asserting itself and there is great impatience with restraints of any sort, the soul is a variable battleground where good and evil are striving for the mastery. This battle is even more fierce today in many ways than it has ever been.

In answer to the query as to how a young man can go straight, a very simple and satisfactory answer is given in verse nine, namely, God, human reason and self-interest demand constant watchfulness and conformity to the Bible.

The Word of God can be taken into the heart through study and memorization. It is easier and better to do this in youth than at any other time in life. The purpose in laying up God's Word in your heart is to prevent you from sinning against God. One who rightfully regards the Word of God experiences moral cleansing, spiritual guidance and great joy. One who hides the Word of God in his heart rejoices in the privilege of striving to live in accordance with the will of God and put into practice in his daily living the teachings of the scriptures.

II Timothy 3:14-17

From his early childhood Timothy had been taught the Word of God. As a result of the instruction which he had received from his grandmother, his mother and Paul, he exercised a saving faith in Christ and became a diligent student of the scriptures. His study of and obedience to the teachings of the scriptures accounted for his becoming such a useful and effective servant of Christ.

While in prison and waiting to be executed, Paul wrote a second letter to Timothy in which he sought to strengthen the faith of this young man whom he had loved as if he were his own son. Having been a faithful student of the scriptures himself and having received such numerous and great blessings therefrom, Paul urged Timothy to continue daily his study of the scriptures and to obey their teachings, assuring him that thereby he would become a stronger and more useful servant of Christ.

In these days of apostasy, moral decadence and rebellion against the authority of God, those of us who are God's children need to study the scriptures and make a personal application of their teachings to our lives that we can grow and mature as Christians and be thoroughly prepared for every good work. Obedience to the scriptures is well-pleasing to God.

All scripture is God-breathed and inerrant. Therefore, it is instructive unto salvation, is profitable for teaching and learning, for revealing errors, for correction and for instruction in right relationship with God and man, so that the life and work of the Christian will conform to the will of God. All of these ministries of the Word of God are to the end that the Christian may be thoroughly equipped for a life of service to God. The Bible tells us what God requires and how we can do what He wants done. The Bible is wonderful in the truth it contains, the triumphs it reveals and the trust it invites.

October 10, 1970

WESTERN RECORDER

FOREIGN MISSIONS RUMOR

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