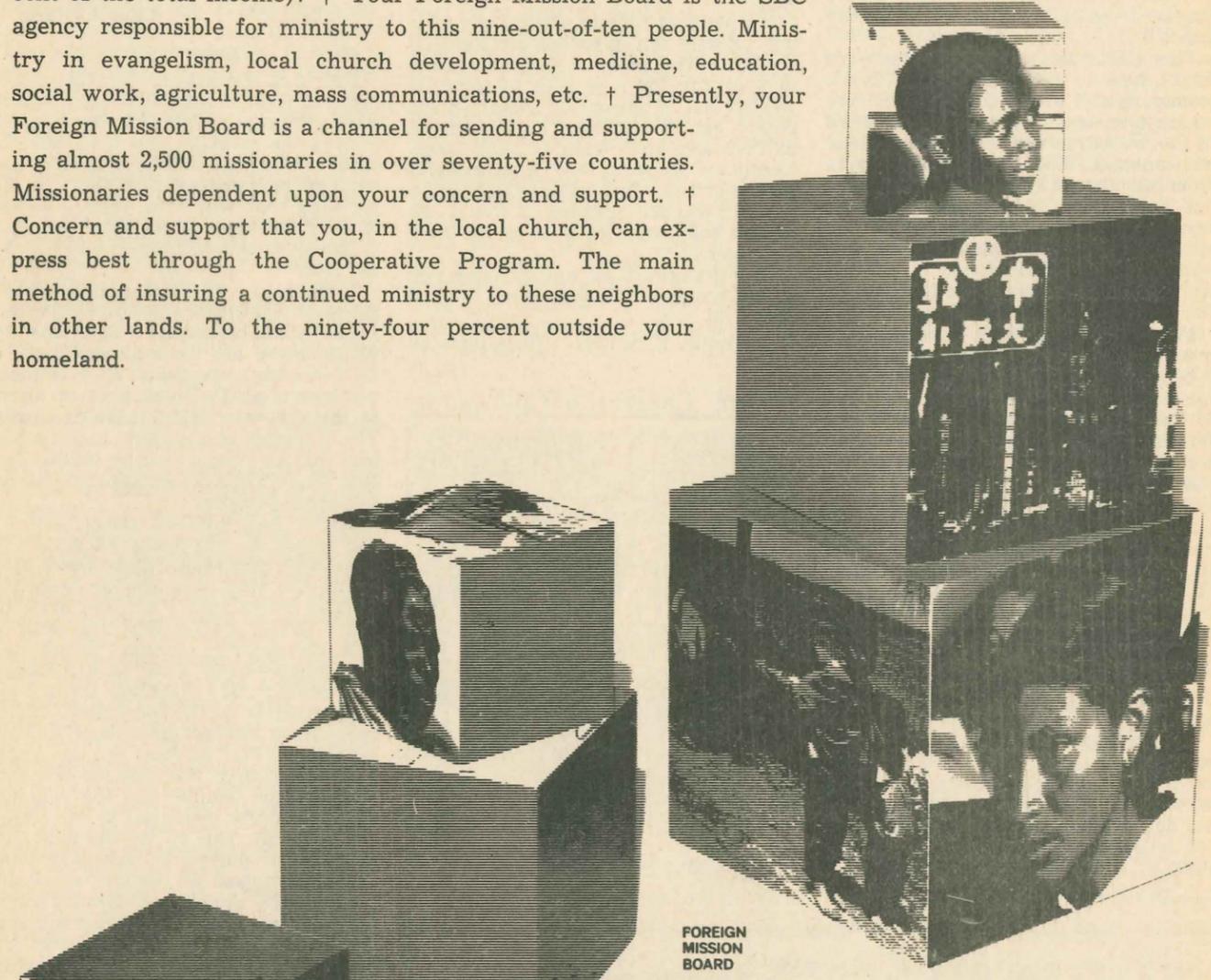
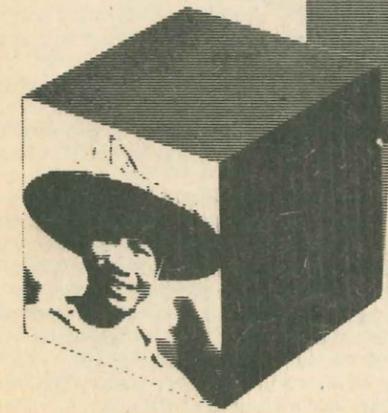


Love Your Neighbor's Neighbor

Ninety-four percent of your neighbors live outside your home country. † That's the percentage of people that live outside the United States (a ninety-four percent which lives on less than fifty percent of the total income). † Your Foreign Mission Board is the SBC agency responsible for ministry to this nine-out-of-ten people. Ministry in evangelism, local church development, medicine, education, social work, agriculture, mass communications, etc. † Presently, your Foreign Mission Board is a channel for sending and supporting almost 2,500 missionaries in over seventy-five countries. Missionaries dependent upon your concern and support. † Concern and support that you, in the local church, can express best through the Cooperative Program. The main method of insuring a continued ministry to these neighbors in other lands. To the ninety-four percent outside your homeland.



FOREIGN MISSION BOARD



CONDUCT AND WITNESS

Dear Editor:

It has become increasingly apparent to me, as a Christian sports official, that we seem to lack the type of conduct that is a reflection of the love of Christ at our athletic events. Many of my friends are also officials of various sport events, and Baptist people should be concerned that others refer to the Baptist leagues as "the worst of the bunch."

The Christian athletic teams were established to build character, teach teamwork and otherwise give our fine young men and women an alternative to the worldliness of the usual athletic environment. When we recruit players from outside our church family (which has been done to create a winning team), we not only discourage our young people from playing, we also encourage the participation of persons who are not otherwise interested in the welfare of the church community.

Further, having been a witness to many incidents on the field and floor, I believe we need to share the blame for any criticisms that may be attached to our leagues, as some of our very faithful members have been known to foster a belligerent attitude and to use abusive language.

Some would argue that to let anyone play is to give us a chance to witness to non-Christians, but everyone in a Baptist league is a representative of our congregation and leniency on our part has created a bad witness to everyone in attendance. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

I encourage our players and friends to remember that while God may not care who wins a game, He does care who loses their burden for souls. If we do not lead mankind to The Light, we will surely lead them into darkness.

Louisville, Ky. David A. Williams

THANKS FOR ANNUITY

Dear Editor:

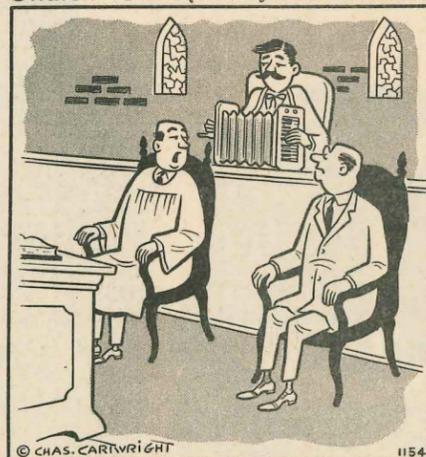
I would like to have enough room in the *Western Recorder* to say "thank you" to Kentucky Baptists. I am in my 48th year as a Baptist preacher; the Lord and Kentucky Baptists have been so good to me throughout these years. I had the privilege of serving the Lord 22 years, 7 months and 8 days as a Kentucky Baptist missionary and this I felt is where the Lord wanted me. Words are too weak for me to express my feelings when I came to retirement age.

If I had just time to express my feeling toward my preacher brothers it would be: Get ready now for that time in your life for it is sure to come. If you are not in one of our annuity plans please get in and stay in. I went in in 1940 and have been in ever since. Kentucky Baptists are a wonderful people and if I had another suggestion to my preacher brothers it would be: Preach the gospel as it is in the New Testament.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in the center of His will is my prayer for all of you.

Russellville, Kentucky Reed Rushing

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We planned on a pipe organ, then along came inflation."

DEVOTIONAL



William Cubine
Central Baptist
Church, Paris

Luke 18:27

God is at work in our world accomplishing those things which are impossible for man to achieve by himself. This is the message, the faith, the future of the church, the thrilling and challenging message that God can do for man that which he cannot do for himself and that which must be done if life is to be good and man is to be set free.

If the future of the church is to have spiritual significance in our world, this future must be centered in a God for whom there are no impossibilities. A God who has proved that He is without limitations as He lived here on earth in the person of His Son Jesus Christ. The teachings of the Bible and the history of our world testify to the fact that God works to accomplish His redemptive purposes.

Christ has imposed restrictions on the extent to which any of us are to love Him and serve Him. Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. . . . The works that I do, you shall do also." When Christ left the earth it was to a group of ordinary people that he committed the work of His Father. According to His teachings there is no distinction as to the importance of responsibility among the citizens of God's kingdom. The success of the early Christian church was that the task and work of the church was the common task of all who professed to be followers of Christ. This is still the plan God has for the church. To take the name Christian means to become a servant of Christ, an instrument through which God can work. God calls us at times to a task or service that may seem impossible. By placing a limit on our willingness or capacity to respond to these "impossibilities" we destroy the opportunity for God to work in and through us.

Yes, God's will and good purpose encompass the whole of life. God wants His will to be accomplished through men and women who grow in Christ-likeness. But the good life comes only as man responds to that which God has done and that which He desires to do. God forces Himself on no one. God is able to save to the uttermost. With Him there are no impossibilities!

Ministering Downtown

Wanted: A New Plan For A New Day

In June, 1970, I moved from the disappointment and frustration of a pastorate, terminated suddenly in December, where the will of God and love for people were not primary considerations, to a church where love for God and man have given its members the impetus for one of the most exciting ventures in ministry which I have ever known. For here in Louisville, Kentucky, among the members of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, I have found the kind of love of God and concern for people which characterized the best of the early Christian community.

Here I have found a church where the honest attempt is being made to experience the promise of Ephesians 2:14; to experience the crumbling of the walls that divide us, racial, economic, cultural, etc. and to become one new humanity in Christ.

I have now been pastor of this church for a little more than six months and I see great opportunities for ministry

By J. Wesley Shipp
Pastor, Twenty-Third and Broadway

here. We offer various activities for children on weekday afternoons, a club for mothers, a teen group meets regularly, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, and Alateen groups meet weekly in the church building. We have a CARE (Christian Action Related to Evangelism) program in which two members of our church are assigned to visit regularly in each block, with the attempt being made to help meet spiritual, social and physical needs.

We now provide a tutoring program in connection with Brandeis Elementary School and at Parkland and Russell Junior High we have groups with which we are working on motivation and behavior problems. We sponsor ball teams in the community. We operate a small food bank to help meet some emergency food needs.

In the summer, Vacation Bible School is held, a day camp is operated and field trips for various groups are a part of the activities of our church. We have been fortunate in being able to secure a bus for use in our ministry here during the last few months.

We maintain our regular worship services, Sunday School and Wednesday prayer services. A very active Royal Ambassador group meets on Wednesday evenings. In all of these we attempt to be a church for all people.

In all of the program of ministry which we undertake, we hope to convey the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. We hope that this kind

of love is manifest for at least some of the people of this community in the lives of those who make up the membership of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church.

Some of our sister churches have shared with us in this ministry through a program which brought some of their members to Twenty-Third and Broadway for a year of service as a Share Missionary from those churches. Carl Jennings, from Kenwood Baptist Church, Findley B. Edge and Ernest Loessner, both from Crescent Hill Baptist Church and professors at Southern Seminary, came to spend a year among us.

We shall never be able to express in words what they all meant to our people and to our ministry. Adequate criteria has not been developed to measure the positive impact on our church from their sharing in this ministry. We hope and believe that each of them took something of value from their experience here back to their home church.

It is our constant prayer that other churches may feel the leadership of God moving them to become involved with us in ministry. For the needs in this community are great and the available resources are limited. Many of the people to whom we attempt to minister

are not able to help support the ministry which they so desperately need.

As Southern Baptists, we have not traditionally been well equipped to support the kind of ministry called for here. We have been fairly successful in starting and working with churches which quickly can become community supported and I thank God for this. However, we must now find a way to help support a ministry in those communities which cannot completely support their own. There are many people in our community for whom almost everything they see is too expensive. Can we possibly allow a condition to exist in which the Gospel becomes one more item which they cannot afford?

I believe that the mission which this church has made her own is one which God Himself has ordained for her. The willingness which she has expressed to run the risk of losing herself in an attempt to find herself is a biblical position. I am excited about the possibilities for ministry which I see ahead. We are on a journey; a journey toward becoming more fully what God would have us be. Perhaps your church would like to join us and others like us in ministry as we seek to learn anew everyday what it means to be the people of God on mission in the west end of Louisville, Kentucky.

"Aunt Jessie Knew What She Wanted"

These are the words of a nephew spoken to the executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation on the day of Aunt Jessie's funeral. The nephew also added "... and she fixed it so no one could change it."

"Aunt Jessie" was a faithful member of her church, a tither, a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and a Sunday School member. This faithfulness was made evident in the plans she made for her estate. In 1952 she made her will, leaving her entire estate to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation with the Oneida Institute named as the beneficiary.

The will was written by her attorney in counsel with a representative of the Foundation. Thus, every facet of her estate was cared for and every beneficiary correctly identified. The will was a properly written document and presented minimal problems in administration and probate. The estate was settled recently.

Because Aunt Jessie knew what she wanted, Oneida Institute now has \$45,000.00 more in trust funds working for the school through the services of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Why not let the Kentucky Baptist Foundation assist you with your will or estate. Write or call the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

by Grady Randolph

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

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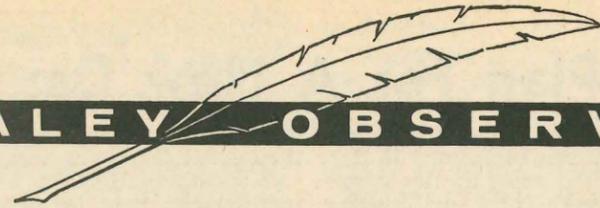
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A Challenge Worth Praying About

This appeal is being made with the full realization that it is unusual and will not meet with the approval of some pastors whose churches could be affected by it. It is being made, however, after long and prayerful consideration and is based on conversations with Pastor Wesley Shipp and the article written by him which appears on page 3 of this issue.

Pastor Shipp of the Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church is not shouting "wolf" nor appealing to the sentimentality of fellow pastors and church members. He is telling it like it is. Another Baptist church in west Louisville where Baptists once were the strongest is facing going out of business or moving to the suburbs. Yet it is located where there are more prospects for it than there probably were in the days of its greatest strength.

Of course the story of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church is the story of a changing community. This is the same change that has led other once strong Baptist churches in this part of Louisville to move to suburban areas. Shall Twenty-Third and Broadway follow this course or stay by the stuff where it is?

Pastor Shipp believes the church is where it ought to stay and is fully committed to sticking with it. The church has a kind of program that is geared to meet the needs of the community and if it can find the human and financial resources to survive, it will likely be a lighthouse of which all of us will be proud.

What is the situation? The church is a predominantly white congregation in a predominantly black community. The blacks have been warmly encouraged to join in a truly integrated fellowship and some progress is being made but much progress remains to be made.

In the meantime the leadership in teaching, training and the finances to support such a program are coming from whites, most of whom have moved away from this community. Pastor Shipp doesn't think this will always be so but it will be for several years to come. The church which is predominantly white in a predominantly black community will eventually become predominantly black if present patterns persist, but in these transition years it must survive with white leadership and financial support. This is the problem.

The Twenty-Third and Broadway Church is blessed with a number of faithful families who pass many Baptist churches each Sunday to go back to teach, give their tithe and work for the survival of the church. They believe in it and God's plan for it but they are too few and they desperately need help and encouragement.

Pastor Shipp believes there are several churches in the Louisville area who could share one, two or more families with the Twenty-Third and Broadway Church for at least a year to help the church in the church's present crisis. This plan has already demonstrated it will work. Two seminary professors and another dedicated layman from Kenwood Baptist Church have given a year to Twenty-Third and Broadway Church and Pastor Shipp says their worth in actual work, in teaching, in financial support and general encouragement is beyond estimate.

Let me confess I have struggled personally with this challenge. One of my problems is that I am in town only a limited number of Sundays and about all my worth to Twenty-Third and Broadway would be my tithe.

Maybe there are Baptist couples in Louisville looking for such a challenge. Here it is. Surely many Baptist couples who might feel their presence and their activity in their present churches are meaning little should pray seriously about such a challenge. Also couples who mean a great deal to their present church but who could be shared for a year ought to consider the challenge.

A half or even a dozen couples giving one or more years to the Lord at Twenty-Third and Broadway could make the difference between the survival of this Baptist witness in a large community which has no other nearby Baptist witness.

Who knows? With the ever changing urban renewal patterns and possible emerging housing developments for west Louisville, we may be found a few years from now going back to this area to start Baptist missions. Why not then save a church with a great heritage, a great history and a pastor committed to the kind of ministry needed today? Talk to the Lord about it, then to your pastor and to Pastor Wesley Shipp.

The Needs Of The Western Recorder For Endowment

One of the greatest sources for financial support of the Baptist witness and ministry in coming generations is in leading Baptists today to put the Lord's causes in their wills and to make bequests, endowments and other types of gifts while they are still alive from resources the Lord has helped them accumulate. It would be utterly surprising to know how much of this world's materials are in the hands of Baptists in Kentucky. And every ounce of physical and mental energy with which they have accumulated whatever they possess by inheritance or through their own efforts is a gift of God. Rightfully then all they have is due to God's mercy and goodness.

But how much of it will ever be used for the glory of God? Most of it will likely be passed down to children or other relatives after lawyers and the government get a lion's share of it. But not all Baptists forget God when it comes to the disposition of their possessions.

Some causes have more appeal than others when it comes to gifts from Baptists. Foreign Missions is one of these and should be if we really believe the New Testament. Another cause which has a strong appeal to Baptists is the care of homeless children and so through the years our Kentucky Baptist Child Care Board has been the recipient of many gifts not only in offerings but in endowments, etc. This, too, is as it should be and should be encouraged. Others are interested in Christian education and so our colleges have received through the years many gifts and bequests though not nearly enough.

This brings us to the special point of this editorial. It is the value of communication for Baptists and the absolute necessity of a regular and reliable source of Baptist news, views and doctrine. People must be informed to be interested and responsive. This is why Baptist papers were started in Kentucky as early as 1825 when Kentucky Baptists were few and far between. These early Baptist pioneers realized that a Baptist publication was a necessity if the Baptist work was to grow and flourish. The life and growth of Baptists in Kentucky since then cannot be accounted for apart from the ministry of the *Western Recorder*.

But who ever thought of making a bequest or leaving something in their will for the guarantee of the continuation of the state Baptist paper? It is somehow assumed we will always have the means and resources to put out the *Western Recorder*. This may not be so.

It takes money to produce a paper each week like it takes money to keep missionaries on the field, to care for homeless children and to support college stu-

dents. The *Western Recorder* has always had a struggle financially and especially in these days of rising costs of labor, materials, postage and everything else required to keep a paper reaching Baptists in Kentucky. For the last two years we have operated at a deficit in spite of strenuous efforts to keep a balanced budget.

With all the needs of Baptist agencies, institutions, etc., we cannot expect to receive from the Cooperative



A SIGN OF HOPE — *Western Recorder* Editor C. R. Daley presents a \$1,000 check to Kentucky Baptist Foundation Director Grady Randolph. The check is the first investment initiating what is hoped will grow to be a worthy endowment for the Baptist state paper.

Program all the funds we will need to add to subscription income, sale of advertising and the very small profits from a small printing operation.

For this reason we have worked out with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation plans to present to potential givers the needs of endowment and gifts for the *Western Recorder*. We have started this endowment fund with a gift of \$1,000 from the small savings of the *Western Recorder*.

A strong case can be made for the needs of funds for the future guarantee of a free Baptist press in Kentucky. You will be hearing more about this in the future. In the meantime while the Holy Spirit is dealing with you about what you could do with some of your material possessions after you are gone, give Him opportunity to impress you with the needs of the *Western Recorder* and its future ministry.

G'town, Cumberland To Host Annual Queens' Courts

Queens' Court, 1971, will be March 5-7 at Georgetown College and March 26-28 at Campbellsville College, according to a recent announcement by Miss Anna Mary Hack, state Acteens director.

The program, which begins with the evening meal on Friday and concludes with the Sunday noon meal, will offer girls several opportunities for mission centered learning, Miss Hack stated.

Those eligible to attend are girls who have completed the Queen level or higher since the 1970 Queen's Courts. For those in the Acteen program, the equivalent step is Stuidact. Girls who attended last year as Queen Regent in service are eligible to attend this year's courts if they have completed the Service Aide requirements, according to WMU officials.

Cost for the Queens Courts is \$1 registration fee and \$8 for meals in the college cafeteria. College dormitory rooms will be furnished to the girls and their leaders.

The \$1 registration fee should be mailed to WMU Office, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Each girl should mark her preference concerning the Queens' Court she wishes to attend.



ADMINISTRATOR ADDED — Campbellsville College has added H. Keith King to its administrative staff in the capacity of financial aids director. For the past 18 months, he has been the school's admissions counselor. In his new post King will receive all applications concerning financial aid and scholarships and coordinate the entire student financial aid program. The Rockford, Illinois, native married Gaye Lowrey of Temple Hill, Kentucky.

YOURS AND HIS by HAROLD SANDERS

'Twas summer before Christmas when all through the earth
Some Baptists were stirring — with fervor and mirth.
In New York we met — checked our luggage with care
In hopes that 'pon landing our bags would be there.

On a 747 each was snug in his seat
With visions of napping — but first, we must eat —
Then Harold, our mentor, and June, First Mate,
Advised us to sleep since our take-off was late —
We scarcely had dozed when there shone such a light
We wondered what became of the rest of the night —
Away to the window we flew — still a-yawning
To witness a sunrise so gloriously dawning.

Below us, where soon we all knew we were bound
Lay the sprawling metropolis of London Town
And there to our wondering eyes did appear
The Palace, the Abbey, so much we hold dear.
But soon we were swept on our way once again
To Versailles, to Patee, to both sides of Berlin —

More rapid than eagles we flew to the Alps,
Caught a slow cable car to the snow-covered caps.
Now to Rome, to Trevi, St. Peter's, the Forum!
At the vatican we greeted the Pope with decorum.
'Twas in Athens we viewed with the greatest delight
Willie's personal performance in Sound and Light.

Now we cross the blue Sea to the far Asian shore
To a land that is steeped in our rich Christian lore,
A land where occurred the miraculous birth
That lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth —
And at this Holy Season we're thankful to God
We could visit the land where our dear Savior trod.

When in Moscow we landed our hearts bore deep grief
For we came from the Light to a land of unbelief,
Yet we felt as we worshipped with the scant minority
That deep in their hearts surely God had priority —

While in India we felt we had seen a mirage
When past Delhi's squalor there loomed the great Taj —
There were picturesque scenes, surely no one denies
As we cruised down the Klongs in the land of the Thais —
At the tailors in Hong Kong we bought this and that;
Some sweaters, a suit — — — Bill, did you buy a hat?

As experienced travelers we'd built self-reliance
By the time we had reached the great Baptist Alliance.
We extol those who faithfully attended all sessions,
But I fear there are some who are due for confessions!
Japan held attractions so varied and vast!
We devoured every scene the Bullet sped past.
From Nikko to Expo' we gaped all the way
As we merrily sang, Moshi Mo Anone' —

And, man, that Hawaii was way out of reach!
What with Luau's, Mt. Pali and Waikiki Beach.

As we crossed the Pacific all covered with foam
Our hearts breathed a prayer — We were safely at home!
'Twas a wonderful trip that we'll never forget!
We'll treasure the memories forever — and yet
The greatest delight of the trip, it is true
Was meeting such wonderful people as you.
So let me exclaim ere I turn out the light
Merry Christmas to all — and a New Year that's bright!

Received by Harold G. Sanders from Wattie Hays of Georgia, a member of the Sanders world tour.

Staff Changes

Herman Rowlett is now pastor of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville. To accept this position he resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lebanon, a position he had held for 11 years.



Rowlett

The Bedford native is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. His previous pastorates include East Audubon Baptist Church, and Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church, both in Louisville.

Rowlett delivered the annual convention sermon at the recent Kentucky Baptist Convention which met in November at Walnut Street church, Louisville.

January 3 was the new pastor's first Sunday at the Fourth Avenue church.

Clyde Rhea is now on the field as pastor of Double Springs Baptist Church near Waynesburg. He came to this position from Morristown, Tennessee. The Rheas have two daughters.

Cecil Adams has retired from the position of associational missionary from Lynn Baptist Association. However, he has accepted a similar post with Harrison County Association in Missouri.

Adams, who turned 65 on December 7, 1970, indicated that his new position would pay only a token salary but with annuity benefits and social security the family would be able to give full-time service to the new post.



Adams

He will reside in his home town, Bethany, county seat of Harrison County.

Adams came to Lynn Association in 1959 from Kansas. Prior to that time he was associational missionary for Liberty Association for five years. A graduate of William Jewell College, the retiring missionary holds the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

In honor of Adams' retirement, Lynn Association sponsored a surprise reception for the associational missionary following the December 7 executive board meeting. Approximately 100 persons attended the festivities. A money tree was presented to the honored family as a token of appreciation by the association.

Ralph R. Couey has retired as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winchester effective January 3, 1971.

His retirement comes 44 years after his ordination by a Waco, Texas, church.

Following graduation from Southern Seminary, Couey served as pastor of the Carlisle Baptist Church, Carlisle; Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville; Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville; and First Baptist Church, Carrollton. He became pastor of the Winchester church in 1967.

Couey has served as a member of the executive board of the KBC, the Baptist Board of Child Care, South District Association, White's Run Association and Elkhorn Association.

The family will continue to reside at 106 Southern Court, Winchester. Mrs. Couey, the former Ann Poindexter, will continue in her position as head of guidance services at George Rogers Clark High School there.

Jerry D. Johnson became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Franklin County Association on January 1. Earl Hohman had been interim pastor of the Frankfort church.

The new pastor is a student at Southern Seminary and was employed by *Western Recorder*. He has held previous pastorates in Georgia, his native state, and is a graduate of Mercer University.

Mr. Johnson is married to the former Lauree Smith, also a native of Georgia. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Mercer University and a former employee of *Western Recorder*. The couple has one child, Jana, age one.

W. Wayne Price, former pastor of the David's Fork Baptist Church, Lexington, will assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, effective January 10, 1971. He and his wife, Jo, have one daughter, Portia. The Prices will reside at 10 Milwood Drive, Winchester.

Miss Watson Added As Mission Friends, GAs State Director

Miss Nancy Jo Watson has joined the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union staff as director of Mission Friends and Girls in Action organizations.

A native of Conway, South Carolina, the new staff member is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary with a master of religious education degree in children's work. She also holds the bachelor of arts degree from Campbell College in North Carolina.



Miss Watson

In 1969, Miss Watson worked for the Baptist Sunday School Board as a member of the summer faculty of the Children's Building at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico. She has also served as recreation director for the First Baptist Church of her home town.

Miss Watson's new responsibilities include working with the organizations' associational directors, promoting Girls in Action and Mission Friends work and heading up the organizations' camping and other state level programs.

Miss Watson is a member of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church where she participates in the church's block ministry program (see story, page 3).

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson who still reside in Conway, South Carolina.



GOOD NEWS FOR VETS — Fred B. Rhodes (left), deputy director of veterans affairs and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Richard McKay (right), assistant director of the Home Mission Board's chaplains commission, receive a set of cassette tape recordings from James Z. Nettinga of the American Bible Society. The recordings of *Today's English Version of the New Testament, "Good News for Modern Man,"* were presented to the Veterans Administration as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Veteran Administration's chaplaincy service. They are to be used by veterans with impaired vision.

G'town Sponsors Special Study Projects

Twenty-eight Georgetown College faculty members and 160 students are engaging in a three week interterm colloquium that will deal with subjects not covered thoroughly in the normal curriculum.

The project, designed by a student-faculty committee last year, embraces 19 topics. Emphasis is upon group learning experiences in informal settings during this experimental venture. All grading is upon a satisfactory or unsatisfactory basis.

Four of the groups will spend a share or all of the time away from the Georgetown campus. Nine chemistry students are studying in the Chesapeake Bay area. Two groups are in New York City, one studying theater and the other visiting art museums

studying recent developments in visual arts. The fourth group is spending the time studying in Boston.

Fifteen other groups are studying on campus. Many of the subjects are being team-taught.

A number of students are engaging in projects that involve independent study. These students are working under the close supervision of faculty advisors.

The second semester at Georgetown does not begin until January 25. Students have a five week vacation between the fall and spring terms. The interterm program was designed to make a major portion of the five weeks profitable to students who are seriously concerned with relevant questions facing their world.



Gregory



Mrs. Hagan

NOBTS Awards Two Kentuckians Degrees

Two Kentuckians were among those receiving degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, December 18, 1970, during commencement exercises.

Receiving the master of theology degree was Charles Lee Gregory, son of Robbie Gregory of Georgetown.

The new graduate, now serving as assistant to the pastor of First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, is a graduate of Georgetown High School and holds the bachelor of science degree from Georgetown College.

Gregory is married to the former Ann Hadden of Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Richard D. Hagan, the former Jean Gladdish of Nortonville, was awarded the master of religious education degree. Her husband, who currently serves as pastor of the Lewiston Baptist Church, Kentwood, Louisiana, also received the master of religious education degree.

Mrs. Hagan is a graduate of Nortonville High School and George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. For five years, she also served as cataloguer for the Dargan-Carver Library at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Children's Workers Addresses Sought

The Kentucky Religious Education Association is attempting to compile a list of all children's workers and elementary directors employed by Baptist churches in the state, according to Miss Barbara Crawford, secretary for the group.

Miss Crawford commented that no such list currently exists and that children's workers need to be added to the mailing list of the Religious Education Association.

All children's workers or elementary directors are encouraged to send their addresses to Miss Crawford at Green Acres Baptist Church, 5189 Poplar Levell Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40219.

National Bible Conference Features Kentuckians

Fourteen faculty members of Southern Seminary will participate in the Nationwide Bible Conference in Dallas, March 15-18.

Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian ethics, will lead a conference on drugs; Joseph A. Callaway, professor of biblical archaeology, will lead a conference titled "New Meaning and Old Objects"; Lucien E. Coleman, professor in religious education, will lead "The Church Responding to the Problems of the Senior Adult"; Hugo H. Culpepper, professor of missions, will lead "Missions and Race"; Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education, will lead "Church Renewal"; Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament interpretation, will lead "In the Beginning," a study of Genesis 1-11.

E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history, will lead "2 Timothy: Triumphant Faith"; William E. Hull, dean of the school of theology will lead "The Comforter-Counselor — John 14-16"; Peter Rhea Jones, professor of New Testament interpretation, will lead "Discovering What the Bible Says for Youth"; Page Kelley, professor of Old Testament interpretation will lead "Isaiah: Judgment and Hope"; John J. Owens, professor of Old Testament interpretation, will lead "Daniel: Hope in a Time of Crisis"; Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian philosophy, will lead "The Bible and Science"; Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, will participate in a panel discussion of hope, based on a study of Revelation; and Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology, will deliver the evening sermon on March 17 titled "The Bible and the Holy Spirit."

15,000 expected

More than 15,000 Southern Baptist pastors, Sunday School teachers and church leaders are expected to participate in the conference at Dallas Memorial Auditorium. Emphasis will be placed on intensive Bible study through 45 study groups and the preaching of noted biblical scholars.

Among the almost 100 conference leaders and speakers will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Billy Graham, world-famous evangelist; Culbert Rutenber, professor of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, California; and George Beasley-Murray, principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England.

Using the theme "Christian Hope in a Time of Crisis," the conference is planned to discover the relevance of the Bible to life today through Bible exposition and interpretation and the application of the Bible truths to contemporary problems.

Registration is being conducted by

the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, cosponsors of the event with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Dallas Baptist Association.

Registration forms may be requested from the Sunday School Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Following conference

W. A. Criswell and the First Baptist Church of Dallas are planning what will be known as the *School of the Prophets* for March 19, 20, 21, at the First Baptist Church in Dallas follow-

ing the Nationwide Bible Conference. Criswell says the three-day seminar is in response to requests from so many who plan to attend the Nationwide Bible Conference and would like to learn more about the workings of the First Baptist Church.

The registration fee is \$35 and there will be a \$5 late registration fee for applications after February 15, 1971. The first 1,000 paid applications will be accepted. For an enrollment form address the First Baptist Church, 1707 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attention: *School of the Prophets*.

HMB Appoints Three Missionaries

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, approved the appointment of a married couple as missionaries and upgraded an associate missionary of several years to career missionary status.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harpe were appointed directors of student work at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Fermin Whittaker, a pastor for six years, was promoted to career missionary.

The Harpes are student work veterans, having served at the University of Miami for four years and Florida State University six years. Harpe, a native of Columbus, Georgia, attended the University of Georgia, Columbus Branch, and graduated from Howard College

(now Samford University), Birmingham, and Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Whittaker is a native of Colon, Republic of Panama. In his seventh year as pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Del Sur (First Southern Baptist Church), Pico Rivera, California, he was previously lecturer in Spanish at the Toronto Baptist Seminary, Toronto, Canada, and pastor of Churchill Baptist Church, Palgrave, Ontario.

A graduate of Toronto Baptist Seminary he also holds a bachelor of arts degree from California Baptist College, Riverside, California. Whittaker has been a missionary associate since 1969. (BP)



Bobby Brooks, left, pastor of Mackville Baptist Church, presents check to Kentucky Baptist Convention business manager Garnett Morton on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Hume of the Mackville congregation. The check is a designated gift from Mrs. Hume to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and will be sent directly to Richmond. Mrs. Hume's check represents the principal and interest of bonds she purchased 20 years ago with money she considered was the Lord's.

Readiness Conferences Near

Nine church Leadership Readiness Conferences will highlight January and February for Kentucky Baptists. This series of meetings is part of a SBC massive effort to assist Baptist churches in facing the 1971-72 church year.

The January meetings will be on successive nights in Louisville, Flor-

ence, Lexington, Paintsville and Manchester during the week of January 25-29. The February meetings will be at Mayfield, Owensboro, Bowling Green and Somerset between February 15-19.

Below is a copy of the program to be followed at each meeting.

PRE-SESSIONS

12:30- 1:45 P.M. Personal, individual conferences for any leader or church member with the SBC and KBC leaders on 1970 materials and suggestions. (meet in auditorium)
Special orientation on how to plan and conduct an Associational Leadership Readiness Clinic. Led by—Roy Boatwright, James Whaley, Vernon Cole, Frank Smith, A. B. Colvin (meet in assembly room)

TOTAL CHURCH PLANNING

Assemble in Auditorium

2:00 Worship—"Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity" Eugene Quinn
"God's Hands in Today's World" (Audio-Visual) James Rose, Joe Hinkle
2:30 Introductions Roy E. Boatwright
2:40 Areas of Concern Harold G. Sanders
Panel—1971-72 Areas of Concern and Planning Resources to be provided by programs and services SBC Leadership
Challenge on Evangelism Paul Meigs (First Week)
Fred White (Second Week)
3:45 Break
4:10 Overview: Church Planning, Training, Launching, for 1971-72 SBC Leadership
Joe Hinkle, Convener
5:00 Adjourn

CHURCH ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES

6:45 Worship—"Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity" Eugene Quinn
Theme Interpretation (Slide-Tape Presentation) Aline Fuselier
Welcome, Introductions Roy E. Boatwright
Associational Clinics James Whaley
7:25- 9:30 P.M. CONFERENCES:
Brotherhood Directors Edward Hurt, Forrest Sawyer, Calvin Fields
Church Administration-Evangelism (Pastors, Staff, Others) Joe Hinkle, Paul Meigs, Fred White, G. R. Pendergraph, Thomas H. Shelton
Church Library Directors Graves Collins, James Rose, Roy Boatwright
Church Music Directors C. A. Holcomb, John R. Chandler, Eugene Quinn
Church Recreation Directors Leon Mitchell, Mic Morrow
Church Training Directors Jimmy Dunn, James Whaley, Vernon Cole, Mickey Martin
Missions Chairman W. R. Grigg, A. B. Colvin
Stewardship Chairman Michael Speer, Paul Darden, Jesse Stricker
Sunday School Directors Charles Treadway, Roy Boatwright, Frank Smith, Betty Allnatt
WMU Directors Aline Fuselier, Kathryn Jasper, Mrs. J. S. Woodward

Arkansas Justice Says Education Is Key Tool For Peace, Prosperity

A chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, in the inauguration ceremonies for the new president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, said that education is the key to peace, prosperity and love for others.

"If we are to obtain peace, defeat poverty, cut out slum areas and fill human minds with tolerance rather than hate and animosity, we must use the weapon of education," said Chief Justice Carlton Harris.

In a special word to students at the Baptist school, Justice Harris said that the faults and ills in society must be corrected within the framework of the Constitution, because "justice, liberty and equality of opportunity can never be achieved except within the framework of the law."

"Violence begets violence and only succeeds in driving a deeper wedge between people," the Supreme Court judge said. "You cannot build your own dreams by tearing down the dreams of another. One cannot teach love by practicing hate," he declared.

He made the statements in a major address during the inauguration of Daniel Grant as the 12th president of Ouachita Baptist University.

Grant, in his inaugural address, called for educational excellence, Christian excellence and for "creative concern for making classrooms relevant to the current problems of society."

On the matter of academic freedom, Grant said that ultimately Ouachita's faculty and students will have no more academic freedom than Arkansas Baptists understand and practice. He pledged to do "all that is within my power in coming months and years to lead our many publics, both on and off the campus, to a healthy support of both the rights and responsibilities of academic freedom." (BP)

Calvary Church Receives Bomb Scare

Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, experienced a bomb scare during the Christmas holidays.

According to pastor Franklin Owen the scare occurred Sunday evening, December 20, right before a special Carol and Candlelight service was to begin.

Owen said Fire Department officials notified him that a call had been received by their office saying a bomb would go off in the Baptist church in 10 minutes.



EMBLEM FOR CAMPERS — Larry Haslam (left), former assistant manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly and now of the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, Don Hammonds (center), secretary of the Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries, and John McBride (right), associate director of associational services, Home Mission Board, pose before emblem of a new fellowship for Christian campers, "Campers on Mission." (HMB photo)

Fellowship Begun For Campers

Initial announcement of formation of a fellowship of Christian campers, Campers On Mission (COM) was made in Atlanta recently. Sponsors of the new organization are the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board.

Campers on Mission hopes to motivate Christian campers to seek out each other and join to minister to the needs of other campers on the grounds.

The organization is the brain child of the Home Mission Board's department of rural and urban missions which specializes in resort ministries. "We desire that this operation will have a definite contribution in winning people to Christ and in lifting the moral and spiritual atmosphere of camp grounds," said John McBride, assistant secretary of the department.

McBride claims that organizations

such as COM are valid because of the growing number of people who camp regularly and because the Christian's ministry goes with him everywhere.

"The Christian faith finds expression in many ways but there is not enough emphasis on just being Christian," McBride explained. "We want to emphasize being Christian and that our being Christian will cause us to minister."

The only prerequisites to membership are an interest in camping and a desire to share one's faith. Each member will receive two reflective emblems. The emblem features a circle, which signifies the eternal existence of God; a four pointed star, his creation; and a fish, representing his new creation, Christ. It was designed as a conversation piece, McBride said.

Members will also receive two mail-outs a year from the church recreation department and the HMB featuring hints on camping as well as studies in evangelism and the theology of leisure, and case studies and personal testimonies of other Christian campers.

The church recreation department will collaborate with HMB to plan conferences and rallies for COM members and will also merchandise all items — shoulder patches, sweat shirts, tracts — related to the organization. These will be sold in Baptist Book Stores.

Persons interested in membership in Campers on Mission should write the department of special mission ministries, Home Mission Board, for more information.

Seven SEC Violations Charged

Guaranty Bond Co. Closed After Court Suit

A federal court issued a temporary injunction against Guaranty Bond and Securities Corp., Nashville, Tennessee, ordering them to cease transactions until their net capital meets federal requirements and finding the company in violation of seven counts of federal securities regulations.

Guaranty, the largest church bond firm in the South, almost immediately closed its offices and a spokesman for the firm indicated it would remain closed until "something can be worked out" on the method the firm has been using to compute its net capital.

Guaranty is headed by H. J. Huey, president, a prominent Baptist layman. His brother, Brooks Thomas Huey, is secretary-treasurer of Guaranty.

SEC files charges

Two weeks before a hearing in federal district court, the Securities and Exchange Commission office in Atlanta filed with the Nashville court an 11-page list of charges against Guaranty.

The seven counts charged failure to have net capital equal to one-twentieth of its aggregate indebtedness, failure to keep books and records in accordance to SEC rules, failure to disclose to customers commissions received by Guaranty according to SEC rules, and failure to obtain written permission from customers for certain transactions.

Another charge claimed the use of mail and interstate commerce to sell securities by "means of manipulative, deceptive and other fraudulent devices and contrivances" such as full and complete disclosures of fees and commissions, thus obtaining "secret profits."

The SEC also charged that the funds from the sale of bonds were to be used only for the purpose stated in the bond issue, while actually Guaranty as custodian reinvested the funds in other church bonds.

In his summation argument, Frank S. King, Jr., attorney for the defendants, told the judge that if the court interpreted the net capital computation rule using the same method employed by the SEC, "then this business will close down and 80 or more churches will be hurt."

Charges upheld

Judge Leland Clure Morton responded that he had no choice but to "find they have violated each one of these items" in the complaint. "There is no question of the facts," he said. His ruling upheld the SEC charges.

The next day, the judge handed down his decision in a 10-page preliminary injunction and Guaranty temporarily closed its offices.

Huey said after the ruling that he

was not in a position to make any statements for publication, and would not indicate how long Guaranty would be closed or whether the decision would be appealed to a higher court.

The key to continued operation by Guaranty, according to testimony by Huey in the hearing and arguments by his attorney, is the method by which the net capital of the firm is computed.

The Securities and Exchange Act and SEC regulations require that firms dealing in securities must have net capital exceeding either one-twentieth of their aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000.

Walter C. Johnson of Atlanta, a securities investigator for the SEC, testified in the hearing that he inspected books and records at Guaranty in May, September and December of 1970, and that in May the net capital of Guaranty according to SEC calculations was a deficit of \$183,113.

Johnson testified that the major reason for the deficit was the company's practice of what he called "ship free bonds" — that is, sending bonds to customers who have not yet paid for them. Huey later testified that this practice was discontinued after a letter was received from the SEC pointing this out.

Johnson also testified that according to a ruling by SEC attorneys Guaranty also should have deducted "unrealized losses on open contractual commitments" which would have caused the May net capital to become a deficit of \$3.4 million.

Disagree with interpretation

Both Huey and King disagreed with this interpretation of the method for computing net capital.

During the hearing, Judge Morton questioned both Johnson and Huey about Guaranty's method of operation in which it guarantees to sell all of the bonds issued by a church that the church is unable to sell in a local drive.

They explained that after the local drive, the church turns over its funds and all unsold bonds to Guaranty as custodian, with the understanding that Guaranty has power to sell and reinvest the bonds. The bonds, however, are often sold to other churches which have accounts with Guaranty. Thus when a church has a credit balance in its account at Guaranty its bonds will be sold on a reinvestment basis to a church with a debit balance.

It was pointed out that under this method, constructions programs which take about 14 months or more to complete could be financed using funds which were supplied by another church

bond sale but were not being used at the time.

Judge Morton questioned the ethics of Guaranty charging a commission for each transaction, saying this was "taking a cut off both ends," without proper disclosure to the customers of the commissions charged. He also asked if they planned to make any refunds.

He found Guaranty guilty of failing to follow SEC regulations which require disclosure of the dollar amount in fees and commissions for each transaction to the customers.

Interest rates vary

A public accountant retained by Guaranty testified that the amount of the fee could not be determined until the bond was again resold to another customer, since the fee was based on the difference between the coupon rate and the reinvestment earned by Guaranty. Johnson testified that the rate credited to the church was usually five percent, while the rate yield on the bonds was considerably more — up to 8¼ percent, with Guaranty keeping the difference.

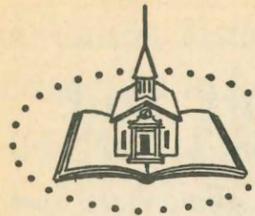
Huey, 43, has been president of Guaranty Bond and Securities Corp., and its parent corporation, Guaranty Bond Co., for the past four years. He also heads a subsidiary construction and architectural company, Cumberland Industries, and an insurance firm, Huey and Huey.

Active Baptist

A member of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Huey is active in Baptist work on the local and national level. His father, the late Henry J. Huey, was for many years executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Huey is also the president of an organization called NACIFO — National Association of Church and Institutional Financing Organizations, Inc., which was organized several years ago to set up a code of ethics which Guaranty and about 30 other church bonds firms pledge to "conduct our business in accordance with the principles of the Golden rule... so that each transaction, if fully disclosed, will bring credit to our company and to all firms engaged in the industry..." (BP)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for January 24, 1971)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Conversation At A Well

John 4:9-19, 28-29

On His way to Galilee, Christ went through Samaria because there were sin-sick and needy souls in that country to whom He could minister and He could teach His disciples what their attitude toward non-Jews should be. It was about noon when the travelers arrived at Jacob's well. Hot, tired, hungry and thirsty, the disciples went into the village of Sychar to buy food and Christ sat down on the parapet of the well.

Ere long the reverie of the Saviour was disturbed by the coming of a Samaritan woman to the well to draw water for her household needs. Embarrassed and disgusted that Christ was sitting there, with a bold and unsympathetic gaze she stared at Him.

In spite of her dense ignorance, racial prejudice and terrible wickedness, Christ was anxious to save this woman. With remarkable wisdom and unusual tact, He asked her to help Him by giving Him a drink, which request awakened her surprise, broke down her prejudice and appealed to her sympathy.

In the course of the conversation which ensued, Christ told the woman that those who drank water from Jacob's well would thirst again, which fact she had learned already by experience, but that there was something far better than the water from the well beside which He sat. He told her that the water which He gave possessed the quality of satisfying completely all who drank it. She had difficulty in understanding how He could offer something better than her ancestor Jacob did. His free offer revealed the possibility of her need being met. In fact, Christ never holds out before anyone the prospect of any good without the possibility of its realization. By suggesting that the thirst of her soul might be satisfied thus, Christ aroused her desire for the living water about which He spoke.

Aware that a knowledge of one's sinful condition must precede salvation, Christ probed into her sinful life, tactfully led her to the realization that she was a great sinner and taught her the necessity of repentance. When she tried to change the subject, He refused to be side-tracked. Christ had come into the world to save sinners and here was one

such person who might not have another opportunity to be saved. Upon her acceptance of Christ as her Saviour, He saved her soul and transformed her life.

When the disciples returned from seeking food, they were astonished to find their Lord engaged in conversation with this solitary Samaritan woman but they did not ask Him why He was doing so. Neither did they inquire as to what she wanted. It was very unusual for any rabbi to be engaged in public conversation with a woman but more especially with a Samaritan. The amazement of the disciples was understandable in the light of the social standards of their day. Nevertheless, the Master talked naturally, seriously and lengthily with her without a thought of doing anything sensational or out of the ordinary. He refused to turn His back on a sinful and lost woman, who was bound for eternal

destruction, simply to conform to the social standards of that day. In fact, He had come into the world for the specific purpose of saving sinners like her.

With the longing of her heart satisfied completely when she was saved, this grateful and happy woman hastened back to Sychar to tell her friends and acquaintances what Christ had done for her. She wanted them to have the same kind of joy that she possessed. When people are forgiven and come to know and love Christ, they want others to know Him too. That accounts for their telling others about Christ and inviting them to receive Him, in order that they might have the joyous experience of being saved also. Genuine commitment to Christ results in faithful witnessing for Him and in inviting others to trust Him as their Saviour too.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

God's Seeking Love

Luke 15:11-24

Here we get a glimpse of a lovely home in which there was practically everything that the hearts of its occupants could wish. The father in that home was a man of nobility, wisdom and kindness. He was blessed with two sons, whom he observed affectionately as they grew into manhood.

The day came when the younger son thought that he knew more than his father, as is the case with most young people in every generation. Of course, there is a vast difference between thinking that you know something and actually knowing it.

Desiring to be independent, he became intoxicated with the lure of sights unseen and of experiences untried, which he believed existed over the hills and far away. He wanted to get out on his own and do just as he pleased. He mustered enough courage to approach his father and request his share of the estate, to which he would be entitled eventually. He thought that, if he could get his share of the estate

immediately, instead of at the death of the father, he could make a fortune and a name for himself.

The young man's longing to be free from the restraints of home is a splendid illustration of man's desire for independence from God. However, it should be noted that estrangement from God always causes unhappiness.

Reluctantly, and against his better judgment, the father acceded to the expressed wish of his son. "He divided unto them his living." The elder son received two-thirds and the younger one-third, as specified in Deuteronomy 21:17.

As we visualize that young man taking his inheritance and going out into the great world, one wonders what the average young person would have today if he gathered up all the moral and spiritual substance which his home has bequeathed to him. Parents, what moral and spiritual substance are you giving to your children?

This young man left home as though he never expected to return. He fully

intended to have a good time and really live it up. What a tragedy when pleasure is the chief goal in one's life! Paul said: "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" (I Timothy 5:6). Upon his arrival in the distant city, the young man was received without question because he had money. A band of highlifers and jovial spendthrifts attached themselves to him and together they engaged in sinful and riotous living.

Together they went all the gaits and took in practically everything — places of pleasure, haunts of vice, dens of immorality and a multiplicity of intoxicating drinks. Doubtless they indulged in the great sins which have devastated so many lives through the centuries, the sins that have been the undoing of the great civilizations of the past — gambling, drinking and immorality.

In due time, the young man's financial resources were completely exhausted, whereupon his associates promptly deserted him. Finally, in desperation he accepted employment as a swineherd, which was absolutely the most degrading and obnoxious task at which a Jew could work.

His freedom to do as he pleased had not been as enjoyable and profitable as he had anticipated. The more that he got of what he had wanted, the less he wanted what he got. In his poverty and degradation this young man portrayed the condition of the sinner who is living in the world without Christ and without hope. Heartsick, homesick, friendless and penniless, he sat down to think. Ere long he came to his senses. He decided that he would turn from his sinful way of life, return to his home and cast himself on the mercy of his father. In this respect he set a good example for every sinner.

As he trudged along the homeward way, he gave serious consideration to the speech which he intended to make to his father upon his arrival at home.

Meanwhile the devoted father was anxiously waiting and watching for the prodigal to return. In fact, he was far more anxious for him to come back than the boy was to return. With a love which the boy could not understand, when the father saw the boy in the distance, he recognized him, had compassion on him, ran to him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. Then he led him into the house, called his servants and bade them place a robe upon his back, a ring upon his finger and shoes on his feet. He also commanded them to kill a fat calf and prepare a great feast for the celebration of the return of his son.

From every standpoint the young man received a royal welcome. After his repentance, return, reconciliation, restoration and reinstatement, there was great rejoicing on the part of those who were present in the household who had been concerned and anxious about his welfare.

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Gleanings

Frank L. Durham, a Dallas layman, joined the Southern Baptist Annuity Board staff on January 1, 1971, as the new senior vice president in charge of investments, the agency's top executive announced.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer, said the 56-year-old Durham will fill the new post created last September in the reorganization of the board. He will head up the over-all investment program which includes mortgage loans and real estate, and stocks and bonds. Each of these areas is headed by a vice president.



Durham

Durham comes to the board after 21 years of service with American Petrofina, Inc., from which he took an early retirement on December 31, 1970, as senior vice president and treasurer.

Previously, he had served in public accounting in Shreveport, Louisiana, Dallas and Houston, Texas.

SBC World Mission Gifts Top \$50 Million, But Miss Budget

For the first time in history, Southern Baptists passed the \$50 million mark in gifts to world mission causes through the denomination's Cooperative Program and through designated offerings to SBC mission causes.

Despite the record gifts, the denomination fell short of its overall Cooperative Program budget goal by \$932,926.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program unified budget totalled \$27,925,302

Creative Writing Contest Sponsored

A creative writing competition for girls age 12-17 has been announced by Woman's Missionary Union.

The contest is being conducted by *Accent*, the magazine for Acteens. Miss Oneta Gentry, the publication's editor, said entries should be on one of the following subjects: nature, people, buildings or books. Writing submitted must be completely original and may be of any length. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1971.

Miss Gentry said winners will be announced in the September, 1971, issue of *Accent*. Winning compositions will be published in *Accent*.

A native of Louisiana, Durham graduated from Centenary College with a BA degree in 1934.

He is a deacon, Sunday School teacher and assistant treasurer of the Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Dave Cheavens, chairman of the department of journalism at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and a noted newspaperman, died in Bryan, Texas, December 6 while attending a meeting of the Southwest Journalism Conference.

Immediate cause of death for the 63-year-old Cheavens was listed as heart arrest.

Chevans, a Baptist layman, joined the Baylor University faculty in 1961 after 20 years as chief of the Associated Press Capitol Bureau in Austin, Texas.

His long, distinguished career includes periods as a foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, and newspaper jobs on the New York *Morning Telegraph* and several daily newspapers in Texas. He also worked for a brief period for the *Baptist Standard*, weekly Texas Baptist newspaper, while completing a degree from Baylor University. (BP)

for the year—enough to pay in full the 1970 SBC operating budget goal, the balance of \$650,000 due on 1969 capital needs, plus \$117,074 on 1970 capital needs. A total of \$28,858,119 would have been needed to meet the overall goal.

The 1970 total budget goal included \$27,158,119 for operating funds of the 19 SBC agencies receiving Cooperative Program funds; \$650,000 in capital needs to finance building programs approved for 1969 but not distributed that year; plus \$1,050,000 in 1970 capital needs.

The final tally indicated that Cooperative Program contributions for 1970 increased 1.79 percent over 1969 gifts—a dollar increase of \$491,862.

John Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC executive committee, said that the increase was even less than expected because of a "bad December" in Cooperative Program giving.

During the month of December, Cooperative Program gifts were nearly six percent less than December of 1969. During the last month of 1970, Cooperative Program contributions were \$2,041,985 compared to \$2,171,888 in December, 1969, or down \$129,903. (BP)

John F. Meek, Jr., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Matawan, New Jersey, was elected as director of the division of missions for the Baptist Convention of New York by the new convention's executive board.

Meek assumed his new duties January 1, at about the same time that Leobardo Estrada, former director of language missions for Baptist work in metropolitan New York, moved from New York City to Syracuse.

Meek, the new missions division director, is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and attended Mississippi State University, Starkville; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. (BP)

Steve Wall, a former free-lance photographer who covered stories last year in 21 countries, has been named assistant editor of the *Baptist Mens' Journal*, a publication of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

Wall, 24, is a former staff member of the *Chattanooga News-Free Press* and the *Chattanooga Times* and a former high school English teacher in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He has covered assignments for the SBC Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Sunday School Board, and was the official photographer for the Baptist World Alliance's 12th Congress in Tokyo last July. He is a native of North Carolina and graduate of Temple College, Chattanooga, Tennessee. (BP)

Sam Prestidge, associate in the music department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been elected church music secretary for the convention and **Billy D. Malesovas** of Dallas has been named the convention's controller and assistant treasurer.

In other action at a meeting of the convention's executive board, **Charles B. Baker**, a missionary to Korea, was elected associate in the convention's division of student work, and **Bob G. Fuston**, minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, was named associate in the state Sunday School department.

Prestidge, an associate for 10 years in the music department, will succeed V. F. (Pete) Forderhase who is retiring after 17 years in the post.

Malesovas, controller at Dallas Baptist College, succeeds Jay Skaggs, who is replacing the retiring R. A. Springer as the convention's treasurer.

Baker was an associate in the student division before his appointment as a missionary. He will work with international students and in campus evangelism. Fuston will be involved in work with Baptist associations. (BP)

Negro Preacher At White Church Shunned By Blacks

The bold efforts of an all-white Southern Baptist church located in a predominantly black area of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, met with little success as Negroes in the area shunned a revival held by the church featuring sermons by a Negro preacher.

The church, University Heights Baptist, invited W. Taft Watts, the black director of the Baptist Education Center, as the evangelist for the revival.

The church is located in an integrated area which includes the Wilde-wood and Musgrave housing additions in Oklahoma City.

It was the first time in Oklahoma City that a black minister had held a revival in an all-white Baptist church, according to Jerry Rodgers, pastor of the church.

No blacks showed up until the revival's fifth night and none attended again until the last night of the week-long meeting.

A Negro pastor and a teenage girl attended on the fifth night and the girl was the first person to make a profession of faith during the meeting.

Both Watts and Rodgers expressed disappointment that so few black people

in the area had accepted the revival's open invitation to attend.

Rodgers said that since he became the church's pastor a year ago, only one or two Negroes had attended the church. "This has been disturbing," he said.

He explained that the nearest black Baptist church is "four or five miles away—and here we are, six blocks from them. I feel they are afraid they wouldn't be welcomed."

The pastor noted that news coverage of actions by First Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in rejecting for membership two Negro applicants who were reached through the church's ministries might prompt some people to think all Southern Baptist churches are dominated by racists.

He acknowledged that there are some congregations within the SBC that might be classified as "racist," but quickly added: "We at University Heights feel this is not true, and in most Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma City, it is not so."

Rodgers began his personal friendship with Watts six years ago when he was the only white student at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, where Watts was a professor.

The pastor said he had received some criticism from inside and outside his congregation for inviting a Negro preacher as the revival's evangelist but nobody has left the church.

Watts is both a Southern Baptist and a National Baptist and is the director of the Baptist Education Center of Oklahoma City. (BP)

Red Named Consultant For TV Commission

Buryl Red, nationally known composer, conductor and arranger of religious music who recently started his own New York-based production and publishing company, has been retained by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission as a consultant in music.

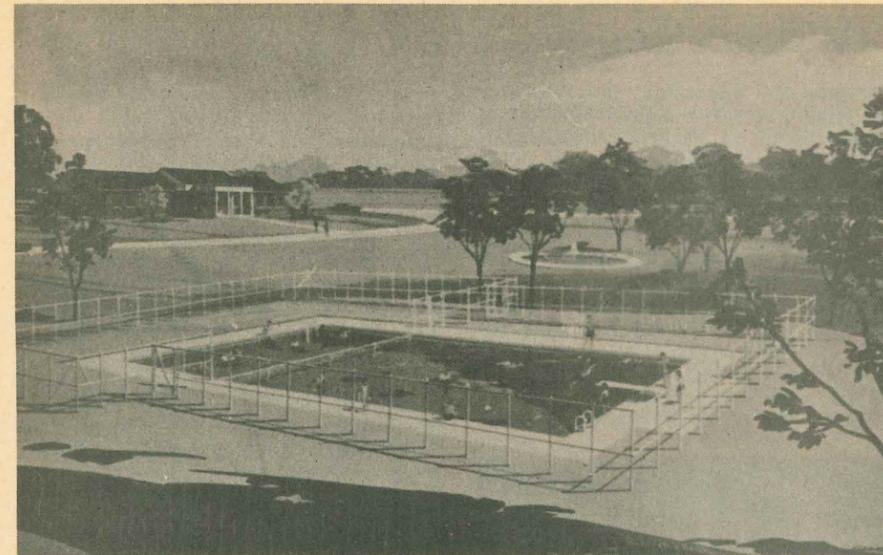
Red, former music editor for Holt, Rinehart and Winston Publishing Co. in New York, will be primarily responsible for musical direction of the Centurymen, a 100-voice men's choir organized by the commission to record its music and represent the denomination in concerts and television appearances. It is composed of ministers of music for Southern Baptist churches including four from Kentucky.

Red, who has degrees from Baylor University and Yale University, has served several other Southern Baptist boards and agencies.



ENTERTAINERS—The Bellringers and the Choralairs, both of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, entertained at the Christmas Dinner held for the Baptist Building staff. Approximately 100 persons attended the dinner at the Marriott Inn in Jeffersonville. The Bellringers, a junior high age group, is only a six month old organization. They are directed by music minister George Blaylock. The Choralairs are senior high age girls directed by Mrs. George Blaylock, right center.





SWIMMING POOL FOR GLENDALE — Several months ago LaMonte Hornback, a member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, decided that the Baptist Children's Home at Glendale needed a swimming pool. He secured permission to solicit funds from friends and businesses for this purpose. No church has been solicited. As of December 31, \$14,500 of the \$20,000 cost had been donated. Construction on the 30 x 60 foot fully equipped swimming pool will begin when weather permits, officials say. Hornback still solicits funds to cover the remaining construction cost.

SBC Statistical Projection Show Membership 11.6 Million

Statistical projections based on an early profile analysis indicate that membership in Southern Baptist Convention churches will be 11.6 million, Southern Baptist leaders were told recently.

The projections also indicated a probable increase in baptisms, total receipts, mission expenditures and church music enrollment.

If the unofficial projections are correct, membership in Southern Baptist churches had increased by 143,620 over the 1969 total church membership.

The estimate disclosed a probable increase in number of baptisms from 368,225 to 369,072. This would be an increase of 847 baptisms.

Probable decreases were projected in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union enrollments.

"The 25,055 churches involved in this estimate are not completely representative of all Southern Baptist churches," said Martin Bradley, secretary of the research and statistics department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Some church size categories and state conventions are over represented due in part to the sequence of associational meetings," said Bradley.

"However, allowance is made for this in the statistical process of projection.

Projections made in a similar way last year proved to be very accurate," Bradley said.

The total Training Union ongoing and cumulative enrollment was projected to be 2,492,534, compared to 2,640,396 in 1969, a decrease of 147,862.

Sunday School enrollment was projected as 7,295,669 in 1970, a decrease of 122,398.

Woman's Missionary Union enrollments were projected as 1,200,190 in 1970, a decrease of 91,031.

Brotherhood, the men's and boys' mission education organization, was projected to decrease by 8,176 with a total enrollment of 422,163 for 1970.

Music ministry continued upward with an estimated total enrollment of 1,072,056, an increase of 9,562.

Total receipts were estimated to be \$886,528,174, an increase of more than \$43 million.

Final statistics based on church letters from more than 34,000 SBC churches will be released by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department in February.

The preliminary statistical projections were released in Nashville during sessions of planned meetings with leaders from 32 Baptist state conventions. (BP)

BAPTIST VIEWpoll

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Information Center About Prospective Pastors Favored

A confidential, high-speed service to provide churches with objective information about prospective pastors is favored by the majority of a representative poll of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers, a nationwide survey disclosed.

The Baptist VIEWpoll panel members were asked this question: "Would you favor a confidential, high-speed service to provide churches objective information about prospective pastors?"

"Yes" was the response of 58.3 percent of the pastors and 64.7 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

In contrast, almost one-third (32.1 percent) of the pastors on the panel and 29.1 percent of the teachers express disapproval of such a service. The remaining 9.6 percent of the pastors and 6.2 percent of the Sunday School teachers had "no opinion" on the matter.

Opposition to a church information service is greatest among those pastors serving in open country churches and in churches with less than 200 members, the survey disclosed.

Also, in the findings for pastors there appears to be some relationship between religious and political conservatism and opposition to a church information service.

Panel members were also asked: "If this service were provided, who should make it available?" The largest proportion of the pastors (39.4 percent) and teachers (29.7 percent) chose the "state convention" over an "SBC agency" or a "private company." About 28 percent of the teachers did choose "SBC agency."

The findings for the current poll are based upon a 92 percent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel, composed of approximately 600 pastors and Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)