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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

# Staff Changes

Marvin M. Byrdwell, resident manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly since October, 1949, has resigned to become superintendent of missions for Christian County Association.

His resignation becomes effective May 15. He will assume his new position by June 1.

A native of Tennessee, Byrdwell came to the Cedarmore post from Clear Creek Baptist School where he served as business manager in addition to attending as a student. While at Clear Creek he also managed the Kentucky Baptist Assembly and Camp which met on the Clear Creek campus.



Cedarmore was owned by Long Run Association of Baptists when Byrdwell first moved there. The following year ownership was transferred to the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Byrdwell remained as manager.

Under his direction Cedarmore has grown from a camp of 415 acres to 1,376 acres. A \$50,000 investment has expanded to over \$1.5 million. The state assembly now boasts of a modern 48 bedroom lodge, eight cottages, two dormitories, a conference complex, a tabernacle, a dining hall, a boys camp with three cottages, 14 covered wagons and a dining hall, a girls camp with five cottages and a dining hall and modern water and sewage facilities throughout the grounds.

Byrdwell, called "Mr. B" by his friends, cites the most meaningful statistic as the 5,600 decisions for Christ made at Cedarmore during his 21 years.

In his new post Byrdwell, an ordained minister, will seek to coordinate the work of the 34 churches composing Christian County Baptist Association. He will also lead in developing mission outreach programs in addition to doing personal counseling with pastors and churches.

Byrdwell, age 64, is married to the former Violet Virginia Wheeler of Aniston, Alabama. The couple has three sons.

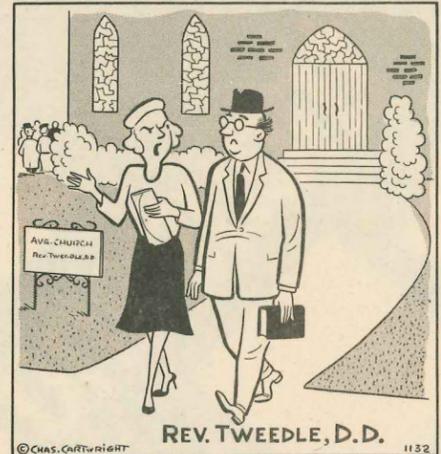
William G. Sullivan has retired from the active pastorate. He preached his last sermon as pastor of Green River Baptist Church, Ohio County, February 7. He has been in the pastorate over 40 years.

Former pastorates include First Street Baptist Mission (now South First Street Baptist Church) in Mayfield; Pryorsburg Baptist Church, Mayfield; Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Caldwell County; Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Trigg County; and Hebron Baptist Church, Lyon County.

Sullivan now resides at 906 Walnut Street in Benton.

Paul C. Dawson of Magnolia has completed a tour of duty as chaplain in the United States Navy and has accepted the call as pastor of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawson of Magnolia. His wife Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Strader of Campbellsville. The couple has one son, Paul Stephen.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"You tippy-toe too much about money. Give me five minutes in that pulpit and I'll blast them out of their pews!"

# DEVOTIONAL



Dallas Sugg  
Pastor, Carlisle Baptist, Carlisle

## And Then Some

Matthew 5:38-41

A great part of Jesus' teaching was consumed with enlarging the religious thought processes of those who would adopt Christianity. His teachings were, no doubt, received with a look of as-kance, for Jesus was to his day what might be termed "odd" in our day.

The idea of doing more than is expected is unfamiliar to us. The "extended" coffee break and lunch hour are only a mere sampling of our philosophy of getting by with less than is expected. We fail to see the significance of giving more than is expected because we are Christians — because we are different. Jesus was trying to teach his followers to show that they were different by their actions.

We need a revival within our Christian ranks and within our Baptist ranks of the concept of going the second mile. The pulpit and pew both need this revival. With all of our aid programs, we have almost forgotten the personal involvement idea that Christ must have had when he said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21) We need a program called "The Second Mile Program" to involve people in doing more than is expected of them. Our world cries for those who will do what is expected and then some. This cry is ringing in all ranks of life from the largest industry to the smallest church way back up the hollow.

If we are to redeem society, it will be as we are willing to exert that extra energy required to do so. "And where will we get this energy," you ask? The greatest source is from your love for Christ. When we love more, we'll do more, but until we love more, we'll go on doing what's expected and no more. We need greatly to understand those three words "God so loved." When we "so love," then nothing will be too great to attempt even if it means doing what's expected and then some.

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# Rededications — "Unscriptural Propositions"

## "Notorious Pleas"

It ought to be unnecessary to point out misleading practices in our Baptist churches. It seems absurd to mention what should be obvious. Yet, many evangelicals continue to make unscriptural propositions in their invitations to commitments. The most notorious is that plea for rededication in such words as, "If you have been defeated in your spiritual life and have neglected your prayer life, come and rededicate your life to Christ." In these and similar terms, any number of ministers leave the implication that the power for victory over daily sin and the occasional backsliding is in walking the aisles of rededication. How very unscriptural!

By Donald Cassidy

The arena for dedication and rededication is in daily life where the person constantly witnesses. There are frequent temptations and challenges. The very fact that one is born again sets one apart from the values and the conduct of the unregenerate world. If one seeks to suppress this witness and seeks to deny his distinctness, he denies his birth and parenthood, a birth by the Holy Spirit. A Christian forfeits his inherent victory over the inevitable defeat in copying the natural, unredeemed mind. Contrary to many false impressions, a Christian does not need to make great efforts to be different: he just needs to let his difference spontaneously live.

Neither need the Christian make great effort in living the redeemed life as though he were God. After the initial acts of courage in identifying with Christ, the "effort" is merely one of yielding to a power already available, the flow of the Holy Spirit. The Christian will be branded by the world as different; make no mistake about it.

The place of effort for the Christian is to yield to the obvious, the action or conduct that is clearly the only thing for the Christian to do. God's will is frequently more obvious than most of us care to admit. God is not interested in burnt offerings and works of merit. "Behold! To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Samuel 15:22) This is a theme recurring throughout the Bible.

Most certainly there will be countless opportunities for courageous actions and stands for Christ. But the courage, the wisdom, the tact and the

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time to act will be clear, assuming that one has grown in grace and faithfulness to the unctious voice of the Holy Spirit. Even the Christian's tongue becomes appropriately verbal because he has synchronized it with a studious, spiritual heart. Great exploits for God in the world are privileges of the maturing Christian. Such exploits are not produced by extraordinary human effort and zeal. They are the products of supernatural power in the human body. This Power agrees with the three separate roles of the Godhead mentioned earlier.

Commitments to Christ are sacred provinces of the individual. Faith and dedication are personal between the

individual and God, and cannot be prescribed by another no matter how sincere and well-meant. But it appears that this prescribing is just what many preachers and other spokesmen are doing in their unseemly propositions. They fail to understand that rededications and the like are to be translated into daily living in the every-day world. This is where the test of dedication and Christianity is. Just as surely as one is born again he will meet challenges in the world. If he continues to obey the Holy Spirit, rather than men, he will be persecuted in some form. Such persecution can do wonders for one's faith and doubt and struggle.

As to dedications and rededications in general, some preacher has stated that a rededication should be just as public as the sin or the backsliding has been. Perhaps one ought to take the truth in that but keep in mind that it is not for any one to make flat statements in this delicate area. In keeping with the foregoing "hands off" as to prescribing the faith of another, human beings can never know the heart of another as to form or manner of obedient expression. It is of more than coincident significance, however, that the maturing Christian finds that challenge, met with spiritual obedience, surpasses the gimmicks of men. Therefore, the implication — or even the mere suggestion — that the secret to spiritual victory is in visible, public response is grossly misleading.

Of course, somebody will always cite the statistics showing those who do respond to many of the foregoing propo-

sitional invitations. But such figures do not prove a thing as to scripturalness and validity. One can prove almost anything from a certain set of statistics. What is more likely, the case is that those whom God has spoken to come in spite of much of our fumbling, and in spite of our well-meant error. But why put stumbling blocks in the way of the respondents? Such blocks also include the mourners bench and other slanders upon God's easy yoke and light burden (Matt. 11:27-30). Such episodes throw a wet blanket upon the atmosphere of worship. It is often an anticlimax to good preaching and leads to either a carnival atmosphere or to a long, drawn out penance service.

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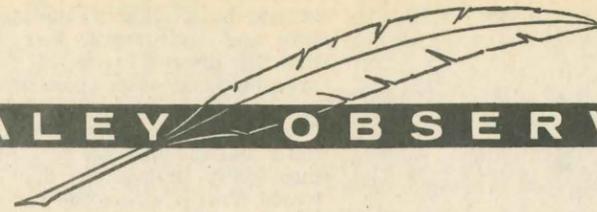
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## No Reason For Joy, No Place For Despair

Next to the three or four days each June when the Southern Baptist Convention is in session and the messengers from the local churches consider and decide upon the issues and challenges confronting them, the most exciting and likely the three most important days for the Southern Baptist Convention are in February each year. During these three days the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee holds by far the most important of its three regular meetings each year. In this February meeting the Executive Committee composed of representatives from all the state Baptist conventions actually prepares most of the recommendations which the convention messengers will consider and act upon in June. While it is not at all certain the convention messengers will approve all of these Executive Committee recommendations and will not replace them with some of their own choosing, it is recognized that most of the background work for our 11.6 million member convention must be done beforehand by the committee system. The convention messengers will generally approve most of the carefully wrought out recommendations they receive from the Executive Committee.

Among the recommendations which come out of the February Executive Committee meeting is the next year's budget for the 20 or more boards, agencies, and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Another duty of the Executive Committee is to look squarely at how we are doing as Southern Baptists in reaching goals we believe are reasonable expectations of our Lord.

The various recommendations for convention consideration in June are voted on only by the members of the Executive Committee but since these recommendations have to do with all the Southern Baptist Convention work in America and throughout the world, one can be certain the leadership of all our Southern Baptist Convention agencies are on hand to present their work, share their dreams and request the needed financial resources to realize these dreams.

In addition to representatives from the Southern Baptist Convention agencies who are on hand are representatives from the various state conventions, especially the state executive secretaries and editors. After all it is from the states that the funds come to make up the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget.

The state editor's task is to observe, report and

try to interpret to the local church members the deliberations and recommendations of the Executive Committee. To this editor this is a highly important responsibility because after all what Southern Baptist resources eventually reach any part of the world to do the Lord's work have their source in the minds and hearts of the Baptists who sit Sunday after Sunday in the pews.

This editor earnestly wishes he could honestly give a more optimistic report than will be found here and elsewhere in this and other issues of the *Western Recorder* as to the present state of affairs for Southern Baptists. It is not encouraging to face the fact that we have only 25 more Southern Baptist churches in 1970 than in 1969 and that, as has been true for several years now, we had substantial enrollment declines in Sunday School, Church Training, W.M.U. and Brotherhood. We take some consolation in that our church music enrollment is still growing, that in 1970 we gave a record number of dollars for all causes and that we had some net growth in total membership of Southern Baptists and we had a few more baptisms than were reported in 1969.

The biggest moment in Nashville each February is the report which has the budget recommendations for the agencies and institutions for the succeeding year. It was that moment last week when stark reality had to be faced and accepted. All day Tuesday we listened to the presentations of our 20 or more Southern Baptist agencies and institutions for their programs and requests for 1972. All but three of these presentations included requests for additional funds to do present and additional work. The total requested increases for 1972 over 1971 amounted to slightly over five million dollars. This added to the 1971 approved budgets would have brought the total Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program requests for 1972 to slightly over 34 million dollars.

The sad truth was this. Even as we listened all day to legitimate and needed requests for increases, we knew the available funds to meet the requests simply were not in prospect apart from some miracle not in sight. And so the moment of truth came in the final session of the Executive Committee on Wednesday when it had to be said in substance by the committee that had prayed and labored over the requests. "With the present outlook for income through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program in

1972, we see no possibility of any increase for any agency or institution for any use." And so every Southern Baptist Convention agency has to go back to face its 1972 tasks with the same number of dollars it has to operate with in 1971. With inflation and the other known economic factors in our day this can mean but one thing. Our Southern Baptist Convention agencies will have to cut back what they are now doing unless they find resources outside the Cooperative Program or there is an immediate and substantial surge in Cooperative Program income.

Any reasons this editor can suggest for the present state of affairs for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program must remain for another editorial. But I refuse to be a prophet of despair. I firmly believe better days are ahead though worse days may come before these better days. The Lord

## More Reactions To Bible Institute Recommendations

The February 13 editorial entitled, "An Unmet Denominational Responsibility," which recommended more denominationally sponsored Bible Institute educational opportunities to meet the needs of Baptist pastors without high school, college or seminary training drew as much quick reaction as any recent *Western Recorder* editorial. Most of this reaction is enlightening and some suggestions are improvements over the editorial suggestions.

From a Texas reader came what appears to be a valid correction in saying 3,000 Texas Baptist pastors are without college or seminary training. Since there are only 3,897 Southern Baptist churches in Texas, this number of 3,000 without college or seminary training seems to be too high though it was picked up originally from another Texas source.

From a dear pastor friend in Kentucky and one whose discernment I regard highly came these words, "Thank the Lord for your conversion!" Of course he was referring to my confession of a change of mind about the responsibility of the denomination to do more about opportunities for our preachers who are not prepared to do seminary level work and for the value of such training for the pastoral ministry.

A lengthy response from another Kentucky Baptist pastor of unusual insight has observations worth sharing and which stimulate further thinking on how to meet this responsibility. This pastor agrees with the needs as described in the editorial and also believes the needs are not now being adequately met. He disagrees, however, with the editor's suggestion on how to meet these needs.

Here are some of his quotes worth a serious hearing.

"I also agree that the seminary extension program in which I have taught... is meeting a need but not adequately. I also share your view that Clear Creek

may be using these days to destroy our pride and to restore our humility and sacrificial spirit.

Of some things I am confident. Earnest, able and dedicated men and women who minister as staff members of the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee themselves and hundreds of the Lord's choicest servants related to our Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions are searching their hearts and minds, are working and praying for answers and are open to the Holy Spirit for guidance and ready to listen to fellow Baptists who can make helpful suggestions.

After three days in Nashville facing the facts there is no joy in my heart over present Southern Baptist statistics, but upon observation of the willingness to face reality and search prayerfully for the Lord's answers, I refuse to give place in my heart or mind to despair.

Baptist School in Pineville, Kentucky, is doing an outstanding job.

"I also agree with you that we are unrealistic in our support of six seminaries and that we should close one if not two of these.

"I tend to disagree with you that the Southern Baptist Convention is far more able financially to provide for additional opportunities than our state conventions... Since we keep two-thirds of every Cooperative Program dollar in Kentucky, I feel that the states are better able to support this than is the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I have an alternative suggestion for your idea of locating Bible institutes sponsored by groups of state Baptist conventions or by the Southern Baptist Convention. I am opposed to the idea of starting new institutions.

"Why could we not design a program to meet this need using our existing institutions? Obviously, we could begin by having a different program within our seminaries.

"Another possibility is this — why not let our Baptist colleges go free? Why not give them self-perpetuating boards of trustees as is being done in many of the schools? This would free these schools to seek foundation aid and federal aid for academic and student facilities and activities that are not sectarian. We could then take the money which Baptists are pouring into these poverty-stricken schools and use this to meet the kind of need we are talking about. We could greatly enhance the student ministry on private and public campuses."

A fellow state editor has reacted by suggesting we use two of our six existing Southern Baptist Convention seminaries for Bible school type of ministerial training and that probably a new theological educational committee should study the whole question. Both of these are worthy suggestions.

## HMB Appoints Five Missionaries

Five missionaries, four of whom will be involved in Christian social ministries and another in cooperative efforts with National Baptists, were recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The five and their respective places of service are: Marshall and Mary Moore, Indianapolis, Indiana; Ernest MeHaffey, South Carolina; and Floyd and Ida Emmerling, Detroit, Michigan.

Moore is director of Christian social ministries for the Central Baptist Association of Indianapolis, Indiana. He is directly responsible for the planning and implementation of all work related to the Christian social ministries among the churches and their auxiliaries in the Indianapolis area.

Moore and his wife are both natives of Conroe, Texas, and graduates of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Moore earned his seminary degree at Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has been minister of youth and education at Northcrest Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Moore is a public school teacher with two years experience in the Louisville public schools.

MeHaffey increases to 13 the number of state directors of work with National Baptists. He will be responsible for fostering cooperative efforts between member churches of the three National Baptist Conventions, which are predominantly black, and the Southern Baptist churches in South Carolina.

The North Carolina native attended Mars Hill College, Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His most recent pastorate was the First Baptist Church of Chesnee, South Carolina. He is married and the father of two children.

Emmerling, now director of the Detroit Baptist Center, is responsible for establishing a program of community ministry and involvement. A native of Cabot, Arkansas, he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a teacher in the Bayou Meo Public Schools of Jacksonville, Arkansas, and was pastor of several churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Michigan.

Mrs. Emmerling is originally from North Little Rock, Arkansas. She holds a degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. (BP)



### Statewide mission service

On Tuesday, April 20, at 7:15 p.m., there will be a statewide meeting of great missionary significance — the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its spring Appointment Service in Louisville at Freedom Hall, Fairgrounds, and Kentucky Baptists are thrilled with the prospect of sharing in this important mission experience.

Great plans are being made to bring 20,000 youth and leaders from the churches for this Appointment Service.

### Youth night merged

We felt that this Foreign Mission Appointment Service was of such great significance to youth as well as to church leaders that we recommended and the convention approved counting this meeting as our annual Youth Night and inviting all youth choirs and college-seminary choirs to participate.

Those choirs who have not registered should immediately contact Eugene Quinn, Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown 40243, or phone 502/245-4101. He will get music to each choir leader.

### Great mission leaders speak

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will be the principal speaker. Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, will also be on the program.

The thrilling things will be the actual appointments of young missionaries to places of witness around the world and the youth and college-seminary choirs.

### Make your bus plans now

There will be hundreds of churches and associations who will arrange for church or charter buses for this great occasion. Those in Louisville and nearby can come in cars as well as buses.

Inspire your mission leaders and youth now to participate in this great Appointment Service and mission emphasis on Tuesday, April 20, 7:15 p.m., Fairgrounds, Freedom Hall, Louisville. Now is the time to plan.

*Harold G. Sanders*

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## Press Association Decries Postal Rates, Baptist Secrecy

The Southern Baptist Press Association, meeting for its annual session in Sarasota, Florida, elected a Mississippi editor as its president and adopted resolutions opposing proposed new postal regulations and urging Baptist agencies, boards and institutions to invite Baptist newsmen to attend their board meetings.

Elected president of the organization, composed primarily of the editors of Baptist state papers, was Joe T. Odle, editor of the *Baptist Record*, Jackson, Mississippi. Named president elect was James O. Duncan, editor of the *Capital Baptist*, Washington, D.C.

After debating the issue in the final hour of the meeting, the editors adopted a brief resolution expressing opposition to proposed new federal postal regulations. The substitute motion, offered by *Indiana Baptist* editor Al Shackelford, stated:

"In view of the proposed radical change in postal rates, we urge serious consideration be given to the handicap such regulations would impose on non-profit publications."

An earlier resolution proposed by editor John Roberts of the *Baptist Courier* in Columbia, South Carolina, urged that due consideration be given to the special hardships that second and third class postal rate increases would cause among the 33 Baptist publications with a combined circulation of 1.6 million. The pro-

posal would increase postage costs about 150 percent for the Baptist publications, the editors said.

In the discussion, several editors pointed out that the original resolution sounded as if the editors were asking

federal aid to parochial and church-related schools and institutions.

Another resolution expressed appreciation "to those agencies, boards and institutions that have invited representatives of the Baptist news media to



OFFICERS — Mississippi Baptist Record editor Joe Odle, center, newly elected president, confers with president elect James O. Duncan, right, editor of *Capital Baptist*, Washington, D.C.; and secretary Al Shackelford, editor of *The Indiana Baptist*.

for government subsidies and for special privileges and that the arguments were similar to those used by advocates of

attend their official board meeting" and expressing "our wish that this be a future practice of all these bodies."

Earlier, editor Robert Hastings of the *Illinois Baptist*, Carbondale, reported on results of a survey he conducted among SBC agencies and state Baptist conventions asking whether their policies permitted news reporters to attend their board meetings.

Generally, Hastings said, the responses indicated that representatives of Baptist news media could attend such board meetings but there was greater vagueness on the policies among seminaries.

Voicing opposition to closed door meetings in Baptist life, Hastings said that "the executive session is a device to build egos" and that "when we close the door, we are trying to play God."

He pointed out that an Illinois state law states that any government body supported by public tax funds must be open to the public, on the basis that if the public is paying the bill then the public has a right to know what happens. The parallel to that is, Hastings said, if the average church member is paying the bill he has a right to know what happens at Baptist board meetings.

Shackelford, editor of the *Indiana Baptist*, was re-elected as secretary of the association.

Next year, the editors will meet in Kentucky, February 14-16, 1972, with sessions slated in Biloxi, Mississippi, February 12-14, 1973.

## Summer Mission Guide Released

*SMAY*, a comprehensive mission activity guide for youth and youth leaders in Southern Baptist churches, was placed in Baptist book stores by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The 64-page book describes mission activities that have been successful in churches across the Southern Baptist Convention and gives detailed information on how Baptist teenagers can begin ministries to other teenagers, handicapped persons, temporary residents and vacationers.

"It's the most complete mission activity guide for youth ever published," said Charles Doggett, Pioneer Royal Ambassador consultant for the Brotherhood Commission. "*SMAY (Summer Mission Activities for Youth)* is geared to coed groups. It will help Southern Baptist churches meet the demand for more challenging mission activities for youth during the summer months."

Some of the activities described in the book include: helping physically and emotionally handicapped persons, day camps, ministries to juvenile de-

linquents, mission centers, tutoring, helping migrants, ministries to military families, conducting worship services, Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools in resort areas, music festivals, teen visitation, helping teenagers find jobs during the summer, mail ministries, coffeehouse ministries and mission tours.

*SMAY* also has a resource section that lists names and addresses of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, government sources and private associations that can give information and assistance to churches who want to begin a summer ministry.

"This how-to book is a very current resource for teens who want to become involved in helping others," said Doggett. "It's designed specifically for Pioneer Royal Ambassadors, Acteens, youth choirs and other church youth groups."

John Burns, Baptist Student Union director at Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma, wrote the book. It costs \$1.25 per copy.

## Shively Heights Tops Awards List

Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, received more New Study Course awards for the last quarter of 1970 than any church in Kentucky, according to Mic Morrow of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church training department.

The top churches for October-December are listed below:

1. Shively Heights — Long Run	514
2. Grace — Elkhorn	337
3. Campbellsville — Taylor	299
4. First Baptist Church of Frankfort — Franklin	270
5. Glasgow — Liberty	248
6. Green Acres — Long Run	245
7. New Salem — Nelson	219
8. Salt River — South District	194
9. Twelfth Street — West Union	181
10. Versailles — Elkhorn	163
11. First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville — Christian Harrodsburg — Mercer	160
13. First Baptist Church of Morehead — Bracken	156
14. First Baptist Church of Russellville — Bethel	146
15. Southside — Northern Kentucky	143
16. Central — Mount Zion	141
17. McKee — Irvine	138
18. Edgewood — Elkhorn	137
Henderson Memorial — Christian	137
Severns Valley — Severns Valley	137
21. Eaton Memorial — Daviess-McLean	134
22. Walnut Street — Long Run	127
23. Porter Memorial — Elkhorn	125
24. East Williamson — Pike	124
25. Vine Grove — Severns Valley	121
West End — West Union	121
27. South Jefferson — Long Run	116
28. First Baptist Church of Fulton — Fulton	115
29. Gethsemane — South District	113

# Budget, SBC Site, Agency Guidelines Receive Attention

The Southern Baptist Convention executive committee, after hearing pleas for increased operating funds and financial projections of income unequal to the needs, voted to recommend a nine-month SBC budget for 1972 of \$24.6 million, an increase of 3.37 percent.

The convention, moving to a new fiscal year in October of 1972, will operate from January 1 to September 30, 1972, on the same basic operating budget for nine months as the 1971 budget level, if the proposed 1972 budget is adopted by the convention in St. Louis. The budget increase would come in the capital needs section rather than in the operating section.

On a nine-month basis, the proposed budget includes \$21.8 million in operating funds; \$932,927 for capital funds not reached in 1970; \$1,050,000 in capital funds not expected to be reached

in 1971; plus the \$787,500 in capital needs for 1972.

In other actions, the executive committee voted partially on the basis of new hotel construction to recommend Norfolk, Virginia, for the second time as the proposed site of the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention session, approved a study committee report expressing support for a Negro Baptist seminary in Nashville, one commission member had advocated closing, and recommended that members to boards of trustees for Baptist agencies be nominated without regard to race, sex or national origin.

The executive committee took further steps to phase out the hospital agency of the SBC by recommending bylaws changes for action at the 1971 convention in St. Louis; expressed belief that the "Baptist Faith and Message" Statement of 1963 is "not amend-

able"; and recommended that no action be taken to change the basis of representation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The budget, bylaws changes and recommended site for the 1976 convention must be approved by the convention when it meets in St. Louis, June 1-4.

### Budget needs

Most of the time during the committee meeting was spent grappling with the budget. During a full day of budget hearings, 20 SBC agencies presented pleas for increased operating funds totalling \$34.1 million.

During discussion of the budget, R. Jack Robinson, pastor in Augusta, Georgia, said that the committee was faced with urged needs for operating increases totalling more than \$5 million, yet because of capital needs that must be paid, the amount of available funds for the operating section was only about \$50,000 more in 1972 than in 1971.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, in an impassioned plea to the committee, said that it was the first time since World War II that the SBC has not been able to increase operating funds and that the "burdens will be felt" all around the world.

He urged the committee members and SBC leaders present to return home and do everything possible to create an atmosphere of challenge to "pour all we can into the Cooperative Program so that what we've done today will never occur again."

### Cause for optimism

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC executive committee, warned against leaving with a spirit of pessimism, suggesting rather that members should go "rejoicing with optimism that receipts during January and February have increased substantially. We hope and pray that the economy and stewardship of Southern Baptists will stay above four percent increase in giving, and let's all pray and work to that end," Routh said.

With the exception of the budget, most of the discussion was devoted to a recommendation from the administration committee suggesting that the SBC vote on either Norfolk, Virginia, or Detroit, as alternative choices for the 1976 convention site.

### Norfolk recommended

After lengthy discussion, the executive committee voted 22-9 to amend the subcommittee's recommendation by eliminating Detroit and recommending for the second straight year that the

convention meet in Norfolk, June 15-17, 1976. Last year, when a similar recommendation was made, the SBC referred the matter back to the committee for more study.

Discussion also was prompted by a subcommittee recommendation that the SBC committee on committees and the committee on boards be requested to consider representation of ethnic groups on convention boards, agencies, commissions and committees.

An amendment proposed by Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, Alabama, was approved expanding the scope of the recommendation by reminding the two committees that there are no constitutional provisions limiting nomination of such trustees and committee members on the basis of age, national origin, sex or race.

### Ethnic groups

Most of the discussion centered around the question of why "ethnic groups" should be singled out and made a "special category."

On a similar subject, the executive committee approved a committee study which in effect gave a vote of confidence to American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, a predominantly black Bible school with about 80 students. The school is operated jointly by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.

The committee study quoted seminary officials, black leaders and students as saying the school met a definite need and there was no other school of its type students could attend, that Negro Baptists had increased their financial support and that the school is a "mission-undertaking."

Two other actions by the executive committee referred to previous votes of the SBC. One responded to a request from James L. Sullivan of the SBC Sunday School Board asking the committee to clarify procedures necessary to change the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement. The committee said it believed the statement was "not amendable," since it is "the articles of faith of the 1963 convention."

A second action referring to a previous convention request recommended that no change be made in the basis of representation in the SBC "because it is our opinion that no idea or suggestion has been made thus far that would improve the existing basis of representation of messengers" to the SBC.

The executive committee asked its program committee to study proposals by the SBC Radio and Television Commission for that agency's program statement to allow TimeRite, a sub-

sidary corporation of the commission, to work in the print media area. Past operations by TimeRite in this area have exceeded the scope and intention of the program statement, the action stated. TimeRite was asked to discontinue these operations.

Another recommendation outlined procedures whereby the Radio-TV Commission and the SBC Sunday School Board could make agreements for the sale of recordings produced by the commission.

A subcommittee study of SBC radio and television operations asked the SBC Foreign Mission Board and the Radio-TV Commission to work out guidelines and procedures for overseas radio and television operations within one year; and urged the commission to explore with the SBC Home Mission Board the "possibility of greater use of radio and television to win America to Christ." (BP)

## Urgency Of SBC Needs Cited

Citing overwhelming needs and lack of financial resources to meet those needs, the chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee outlined reasons "why we are where we are" in a financial crunch facing the Baptist denomination.

James Monroe, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, issued a challenge to Southern Baptist leadership to come to a "new sense of urgency and commitment" in communicating Baptist efforts of taking the gospel to a world in need.

Monroe's address came during the opening session of the SBC executive committee just prior to two days of budget requests from SBC agencies in preparation for drafting a proposed SBC budget for 1972.

The agencies presented requests totalling \$34.2 million for 1972. The 1971 budget requirements had previously been reported as \$31.1 million. In comparison, actual 1970 Cooperative Program receipts totaled \$27.9 million, or \$932,926 short of the 1970 goal.

Citing the problem of leadership, Monroe said that "we are living in times when we've been more interested in building 'a' kingdom than in 'the' kingdom.

"For some years, we've had a sanctuary complex" — building more and bigger buildings until SBC churches reported a total indebtedness of \$879.3 million in 1970 — an amount that is \$22 million more than total gifts for all causes through the churches, Monroe observed.

"Kingdom building exists in the institutions, not just in the churches," he added.

"We have erected a denominational structure that is almost too big and inflexible to act and react quickly in changing times," he observed.

Commenting on the current "Jesus Movement," Monroe said that as an example of this inflexibility many Baptist churches are "still wondering what to do about these kids who've turned on to Jesus. We must not," he said, "mark it off as a fad or reject it because we didn't start it."

Calling for a new effort at communicating a concern for people as individuals, Monroe also urged a new sense of fellowship — New Testament "Koinonia" — among Baptists. "We must affirm that the Cooperative Program depends on a cooperative spirit."

He urged the executive committee, the denomination's central coordinating body, to accept its role in the challenge, observing that "this committee has been afraid of its own power, and has been reluctant to use it for fear of misusing it. Thus, we fail to expose and debate and resolve the issues placed before us."

Commenting on the pressures state conventions face to keep more and more funds on the state level, Monroe stated that "unless our state conventions can learn how to handle the college (financial) situation, we're going to see more and more money drained away from world mission causes." (BP)

## Bates Urges Baptists: Accept Responsibilities Of Trustees

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention issued a challenge in Nashville, Tennessee, for Baptists to stop engaging "in sharp and loveless controversies" and to accept their responsibilities as God's trustees and witnesses in the world.

Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, and president of the 11.6-million member convention, made the plea during a Cooperative Program rally sponsored by the denomination's Stewardship Commission.

"Many feel that the Southern Baptist Convention has begun to engage in sharp and loveless controversies which

could conceivably distract us from the main task of the people of God," Bates told more than 260 Baptist leaders attending the rally.

In his address, Bates said that Baptists have not been taught the "trusteeship" concept of the scriptures.

While Baptists have emphasized the responsibility of tithing (giving one-tenth to the church), they have often neglected to teach that "not just a tithe is holy unto the Lord, but all of life's wealth is a trust," Bates said.

"Our willingness to compromise for a portion in giving has carried over into our missions philosophy," he added. "We have tried to conduct missions by proxy.

"I do not believe we shall long survive when the total task of the church is done by a few," the SBC president declared.

"Why, then," he questioned, "do we hope to succeed by proxy promotion in stewardship (trusteeship)?"

Saying it was not just the business of the denomination's Stewardship Commission to promote the Cooperative Program, the SBC unified budget plan, Bates stated: "It is the first business and the main business of every agency of this convention to help push and personalize the Cooperative Program.

"Unless the Baptist press finds a way to do this, it is guilty of 'sitting on' the grandest story it could print week by week," Bates added.

"If the mission boards, seminaries, agencies and commissions do not pitch in and help, it seems to me that this would be the equivalent of 'biting the hand that feeds you,' or at least never clasping it in thanks," he said. (BP)



SBC president Carl Bates talks to more than 260 Baptist leaders at a Cooperative Program luncheon rally sponsored by the Stewardship Commission in Nashville.

## The So What Of Missions Money

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is \$6,000,000. So what?

The collection plate is being handed down his pew and Mr. Ordinary Southern Baptist's hand is still stuck in his pocket. He's for home missions, yes. But he feels like the other 11,000,000 Southern Baptists will probably pick up the tab. What difference will it make if he lets the plate pass him by this year?

So many people kept hands closed when the 1969 home missions offering was taken that the total represented only 45 cents for each Southern Baptist. And only 46 cents per capita reached the Home Mission Board via the Cooperative Program.

In 1970 failure to meet the offering

goal meant that the unmet requests zoomed to \$2,215,000. Plans for 125 new missionary pastors, 50 area missionaries and superintendents of missions, 48 language missions workers, 30 Christian social missionaries — all went back on the shelf.

Enabling more missionaries to touch more lives in more places will cost more than last year's giving will permit. That's where Mr. Ordinary's contribution makes a difference.

In the board's Christian social ministries department, associate secretary Clovis Brantley looks at an \$850,000 allocation and talks about investing more in missionaries, less in buildings. "We can make use of church buildings

already available if we have the people and resources to run programs," he says.

He talks about expanding church community weekday ministries in the Northeast as a prime means of penetration. "But we can't promise anything until we see the money," he says.

Up and coming in youth and family ministries is work with hippie types. Missionary Don Rhymes recently began a ministry in the Atlanta hippie district. Responding quickly wherever young dropouts appear costs money.

Oscar Romo, secretary of the department of language missions, is counting on \$1,500,000 to keep up good work among many ethnic groups. "We're hoping to begin work with another ethnic group this year. Maybe Rumanians or Armenians," Romo says.

He talks about missionaries gently nursing brand-new work—about Minor Davidson, trying to find ways to get the half-million internationals in Washington, D.C., into church programs. About Eugene Wolfe, who has started about 15 Spanish congregations in the Los Angeles area and feels the surface is only scratched. About David Benham, an Indian missionary flying his plane out of Tuba City, Arizona, to develop new work among Navajos.

Annie Armstrong funds are tagged for specific work on a priority basis. Ongoing programs of the Board are taken care of by the first \$4,780,000 to come in.

Besides Christian social ministries and language missions, this sum takes care of evangelism projects, the chaplaincy, establishing new churches, supplementing salaries of 440 mission pastors, assisting in paying superintendents of missions, work with National Baptists, and interfaith witness.

Next on the list are special missions projects costing \$720,000. This figure includes \$250,000 to assist in sending out 700 student summer missionaries and \$100,000 to assist in sending out 65 US-2 missionaries.

Other segments of the Annie Armstrong allocations provide \$145,000 for scholarships. Some assist the Home Mission Board in providing college educations for children of missionaries, some assist Negro young people planning on church vocations and some assist young people from language culture groups.

When all these areas of work are covered, the next \$350,000 is earmarked for additional assistance to pastors of new missions and churches.

The final \$150,000 of the \$6,000,000 goal will place ministries in potentially explosive inner-cities.

These are all warm, live projects that depend on Mr. Ordinary's generosity when the collection plate reaches him.

## Roman Catholic Nun Appointed 'Fellow' At Southern Seminary

A Roman Catholic nun has been elected as one of 38 "Garrett Fellows" at Southern Seminary by the seminary trustees' executive committee.

She is Sister Mary Catherine Vukmanic, a member of the staff of Ursuline College, a Catholic school two blocks from the seminary, who is in her last year of doctoral study at the Baptist seminary.

Sister Mary Catherine will have no teaching responsibilities but will be a "grader" and assistant to Dale Moody, the seminary's Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology, who in 1969 taught a course on baptism at the Pontificia Universita Gregoriana, in Rome, a school known as "the world's leading Catholic university."

Southern Seminary officials stated that she was not appointed as a "teaching fellow" and that no Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program

funds are involved in her appointment.

The seminary's public relations office released the story in response to inquiries from the editors of Baptist state papers attending the Southern Baptist Press Association in Sarasota, Florida.

The seminary statement pointed out that the charter provides for education of students for "the Christian ministry" without reference to denomination, that 60 of the current 1,200 students at Southern Seminary are non-Baptists and are members of at least 10 different denominations; and that at least two Jewish rabbis have received doctor of theology degrees from the seminary, one in the 1920's.

The seminary faculty has voted that Roman Catholic students not be counted in enrollment statistics which determine the seminary share of the Cooperative Program allocation to theological education. (BP)

## Beechmont Hosts Youth Lab

Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville will host a Youth in Church Training Workshop, March 22-23. Designed to offer specialized training to professional youth workers, the conference will also be beneficial to volunteer youth workers, according to Kentucky church training consultant Mic Morrow who is coordinating the event.

Bob R. Taylor, youth consultant with the BSSB church training department, will lead the workshop. It is one of 29 such conferences being held across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Beginning with a banquet at 6:30 Monday evening, the first session closes at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday's session will get underway at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

A \$3.00 registration fee will be charged to each attendee. The cost fee covers the cost of the banquet and a workbook for the sessions.

Additional information about the workshop may be secured by contacting Morrow at the Baptist Building in Middletown.



**MEMORIAL GIFT** — Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville has adopted a new program to memorialize members who die. The congregation voted to make a memorial gift to the Baptist children's homes in memory of each deceased member. The plaque, pictured above, is taken to the funeral home so all may know of the church's gift in memory of the former member. Magnetic letters allow the person's name to be placed at the bottom of the plaque. Salem pastor A. J. Hensley collaborated with J. D. Herndon, director of development for the board of child care, in initiating the idea. Additional information about the memorial plaque may be obtained from Herndon at the Baptist Child Care Center, Middletown 40243.

## Revival Reports

**Beacon Hill Baptist Mission** in Somerset sponsored a youth-led revival in mid-December. Cumberland College ministerial student Chuck King served as evangelist. Other students assisting were Bill Trospier, music; and Charles Rice, personal witnessing. The entire event was youth sponsored and led.

Mission pastor Ansel K. Gambrell reported 16 professions of faith, two surrendering to special Christian service and three additions by letter. Gambrell said of the meeting, "In my 16 years in the ministry, this is one of the greatest things I have ever experienced."

**Salem Baptist Church** in Christian County was recently led in revival by Tommy Ellington of Eustis, Florida. Ray Gilliland, Salem pastor, reports 12 professions of faith and many rededications.

**Kosmosdale Baptist Church**, Louisville, was led in revival recently by evangelist Harold Tallant. Church pastor Harold Greenfield reports 52 additions by baptism and four received by letter.

**Rock Haven Baptist Church**, Vine Grove, was led in revival during mid-December by evangelist Harold Tallant. Music was led by Don C. McCary, associate pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Louisville. Fourteen professions of faith were reported with a total of 33 decisions.

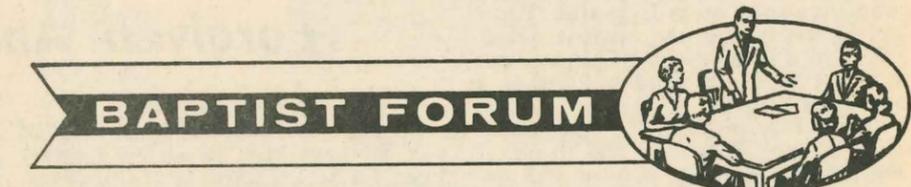
## Sunday School Dept. Plans Three Workshops For Children's Workers

Children's division Sunday School workers in Kentucky will be attending special workshops March 22, 23 and 25.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School department, the three workshops will be held at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville; Unity Baptist Church, Ashland; and First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, respectively.

Featured in the workshops will be conferences on each curriculum piece in the children's division. *Bible Learners* material will be taught by Miss Thelma Williamson of Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. John Hammatt of Nashville, Tennessee, will lead the sessions on *Bible Discoverers* material. *Bible Searchers* material will be taught by Mr. Billy Hudgens, also of Jackson, Mississippi.

Each session begins at 4:00 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. Those attending are urged to bring a sandwich for the evening meal. Drinks will be furnished by the host church.



### SPEAKING CONVICTIONS

Dear Editor:

I want to say thanks to Billy Turner, pastor of Hickory Baptist Church, for the article in the January 30 issue. I thank God for a man with conviction, and a man who isn't afraid to speak out his conviction.

I think it is time for Baptists to be Baptist and if we don't believe Baptist doctrine, take our sign down. We need more men in our Baptist pulpits like Billy Turner.

Princeton, Ky. Wilford E. Wyatt

### PINE CREST

Dear Editor:

Could you accept the commendation from a concerned reader regarding your editorial discouraging an elderly home at Pine Crest however tardy this letter may be?

As usual while I have been in school for the past year, I have gotten far behind in my periodicals, including the *Western Recorder*. Your editorial appeared in the October 24, 1970, issue.

A Baptist Forum response to your editorial further evoked this response from me. Bob Brown's letter cited the somber fact of 100,000 mentally retarded children and the better alternative for Pine Crest as a place for them (*Western Recorder*, November 7, 1970, page 15).

My wife is a special education teacher, who during her training, made a field trip to the mental hospital at Frankfort. Such a nightmare should affect more Baptists in Kentucky. What worthier support could Baptists give?

Bob Brown's second suggestion for Pine Crest as a home for unwed mothers is worthy as another choice. But I would emphasize its second place.

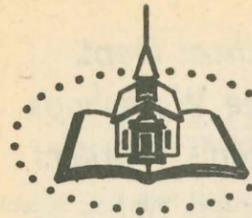
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### R.A.'s IN SPANISH CHURCH

Dear Editor:

I can't help but wonder if our Baptist church in Spain had started a Royal Ambassador group in the church instead of Boy Scouts if the Catholic authorities would have said anything to them or would have had any reason to.

Mayfield, Kentucky Alma Blair



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 14, 1971)



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### Faith And Fumbling

Near the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, Christ performed the miracle of feeding the five thousand from the five barley loaves and the two small fishes. The people were simply amazed at that achievement. They thought that if they would stay near Him their problem of food supply would be solved perfectly and permanently, so they wanted to proclaim Him their King.

John 6:66-69

Irritated by Christ's teachings, as recorded in this passage, the superficial and materialistic throng began to leave Him. We read: "From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." As Christ stood there in the shadows of the evening, He watched the receding forms of those who were going away from Him. Turning to the twelve, the Saviour asked, "Will ye also go away?" This was not a whine or a complaint but rather a searching inquiry.

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Thus he implied that there must be someone to whom man can go, for he cannot live without a master, a guide or a comforter. Peter knew full well that there was no other to whom they could go, who could meet their needs and satisfy the longings of their souls. He asserted, in substance, that they would not go away from Christ, Who proclaimed the glorious message of eternal life and in whose deity and mission they firmly believed.

John 13:3-10

With the shadow of the cross falling across His path, Christ assembled His disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem for a period of fellowship and a last meal together.

On their way the disciples engaged in a dispute as to "which of them should be accounted the greatest" in the kingdom. Christ must have been grieved deeply by their longing for self-glorification, which was such a contrast from His spirit of self-abnegation.

In that country, it was customary for the servants to remove the sandals and to wash the feet of their masters and of the guests who entered their homes. The disciples did not have a slave to

render this menial service for them and on this particular occasion neither of them would condescend to wash the feet of the rest.

When it became apparent that neither of them would render this needed service for the others, Christ quietly arose from the table, laid aside His outer garments, picked up a towel, tied it about His waist, and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

Speaking as if he were surprised and

astonished that Christ should offer to wash the feet of such sinful men as he was, Peter was the first to utter a protest to what Christ was doing. He said, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Apparently he thought this action was far below the character and dignity of Christ and too much for Him to do for such an unworthy person as he was.

In reply to Peter's rash statement, Christ informed him that if he did not wash his feet that he would not have any fellowship and communion with Him.

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### Forgiven And Forgiving

Matthew 18:21-35

Through the merciful forgiveness of God we have been saved and forgiveness of others is the duty of Christians. God's willingness to forgive us obligates us to forgive those who have offended us.

Christ's teaching about how to deal with an erring church member raised a question in the mind of Peter on the subject of personal responsibility for forgiveness. Peter, who himself so frequently needed to be forgiven by the Lord, was familiar with the rabbinical limit of the third offense, after which the obligation to forgive ceased. Knowing that seven was the number used for perfection in the scriptures and thinking that to forgive seven times would be the very acme of perfection in forgiveness, Peter considered himself magnanimous and extremely generous in suggesting that he forgive his brother, who sinned against him seven times, and asked the Lord Jesus if that number were not sufficient.

Christ's answer, which doubtless shocked Peter, was to the effect that there is no limit to the forgiveness which Christians are to exercise as long as repentance is genuine. Love demands that they forgive freely and fully. Like the grace of our Lord, Who "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," forgiveness is to be boundless and

measureless to the one who confesses his sin and truly asks for pardon.

Christ reinforces this teaching with another of the parables which characterized His ministry — that of the debtors. In it He related very graphically how a certain king demanded an accounting from his servants. It was revealed that the first one had been guilty of extravagance, wastefulness and dishonesty. His misconduct had resulted in his incurring an indebtedness of such proportions that there was no possibility of his paying what he owed. An order was issued that the man, his wife and their children and all of his possessions be sold and the proceeds be applied on the indebtedness, even though they would pay only a small fraction of the debt.

In his helplessness and hopelessness the man prostrated himself at the feet of the king, acknowledged his debt, over which he failed to display any remorse and for which he declined to request forgiveness, then begged for time and made the promise to pay the enormous debt, which was an utter impossibility. Instead of granting the request of the debtor, the king freely and fully liquidated the entire indebtedness of this helpless and hopeless man.

This man's doing obeisance and imploring his master to exercise mercy in the form of an extension of time to allow him to pay graphically portrays

an unsaved person, hopelessly in debt to God and without resources to meet his obligation, who imagines that in time he will be able to make compensation to God for all his iniquities and that he can somehow overbalance the weight of his guilt with his so-called "good" deeds, if given an opportunity, but such is an utter impossibility. The action of the king in this story pictures or illustrates beautifully how freely and completely God forgives a penitent and believing sinner.

Immediately after this man's immense debt was cancelled, he went out and found a fellow-servant who owed him a very small sum of money, laid hold on him in a violent manner, choked him and demanded payment at once. Unable to pay the debt, this man fell down at his feet in submission and made exactly the same request of him that he had made of the king to whom he had owed an enormous amount of money. This cruel, merciless and heartless wretch denied this request and cast him into prison, thereby taking from him the privilege of working and paying his debt in due time. What a pity that he who had been treated so graciously should be so unforgiving, unmerciful and cruel in his dealings with his fellow-servant! What a sad commentary on human nature! From this parable we learn that God will not forgive an unforgiving person. When any person has truly experienced the grace of God he is able to deal graciously with others.

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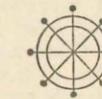
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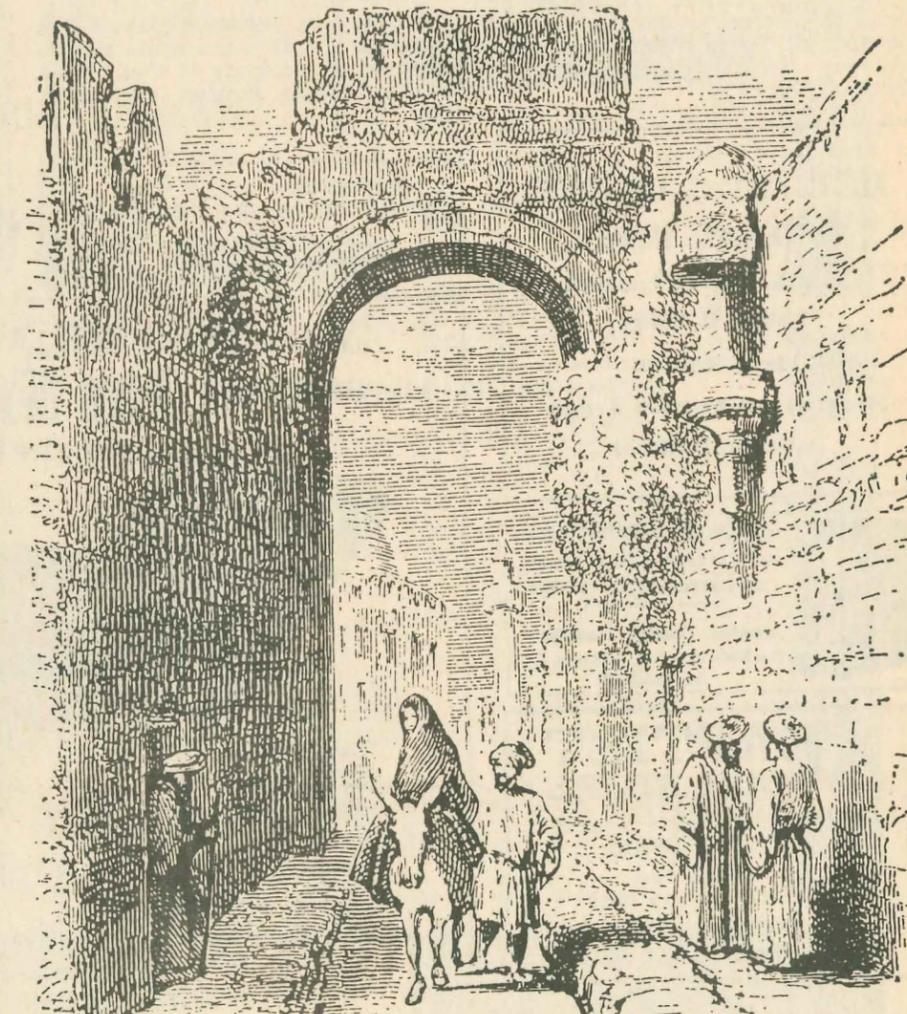
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# Gleanings

Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., has been appointed visiting lecturer for the spring semester at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Pruden currently is also serving as pastor-in-residence at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

A native of Virginia, he is a graduate of the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., for 33 years until retiring in 1969. He has been active in denominational affairs of both the American and Southern Baptist Convention: The Washington church is dually aligned with both conventions. He also has been president of the Washington Council of Churches and a member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected president of the Association of Baptist State Executive Secretaries during annual session in Sarasota, Florida.

Vice president elected by the state executive secretaries was Paul James of the Baptist Convention of New York and secretary-treasurer was James Smith of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Most of the sessions were devoted to sharing of common problems among the executive secretaries of the 32 Baptist state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Kentucky executive secretary Harold Sanders presided over the sessions as president. (BP)

Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has resigned her position to devote more time to personal concert appearances.

Her associate at the commission, Miss Loen Bushman, also has resigned in order to travel with Miss Shelton as her accompanist.

A widely known religious soloist, Miss Shelton has been featured on numerous radio and television programs produced by the commission and has been director of the Baptist Hour choir. She has recorded several religious music albums.

In 1969, Miss Shelton organized The Centurymen, a 100-voice men's chorale composed of ministers of music from Southern Baptist churches in 22 states. (BP)

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Ami Quinard	Lady Hillingdon	Picture	Condesa de Sastago	Blanche Mallerin	Cl. Paul Scarlet
Charlotte Armstrong	Lowell Thomas	Show Girl	Forty Niner	K. Louise	Cl. Pink Radiance

FLOWERING SHRUBS	SHADE & FLOWERING TREES	BULBS & PERENNIALS
RED WEIGELIA, yellow, 3-1/2 to 5 ft. . . . . 35 1.59	MAGNOLIA 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 49 1.29	CANNAS, red, pink, yellow . . . . . EACH 5 for 39 1.89
DEUTZIA, snow white . . . . . 39 1.79	SILVER MAPLE, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 39 1.03	PEONIES, red, white, pink . . . . . 89 3.79
MOCK ORANGE, white . . . . . 39 1.79	SILVER MAPLE, 3-1/2 to 5 ft. . . . . 89 2.48	IRIS, yellow, blue, white, purple . . . . . 39 1.89
PINK SPIREA . . . . . 29 1.29	MIMOSA, 4-1/2 to 6 ft. . . . . 59 1.59	HOLLIBOCKS, mixed colors, roots . . . . . 39 1.89
ALTHEA DOUBLE, red, pink, white . . . . . 39 1.79	MIMOSA, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	SHASTA DAISIES, root division . . . . . 39 1.89
PUSSY WILLOW, bears catkins . . . . . 49 2.29	RED BUD, 5-1/2 to 7 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	RED CARNATIONS, red . . . . . 39 1.89
RED BUSH HONEYSUCKLE . . . . . 39 1.79	RED BUD, 1-1/2 to 4 ft. . . . . 69 1.89	ORIENTAL POPPY, scarlet . . . . . 39 1.89
FLOWERING ALMOND, pink . . . . . 79 3.69	WHITE FL. DOGWOOD, 2-1/2 to 4 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	HIBISCUS, red, pink, yellow . . . . . 39 1.89
CREPE MYRTLE, red or pink . . . . . 79 3.69	RED FL. PEACH, 2-1/2 to 4 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	GLADIOLA, red, pink, yellow . . . . . 39 1.89
HYDRANGEA P.G., pinkish white . . . . . 39 1.79	PINK FL. DOGWOOD, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 2.18 6.29	CREeping PHLOX, pink, blue, white . . . . . 39 1.89
SPIREA VAN HOUTEI, white flower . . . . . 25 1.11	RED LEAF PLUM, 2-1/2 to 4 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	PAMPAS GRASS, white plumes . . . . . 39 1.89
CYDONIA JAPONICA, red flowers . . . . . 49 2.29	TULIP TREE, 4-1/2 to 6 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	VIOLETS, hardy blue . . . . . 39 1.89
PERSIAN LILAC, old favorite orch. . . . . 69 3.19	GOLDEN RAIN TREE, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . .98 2.79	CHRISTMAS FERN, for outdoors . . . . . 39 1.89
PINK BUSH HONEYSUCKLE . . . . . 39 1.79	GINGKO TREE, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	TRITOMA, red hot poker . . . . . 39 1.89
FLOWERING ALMOND, pink . . . . . 79 3.69	MAGNOLIA SOULANGEANA, 1-1/2 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.89 5.29	ASTERS HARDY, red, pink, blue . . . . . 39 1.89
PINK AZALEA . . . . . 49 2.29	LOMBARDY POPLAR, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	CUSHION MUMS, red, yellow, pink . . . . . 39 1.89
FLOWERING CRABS, red, pink . . . . . 1.08 5.19	SWEET GUM, 3-1/2 to 5 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	(All Perennials and Bulbs are 1 yr. or older)
COMMON PURPLE LILAC, purple . . . . . 69 3.19	PIN OAK, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . .99 2.79	<b>EVERGREENS</b>
TAMARIX, lavender pink . . . . . 49 2.29	SCARLET MAPLE, 4-1/2 to 6 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	MAGNOLIA, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 79 2.18
ALTHEA ROSE OF SHARON . . . . . 29 1.29	TREE OF HEAVEN, 3-1/2 to 5 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	SOUTHERN JAP YEW, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 79 2.18
RED ALTHEA . . . . . 29 1.29	CHINESE ELM, 2 to 3 ft. . . . . 49 1.29	MOUNTAIN LAUREL, 1 ft. . . . . 59 1.59
RED SNOWBERRY, red berries . . . . . 49 2.29	MOUNTAIN ASH, 2 to 3 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	ABELIA, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 35 1.91
SNOWBALL, white flowers . . . . . 49 2.29	WILLOW OAK, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 79 2.19	BOXWOOD, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 59 1.59
WISTERIA VINE, purple flowers . . . . . 59 2.79	PURPLE LEAF PLUM, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	PFITZER JUNIPER, spreading 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 99 2.79
(Above shrubs 1 to 2 ft. tall, 1 to 2 yrs. old)	NORWAY MAPLE, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	WAX LEAF LIGUSTRUM, 1 to 1-1/2 ft. . . . . 79 2.18
	CUCUMBER TREE, 2 to 3 ft. . . . . 1.09 3.09	RHOENODORON, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 89 2.49
	LINDEN TREE, 1 to 2 ft. . . . . 1.18 3.29	COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 69 1.89
		NANDINA, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 69 1.89
		RED BERRY PYRACANTHA, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 99 2.79
		GARDENIA, 1 to 1-1/2 ft. . . . . 79 2.18
		CAMELIA SASANQUA, 1 ft. . . . . 99 2.79
		BUFORDI HOLLY, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 89 2.49
		CANADA HEMLOCK, 1 to 1-1/2 ft. . . . . 29 75
		HETZI JUNIPER, spreading 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 99 2.79
		IRISH JUNIPER, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 99 2.79
		DWARF YUONON HOLLY, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 79 2.18
		AMERICAN HOLLY, 1/2 to 1 ft. . . . . 35 91
		(Above Evergreens are 1 or 2 yrs. old)

**FRUIT TREES**

PEACHES: Varieties, Elberta, Hale Haven, Indian Cling, Early Elberta, J. H. Hale, Mayflower. Prices 2 ft. to 3 ft. 89¢; 3 ft. to 4 ft. \$1.29.

APPLES: Varieties, Red Delicious, Red Jonathan, Red Stayman, Winesap, Yellow Delicious, Grimes Gold, Lady, Yellow Transparent. Prices 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.29; 3 ft. to 4 ft. \$1.49.

APRICOTS: Varieties, Moorpark, Early Golden; prices 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.09, 3 to 4 ft. \$1.49.

CHERRIES: Varieties, Early Richmond, Montmorency. Prices 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.29, 3 ft. to 4 ft. \$1.89.

PEARS: Varieties, Bartlett, Garber, Keiffer, Douglas. Prices 2 to 3 ft. \$1.29, 3 ft. to 4 ft. \$1.49.

PLUMS: Varieties, Bruce, Blue Damson, Burbank, Red June. Prices 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.09, 3 ft. to 4 ft. \$1.49.

GRAPE VINES: Concord, Niagara. Prices 1 yr. 79¢; 2 yr. size 99¢.

CHINESE CHESTNUT, 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.69.

BLACK WALNUT, 1 to 2 ft. 89¢.

HARDY PECAN 1/2 to 1 ft. \$1.29, 1 ft. to 2 ft. \$1.49.

SHELLBARK HICKORY, 1 to 2 ft. 99¢.

PERSIMMON KAKI, 1 ft. to 2 ft. \$1.29.

BLACKBERRIES, 1 yr. plants, 1/2 to 1 ft. 29¢ each.

DEWBERRIES, 1 yr. plants, 1/2 ft. to 1 ft. 29¢ each.

BOYSENBERRIES, 1 yr. plants, 1/2 to 1 ft. 39¢ each.

YOUNGBERRIES, 1 yr. plants, 1/2 to 1 ft. 39¢ each.

RASPBERRIES, red or black, 1 yr. 1/2 to 1 ft. 49¢ each.

FIG BUSHES: Varieties, Magnolia, Texas Everbearing. Celestial, Brown Turkey. Prices, 12 to 18 inches \$1.29, 1-1/2 to 2 ft. \$1.49, 2 ft. to 3 ft. \$1.89.

STRAWBERRIES: Gem Everbearing. Price 25 plants \$1.79.

**HEDGE PLANTS**

100 SOUTH PRIVET EVERGREEN HEDGE . . . . . 2.49

50 SOUTH PRIVET EVERGREEN HEDGE . . . . . 1.89

25 MULTIFLORA FENCE ROSES . . . . . 3.49

25 LOMBARDY POPLAR FOR HEDGE . . . . . 3.49

(All hedge 1 to 2 ft. tall, 1 or 2 yrs. old.)

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## Youth Night Merged

# Kentucky Hosts Missionary Appointment Service April 20

Kentucky Baptists will host the April Foreign Mission Board Missionary Appointment Service April 20 at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Scheduled to begin at 7:15 Tuesday evening, the Appointment Service will highlight the annual session of the Foreign Mission Board which will meet in Kentucky for the first time in history April 19-21.

Over 20,000 persons are expected to jam Freedom Hall for the event, according to Appointment Service steering committee co-chairmen G. Allen West, executive director of Long Run Baptist Association, and Harold Sanders, KBC executive secretary.

"This is one of the greatest spiritual experiences one will ever have the privilege of witnessing," said West. "You just can't put into words the reaction to hearing the testimonies of the new missionaries and the dynamic missionary sermon by Baker James Cauthen." Cauthen is executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Sanders said that many churches across Kentucky will bring bus loads of people for the Appointment Service. "There is no better way to get a first hand glimpse of our foreign mission program than to attend the Appointment Service," he said.

Baptists in Ohio and Indiana have also been invited to attend the special foreign mission program. "Many of these churches have already told us of plans to attend the service," said Sanders.

Because of some early confusion about the place of Youth Night in the

Appointment Service, West and Sanders offered explanatory remarks.

"Some have assumed that the Appointment Service is the program for the annual Youth Night," they said. "This is not true.

"Youth Night was combined with the Appointment Service because this meeting is so important that we wanted the young people to attend," they continued. "We felt more young people would attend if we stressed this meeting instead of trying to promote two separate events."

Sanders said this was his understanding when he asked the Kentucky Baptist Convention last November to combine Youth Night with the Appointment Service.

"But we want more than young people to attend," West pointed out. "This meeting is for all of our church leaders. Every deacon, Sunday School or Church Training worker, every age group worker, every single Baptist ought to attend this service."

The youth emphasis will be carried out in the music program featuring two massed youth choirs.

A high school age choir under the direction of Eugene Sutherland, minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, will render several anthems and songs, as will a college age choir.

State music secretary Eugene Quinn is coordinating the music program. Those interested in more information may contact him at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

## In Mississippi

# Tornados Destroy Four Churches

A series of tornados, described as the worst to hit Mississippi in three decades, destroyed or seriously damaged at least four Southern Baptist churches in the Delta area of the state.

Damage and destruction was cited at First Baptist Church, Inverness; Delta City Baptist Church, Delta City; Central Baptist Church, Little Yazoo; and Tillatoba Baptist Church, Tillatoba, Mississippi.

Pastors' homes at each of these churches were also destroyed or damaged, according to reports received by the *Baptist Record*, Baptist state paper.

Mississippi Baptist Convention executive secretary W. Douglas Hudgins and W. R. Roberts, the convention's pension board representative, spent two days in

## Graham Urges Student Consistency On Sex, Overpopulation Concern

Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to 3,000 students at Gardner-Webb College (Baptist) in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, said that youth who are so concerned about overpopulation should "first stop engaging in back-seat sex relations before you criticize overpopulation.

"You young people want to stop wars, and that is a good idea," Graham went on. "But what are you doing about the killing on our own highways? Half of the more than 50,000 highway deaths involve drinking drivers, and half of these are teenagers.

"It is easy to debate and argue," Graham added, "but it is hard to become committed to something worthwhile."

Graham labeled today's generation of young people "the uncommitted generation" and charged that they are quick to blame society and look for a scapegoat for their own failures.

He issued a plea for youth to commit their lives to Jesus Christ, who "can give you young people everything you want." (BP)



**SEMINARY APARTMENT** — The new apartment building for married students at the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, has its first occupants this semester. It contains five 2-room and five 3-room units for students. On the top floor is another 3-room apartment for a professor and his family.