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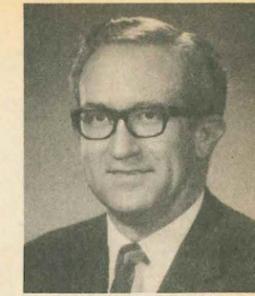
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# Missionary News

## To the field

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionary appointees, have been transferred from Nigeria to East Africa. They have moved to Kenya and may be addressed P.O. Box 32, Limuru, Kenya, East Africa. He is a native of Tyronza, Arkansas, and she is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in June, 1969.

William Powers, missionary journeyman, is now spending a two-year term of service as an athletic director and student worker in Israel. He may be addressed at the Baptist Center, Mobile Post, Central Sharon, Israel. Born in Louisville, he also lived in Florida and Virginia while growing up. He was graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Employed by the Foreign Mission Board in April, he recently completed journeyman training at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oliver, missionaries to Japan, have completed a short furlough in the States and returned there October 2. Their address is 1-39-

28 Tama Cho, Fuchu Shi, Tokyo 183, Japan. He is a native of Tampa, Florida, and she is the former Susan Pyles of Louisville.

Miss Billie V. Scaggs left the States on October 1 for her first term of missionary service in Liberia. Her address is Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia. Miss Scaggs, a Kentuckian, was born in Ashland and also lived in Greenup County while growing up.

## Furloughing

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wakefield, missionaries on furlough from the Philippines, may now be addressed at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 40206. Wakefield was born and reared on a farm near Hartsville, Missouri. Mrs. Wakefield, the former Delcie Musgrave, was born in Buffalo, New York, but spent her childhood in Kansas and Missouri. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas Tipton, furloughing missionaries from Uganda, are now living in St. Matthews. They may now be addressed at 3538 Nanz Avenue, Louisville 40207.

Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, reports a recent revival of one week, with two professions of faith, one addition by baptism, two by letter, two people surrendered for missionary service and one surrendered to preach. Thirty-one other persons rededicated their lives. Evangelist for the revival was Johnny Tallent. The pastor of the church is George Bausum.

Missionary Baptist Church, Browns-ville, held a revival September 27-October 4. Harold J. Purdy of Madisonville was the evangelist. On the last day of the revival the church conducted a note burning service for their new building. The pastor, R. B. Hooks, Sr., also conducted a baptismal service later the same day.

Burgin Baptist Church, Burgin, recently completed a revival led by evangelist Garland Morrison of Ozark, Arkansas. The music was led by Mark Short, Sr., of Paris, Texas. The pastor of Burgin, James Heard, reports 19 additions by baptism, 3 by letter and 10 rededications.

# DEVOTIONAL



Austin Roberts  
Lexington Avenue  
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Danville

## He Arose Again

The claim of the Resurrection of our wonderful Lord is so vast and far reaching that it is impossible for us to have a half-way house. Either this is the greatest single fact in history or it is the greatest deception in history. Remove the Resurrection from the early church and you remove the center and the soul of the gospel.

Look with me at some of the evidences of the Resurrection. There is the existence of the Lord's day. It begins to emerge slowly. In the New Testament times, Acts 27, Paul preached in Troaz on the first day of the week. In I Corinthians 16:2 he asked the Christians to lay aside until the first day of the week that which God has prospered them.

Again, there is the existence of a New Testament church. Prior to the Resurrection, His followers forsook Him and fled, huddling together in terror. But then something happened. For after the Resurrection those cowards became heroes, transformed and redeemed.

I like to think that Apostolic preaching is evidence of the Resurrection. My, how the Apostle Peter did proclaim the glorious news of the gospel message. Note, too, that the glory was always given to God.

I love Paul's interesting statement in I Corinthians 15:5-8, where he says, "Last of all, He was seen of me." Saying that though he was not worthy, yet God had revealed Himself to him in the person of Christ on the Damascus road; and again and again in the book of Acts, he proclaimed that Jesus still appears to those who believe.

You see, there are really two ways of reading the New Testament. We can read it literally and physically and it will be in the past tense, or we can accept it as a book of spiritual truth and then begin to see that He can and does still speak to us. Is it not the basic meaning of the Resurrection that Christ Jesus is liberated? He is not only alive, but available! Truly, I like to think that the Resurrection means two specific things. First, we never live life alone. Second, there is nothing that we do that He does not see, for He is a presence and He is a power that even death cannot destroy.

# Annual Convention Nears, Preparations Made

The Walnut Street Church, Louisville, will again host Kentucky Baptists, for their 133rd annual meeting, November 10-12, and, of course, the November 9 pre-convention meetings. All churches should appoint their messengers to the convention. The opening is at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, and the closing is at 11:45 a.m., Thursday.

Pastor Wayne Dehoney says that the new Activities Building will be in full use for the convention this year. Several breakfasts and luncheons for convention groups are planned. The Baptist Book Store and the exhibits will be set up for the meeting.

## Outstanding program

John W. Kruschwitz, chairman of the committee on order of business, says that a stimulating program designed to review the state and worldwide mission program of Kentucky Baptists is arranged. It will include outstanding leaders both in the Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Conventions — including the new president, Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina; former missionary imprisoned in Cuba David J. Fite of Fort Worth, Texas; Millard J. Berquist, president, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City; Eugene Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; W. C. Fields, secretary of public relations, the Executive Committee, Nashville; Charles Roselle, secretary, student department, Nashville; L. O. Griffith, director of communications, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Robert J. Bradley, Sunday School Publishing Board, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Nashville.

## State leaders to be heard

Presiding over the convention will be president Sidney M. Maddox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He will be assisted by the two vice presidents: John R. Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill church in Louisville, and Joseph R. Tackett, pastor of Grace church in Lexington. Lewis C. Ray is the recording secretary and Leo T. Crismon, Southern Seminary librarian, is the assistant.

Herman Rowlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, will deliver the convention sermon. The alternate is congressman Eugene Siler of Williamsburg. Pastor Rowlett's son, Herman, Jr., minister of music at Pleasant Hill church of Campbellsville, will sing prior to his father's message. William E. Hull, dean of the school of theology at Southern Seminary, will bring a Bible study at each of the seven sessions this year.

All convention standing, special and reporting committees will be heard. Other major addresses will be by Mrs.

George R. Ferguson and Miss Kathryn Jasper of Kentucky WMU, Wayne Dehoney, host pastor, and John R. Claypool, pastor at Crescent Hill, Louisville.

## Music features

The State Ministers of Music Choir, under the direction of Donald Hustad of Southern Seminary school of church music, will be featured at four sessions. Ronald Sholar, minister of music at First church, Hopkinsville, is music coordinator and Eugene Sutherland, min-

## By Harold G. Sanders Executive Secretary-Treasurer Kentucky Baptist Convention

ister of music at the Walnut Street church, is assistant coordinator. Robert J. Bradley of the National Baptist Convention, Nashville, will bring special music at each of the seven sessions in connection with opening worship with William E. Hull. In addition to Rowlett, Jr., Frederick G. Sampson III, University of Cincinnati and from Mt. Lebanon church in Louisville, will bring special music.

The big music event comes on Youth Night, Tuesday, when Phillip Landgrave, on the church music faculty at Southern Seminary, directs a large youth choir in his newest composition, "Living in the Spirit," a musicale.

## Newcomers pre-convention breakfast

Another interesting feature will be a special get-acquainted with newcomers and their wives at a breakfast on Tuesday morning, 7:45 a.m., prior to the opening of the convention, in the new Activities Building of Walnut Street Baptist Church. Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary, states that convention officers and board and convention leaders will be on hand to greet new pastors and staff, teachers in schools or seminary, professional personnel of the hospitals, children's homes, executive board and other agencies of the convention — and their wives are invited. It is requested that reservations for the breakfast be made as early as possible with Sanders at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown 40243.

## Executive board and pre-convention meetings

The pre-convention meeting of the executive board will be held on Monday, November 9, starting with committee meetings at 10:00 and the full board at 11:15, followed by lunch at 1:00 in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

The Pastors' Conference will be held at Walnut Street church, starting at 2:30 p.m., Monday, November 9, with Ira McMillen presiding.

The Religious Education Association will open at 2:00 p.m., Monday, Novem-

ber 9, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Room 222 of the Educational Building, with John Ashley presiding.

The Kentucky Baptist Music Association will open at 2:30 p.m., at the Highland Baptist Church, 1101 Cherokee Road, Louisville, with Dean Gray and Eugene Sutherland presiding.

## Churches should elect messengers

Anyone can attend the sessions but messengers only can vote on matters for consideration. Each church should elect its own messengers for the convention, according to the instructions of the Constitution, Article III, which states:

"The membership of this Body shall consist of no more than two messengers from each Baptist Church having 100 members or less. One (1) more messenger shall be allowed for each additional 200 members."

Thus a church of 2100 members should appoint 12 messengers; one with 500 members, four messengers, etc. However, visitors are most welcome. On Tuesday night, youth in great numbers are expected for Youth Night. Many laymen can attend the night sessions for Missions Night and Youth Night.

## Churches Add Western Recorder

During the last few weeks, 10 churches have added *Western Recorder* to their church budgets. Under this plan, the churches provide each family a weekly copy of the state Baptist paper for three and a half cents a week.

Through the state paper, families stay informed on Baptist work in Kentucky, the United States and around the world. Also, news about changes in other denominations affecting Baptist work is also reported.

With a knowledgeable background, these members are then able to make wise decisions about their church's participation in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Those churches adding *Western Recorder* to their church budgets are Lily Baptist Church, Lily; Sinking Creek Baptist Church, Corbin; Barnett's Creek Baptist Church, Utica; and Donaldson Creek Baptist Church, Cadiz;

Others added include Locust Grove Baptist Church, Cadiz; New Hope Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Canton Baptist Church, Cadiz; Arcade Baptist Church, Louisville; and Immanuel Baptist Church, Owensboro.

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“...angels came and ministered unto him”

A number of friends has expressed concern that more has not been reported in *Western Recorder* concerning the editor's recent illness and his present condition. In fact, cards and letters are still arriving daily from some who have just learned the editor entered the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on August 24 for rather extensive treatment for depression. Some of these expressions are still being addressed to the hospital because it has not been reported in *Western Recorder* that the editor was dismissed from the hospital on October 2 and for four weeks has been at the editor's desk or somewhere else doing the editor's duties for half or more of every day, except for one or two days taken out for a therapeutic treatment of the field and stream type.

The absence of detailed information on the editor's illness and progress toward recovery has not been due to any desire to keep *Western Recorder* readers and other friends in the dark or to withhold information. There are several explanations. One is that the editor simply did not know how to handle the completely unexpected development and actually was not able to give any responsible report until the September 26 issue when I tried to be as honest and open as I knew how.

Another reason for not reporting in detail on my illness was the realization that most former patients are prone to talk too much about their hospital experiences. Besides, I realize *Western Recorder* readers will make up their own minds about my progress toward recovery as they read the editorials. The rest of this report, however, I would like to be a testimony concerning my experience at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, in spite of the fact it is yielding to the temptation I have just mentioned above.

By coincidence my stay at Kentucky Baptist Hospital was 40 days, the length of the fasting experience of Jesus in His temptation experience in the wilderness. God forbid that I would be guilty of such pride as to compare any experience of mine with that of the Son of God, but I cannot but recall Matthew's account of the Lord's experience when I reflect upon mine.

The description of the experience of Jesus that best fits my experience is that described by Matthew in chapter four, verse 11, "...angels came and ministered unto him."

Strange as it may sound, after the first few days at the hospital, every day was an enjoyable experience. To be sure I missed home, my wife, my sons, the garden, roses and even Toy, our friendly collie. I longed for the editor's desk, the Baptist Building family and the devoted Baptists of Kentucky, many of whom I saw and communicated with every week. At the same time angels were ministering to me in the hospital and it was a daily thanksgiving experience to realize I was recovering from what had appeared to me, at first, to be a hopeless illness.

These ministering angels came in many forms. One was modern drugs and techniques along with an expert doctor whose skill, interest and friendship were instruments of the Lord. No less angelic in their ministry were staff members of the psychosomatic section of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital for which every Baptist in Kentucky should be proud. This angelic ministry characterized the whole team required for such treatment including nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurses aides, orderlies, occupational therapists, ward clerks, housekeeping aides, the kitchen hostess, student nurses and the volunteer hospital auxiliary ladies.

This does not mean some of these ministering angels were not at times firm and even appeared harsh to patients like a stubborn editor who did not always want to play by the necessary rules. Most of these staff members, however, seemed to regard their jobs as a ministry as well as a way to make a living and their concern and compassion were a major factor in my healing and my actual enjoyment of many of the 40 days.

Other ministering angels were fellow patients. Though no two of us had identical problems we had much in-common. We necessarily lived close together and many of us shared problems and concerns with each other. We often ate together by special arrangements, we played together and at least some of us prayed together, though most religious activity as such is taboo in such therapy. I am richer because of lifelong friendships that were made during these days.

But by far the most angelic ministry of all during and after the 40 days has been the hundreds of communications from friends in Kentucky and many other states with assurances of concern, love and

prayer. It is unbelievable how many persons and churches remembered this editor in special prayer. I am confident the Lord heard and answered these prayers and has something else for me to do as editor or in some other ministry in this life, if I don't make the same mistakes that brought on my illness in the first place.

Some of my most precious possessions are very personal letters from those who have been through the same valley or who have been on the brink over which I fell. It sounds foolish to say such a thing,

but it was almost worth it all to know that there are many who really care.

Maybe part of my original problem was that I came to believe there were few Baptists left who really cared about each other or about the Lord's work. Now I know better and you can believe me when I say compassion still lives in the hearts of many and let me beg every reader who possesses it to express it in word and deed to each other. There's no ministering angel quite so healing except the assurance of the love of God which lets us with the aid of the Holy Spirit sincerely say, "Abba, Father."

Guest Editorial

Trouble At The Source

The late Peter Marshall, who perhaps was as much poet as preacher, once used for a sermon text the story of the old fellow who lived alone up in the hills where bubbled the springs which provided water for the valley and the city below. This man was the Keeper of the Springs, and he went his faithful rounds, clearing from the springs and the stream every contaminating thing, all the silt and leaf and mould, that would make impure the lifegiving water. But the time came when the City Council decided to economize and let the Keeper of the Springs go, and to build a reservoir for the storing up of the water — all this, without thought of what the water was, up there at the source.

The result may easily be surmised. The water that flowed into the reservoir became polluted, far back in the hills. Its flow slowed. It became stagnant. A green scum formed. At last, an epidemic raged, and not till then did the community leaders learn how great had been the services of the old man.

Peter Marshall in his sermon placed the mothers of the nation in the role of Keepers of the Springs, and appealed to them to return to the good and the simple things and to dedicate their talents and energies to purity at the source of family life.

A few days ago, the American woman won — or had won for her — a goal she had long been denied. The national House of Representatives joined the U.S. Senate in voting what is called equal rights for women.

A few days later, American mothers — and fathers — began sending their children to school where begins the years-long process of intellectual training. The stream of young humanity on the way to school is great. And what will be the end-result of it all?

How many young minds are being polluted, back there at the source, in the home? And how many are as unprotected as the waters along the way from every bad influence and ideology, because young minds were not cleansed and strengthened through the guidance and teaching and loving-care due them

Norman Allen, Editor  
The Floyd County Times  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

from the family source? Are they to be educated, the more effectively to hate, to demand, to scorn all personal and public morality, to destroy — even to destroy themselves.

Peter Marshall died a number of years ago. His sermon was first published in his book, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master," more than twenty years ago. But it is as current as today's newspaper, as relevant as truth always is. He voiced an eloquent plea for Keepers of the Springs to be faithful to their tasks.

To them he said:  
"The world has enough women who know how to hold their cocktails, who have lost all their illusions and their faith. The world has enough women who know how to be smart. It needs women who are willing to be simple . . . Let us not fool ourselves — without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans."

Surely nobody begrudges woman any emancipation possible from the role of drudge, of household menial, of being a mere incubator for man's physical passion. But — and this is not to deny man's responsibility, also — she is indeed the Keeper of the Springs, inheritor of a God-given place in the now and the future of her children. And of her nation. And that place does not make a woman mannish or set her in competition with man at the neighborhood bar or in all the other masculine vices.

Of woman's desire for equality Peter Marshall also said:

"It remained for the twentieth century, in the name of progress, in the name of tolerance, in the name of broadmindedness, in the name of freedom to pull her down from her throne and try to make her like a man. She wanted equality. For nineteen hundred years she had not been equal — she had been superior . . . she wanted equality, and in order to obtain it she had to step down."

The Springs, these days, are unattended. And while the Keepers are away they're being poisoned.

# Kentucky Journeyman To Philippines Dies

Miss Diane Williams, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman to the Philippines, died October 18 at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, following an extended illness. She had returned to the States last March on medical leave after Filipino doctors had diagnosed her illness as aplastic anemia.

A funeral service was held October 20 at the Scobee Funeral Home, Winchester, Kentucky, with burial in Winchester. Stanley A. Nelson, director of the Foreign Mission Board's journeyman program, represented the board at the services. Several former journeymen to the Philippines who are now attending Southern Seminary, Louisville, also attended.



Miss Williams

While Miss Williams was on a trip, workers treated her house with a pesticide designed to kill termites. When she returned a lethal amount of the pesticide invaded her body attacking the bone marrow and white corpuscles. For the past several weeks, she had

been in the hospital undergoing numerous blood transfusions. She died a few hours after her 25th birthday.

Miss Williams is a cousin to Joe Williams, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville.

Miss Williams was employed by the board in April, 1969, for a two-year term of service in Nigeria but was re-assigned to the Philippines. She resided in M'lang in the providence of Cotabato where she taught elementary school for the children of missionaries.

Several months after her return to the States she wrote, "There are so many people who come to me and say

that they just know God is going to make me well. Maybe I'm wrong, but I just have a hard time asking God to make me well when I'm not too sure that's what He plans to do. I completely turned over my life to Him two years ago."

Miss Williams was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, but spent most of her girlhood in Lexington and Winchester. She was graduated from the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron J. Williams, Jr., two sisters, Debbie and Juddy, and two brothers, Eddie and Jamie.



### Meet the president

Come Tuesday morning at 9:30, November 10, the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention who will lay the gavel to the pulpit of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville is Sidney M. Maddox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, since 1962. He will guide the order of business with dispatch and kindness, with the touch of humor that may be required and the firmness that often becomes proper. As president, he will deliver a message during the opening session.

### A busy year

The president of the convention is also chairman of the executive board of the convention. Wearing two denominational hats, and assuming the double duties of president and executive board chairman, he has had a very busy year. He has shown a deep interest in all facets of our work and has spent many hours in driving to various committee meetings and special events in convention life.

Few men have given themselves more generously in serving Kentucky Baptists as president. His keen interest, his thorough consideration of issues and persons and his dedication to the spiritual impact of our convention combined to make him a valuable servant.

### His family and church

The inspiration for his service comes from the Lord, his family and his church. His lovely wife, Dorothy, gives him tenderness — and add to her three daughters who keep him that way. Sarah is a sophomore at Hopkinsville High and likes "everything about him

— especially because he always includes me in things." Carol is a sophomore at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Lyn, a Baylor graduate, is in her last graduate year at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, majoring in sociology.

Sarah says her dad will eat anything! but that he loves Mexican food (a taste he acquired in California where he was born and in New Mexico where he served as pastor in Las Cruces). He likes his sports but gets most of it from the TV screen. He loves cars and takes pride in keeping the family car in tip-top condition and shine. He is short on fishing and golf and long on work, but his sense of humor and interest in people make work fun.

On Christmas Day, 1969, his beloved mother went Home from Hollywood, California. Last week he took time to be with his aging father who lives with his sister, Mrs. Virginia Kunkle, and near his brother, Brougner Maddox, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Hollywood. His brother Don is an officer in the Air Force.

We are grateful to his church and staff who have shared him with the larger Baptist fellowship this busy and fruitful year. Thanks to Tom Westfield for the deacons and church; to staff members Ronald Sholar, John Ashley and his secretary, Mrs. Lonnie Wells.

### You come, too

So, come to the convention, meeting at Walnut Street Church, Louisville, November 10-12 — and meet the president.

HAROLD G. SANDERS

WESTERN RECORDER

## Three Kentuckians Involved

# Birmingham Church Accepts 11 Staffers Resignations

After members of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, voted to accept the resignations of the pastor and youth director who had declared they would not serve a "racist church," nine other church staff members resigned in support of the pastor.

The resignations of Herbert Gilmore as pastor and Miss Betty Bock as youth director were accepted in a regular quarterly church business meeting.

Gilmore was pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, in the late 50's.

Resigning were the associate pastor, minister of education, associate pastor-minister of music, education secretary, youth secretary, music secretary, pianist, organist, and associate organist.

In offering his resignation, associate pastor-minister of music John Sims said that the church's dilemma "is not simply a matter of differing man-made opinions as to program and function, but the profound matter of understanding of, and commitment to Christ, his church and his gospel.

"The principle and practice of the democratic procedure," Sims continued, "has placed the leadership of this church in the hands of those who hold

radically different views than my own as to the nature and purpose of Christ's church. I cannot in good conscience continue to serve..."

Sims formerly served the Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, and was on the Southern Seminary church music school faculty.

Minister of education Carlisle Driggers said he could not continue on the staff "due to the closed membership policy the church recently adopted."

Driggers formerly served as pastor of Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mack Goss, associate pastor, told the church he had joined the staff greatly impressed with the leadership of the pastor and the church's commitment to stay downtown and minister to the racially and economically-changing neighborhood. Goss said he never dreamed the church would make some of the decisions it had made.

The controversy attracted national headlines beginning last July when Mrs. Bryant and Twila, involved in the church through a neighborhood tutoring project, sought membership in the all-white congregation. Their application was contested, and a final vote, requiring a two-thirds margin to pass, was delayed for two months.

During this period, a motion was made to fire both Gilmore and Miss Bock, and later amended to include the three other ministers on the staff, but the motion was defeated by a vote of 237-241, a margin of four votes.

Also during the two month period, the church defeated a motion by a vote of 240-217 proposing that all membership applicants be considered without regard to race or color.

After the church finally voted to reject the two Negro membership applicants, Gilmore and Miss Bock submitted their resignations, and about 300 members walked out of the church in moral protest.

Calling themselves "the Company of the Committed," those who walked out pledged to designate their tithes and offerings to take care of the financial needs of the staff members and to dedicate their efforts to building a new fellowship.

Though a new church has not been formed by those who walked out, the question has been discussed openly and

thoroughly. No decision has yet been made, however.

The group has also discussed the possibility of temporarily continuing their membership in the downtown church, but meeting early Sunday morning for worship led by Gilmore, they would then go to Sunday School at the church where 90 percent of the leadership positions are held by members of the "Company of the Committed."

It was reported that, on one Sunday, the offerings for the "Company of the Committed" totaled about \$4,000, compared to about \$600 for the First Baptist Church.

Contacted by Baptist Press, Gilmore said he had no specific plans for the future, but added he hopes "there is a pulpit somewhere in the Southern Baptist Convention that wants a pastor who will try to make Christ the Lord of all of life, whether it be in the economic, social, political or spiritual spheres."

During the business session of the church in which the resignations of the staff members were accepted, a motion was made by B. C. Cowart stating that "the Company of the Committed" not be recognized as an official body of First Baptist Church and that they be denied permission to use any of the church buildings or property for their meetings. The business meeting, however, adjourned without taking action on Cowart's motion. (BP)

## Adrienne Bonham Named WMU Editorial Services Director

Miss Adrienne Bonham has been elected director of the editorial services department of Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union.



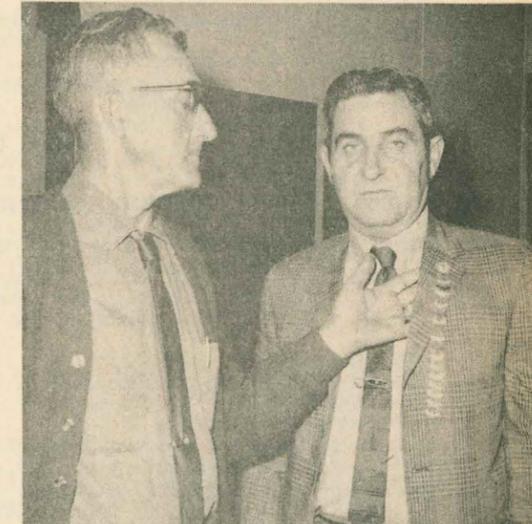
Miss Bonham

Miss Bonham came to the national WMU office in Birmingham, Alabama, earlier this year as consultant in general administration, research, and program design.

Previously she was editor of *Adventure and Storytime*, children's papers published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

She has also served as manuscript editor at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and as an editorial assistant at the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, Miss Bonham is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.



HONORED — Carl Lane, left, was presented his 20th year Sunday School pin by Roscoe Gifford, Sunday School superintendent. Lane is a member of the Mt. Salem Baptist Church, Lincoln Association, Rt. 1, Hustonville. Emery Kinslow is the pastor.

**TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10**

Theme: "Living Christ's Spirit in Openness and Freedom"

Scripture: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1 RSV)

- 9:15 Meditation
- 9:30 Call to Order ..... President Sidney M. Maddox, First, Hopkinsville  
Organization of 133rd Annual Session ..... Lewis C. Ray  
Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Louisville
- 9:40 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Sunday School Publishing  
Board, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull  
Dean of School of Theology, Southern Seminary, Louisville
- 10:05 Credentials Committee ..... O. W. Yates, Lexington
- 10:10 Committee on Order of Business ..... John W. Kruschwitz  
Versailles Baptist, Versailles
- 10:15 Words of Welcome ..... Wayne Dehoney, Louisville
- 10:20 State Ministers of Music Choir ..... Donald Hustad  
Prof. of Church Music, Southern Seminary, Louisville
- 10:30 President's Message ..... Sidney M. Maddox
- 10:50 Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws ..... J. T. Miller  
Chestnut Grove, Whitesville
- 11:05 Recognition of Newcomers and wives — pastors, staff, teachers,  
officers of Convention agencies, etc. .... Harold G. Sanders  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC, Middletown
- 11:25 Solo ..... Herman Rowlett, Jr., Pleasant Hill, Campbellsville
- 11:30 Convention Sermon ..... Herman E. Rowlett, Sr., First Church, Lebanon  
Alternate ..... Eugene E. Siler, Williamsburg
- 12:00 Benediction ..... George A. Jones  
Executive Secretary, Northern Kentucky Assn., Newport

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10**

Theme: "The Christ Spirit — Open and Free to Cooperate"

Scripture: "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more." (1 Corinthians 9:19 RSV)

- 1:15 Meditation
- 1:30 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville
- 1:55 State Ministers of Music Choir ..... Donald Hustad, Director
- 2:00 Fraternal Greetings  
(1) General Assn. of Baptists in Kentucky ..... W. H. Goatley  
Director, Baptist Fellowship Center, Louisville  
(2) Southern Baptists in West Virginia ..... John I. Snedden  
Supt. of Missions, St. Albans  
(3) Recognition of Southern Baptist Agency Representatives present
- 2:15 Message ..... W. C. Fields, Executive Committee, SBC, Nashville
- 2:35 Report of the Executive Board ..... Harold G. Sanders  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC, Middletown
- 3:05 Miscellaneous Business  
Report of Special Committees
- 5:00 Benediction ..... Ansel K. Gambrell, Beacon Hill Mission, Somerset

**TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10**

Theme: "Living His Spirit — Open to Youth"

Scripture: "I write to you, fathers, because I know you know him who is from the beginning, I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one." (1 John 2:14 RSV)

- 6:30 Meditation
- 6:45 State Ministers of Music Choir ..... Donald Hustad, Director
- 7:00 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville
- 7:35 Report on Student Work ..... J. Chester Durham  
Secretary, Dept. of Student Work, Middletown
- 7:45 Testimony —  
(1) David Hazelwood, BSU Summer Missionary, Murray  
(2) H. Barry St. Clair, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville
- 8:00 Message ..... Charles Roselle, Secretary, Student Work, BSSB, Nashville
- 8:25 Solo ..... Frederick G. Sampson, III  
Student, University of Cincinnati, Louisville
- 8:30 Musicales: "Living the Spirit" ..... Directed by Phillip Landgrave  
School of Music, Southern Seminary, Louisville
- 9:05 Message ..... Carl E. Bates  
President, Southern Baptist Convention, Charlotte, N.C.
- 9:40 Benediction ..... Jack Birdwhistell, Canmer Church, Canmer

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11**

Theme: "The Christ Spirit — Open to Truth"

Scripture: "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:12-13 RSV)

- 8:30 Meditation
- 8:45 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville

## Kentucky Baptist Convention

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### Walnut Street Church, Louisville

November 10-12, 1970 133rd Annual Meeting

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1970-71 Emphasis: "Living the Spirit of Christ in Openness and Freedom"

- 9:10 Committee on Arrangements ..... H. Lloyd Stormont, Bethany, Louisville
- 9:15 Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission ..... Wendell H. Rone, Sr.  
Bellevue, Owensboro
- 9:25 Report on Woman's Missionary Union ..... Mrs. J. S. Woodward  
President Woman's Missionary Union, Lexington  
Responses ..... Mrs. George R. Ferguson  
Former W. WMU Executive Secretary, Louisville  
..... Miss Kathryn Jasper  
Executive Secretary, Ky. WMU, Middletown
- 9:45 Report on Assembly and Camps ..... Marvin M. Byrdwell  
Resident Manager, Cedarmore, Bagdad
- 9:55 Kentucky Baptist Foundation ..... Carl H. Bryant, Layman, Earlington  
Response ..... Grady L. Randolph  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Middletown
- 10:10 Temperance League of Kentucky ..... Delbert Butts  
Executive Director, Louisville
- 10:20 American Bible Society ..... J. Edward Cunningham  
Distribution Secy., American Bible Society, Lexington
- 10:30 Public Affairs Report ..... Myrl G. Lunceford, Immanuel, Frankfort
- 10:40 Report on Christian Education in Kentucky ..... Bruce V. Hartsell  
First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville
- 11:10 Report on Convention-wide Education ..... W. R. Davenport  
President Campbellsville College, Campbellsville
- State Ministers of Music Choir ..... Donald Hustad, Director
- Message ..... Millard J. Berquist  
President, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City
- Representatives from:  
Golden Gate ..... H. C. Chiles, Trustee, Murray  
Midwestern ..... Millard J. Berquist, President  
New Orleans ..... George Wm. Harrison  
Prof., Old Testament and Hebrew  
Southeastern ..... John Durham, Assoc. Prof., Old Testament  
Southern ..... Wm. E. Hull, Dean, School of Theology  
Southwestern ..... Joe Davis Heacock  
Dean, School of Religious Education
- 11:40 Benediction ..... Henry D. Johns, Oakland Ave. Church, Catlettsburg
- 12:00 Seminary Luncheons

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 11**

Theme: "The Christ Spirit — Free in the Church"

Scripture: "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God." (1 Peter 2:16 RSV)

- 1:30 Meditation
- 1:45 WORSHIP

- Hymn
- Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville
- Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville
- 2:10 Report on Benevolences ..... Adrian Lamkin, First, Grayson  
C. Ford Deuser, General Supt., Board of Child Care, Middletown  
H. L. Dobbs, President, Baptist Hospitals, Inc., Louisville  
(Note: Bryant A. Bloss, M.D., Evansville, Ind., President and  
Representative of Hospital Agency, SBC)
- 3:05 Report on Church Organizations ..... Harold Lee, Third Church, Owensboro  
Brotherhood ..... Forrest R. Sawyer, Secretary  
Church Music ..... Eugene F. Quinn, Secretary  
Training Union ..... James H. Whaley, Sr., Secretary  
Sunday School ..... Roy E. Boatwright, Secretary
- 3:30 Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous Business  
Resolutions Committee ..... Franklin Owen, Calvary Church, Lexington
- 5:00 Benediction ..... Robert L. Pogue, Walnut Street Church, Louisville

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11**

Theme: "The Christ Spirit — Freedom for All Men"

Scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19 RSV)

- 6:45 Meditation
- 7:00 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville
- 7:25 Report on Home Missions ..... Odell Leigh, First, Danville  
Response and Introduction of Speaker ..... L. O. Griffith  
Dir., Division of Communications, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- Message ..... J. David Fite, Missionary From Cuba, Fort Worth, Texas
- 8:00 Report on Stewardship ..... Ralph Couey, First, Winchester  
Message ..... Jesse C. Stricker  
Secretary, Stewardship Promotion Dept., Middletown
- 8:15 Report on Cooperative Program ..... L. S. Jagers, Layman, Elizabethtown  
Response ..... Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Severns Valley, Elizabethtown
- 8:30 Report on Interracial Cooperation ..... Alton H. McEachern  
Chmn., Denominational Cooperation Committee, Louisville
- 8:40 Baptist World Alliance, Tokyo ..... James B. Sawyer, Beechwood, Louisville
- 8:55 Report on Foreign Missions ..... Glenn Sullivan, First, Russellville  
Presentation of Missionaries on furlough, et cetera  
Response ..... Eugene Hill, Secretary for Missionary Education and  
Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
(Note: Kenneth Parks, Missionary to Chile, Paducah, has charge of  
Foreign Mission Exhibit here)
- 9:45 Benediction ..... William A. Kruschwitz  
Student, Southern Seminary, Louisville

**THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12**

Theme: "The Christ Spirit — Free to Become"

Scripture: "I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:18-21 RSV)

- 8:30 Meditation
- 8:45 WORSHIP  
Hymn  
Special Music ..... J. Robert Bradley, Nashville  
Bible Study and Prayer ..... Wm. E. Hull, Louisville
- 9:10 Committee on Committees ..... Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown
- 9:20 Committee on Nominations ..... Harold Wainscott, Third Church, Owensboro
- 9:30 Report on Annuity Plans ..... Ben F. Mitchell, Retired Minister, Louisville  
Response ..... A. W. Walker, Secretary, Annuity Dept., Middletown
- 9:45 Memorial Service: Committee on Obituaries ..... Mark Lowry, Hopkinsville
- 10:00 Report on WESTERN RECORDER ..... C. R. Daley, Editor, Middletown
- 10:15 Report on Radio and Television ..... Claude Fox  
Public Relations Dir., Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville
- 10:25 Report on Evangelism ..... G. T. Cowan, Jr., Winchester  
Message ..... Wayne Dehoney, Walnut Street Church, Louisville
- 10:55 Report on Direct Missions ..... Bill Tichenor, First, Scottsville  
Response ..... A. B. Colvin, Secretary, Direct Missions Dept., Middletown
- 11:15 Christian Life Committee ..... Archie Allison  
Buena Vista Church, Owensboro
- Sermon ..... John R. Claypool, Crescent Hill Church, Louisville
- 11:45 Benediction ..... G. Truett Cocanougher, Cecilia Church, Cecilia

# Pollard, Roberts, Featured At Pastors' Conference

Ramsey Pollard, former Southern Baptist Convention president, now serving as pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will headline the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference when it convenes on Monday, November 9, prior to the opening of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



The Tennessee pastor will speak at each of the two conference sessions held at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. At 3:55 p.m., Pollard will address the group on the topic, "The Frustrations of Today's Minister." His closing address will be entitled, "Our Message, What It Ought To Be."

Pollard, a former director of Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, served as pastor of the Boardway Baptist Church, Knoxville, for 20 years. In addition to his service as convention president, he was president of the SBC Pastor's Conference for two years, chairman of the Radio and Television Commission for eight years and served as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

Currently the Texas native is a director for the Home Mission Board and a member of the SBC evangelism committee.

Joining Pollard on the program will

be Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the Ohio convention. Roberts, former pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, will preach in the opening session on the topic, "The Minister and His Task."

Other topics receiving consideration will be "The Minister Relates to His Community," "The Layman Sharing the Pastor's Task," "The Rewards of

the Ministry," and "The Pastor's Wife Speaks." E. Keevil Judy, recently retired Henderson pastor, will discuss the topic, "If I Had It To Do Over."

Ira McMillan, pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, is president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference. Tom Henry of Louisville is vice president and R. G. Shelton, Eddyville, is treasurer.

## KENTUCKY BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

### Afternoon Session Tom Henry, presiding

- 2:30 P.M. Hymn led by Jerry V. Douglas
- 2:40 P.M. Scripture Reading, Claude Butler  
Prayer, Isadore Childers
- 2:45 P.M. Message: "The Minister and His Task," Ray Roberts
- 3:15 P.M. Music
- 3:20 P.M. Offering for Expenses of the Pastors' Conference
- 3:30 P.M. Testimonies:  
"The Layman Sharing the Pastor's Task," Robert L. Pogue  
"The Minister Relates to His Community," W. D. Jagers
- 3:50 P.M. Congregational Hymn
- 3:55 P.M. Message: "The Frustrations of Today's Ministers," Ramsey Pollard  
Benediction, James Grayson  
Adjourn

### Evening Session Ira McMillan, Jr., presiding

- 6:30 P.M. Congregational Hymn  
Scripture Reading, Charles E. Lewis  
Prayer, John T. Wallace, Jr.
- 6:45 P.M. Election of Officers
- 6:55 P.M. Testimonies:  
"The Pastor's Wife Speaks," Mrs. Jim Jones  
"If I Had It To Do Over," E. Keevil Judy  
Offering for Expenses, R. G. Shelton, treasurer
- 7:25 P.M. "The Rewards of the Minister," Wendell Romans
- 7:35 P.M. Music
- 8:05 P.M. Message: "Our Message, What It Ought To Be," Ramsey Pollard
- 8:10 P.M. Benediction, W. W. Thompson

# Oates Headlines Ministers Of Music Program

## KENTUCKY BAPTIST MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Pre-convention Program

Highland Baptist Church

1101 Cherokee Road, Louisville

November 9 - 10, 1970

**Monday Afternoon,** Dean Gray, Hartford, president, presiding

- 2:30 P.M. Praise Service, Ron Wilburn, Lexington, leading
- 2:45 P.M. Scripture and Prayer, Malcolm G. Lunceford, Frankfort, pastor-advisor, leading
- 2:50 P.M. Choral Reading Session, Don Henshaw, New York City, and Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, directing
- 4:00 P.M. Seminary Choir, Jay Wilkey, Louisville, directing
- 4:30 P.M. "The Music Minister and Pastoral Care," Wayne E. Oates, Louisville, speaking
- 5:15 P.M. Fellowship Dinner (Reservations made with E. F. Quinn)

**Monday Evening,** Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, vice president, presiding

- 6:30 P.M. Praise Service, Ron Wilburn leading
- 6:45 P.M. Scripture and Prayer, Malcolm G. Lunceford leading
- 6:50 P.M. "Work with Children and the Orff Program," Robert Kintner, Lexington, leading
- 8:20 P.M. Business Session, Dean Gray presiding
- 8:30 P.M. Rehearsal of Kentucky Baptist music ministers' chorus, Don Hustad, Louisville, directing

**Tuesday Morning**

- 9:00 A.M. Second rehearsal of chorus, Don Hustad, directing
- 10:00 A.M. Chorus enters First Session of KBC to sing

Southern Seminary psychology of religion professor Wayne Oates will help ministers of music expand their horizons when he addresses the group's pre-convention meeting, Monday, October 9.

Meeting at the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, the state's ministers of music will hear the renowned professor discuss the topic, "The Minister of Music and Pastoral Care." Oates will delve into the possibilities of music being used as a healing tool for persons' lives as well as expressions of deeply felt emotions.

Other highlights on the program include a choral reading session with Don Henshaw of New York serving as resource person. Lexington resident Robert Kintner will also address the ministers of music about working with children.

The ministers of music will also have two rehearsals for the newly formed Kentucky Ministers of Music Chorus which will perform four times during the annual convention.



Baker James Cauthen, left, and James Lackey examine gavels for state conventions.

# Mission Fields Give Gavels To States

In the future, when presidents of the state Baptist Conventions rap their meetings to order, each will be able to do so with one of 31 gavels sent from Southern Baptist mission fields around the world.

The idea for the gavels was conceived as a way of promoting the Co-operative Program within state conventions. They will be presented to the state presidents during the convention meetings this fall, by the staff members of the Stewardship Commission and the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Accumulated over the past six months through the efforts of Southern Baptist missionaries, the gavels were sent from Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond to the offices of the Stewardship Commission in Nashville to be displayed September 21-23 in the foyer

of the Southern Baptist Convention Building. The expenses in securing the gavels was borne by the Stewardship Commission.

Each is made of a wood native to the country from which it came. On some, the name of the country is engraved on a small metal plate on the gavel and on others it is carved into the wood.

The gavel from Israel is made of olive. Light in color, the wood is grained with dark curly burls.

From Italy came a gavel of native walnut. The one from India is hand carved rosewood, and from Guyana, purpleheart, one of the country's finest hard woods. A missionary in Portugal sent a gavel of cork oak.

The gavel from Lebanon is appropriately cedar. Its head is cut from a section of trunk with bark intact. Lebanon

is burned into the wood in English as well as in Arabic.

Kamagong wood, dark and very hard, was used to make the gavel from the Philippines.

The Charley W. Fenners had a bit of a problem getting a gavel made in Japan. As Mrs. Fenner explained, "Nobody here uses such things, so we had to search and search for a gavel that could be copied. We finally secured one from the Officer's Wives Club at the air base!" The Officer's Wives' gavel was copied in cherry and the characters carved in it are Japanese for Japan.

Missionaries in Kenya encountered a similar problem. With the gavel came the following comments: "Today I am putting in the mail your special custom-made hand carved gavel. No such gavel could be bought, of course, and getting one made was nearly as difficult, for how many Kamba carvers do you know who know what a gavel is?"

Presenting the gavel to the Kentucky convention will be W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the SBC executive Committee. J. Kenneth Park, missionary on furlough from Chile, will also be present and will be recognized during the gavel presentation.

# Seminary Reunion Planned At Convention

Kentucky alumni of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will meet in connection with the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November.

The alumni meeting is scheduled for noon on November 11 at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Presiding will be Carman Sharp of Louisville who is the current president of Southern Seminary alumni in Kentucky.

William E. Hull, dean of the school of theology at the seminary, will be the featured speaker.

# Religious Educators Schedule Pre-convention Meeting

## KENTUCKY BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING

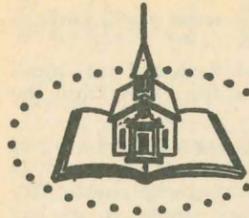
Meeting Place — Room 222 - Education Building  
Walnut Street Baptist Church

November 9, 1970

- 2:00 P.M. Registration
- 2:30 P.M. "The Minister of Education As Change Agent" Miss Elaine Dickson, school of religious education, Southern Seminary
- 4:30 P.M. Adjourn
- 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Banquet — Walnut Street Baptist Church
- 7:15 P.M. Entertainment
- 7:45 P.M. Address: "The Minister of Education Effecting Change in the Local Church," Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the school of religious education, Southwestern Seminary
- 8:15 P.M. Installation of 1971 Officers — John Ashley

The Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association will meet in the Education Building of the Walnut Street Baptist Church on Monday, November 9, 1970, just prior to the Kentucky Baptist State Convention. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., Miss Elaine Dickson of Southern Seminary will be the leader in a workshop on the topic: "The Minister of Education As a Change Agent."

At 6:30 p.m., there will be a Fellowship Banquet for all KBREA members and their guests. Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the school of religious education at Southwestern Seminary, will be the featured speaker at the banquet. The installation of officers for 1971 will conclude the meeting.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for November 8, 1970)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## Learning Of Christ

I Thessalonians 1:2-10, 2:13

Paul, Silas and Timothy had proclaimed the gospel of Christ to the Thessalonians. Some of them had received Christ as their Saviour and had become members of the church which Paul and his assistants had organized in Thessalonica. This church became a real lighthouse for the gospel in the midst of heathen darkness. When Silas and Timothy returned from a mission of instruction in the midst of the members of this church, Paul was encouraged greatly by the report which they brought. The Thessalonian Christians had been a constant joy to Paul and his associates, as well as a splendid example and a great inspiration to others.

As Paul thought about the believers in Thessalonica and prayed for them time and again, he could not refrain from thanking God that all of them were such healthy Christians. These thanksgivings were addressed to God because the spiritual prosperity of the Thessalonians was not due to themselves, or to those who had preached the gospel to them, but to the grace of God. Honor was due to Him because of the marvelous things He had done in and through them.

There were three things which the Thessalonian Christians exhibited which Paul and his associates remembered and for which they thanked God repeatedly. The first of these was a faith that was active. Saved by grace through faith, their works sprang from, belonged to and were characteristic of their faith. To Paul faith was a warm personal trust in the living Saviour, and such faith cannot fail to transform the whole of life and issue in good works. If your faith in Christ does not cause you to work for Him, it is not genuine. Work is the natural fruit and evidence of faith. God qualifies Christians and calls them to work for Him. He expects them to do the work which He assigns to them and He will enable them to do it.

The second thing that Paul and his associates remembered about the Thessalonians was a love that was laborious. The expression, "your labor of love," makes it necessary to distinguish between "labor" and "work." The former refers to the energy expended in doing it and the latter points to the

thing done. The labor of the Thessalonians must have included their diligent and strenuous efforts in the Lord's service. The constraining love of Christ did not permit them to spare any energies, to succumb to any fatigue or to refuse to make any sacrifice. Christian service is the only proof of love. If a professing Christian does not serve Christ faithfully, either he does not know the Saviour in the forgiveness of his sins or he does not have much gratitude and love in his heart for Him. The strength of love is tested by its labors. Love gives itself unstintingly.

The third thing that was to be remembered about the Thessalonians was a hope that was sustaining. Every Christian should possess a hope that is so strong that it brings to him the quality of endurance. In the New Testament "patience" stands for endurance and "hope" stands for certainty. Significantly enough, hope usually refers to the return of Christ. Christians can have patience in hope because they are sure that their hope in Christ will be fulfilled. Their efforts in Christ's service should be characterized by the potency of faith, the fervency of love, and the constancy of hope.

God's choice of the Thessalonians took place "before the foundation of the world." As always, His election was purposeful and the working out of the

### INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## Growing Through Worship

Isaiah 6:1-8

Worship is the recognition and acknowledgement of the worthiness of God our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. It involves adoration, reverence, thanksgiving, confession and commitment. Our worship of God, if pleasing to Him, will contribute much to our lives and will determine the effectiveness of our service for Him.

Among noteworthy examples of those who had genuine worship experiences was young Isaiah, the record of which

divine plans in and through the Thessalonians was obvious to Paul.

The purity of the lives of the believers in Thessalonica blazed like beacons in the spiritual darkness around them. They were the spiritual fruit of Paul's preaching. They not only became his imitators, but because of their consistent Christian living and their faithful proclamation of the gospel they were worthy examples and a great inspiration to others. The divine order in Christian experience is the hearing of the gospel, conviction of sin, repentance toward God, personal trust in Christ as Saviour, a changed life and a proper example to others.

So faithfully and effectively did the Thessalonian Christians hold forth the word of life that their faith became widely known. Having been taught by the Holy Spirit, they knew that only the Word of God could meet the needs of others; therefore, they were ready and anxious to proclaim it to people far and near. As a result of their faithfulness in the proclamation of the gospel, many turned from idols to God, proceeded to serve the true God and lived in the expectation of the personal return of Christ Jesus to the earth. Like these early Christians, we, too, should witness faithfully for Christ and wait for His return with joyous anticipation.

is the basis for this lesson.

Isaiah had leaned too heavily upon royalty, rather than upon the wisdom and power of the heavenly Sovereign, and now his hero, King Uzziah, was buried in an outcast's tomb. Bewildered, and wondering what would befall the nation, Isaiah went to the temple to meditate on God's ways and to find comfort. The Lord's house is always the best place for anyone to go in time of sorrow or need.

In the temple Isaiah received a vision



which made an indelible impression upon him and completely transformed his life and work. He saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne" reigning in majesty and glory. The Lord had not just recently taken that position but He had been there all of the time, waiting to reveal Himself to Isaiah, who had not been looking His way.

Isaiah also observed some celestial beings standing near the Lord's throne, full of swift energy, blazing with enthusiasm and glowing with fervent love. Why did each one cover his face with two wings? He was overwhelmed with a sense of awe and reverence and was not able to look into the face of the Lord. Why did he cover his feet? His keen sense of unworthiness caused him to do so in order that he might not be seen. Why did he stand with two wings outstretched? He was exceedingly anxious to render swift and unquestioning obedience to the Lord.

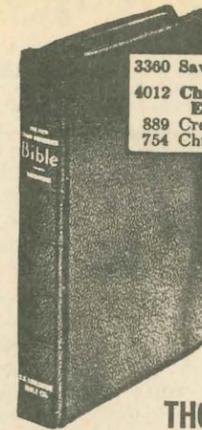
By gazing on purity Isaiah discovered his own impurity. When anybody stands in the presence of the Lord a sense of sin always overwhelms him. Isaiah observed that there was a gulf between the Lord and himself which no effort of his own could ever bridge. Engrossed with the thought of his wretchedness and helplessness, Isaiah said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." He was especially mindful of their sins of speech. The lips are an index of the life.

As soon as Isaiah made a full and frank confession of his sin and repented thereof, he received the assurance of mercy, pardon and cleansing. Divine forgiveness and spiritual cleansing constitute the entrance to a life of usefulness, honor and promotion.

Following his vision of enlightenment and experience of cleansing Isaiah received a divine call to work. He was convinced that the One Who had cleansed him was appealing to him for service.

Without consulting anyone, Isaiah unreservedly committed himself into the hands of the Lord saying, "Here am I; send me." He offered himself to the Lord just as he was and with all that he had — his personality, his possessions and his plans. He considered it a privilege and an honor to serve the Lord and was ready for any sacrifice which that honor might entail.

Having committed himself to do the will of God, and having received a new insight into the needs of his people, Isaiah was divinely appointed to minister unto them. The commission which he received sent him on a new pathway of duty, and sent him to preach to those who would willfully turn a deaf ear to his message, but their refusal to hear and heed would result in their ruin. Nevertheless, fullness of blessing always comes to those who do God's will in the places of His choice.



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# Colombia-Vatican Reforms May Affect Baptist Work

The Roman Catholic Church in Colombia has opened the door for reform of the Concordat which has been in effect since 1887 between the government of Colombia and the Vatican, according to a front-page article in *El Tiempo*, a leading Bogota newspaper.

The proposed revisions deal with freedom of education, treatment of missions, naming of bishops, priestly immunity, Catholic and civil marriage, and abolition of sanctions for apostasy.

Priests related to the preparation of the documents said it is necessary to revise the Concordat to bring the church in line with the modern world.

The existing agreement prohibits any non-Catholic mission in certain sections of Colombia (Indian territory) and gives bishops the right to veto school textbooks and teachers.

The Church proposes the following reforms in the existing agreement:

► The Church will not impose its own religious teachings and will leave people free to elect the creed under which they educate their children. This is within the precepts of the national

constitution which affirms that religious liberty shall exist in Colombia.

► In an ecumenical spirit, the Church proposes to eliminate the missions agreement whereby no group other than Catholics can have missions in Indian territory. "It is considered that this is not necessary since the Catholic Church wishes to suppress all appearance of privilege," says the report.

► The reform also proposes that priests will be taken to court by civil law in disputes and crimes. Under the present Concordat a priest cannot be called before a state tribunal. Also, Catholic seminary students will be subject to military service as are other male citizens.

► Catholic Church property will continue to be exempt from taxation.

► The Church will not change the rule for excommunication for persons

who insult or harm a representative of the church.

► Regarding matrimony, presently if a Catholic marries in a civil ceremony without benefit of the Church he must renounce the Church. Children of such marriages are considered illegitimate and the couple has committed mortal sin.

The reforms for matrimony are: 1) The Church will tolerate civil matrimony and will not obligate Catholics who choose such matrimony to give up their religion and the Church will eliminate existing penalties for those who choose civil matrimony.

2) In exchange for the above concession, the Church asks the state to recognize as legal the Catholic marriage ceremony. As it now stands, couples must be married by a judge first; then a priest or other minister performs the religious ceremony. (BP)



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# Bible Way School Begins In Guyana

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"This Is Jesus," read an advertisement in three Sunday newspapers. "Free Bible correspondence course from the Bible Way Correspondence School. Please enroll me and send me the free course."

Some who answered the ad filled out the questions in a test booklet and sent it back to be graded. Of the first 32 who returned the booklet, 14 indicated that they had accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Bible Way puts a Bible study about Jesus into the hands of inquirers, helps inform people about Baptist churches

in Guyana, and provides a follow-up program for new converts.

A letter with a certificate, an invitation to attend the nearest Baptist church or mission and the pastor's name is sent to the convert. Then a letter giving his name is sent to the pastor.

In this young, sophisticated nation where education is of prime importance, the Bible way correspondence school can make a real impact and is filling a need long recognized by the Guyana Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). With Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam and spiritualism prevailing in Guyana, many people who would never attend an evangelical church are writing for the Bible Way Course. (BP)



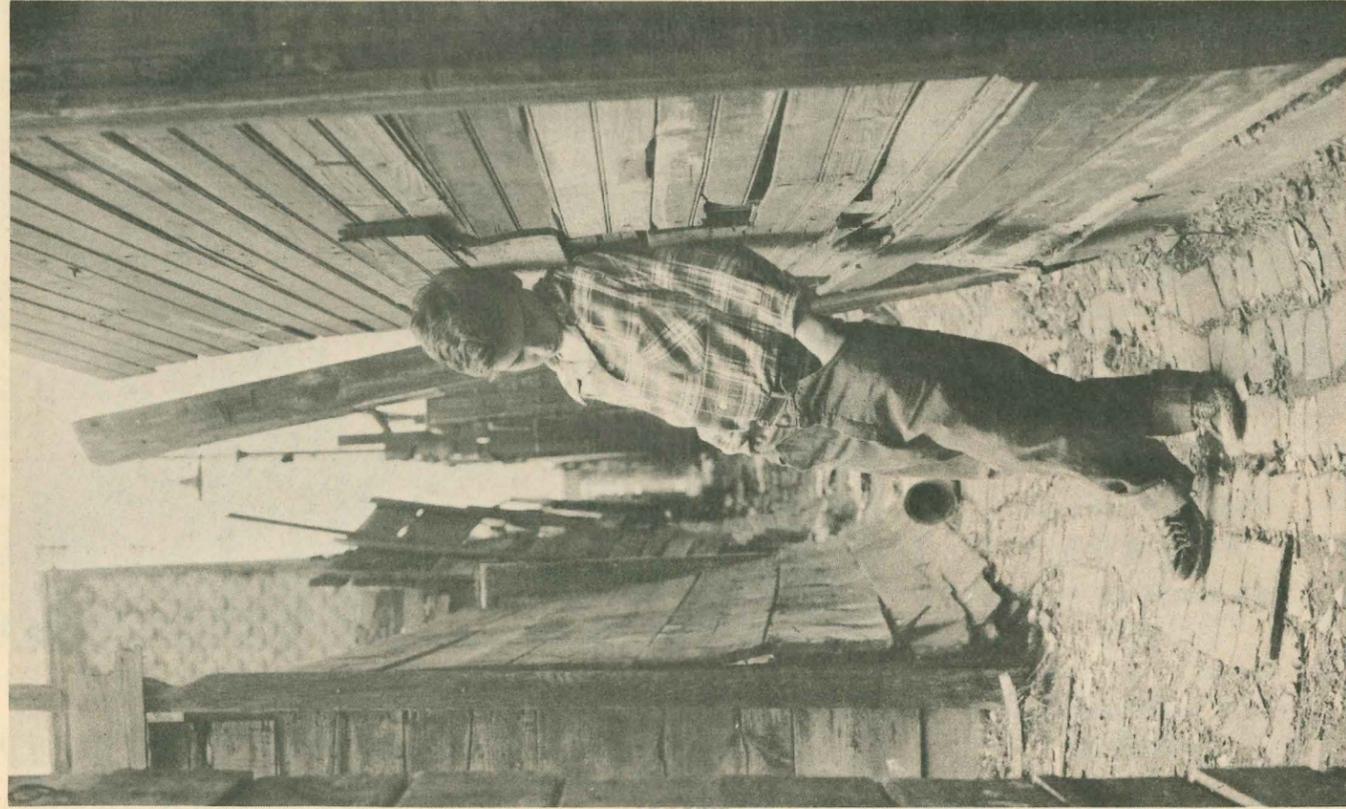
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