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## Revival Reports

Andy Humphries, Hopkinsville, was the weekend evangelist for **Poplar Grove Baptist Church**, Casey County. One public rededication resulted at this church. Jim Murphy is pastor of Poplar Grove Church. Assisting in this effort were Mike Crain, songleader, Texas, Kentucky; James Whithers, pianist, Hart County; Glo Searcy, special music, Nicholasville; and Debby Brown, social director, Fern Creek.

A team led by Bob White, Frankfort, Kentucky, conducted weekend services at the **First Baptist Church**, Scottsville. The results were one each for profession of faith, commitment to full-time Christian service, and rededication. Other college students on this team were Greg Gaby, Flint, Michigan, songleader; Albert Gates, Greenwood, Indiana, pianist; and Keith Bohanon, Indianapolis, Indiana, social director. Bill Tichenor is pastor of the First Church, Scottsville.

The **Baptist Student Union** of Campbellsville College reports that they have youth teams who lead revivals in churches who desire youth-led revivals. These young people give of their time sacrificially to aid these churches. Any love offering taken goes to the local BSU with two-thirds going to the BSU sponsored summer missions program and one-third going to Campus Ministry. Anyone desiring a youth team or further information contact Bob White, Youth Team Chairman, Box 88, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718.

## Missionary News

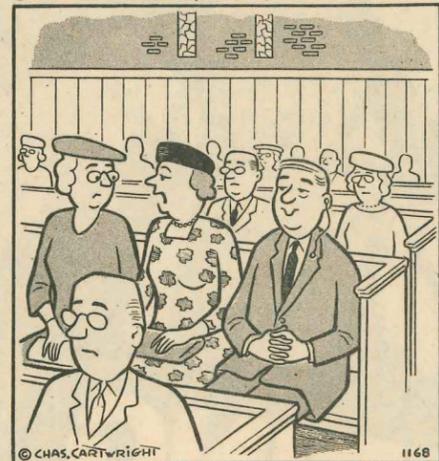
Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Florence, Jr., completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Georgia, on April 16. Until their departure May 29 for Colombia, they may be addressed at 5516 Inwood Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40214. Florence grew up in northern Kentucky and Mrs. Florence, nee Betty Vater, grew up in northern Kentucky and Ohio. He was pastor of Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, for twelve-and-a-half years before they

were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last December.

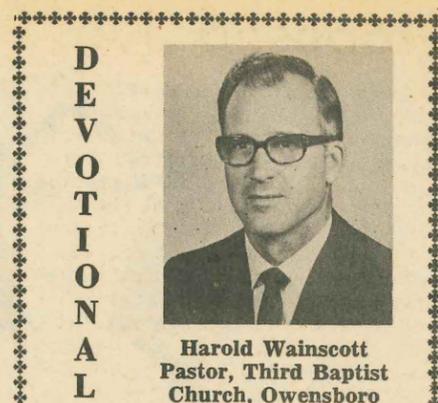
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Graham completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Georgia, on April 16. They were scheduled to leave April 26 for language study in Costa Rica (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). Born in Rockwood, Tennessee, he lived in Hueytown and Bessemer, Alabama, while growing up. Mrs. Graham, nee Jean Harrell, is a native of Montealla, Alabama. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last October, he was pastor of churches in Clanton and Birmingham, Alabama, and Cox's Creek, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark Thomas, Southern Baptist missionaries who have completed a short furlough in the States, were scheduled to arrive April 19 in Malaysia (address: 40A-D, MK 17, Batu Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia). Both are native Kentuckians. Thomas was born in Hopkinsville and grew up in Cadiz and Mrs. Thomas, nee Ruth Douglas, was born in Calloway County and reared in Lone Oak. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"When money is mentioned, he switches off his hearing aid!"



Harold Wainscott  
Pastor, Third Baptist  
Church, Owensboro

## Can It Happen In Our Day?

Are they all over? — God's mighty acts, I mean. Some people must think so because they talk about "the post Christian era," and when they want to illustrate God's mighty power to redeem, they refer to the days of Wesley, Moody or Finney. But, "is that all there is?"

Gideon thought it was. The Midianites were in power. They had destroyed the produce of the land. His people were living in caves, dens and strongholds of the mountains. Lest he be robbed of what little wheat he had left, he was down by a wine press stomping it out with his feet. The prospects of God doing anything were pretty dim. It is no wonder he complained, "if the Lord be with us... where are all His miracles which our fathers told us of?" Perhaps too many of us are uttering Gideon's complaint.

How does God answer us when we think it is all over? He restored Gideon's image by addressing him as a "mighty man of valour." We do well to remember who we are... sons of God! Gideon had the power. God said, "go, in this thy might." We have all the power we need in the Holy Spirit. God gave him ample reason to expect something to happen. The answer was simple, "I have sent you and I will be with you." This was all he needed.

When Gideon responded to God's command and promise, he found himself right in the middle of one of God's greatest acts. He didn't have to refer to what happened in the days of his fathers. It was happening right around him and he was a part of it.

Don't you think it would happen again if we went out to witness under our Lord's command claiming the promise of the power of His presence? "Go, have not I sent thee." — Judges 6:11-14

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**WESTERN RECORDER**  
. . . to a friend

## Proposed Job Description For Exec. Secretary

*Editorial Note: The committee entrusted with the responsibility of formulating a job description and nominating the next executive-secretary for Kentucky Baptists is anxious to keep all Kentucky Baptists abreast of its progress. The following job description for this important post will be submitted for consideration by the Executive Board in its meeting on May 3, 4. With the permission of Committee Chairman David Nelson it is being shared with our readers with the understanding it is subject to revision when presented next week.*

No job description can give a detailed outline of the day-to-day duties of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Therefore, a job-description of this office is, of necessity, a broad outline which provides the guidelines for the discharge of the duties of the office. Such guidelines should provide both direction and protection for the man, the Executive Board Staff, the Executive Board, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer must be a leader. As a leader he is to be a man of vision, sensitive to the will of God and the pulse beat of Kentucky Baptists; manifesting a spirit which breeds unity, confidence and inspiration; able to grace the pulpit, effectively presenting the program of Kentucky Baptists and the challenge of God in churches small and large.

Recognizing that no man could possess every characteristic of an ideal Executive Secretary-Treasurer, we must be mindful of our need to seek God's man. For it is our belief that God's man will be equal to the responsibilities of the office, and that Kentucky Baptists will follow and support God's man.

### Job description

#### I. Definition of office:

The office shall be that of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for developing and maintaining open and effective communications between the Executive Board, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, its agencies and institutions.

#### II. Election:

1. The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall have the power of electing the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and of terminating his services. His shall be an indefinite term of service subject to the Board's retirement policy.

2. The Kentucky Baptist Convention shall be asked to ratify the election of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Elect.

#### III. Duties of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer:

1. He shall provide strong and effective leadership for promoting the program of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

2. He shall promote the budget and the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and, under the jurisdiction of the Executive Board, he shall provide effective and cooperative leadership for all the programs of the Convention.

3. He shall serve as Treasurer of the Convention and its Executive Board, and shall be responsible for the distribution of all funds received as directed by the State Convention, or the annual budget of the Convention, or upon direction by the Executive Board. He shall work with the budget committee in preparing a budget for the Executive Board to be recommended to the State Convention. He shall see that proper financial records are kept, audited and reports rendered. He shall make an annual report of the receipts, disbursements, expenses and investments.

#### IV. Relationships:

##### A. Executive Board:

1. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Executive Board. He shall have the power of attorney as authorized by the Executive Board.

2. He shall coordinate the work of all units of the Executive Board Staff.

3. He shall provide staff assistance to the Executive Board, to all Executive Board committees and to the Convention committees which may request it.

4. He shall notify all Executive Board committee members of meetings after consultation with the chairmen of the committees, and arrange for necessary facilities and staff assistance.

5. He shall see that the annual report of the Executive Board is prepared for the Convention, and after approval of the report by the Executive Board, shall present it to the Convention at its annual meeting.

##### B. Executive Board Staff:

1. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall supervise and coordinate the work of the entire Executive Board staff. He should seek to delegate substantial responsibility to his staff associates while maintaining general executive direction. We believe that a regular staff meeting with free open communication will greatly facilitate the work of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and of all staff personnel.

2. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall work with the Administrative Committee to nominate all key assistants, department heads, and their

associates. The Board, however, retains the power of electing these officers and terminating their services.

3. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall, upon the request of a department head, make proper arrangements for that department head to appear before the Administrative Committee for the purpose of presenting recommendations, suggestions, ideas, or grievances.

##### C. Convention:

1. While no one person can speak for Kentucky Baptists, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall seek to keep responsible communications open and effective between the Executive Board, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and all its agencies and institutions. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the Convention should concur in releases to the general public which affect the life, work, and spirit of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and its Executive Board.

2. He shall have floor privileges at all sessions of the State Convention.

3. He shall see that all matters referred to the Executive Board by the Convention are brought to the attention of the Board and its appropriate committees.

4. He shall maintain open communication with the churches and cooperative working relationships with the officers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

5. He shall seek to encourage and promote the general welfare of the total life of Kentucky Baptists in his interests, personal influence, and Christian charity. He should grace the office with wise, mature and inspiring leadership.

##### D. Committees:

1. He shall have permanent membership on three (3) Convention committees (Committee on Public Affairs, Committee on Order of Business, Committee on Arrangements).

2. He shall serve as advisor and resource person to all other Convention committees at their request.

3. He shall be an ex officio member, non voting, of all Executive Board committees, unless otherwise stated.

4. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer's work shall be supervised by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board between meetings of the Executive Board and his work shall be evaluated by the Administrative Committee on a continuing basis.

5. The office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall require all committees of the Executive Board and of the Convention to send signed copies of their minutes for filing in the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office. The various committees, including the

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

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### A Moving Experience For Thousands Of Baptists

Many historic Baptist events have taken place in Louisville and Kentucky but none more unique and impressive than the appointment of 27 Southern Baptist Foreign missionaries in special services in Freedom Hall on April 20. In the words of Dr. Allen West, Long Run Associational Executive Director and one of the prime planners in the affair, the occasion was an example of what can happen where several Baptist agencies and institutions on the state and convention level combine resources and planning.

According to what appears to have been a truly inspired idea, the Foreign Mission Board has recently inaugurated a plan of taking one of its three annual full board meetings along with an appointment service to some Baptist center other than its home base in Richmond. Last year the first venture was in Dallas, this year Louisville was favored with this meeting and service.

Louisville Baptists, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Kentucky Baptist Convention were quick to capitalize on the infinite possibilities of the event. So Dr. Allen West of the Long Run Association, Dr. Duke McCall of Southern Seminary and Dr. Harold Sanders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention with the full cooperation of Foreign Mission Board secretary, Dr. Baker James Cauthen and his staff went to work to make it an unforgettable occasion.

The service of so many persons was required for such a production and so many made invaluable contributions that to try to pass out bouquets would be grossly unfair. Besides, it was not an occasion to magnify human contributions but to recognize and glorify the Lord.

The only way to know what happened at the service was to have been present and doubtlessly a wide variety of impressions was experienced by the approximately 7,000 people present. Here are some impressions of one observer who intentionally sat high in the stands to try to experience the occasion with the grass roots Baptists, many of whom were viewing such a service for the first time.

The most important people present were the thousands of youth among whom were 3,500 or more high schoolers and college youth from 128 youth choirs of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. The Southern Seminary choirs augmented the inspiring musical service. It was

inspired planning to use such an occasion for the annual Kentucky Baptist Youth Rally. These young people were the most attentive and least restless during the two hour program of any of those who have attended our youth rallies in Kentucky according to this observer. The carnival atmosphere which has too often characterized these meetings was almost totally absent this year.

The spiritual heroes of the occasion without a doubt were the 27 young people who amidst their tears and those of their families gave their moving testimonies of God's call and their response to mission service. The candor, honesty, sincerity and unqualified commitment that shown through their brief testimonies make the deepest impact upon the youth as well as the adults present. Some of these 27 had heard the Lord's call very young, others only in recent years but most had been in intense preparation for up to ten years for this climactic moment. Months of orientation and years of language study still await most of them before they will feel able for the most effective service for their Lord on foreign fields.

The most inspiring and hopeful sight of the night was the 145 high schoolers along with some others who responded to the invitation to offer themselves as missionaries as the Lord would lead them in years ahead. It is only realistic to recognize many of these will never be appointed and commissioned as missionaries. Only the Lord knows how many will finally make it but some most surely will one day stand where the 27 appointees stood last Tuesday night if the world stands and as long as Baptist youth respond in such a way, the Lord will have witnesses in word and deed of His gospel to send out to the ends of the earth with Southern Baptist support.

The most fortunate ones present for the occasion were the thousands of us whose hearts were moved by what we saw and felt in such a meaningful service. Not to be more committed as missionaries where we are and stronger in support of missions around the world is unthinkable after such an experience.

The one unfortunate sight on this memorable occasion was the empty seats visible in the 18,000 plus capacity meeting place which should have been occupied by both Baptist youth and adults in Louisville and Kentucky in search for their reason for being and for participating in the world wide mission enterprise of the Lord through Southern Baptists.

### Guest Editorial

### The Christian's Responsibility Toward Law

Saturday, May 1, has been designated by the Congress of the United States as Law Day USA. The Southern Baptist

By Foy Valentine  
Christian Life Commission

Convention in Denver passed a resolution commending to the churches the observance of this important emphasis on April 25, the Sunday preceding. This special attention being focused on law provides the occasion for considering some matters of very great significance to Christian citizens.

The need for the emphasis is obvious.

The rule of law is in jeopardy in this nation.

Laws are minimized and loopholes are maximized.

The spirit of the law is denied and even the letter of the law is despised.

Justice is on the scaffold. Screaming headlines are given to criminals who rob banks while clemency is quietly arranged for influential executives who criminally embezzle far greater amounts. A young man goes to prison for a year for stealing \$20 worth of trinkets while a prominent person who has cheated his fellow taxpayers out of many thousands of dollars is apologetically given a suspended sentence. The poor recipients of paltry welfare funds are officially hounded and publicly criticized while fantastic subsidies are shamelessly provided for the rich.

One of the most emotion-laden issues to confront Americans in decades is that of the My Lai massacre and the subsequent trial, conviction, and appeal of Lt. William Calley. This whole unfortunate and tragic affair could much better have been made the occasion for the nation's commitment to law, respect for the due processes of law and acceptance of the rule of law than the occasion for irrational hysteria, maneuvering for political mileage and rejection of the majesty of the law. Do not Christians know a better way?

Christians "are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14) is Paul's well-known statement. This profoundly important point may be grievously perverted, however, even by well-meaning Christians who may come to imagine that they are above the law. Undisciplined grace is unbiblical grace; and it is a tragic departure from Paul's equally valid point that it is the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) that has superseded the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). James twice speaks of the "law of liberty" (1:25; 2:12) under which easy yoke Christians live

and work. The lawless life, moreover, represents a reprehensible denial of Christ's clear statement that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). Irresponsible freedom is a concept utterly foreign to the Bible's clear teachings. The Bible affirms that the people of God are responsible not only to Him but also to laws and the concept of law, to rulers and rules, to governors and governments.

There are, of course, alternatives to the rule of law. A society may evolve two sets of laws, one for the rich and the other for the poor thereby assuring the ultimate breakdown of both. Every man may be a law unto himself, doing that which is right in his own eyes. Anarchy may prevail. Lawlessness may temporarily become the rule rather than the exception.

The real alternative to the rule of law, however, is not lawlessness but totalitarianism. Always standing in the wings of any civilization are the forces of organized violence ready to move on stage and curb anarchy's wild excesses.

It is axiomatic that the have press for law and order while the have nots press for change to bring justice. In this continuing struggle, Christians do not want to be mere tools for either the have or the have nots. We rather want to press for needed changes while working within the rule of law, exercising power to effect change while using the tools of reason and law.

What can Christians do?

Recognize that law is of divine appointment. Obey the law. Pray for those in authority. Carefully maintain ultimate loyalty to God, using moral discernment in support of human laws. Work for changing bad laws (such as those which allow drunk drivers to continue to menace others on the highways), improving weak laws (such as tax laws with unconscionable loopholes), and strengthening important laws (such as the much battered separation of church and state doctrine embodied in the First Amendment to the Constitution).

Christians can and should maintain a position of Christian responsibility before the law, to the law, and for the law. A good time for us all to rededicate our lives to God at this point is Law Day USA, May 1.

#### CALLEY EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

Let me express my appreciation for your editorial of April 17, the discussion of response to the conviction of Lt. William Calley. It was, I think, an excellent essay, giving due regard to a number of opinions in the case yet



refusing to abandon a Christian perspective or to permit Christians under the guise of patriotism to condone murder.

A large percentage of your readers

doubtless have access to no other theological publication than the *Western Recorder*, and for this reason your attention to news stories, and your attempt to shine the light of theological enlightenment on them, is most significant for Kentucky Baptists. I hope that in spite of the criticism that you may

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## Drys Victorious In Three Cities

All three of the cities in Kentucky, Murray, Morehead and Earlington, where votes on April 20 on legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages in hitherto dry territories were won by the dry forces. In two of the cities, Murray and Earlington, the margins in favor of continuing the ban on legal sales of strong drink were decisive.

The unofficial vote at Earlington was 501 to 247 against legalized sale. The Murray unofficial count was 2,649 to

By C. R. Daley,  
Editor, Western Recorder

1,410 against legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverage. In the other city, Morehead, the vote was somewhat closer where the "drys" won by a vote of 764 to 530.

One of the most surprising of all the outcomes in the voting occurred in Murray where the precinct comprising Murray State University went 286 to 156 against legal sale. An intense campaign by the "wets" in Murray was more than met by efforts of those opposing legal sales, but some observers were surprised by the decisiveness of the victory margin. It was the first wet-dry vote in Murray in 33 years and the spirited efforts on the part of both sides were reflected in that 75 percent of those eligible voted in the election.

In Morehead the last wet-dry election was in 1944 when all of Rowan

County voted to switch from wet to dry. Earlington's last vote on the wet-dry issue was 11 years ago.

A *Western Recorder* editorial recently praised the efforts of the local churches, pastors and citizens in these communities for their determination to prevent legalized sales of alcoholic beverages. The victories, however, were more decisive than most of us even hoped for and is surprising in light of the growing lenient attitude on the part of so many today on moral issues.

These victories for moral forces again demonstrate that citizens can be aroused and united on such an evil as alcohol and when all those concerned unite their efforts, victory is not only possible but can be decisive. Such victories in these three communities should give heart to other cities and counties when the occasion comes to stand up and be counted.

While the determination and work necessary for such victories must always come from the local communities, there is an effective organization in Kentucky which always is on the job to help with the experience and expertise needed to aid local communities. This is the Temperance League of Kentucky led by its able and tireless director, Delbert Butts. Delbert is the first one to give the Lord the credit but all who look to him for counsel and help are vocal in praise of his contributions.

## Miss Martin Accepts WMU Post

Miss Mickey Martin has resigned as an associate in the church training department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to accept a position with the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Alabama.

Effective May 15, Miss Martin will become director of Mission Friends and Girls in Action for this SBC mission organization.

Since 1958, she has been an associate in the church training department responsible for pre-school and children's work. Prior to that time she was education director for the First Baptist Church of Mayfield.



Miss Martin

A native of Virginia, the educational worker attended Campbellsville College and graduated from Georgetown College. She also holds the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary.

Currently Miss Martin is a vice president of the Southern Baptist Religious

Education Association. She is the only woman to be president of the Kentucky Religious Education Association having served in 1964-65.

Articles authored by Miss Martin have appeared in numerous church training magazines, the *Church Nursery Guide* and *Becoming for Leaders*.

Speaking of his associate's work, Kentucky Church Training secretary James Whaley said, "Of all the professional children's workers I know, Mickey Martin has one of the best and most practical understandings of how to lead children in a church setting. Her equal ability to communicate with adults has brought her recognition as one of the most outstanding children's workers in the Southern Baptist Convention."

"I personally thank the Lord for the privilege of working with Mickey these thirteen years," Whaley said.

Miss Martin is a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, where she served as director of the grade 7 youth department in Sunday School and leader of the children's department (grades 4-6) in the church training program.



### Leadership to Cedarmore

What wonderful opportunities are offered to our leadership in the churches, association, and agencies at our State Baptist Assembly at Cedarmore, this summer and fall!

Known for its beauty and comfort, the Assembly facility invites you to beautiful surroundings of nature, to congenial friends with like concerns in the church and the Lord, and to well-arranged meetings to fit the specific needs of different leaders in our churches. Here is the bare schedule to pick from — and to make a reservation for now: Cedarmore Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003 — send \$3 registration fee.

### The schedule

MAY: 10-13 SBC Development Officers and Foundation Executives Institute; 13-14 Stewardship - Foundation Conference — Associational stewardship chairmen, moderators, missionaries, and others interested; 13 6:00 p.m. Banquet Annual Trustees Orientation Service, all Kentucky Agencies; 14-16 Baptist Young Women's Week End; 18-19 Baptist Women's Conference.

JUNE: 7-12 RA Camp Counselor Training Week; 11-12 WMU Camp Leadership Workshop; 14-18 WMU Promotional Conference and Executive Board Meeting; 25-27 Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf.

JULY: 5-9 Youth Assembly; 20-21 Associational Missionaries Workshop; 26-30 Music Assembly.

AUGUST: 2-4 Training Union Leadership Conference; 5-7 Training Union Leadership Conference; 9-11 Sunday School Conference; 12-14 Sunday School Conference; 15-17 BSU Presidents and Campus Ministers Conference; 30-Sept. 3 WMU Conference.

SEPTEMBER: 4-6 WMU Week End Conference; 17-18 Pastor-Training Union Director Retreat.

OCTOBER: 15-17 Young Married Couples Mission Conference; 29-30 Associational Officers Briefing Meeting.

NOVEMBER: 22-23 January Bible Study Preview; 26 Drama Festival.

### Come, have fun

Cedarmore is a happy place, and you can be a part of it. So many worship opportunities and training experiences — so much natural beauty all around — and so many fine teachers and speakers — and many friends who are interested in your concerns — plus fun, fellowship, recreation!

—Harold G. Sanders

## Fisher Featured At Stewardship Confab, Trustee Banquet

Ben C. Fisher will be the featured speaker at the Stewardship-Foundation Conference and the Banquet and Orientation meeting of the boards of trustees for Kentucky Baptist agencies and institutions.



Fisher

### Truman Smith Named Family Consultant By Foreign Mission Board

An administrative staff member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been named by that agency to fill its newly created position of Missionary Family Consultant, effective May 15.

Truman S. Smith, who has served as an associate secretary for missionary personnel since 1964, was elected to the new post during a semiannual meeting of the full board membership in Louisville.

Smith said he will be involved mainly in the "exploration of resources to assist in missionary family life." This includes finding resource materials and specialists that can be related to specific problems, such as those involving missionary children, dormitories, etc.

As an associate secretary for missionary personnel, Smith worked with prospective missionaries in the southeastern part of the United States, including those in Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and New Orleans (Louisiana) Baptist Theological Seminary.

He counseled with prospective missionaries, shared information with them and helped them examine their motivation and qualifications. He worked closely with board staff members to evaluate candidates and worked with others in his department to determine policy for missionary selection, orientation and for increasing the overseas force.

Smith came to the Foreign Mission Board staff in 1964 from the staff of Southeastern Seminary, where he had been an instructor in pastoral care for five years and director of student activities for three years. He also had been associate director of field work.

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A former Christian education secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Fisher now holds the title of executive secretary of the SBC Christian Education Commission.

The Stewardship-Foundation Conference begins Thursday, May 13, and closes the following day. It is designed for pastors, associational moderators, missionaries and stewardship chairmen from across Kentucky.

In addition to Fisher, others on the program include Michael Speer, who will discuss changes in stewardship development and promotion materials, and Ben Gill who will discuss creative ways of fund raising. Speer currently works with the SBC Stewardship Com-

mission and is the former stewardship secretary of Kentucky. Gill directs the endowment and capital giving programs of the Stewardship Commission.

Jesse Stricker and Grady Randolph, Kentucky stewardship and foundation secretaries respectively, will also participate in the two day event.

Thursday evening the conference participants will join the board members for the annual banquet and orientation at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly's Boone Lodge. Fisher will highlight the evening with his address entitled "The Responsible Trustee."

Those interested in attending the Stewardship-Foundation Conference may contact the stewardship promotion department at the Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

Those desiring to attend the annual banquet and orientation meeting for trustees may contact KBC executive secretary Harold Sanders at the Baptist Building.

## George Schroeder Resigns Post As Brotherhood Commis. Exec.

George William Schroeder resigned effective April 30, as executive secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood Commission after more than 19 years as chief administrator of the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

The resignation because of illness was accepted by the Executive Committee of the agency in its quarterly meeting April 22 in Memphis. Schroeder has been ill since July, 1970.

Jerry Glisson, chairman of the executive committee of the agency, said his committee will arrange an interim operating process when Schroeder's resignation becomes effective.

The directors of the Brotherhood Commission will hold their annual meeting August 19-20 at Memphis when they are expected to announce a new executive secretary.

Schroeder assumed the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention agency on January 1, 1951. He was the third executive secretary in 43 years, replacing Lawson Cooke, who retired.

The agency provides a mission education program for men and boys in 15,000 Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States.

The agency publishes seven magazines and 40 books as resources in mission education and provides an 8-man field service staff to interpret the program.

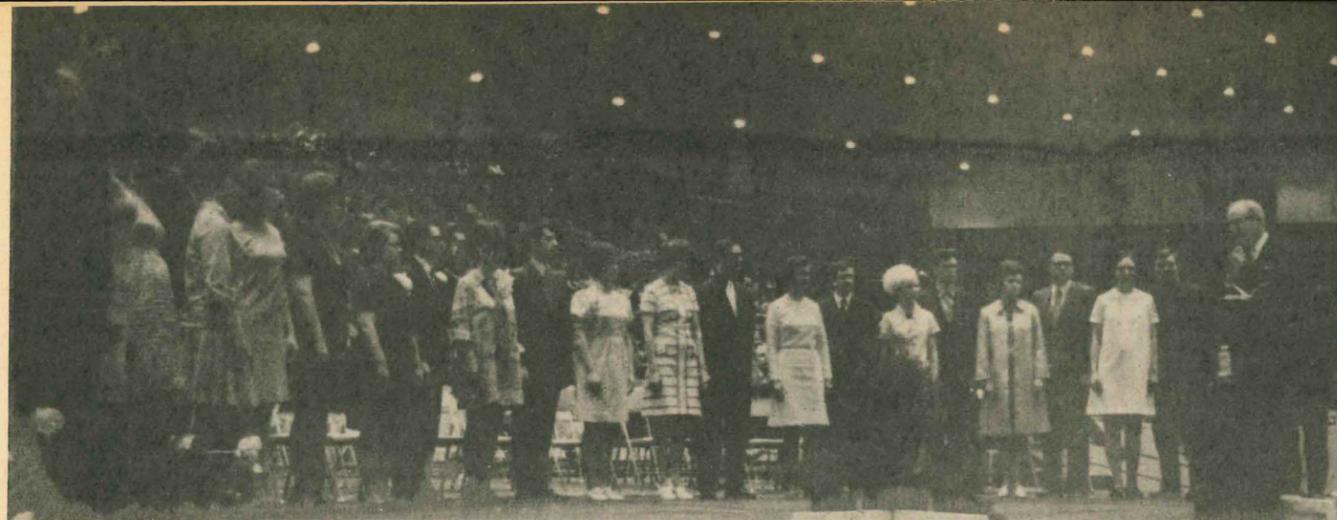
Under Schroeder's leadership enrollment in the men and boys program

called Brotherhood climbed to 631,000. Enrollment at the last survey period showed 422,000 men and boys enrolled in the program.

Born in Pinckneyville, Illinois, Schroeder received his bachelor and master degrees from Southern Illinois University. He was the associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission for five years before taking the top administrative post.



George Schroeder, right, goes over program with state Brotherhood secretary Forrest Sawyer during 1969 state visit.



FMB executive Baker James Cauthen addresses missionary candidates prior to presenting certificates of appointment

## FMB Appoints 27 Missionaries, 145 Make Decisions

"Christianity is not a place to stand but a road to walk," said James C. Shelly, one of 27 persons appointed to overseas mission posts during an evening session of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting in Louisville.

The candidates for missionary appointments affirmed their commitments to mission service in testimonies to an estimated 7,000 people in Freedom Hall at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The 13 couples and one single woman will go overseas following 14 weeks of missionary orientation next fall. They are assigned to a variety of work in 12 countries.

At the close of the appointment service, 145 young people came to the speaker's platform to register their decision to serve eventually in church-related vocation. They came in response to an invitation by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

The young people were escorted to a private room for counseling by board staff members.

Earlier in the service the audience applauded when told by Cauthen that receipts from the 1970 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions had reached \$15,982,548 toward a

By Mike Dixon  
FMB Senior Editor

goal of \$16,000,000. Receipts from the offering, taken annually in Southern Baptist churches will be tabulated through April 30.

Equally encouraging, Cauthen said, is the news that Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts during the first quarter of 1971 show an increase of 8.21 percent over the first quarter of 1970. Cooperative Program funds and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are the primary sources of financial support for the foreign mission enterprise.

Cauthen led the audience in a Bibli-

cal response of thanksgiving: "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul: and all that is in me, bless his holy name."

The mission executive declared, "All over the world doors were never more widely open to tell the story of Jesus



FMB member Eldred Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, listens to report of mission support division.

than right now," adding, "what shall our answer be?"

Cauthen said that the response of the missionary candidates have been: "We heard the drum beat of the great commission, here are the marching orders of our Master."

The candidates were introduced by Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for Missionary Personnel for the board, as they stepped to the microphone to give their testimonies. They were appointed later by vote of the board members present.

Following their appointment, Cauthen charged the missionaries to "be strong and of good courage." He admonished them to "go with bearing, creativity and inventive spirit, confidence and high expectations."

The new missionaries are: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Barrett of Kansas City, formerly of Roach, Missouri, who were appointed to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Caldwell of Monticello, Arkansas, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Cole of Pleasureville, Kentucky, Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper of Summit, Mississippi, Korea.

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Also appointed were Miss Louise Donaldson of Campbellsville, Kentucky, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon of Louisville, Malaysia-Singapore; Mr. and Mrs. D. Fredrick Harner of St. Joseph, Missouri, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Maness of Dell, Arkansas, Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Shelly, Jr., of Louisville, formerly of Florence, Alabama, Brazil.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Sherer of Fort Worth, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Smith of Alma, Arkansas, Botswana; Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Waldrop of Fort Worth, Surinam; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry C. Yoder of Danville, Virginia, Belgium.

During the same service, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Womack, Sr., of Liberty, Missouri, were employed as missionary associates for Guyana.

The appointment service coincided with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual youth night, and several thousand young people were present. Included were members of 128 youth choirs from Baptist churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. They and three choirs and a brass ensemble from Southern Seminary presented a variety of sacred songs.

Prayers were said by Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, and Carl Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who was slated to address the board members in their completing business session the following day.

Drew J. Gunnells of Montgomery, Alabama, president of the board, presided during the appointment service.



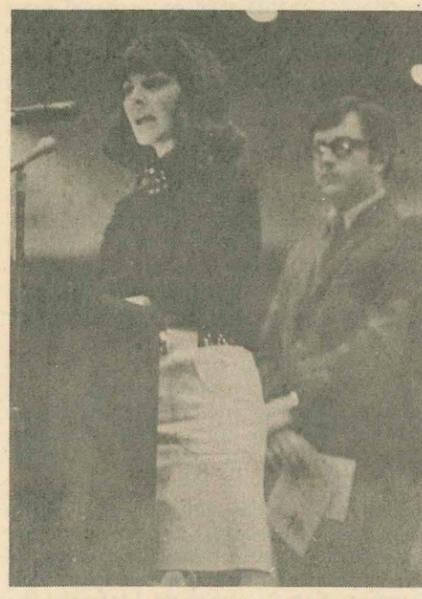
Cauthen presents certificate of appointment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole. Cole is pastor of the Pleasureville Baptist Church in Henry County Association.



Campbellsville pastor Chester Badgett, right, enjoys a cup of coffee with FMB staff member Eugene Hill. Badgett is a former president of the FMB. Hill is a former Kentucky pastor having served in the Horse Cave church and the Woodburn church in Warren County.

Harold G. Sanders and G. Allen West, Jr., executive head of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Long Run Baptist Association respectively, welcomed board members and other visitors to Louisville.

The Foreign Mission Board meeting, including the appointment service, was the first to be held in the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio area. It was only the third such meeting held outside the Richmond, Virginia, headquarters of the board, except for those held annually at the Baptist assemblies in North Carolina and New Mexico. (BP)



Mrs. Larry (Laurabelle) Yoder tells of experiences leading her to volunteer for missionary appointment while her husband looks on. Mrs. Yoder is the daughter of Cynthiana pastor Winn T. Barr.

## Hong Kong College Pres. Lam Chi Fung Dies After March Stroke

Dr. Lam Chi Fung, 79, prominent Baptist layman in Hong Kong, died April 17 at Hong Kong Baptist Hospital. He had been seriously ill after suffering a stroke last month.

"His long life was marked by outstanding Christian witness and service," said James D. Belote, of Richmond, longtime associate of Dr. Lam and secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



Dr. Lam

Dr. Lam, as he was usually known, served as vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance for two consecutive five-year terms from 1955 to 1965.

A leading banker and manufacturer as well as an outstanding Baptist layman, Dr. Lam was elected president of Hong Kong Baptist College when it was established in 1956.

From an initial student body of 143 taught by Chinese faculty members and Southern Baptist missionaries, the student body has grown to over 2,800 persons enrolled in full-time post-secondary study in 12 major areas.

For about 20 years Dr. Lam served without salary as principal of Pui Ching Middle School in Hong Kong.

After Communists closed a Baptist seminary in South China, he helped found Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in 1951, and became chairman of its board of trustees.

He also founded and directed Pok Ai (Brotherly Love) Village, a refugee project for Christians from mainland China. He was the first Chinese person to be president of the Hong Kong Teacher's Association.

In 1957 he received the Order of the British Empire for service to the youth in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. He also has a special award from President Chiang Kai-Shek of the Republic of China, and honorary doctor of laws degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Dr. Lam is survived by his wife, six sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren. The Lam family is active in Baptist work. The late Dr. Lam's eldest son, David, is present chairman of the board of trustees for Hong Kong Baptist College; his son-in-law, Richard R. Lin, is an associate professor in the School of Church Music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)



KBC executive secretary Harold Sanders, left, welcomes the FMB to Kentucky while at far right, four other program personalities pay attention. Left to right, they are, Baker James Cauthen, FMB head; Southern Seminary president Duke McCall; FMB president Drew Gunnells; and SBC president Carl Bates.

## SBC Historical Commission Elects May Exec. Sec.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission elected Lynn E. May Jr., research director for the commission for the past 15 years, as the agency's third executive secretary.

During annual session in Nashville, the commission also adopted a resolution of appreciation for the late Davis C. Woolley, who headed the commission as executive secretary from 1959 until his death January 15, 1971.

The commission unveiled a portrait of Woolley, presented to Mrs. Woolley an illuminated scroll of the text of the resolution and a symbolic copy of Volume III of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia; and heard two major addresses on the life, work and



May

contributions of the late commission secretary.

May's election as executive secretary succeeding Woolley, with whom he had worked for 12 years, was effective immediately (April 19, 1971).

A committee headed by Robert Baker, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, nominated May for the position. Baker said the committee had considered two dozen persons in the light of previously-drafted qualifications for the job, and felt May had all of the qualifications. Baker described him as "competent, experienced and dedicated."

For the past 15 years, May has been research director for the commission, and has given interim staff leadership for the denomination's historical agency since Woolley entered the hospital in September, 1970, with cancer.

A native of Louisiana, May is a graduate of Louisiana College (Baptist), Pineville; Vanderbilt University, Nash-

ville; and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, earning bachelor and master of arts degrees, bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

W. Morgan Patterson, chairman of the commission and professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, called the election of May "an historic occasion," and described the new executive as "a man of utmost integrity who has performed his duties as research director for the commission in a superlative way." (BP)

## Sunday School Board Must Pay Property Taxes Court Finds

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is subject to taxation on those portions of its Nashville properties which are not used strictly for religious purposes according to a Chancery Court ruling in Nashville on April 15.

In a decision on an appeal by the Sunday School Board and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville on a ruling by the State Board of Equalization, the court ruled that a portion of the activities of the Baptist Sunday School Board are purely and exclusively religious and that a portion of the activities may not be so classified. Those activities which are purely and exclusively religious were ruled to be exempt from property taxes.

The ruling stated that the publishing of non-religious, secular materials and administrative activities not directly related to a religious purpose are not purely and exclusively religious and shall be subject to taxation.

The ruling was critical of the State Board of Equalization for hearing the Sunday School Board's case on the same day it heard the Methodist Publishing House case and for handing down identical opinions in both cases. The court stated that the State Board of Equalization made no apparent effort to relate its general findings and conclusions to particular properties of the Sunday School Board. It further indicated that the State Board's ruling referring to printing operations were not applicable since the Baptist Sunday School Board does no printing.

The ruling also held that the law is clear that it is the use of the property rather than ultimate use or profit or competition which is the test to be used in determining if an institution is exempt.

The case was remanded to the Metropolitan Board of Equalization for determination of the "proper portions of the properties of the Baptist Sunday School Board which are subject to taxation." (BP)



**CHURCH DEDICATED** — Willisburg Baptist Church, Mercer County, held its first service in the new church building Easter Sunday, April 11. Church pastor C. E. Butler also celebrated his thirteenth anniversary as pastor of the Willisburg church that day. A record Sunday School attendance was recorded as church members and friends came for the special occasion. The new building has an auditorium seating capacity of 300. In addition to an education unit, the building contains a full basement, kitchen facilities and an assembly room. The building is electrically heated and completely air conditioned. A revival led by former Kentuckian Tom Henry closed the special service connected with the new church building. Butler reported a total of six decisions in the week long campaign.

## Baptist, Catholic Workshop Set

The Thomas Merton Studies Center of Bellarmine-Ursuline College will sponsor a four day ecumenical workshop for pastors, May 17-20, 1971. Sessions will be held in the Student Activities Building on the Bellarmine Campus, 2000 Norris Place, Louisville, each afternoon, 1:30 to 4:00.

The format features one Baptist and

one Roman Catholic speaker each session. On Monday the emphasis will be on "The Pastor as Counselor," with the discussion being led by Edmond Irwin, a Louisville psychologist, and Louis Twyman, minister of Deer Park Baptist Church. Tuesday the focus will be on scripture as John Polhill, associate professor in New Testament at Southern Seminary, and Conrad Louis, professor of scripture at St. Meinrad Seminary, will lecture on "Pastoral Approaches to the New Testament." F. G. Sampson, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, and Henry Heckman, professor of philosophy at Bellarmine-Ursuline College, will discuss "Christian Ethics in a Permissive Society" on Wednesday.

The final session will be directed toward personal spiritual growth and will be led by Glen Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Seminary, and Blaise Czaja, director of students at the Passionist Fathers Seminary.

Raymond Bailey, co-ordinator for the Workshop, said this is the first in a series of workshops planned to provide practical aid to the parish minister and to provide opportunities for those of varying traditions to learn from one another and share the best of their separate heritages.

Those desiring further information may obtain it by calling Bailey at 452-8101. Anyone wishing to register may do so by sending their name and address, along with the \$10.00 registration fee, to Division of Continuing Education, Bellarmine-Ursuline College, 2000 Norris Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40205. The only cost is the registration fee.

## BAPTIST VIEWpoll

MARTIN B. BRADLEY, Director

## Laymen Prefer SBC 'Delegate' Status

A majority of a representative panel of Southern Baptist Sunday School teachers have indicated in a recent Baptist VIEWpoll survey a preference for "delegates" to represent their churches at the annual Convention. In contrast, pastors prefer having "messengers," the current practice.

Pastors and Sunday School teachers on the Baptist VIEWpoll panel were asked to indicate their degree of agreement or disagreement with this statement: Southern Baptists comprising the annual Convention should be church-elected "delegates" instructed to represent their churches' desire rather than (as currently practiced) church-elected "messengers" able to act according to their best judgment.

To some degree, 72.6 percent of the teachers agreed with the statement, while 25.2 percent to some degree disagreed with it. The remaining 2.2 percent expressed no opinion on the statement.

The majority of the pastors on the panel (53.0 percent) to some degree indicated disagreement with the statement, thus indicating a preference for "messengers" rather than "delegates." However, 46.6 percent of the pastors did, to some degree, agree with the statement. The remaining 0.4 percent

of the pastors expressed no opinion on the statement.

The consensus of the Sunday School teachers on this matter crossed lines of age, education, church size, income and political and religious orientation.

The stance taken by pastors was not so persistent. In fact, the majority of the pastors on the panel who are 44 years of age or younger agree with the statement, as do the majority of pastors in churches with 99 members or less. Also, the majority of pastors serving in churches in the open country and villages agree with the statement. Those pastors with college postgraduate work tended to disagree with the statement.

Using a similar question, a Convention representation study conducted six months prior to the VIEWpoll survey did not find "delegate" representation as appealing as did the Baptist VIEWpoll panel members six months later.

The findings for the current poll are based on 92 percent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel, composed of approximately 300 pastors and 300 Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

## Ukrainian Church Unites With Southern Baptists

The first Ukrainian congregation to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention, dedicated its new facility in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently. Ukrainian Baptist Church, now three years old, hopes to become an international center with other ethnic groups using its building for services. Already the infant church supports a Polish mission and has begun work with Portuguese and Spanish speaking people.

The Home Mission Board was presented a plaque in appreciation for its financial support to the church during the dedication service. The board gave Ukrainian Church an interest free \$25,000 loan to purchase the building from its American Baptist owners.

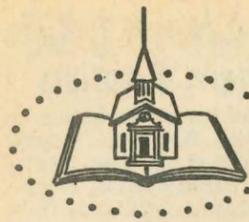
The owners, Second Baptist Church, sold the old stone structure at \$15,000, a significantly small rate, because "they appreciate Baptist witness being continued in this community," Elias Golonka, board staff member, said.

Golonka, assistant secretary of the Department of Language Missions, accepted the plaque for the board Executive Secretary Arthur Rutledge and brought the Ukrainian sermon. G. W. Bullard, superintendent of missions for the Delaware Baptist association brought the English message.

Golonka explained that Philadelphia is fast becoming the Ukrainian center of the nation. About 310 persons attended the dedication service. (BP)



**THANK YOU** — Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, expresses gratitude to Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary, for her organizations support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program, the two major sources of Foreign mission support. Later in the day, it was announced that \$16,109,473.97 had been received through this year's Lottie Moon offering. The goal was \$16,000,000. Cooperative Program gifts are up 8.19% over the same time a year ago, Cauthen reported.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for May 9, 1971)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## A Nation Deceiving Itself

Jeremiah 7:1-15

It was not an easy or pleasant task which God assigned to Jeremiah when He commanded the prophet to "stand in the gate of the Lord's house" on the occasion of their entrance of the temple presumably for the purpose of worshipping God. Jeremiah was instructed to proclaim God's message to the multitudes for the purpose of influencing them to conform to the will of God.

### Conditions of the day

In describing the conditions which prevailed at that time, Jeremiah tells us that the people were self-deceived. Their condition, as revealed in the prophet's arraignment, was appalling. They trusted in mere forms and gloried in the temple rather than in the God of the temple. They gave heed to the lying words of the false prophets who taught them that observance of ceremonies and religious forms would exempt them from moral living. The words of the false prophets pleased those who heard them but they were not profitable to them.

The people did not realize that they were members one of another and that if one member suffered all others suffered with them. Consequently, they preyed one upon the other and refused to deal justly with their neighbors. They had not learned that the individual cannot advance at the expense of others, just as many today have not learned this important truth. Injustice greatly weakened their national life. Seemingly it had not dawned on the people that when they oppressed the poor and the weak they were in reality sinning against God.

There was much unrest and anxiety because a strong foe threatened to attack at any time. However, it was not the danger from without that alarmed Jeremiah. His distress sprang primarily from the sinful living and spiritual apathy on the part of his people. He was shocked because their religion was simply organized hypocrisy thoroughly divorced from morality. They were adherents of the heresy of indulging in sin in order that grace may abound, or using grace as an excuse for sinning; while grace provides for the forgiveness of sins, it always deals with sin at its root and is never a ground or excuse for sinning.

### Character of message

Inasmuch as it came from God, Jeremiah's message was authoritative. The prophet was merely a man under orders so he delivered the message which God commanded him to declare. His message was not delivered to those who did not make any profession of worshipping the Lord but rather to those who entered the temple presumably to worship God.

Jeremiah called upon the people to amend their ways. He challenged them to change their manner of living and to substitute good deeds for their evil ones. He assured them that the basis of their genuine reformation that God would permit them to remain in their city and country. Should they fail to reform, their expulsion therefrom would be inevitable. Jeremiah made it clear that unless the people had a vital personal experience, all of their trust in religious ceremonies and all of their regarding the temple as a charm against evil would be without value to them.

Knowing that a truly penitent man practices righteousness and justice in his relationship with others, Jeremiah preached that men must be honest in their dealings, strive to meet the needs of others, and serve God to the very best of their ability.

### Consequences of preaching

Aware that he was taking his life in his hands Jeremiah took his stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaimed the message which God gave him. He declared that because they had

committed the sins of which they were guilty and had refused to repent, therefore, their doom was inevitable. Even though God had chosen Jerusalem as the place of His abode, He certainly would not overlook their willful sins and continue to abide in their midst. Jeremiah reminded them that God had wiped out one "holy place," namely Shiloh, the resting place of the tabernacle and the ark some four and one-half centuries earlier, due to the fact that it had been profaned by the unholiness of the worshipers, and he warned them that the same fate would befall the temple and the city of Jerusalem and the nation of Judah unless the people repented of their sins and changed their manner of life.

The outcome of Jeremiah's sermon was precisely what he might have expected it would be. His hearers interpreted his preaching as blasphemy against God and treason against the nation. Nevertheless, God protected him, as He does those who are faithful in the proclamation of His message in each generation.

God is calling His servants to speak for Him with holy boldness to those professing Christians today, who in Pharisaic fashion throw over their godless lives the cloak of religious profession, and who live for the world, the flesh and the devil, and frequent the visible courts of the Lord when it is convenient and desirable without receiving the touch of the Holy One Who is always there to bless those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## God's Controversy With Israel

Hosea was a prophet of the Northern Kingdom. In the closing days of Israel's independence Jeroboam II was on the throne and his kingdom was at the peak of its glory. It is interesting to note that Hosea's predictions of judgment were uttered when the glory of Israel was at its zenith.

Hosea 4:1-6

At a time when goodness was absent and evil was present, Hosea summoned the people of Israel to appear at God's

tribunal. They had covenanted to be His people and He had covenanted to be their God. They had so broken their part of the covenant that conditions were terribly grievous. Not only was goodness absent and evil was present but there was no truth nor mercy nor knowledge of God in the land. This lack of knowledge of God was accompanied with and followed by a general lowering of moral standards. The people closed their eyes and minds to the

truth and refused to be taught. They were averse to knowing God's will because they wanted their own way.

God was grieved to see the nation, which He had redeemed from bondage in Egypt, to which He had given the Law and to which He had shown such love and favor through the years, steadily growing worse. God had a controversy with the people of Israel because of their gross violations of His law, their inexcusable idolatry and their desperate incorrigibility. The people were proud, unstable, worldly, corrupt, profane, immoral, dishonest, ungodly and idolatrous.

Furthermore, the time-serving priests had the law but they neither studied it nor taught it. They were unfaithful to their trusts and allowed the people to perish for lack of knowledge. Their ignorance was deliberate. The priests had strayed from their functions as moral teachers to such an extent that they connived at, if they did not directly foster, the sinfulness of the people. It is a disgrace for a true priest to become like the people and it is also a disgrace for a people to become like a bad priest. A spiritual leadership will tend to develop a spiritual people and a spiritual people will aid also in the development of a spiritual leadership. Definite responsibility for both needs emphasis today.

Hosea 7:7-10

The religious leaders were so perverse and sinful that they did not call upon God for help in their calamities and dire distress but sought to live independently of Him by neglecting to pray. Not only did they forsake God and rebel against Him but they embraced the idolatrous ways of the pagans with whom they associated. As was to be expected, they were scorched by God's displeasure. Hosea acknowledged the fact that national dissolution was impending because of the sinfulness of the people in ignoring God.

When people turn their backs on God and pursue their sinful ways, in direct opposition to His expressed will, which is recorded in the Holy Scriptures, it is an absolute certainty that chastisement or punishment is inevitable. Foolish indeed are any and all who through ignorance or willfulness defy God and do as they please expecting to avert the reaping of the fruits of their labors. Unless one detaches himself from the world and yields himself to God, he deprives himself of the strength and blessing of God.

Pride is most frequently the underlying cause of the ruin of individuals, families, and nations. What a pity that pride and self-sufficiency influence some people to attempt to live without any dependence on God! All who reject God and refuse to walk in His way deprive themselves of His presence, protection, provision and power. Being right with God is the most important thing in life.

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receive you will continue to address such issues, demonstrate this sort of knowledge of the subject matter, and refuse to compromise with what is probably a more popular position.

If someone should do a study of the churches' responses to the Calley phenomenon, your editorial must be included, whether a majority opinion or not. And if it is, perhaps we Baptists won't come off looking so bad on this one.

Bowling Green, Ky. James T. Baker

VOTE FOR CALLEY

Dear Editor:

I vote to turn Lt. William Calley loose because I have been under shell fire in World War I and I saw with my own eyes boys go crazy and kill — kill — kill everything in sight. Why? Because they feared for their own life, they were taught to kill and they didn't know what they were doing. Lt. Calley possibly was one who lost all sense of reasoning under shell fire and hence I give him the doubt.

Your article stated he killed babies. No one who has been to war and has followed this case believes he knowingly killed babies and old women.

Campbellsville, Ky. C. V. Bryan

GOSPEL AND MASS MEDIA

Dear Editor:

The recent *Western Recorder* editorial on religious radio and television programs prompted the following observations. These medias definitely offer one way of going into the highways and hedges to compel them to come in. There is a hunger for this type program. "Man cannot live by bread alone." It might be debated if bread is always offered on these programs but obviously for many people a need is met and a hunger is stayed. Of course, we have always had the money changers in the temple and we need not expect any field of endeavor to be immune.

One well known television evangelist seems to owe his success, at least in part, to putting the gospel in such simple terms people can relate the good news to their daily walk. "God is the source of your supply", seems to relate and appeal to the wayfaring man though it is hardly anything theologically new.

Billy Graham may preach to more people in a week through television than Paul did in his lifetime. Obviously great opportunities are found in the field. I understand Arthur Blessitt (in my opinion a modern Elijah) has entered the television field. Expansion in these fields can certainly be one way of sowing the Word.

Louisville, Ky. John R. Sampey, III

COMMERCIALIZED RELIGION

Dear Editor:

I wish to commend you for the editorial in the *Western Recorder*, April 10, 1971, on "Beware of Commercialized Religion."

You have stated my sentiments and I think this point of view should be emphasized over and over again.

Macon, Georgia R. L. O'Brien, Sr.

RELIGIOUS RACKETEERS

Dear Editor:

I couldn't agree more with your editorial "Beware Of Commercialized Religion" — an even better title might have been "Beware Of Religious Racketeers!"

Money is the name of the game on more than 90% of the broadcasts which you describe and there ought to be a law against some of the blatant faith healing claims to protect the innocent and unwary — after all we do have a Pure Food and Drug law and laws to protect consumers against false advertising.

In Japan it is against the law for any religion to promote or advocate faith healing (and there are several Buddhist, Shintoist and syncretist sects which preach faith healing) over the airwaves. In this respect, as in many others, we can learn much from some of the so-called "heathen" countries.

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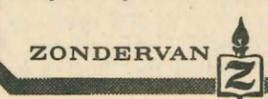
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Green Acres Top Church In Credits Earned

The Green Acres Baptist Church of Louisville led the state in church study course credits for the six months, October of 1970 through March of 1971. Green Acres earned 817 course credits.

Listed below are the top twenty-five churches in Kentucky earning course credits for the past six months:

1. Green Acres, Louisville ..... 817
2. First, Frankfort ..... 655
3. Crestwood, Frankfort ..... 561
4. Shively Heights, Louisville ..... 520
5. Severns Valley, Elizabethtown... 509
6. Central, Corbin ..... 495
7. First, Morehead ..... 478
8. South Jefferson, Louisville ..... 464
9. Campbellsville, Campbellsville.. 377
10. Grace, Lexington ..... 337
11. Central City, Central City ..... 316
12. Fern Creek, Fern Creek ..... 316
13. Walnut Street, Louisville ..... 308
14. Edgewood, Nicholasville ..... 307
15. Second, Russellville ..... 304
16. Gardenside, Lexington ..... 303
17. Southside, Covington ..... 303
18. Highland, Shelbyville ..... 286
19. McKee, McKee ..... 284
20. Reidland, Paducah ..... 277
21. First, Walton ..... 272
22. First, Hopkinsville ..... 262

23. Eaton Memorial, Owensboro .... 256
24. Glasgow, Glasgow ..... 251
25. Boones Creek, Lexington ..... 233

The top twenty-five associations earning course credits were:

1. Long Run ..... 5171
2. Northern Kentucky ..... 2259
3. Elkhorn ..... 1998
4. West Union ..... 1655
5. Franklin ..... 1640
6. Daviess-McLean ..... 1272
7. South District ..... 1148
8. Taylor County ..... 893
9. Nelson ..... 827
10. Greenup ..... 820
11. Severns Valley ..... 795
12. Christian ..... 717
13. Bracken ..... 715
14. Muhlenburg ..... 602
15. Warren ..... 574
16. Little Bethel ..... 570
17. Mercer ..... 545
18. Shelby ..... 544
19. Ten Mile ..... 532
20. Bethel ..... 511
21. Mount Zion ..... 497
22. Little River ..... 469
23. Owen ..... 433
24. Blood River ..... 427
25. Boones Creek ..... 420

Kentucky ranked eleventh in the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of course credits received during the six-month period.

Crusade Highlights  
Alaskan Anniversary

A 14 day simultaneous crusade in Anchorage, Alaska, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Alaska Baptist Convention, saw 450 additions to churches.

The annual event featured 36 evangelists from the "lower 48" states and realized 370 additions by baptism; 118 by letter; 14 by special service; and 880 rededications.

Prior to the crusade, representatives of the 38 churches, 20 missions and 11,000 members of the convention, met for a two-day evangelism conference at First Baptist Church, Anchorage.

Eual Lawson, associate director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, directed the crusade. E. W. Hunke, former executive secretary of the Alaska Convention, participated. He is now western regional coordinator for the board.

Hunke, who was also state secretary of evangelism for five years, described this crusade as "one of the greatest meetings we have ever had." Many professions of faith were made by young people and many churches broke all time attendance records. (BP)

Northwest Convention Elects Stringer

In a special called session of the Northwest Baptist Convention, Dan C. Stringer Jr., associate executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, was elected as the Northwest Baptist Convention's executive secretary-treasurer.

Stringer, who also has been director of the Missions Division for the Arizona convention, will assume duties as the top executive for Baptists in Oregon and Washington effective May 1. The state offices are located in Portland, Oregon.

He succeeds Wm. Eugene Grubbs, who resigned in January to become consultant on laymen overseas for the

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. Bennett Cook, director of the convention's Education Division, has served as interim secretary.

Stringer is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and attended Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

During his service on the staff of the Arizona convention, Stringer has held five positions — associate director and director of missions; secretary of stewardship, institutional and financial coordinator, and associate executive secretary. (BP)

Proposed Job Description (Cont. from page 3)

Executive Board itself, will be custodians of their own minutes.

E. Agencies and Institutions:

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be advisor and resource person to work with all convention agencies and institutions which are not under the supervision of the Executive Board. His counsel, staff assistance and other resources will be available to the agencies and institutions upon their request. (In order to achieve maximum effectiveness, your committee recommends that our agencies and institutions take the initiative to avail themselves of

such services as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer may be able to render them, and also to acquaint him with the total scope of their work.)

V. Agenda for the Executive Board:

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the assistance of the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, develop the agenda for each meeting. The agenda shall be mailed to each member of the Executive Board two weeks before the regular meetings convene.

"God In Charismatic Movement" Prof Says

God is using the charismatic revival to summon Christians not to quench the holy spirit, theology professor John Newport told a group in Eustis, Florida, recently.

The Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal movements have come about to encourage people to earnestly desire and appropriate the spiritual gifts, Newport said.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary teacher was speaking to a group of 100 laymen and laywomen meeting here for a three-day Lay Renewal Conference.

Newport said one of the greatest needs of churches today "is a rediscovery of the resources of the Holy Spirit. We need the excitement, the joy and the vigor of the spirit's presence."

He cautioned, however, that tongues in churches are not objectionable if they are controlled. "Pentecostals err when they conclude that evangelicals, in rejecting a major emphasis on tongues, reject the fact of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit." (BP)

## Education Voucher Plans Opposed

Opponents of projected educational voucher experiments by the Office of Economic Opportunity carried their fight to the U.S. Congress at hearings conducted by the House Education and Labor Committee.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D. Ky.), chairman of the committee, promised that representatives of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) would be given a chance at a later date to present their views for the educational voucher experiments.

In brief, OEO is seeking to conduct educational experiments by giving parents vouchers to be cashed by the schools of their choice, either public or nonpublic. OEO by such experiments is seeking to determine whether or not "parental choice" of the schools their children attend will improve the quality of education.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, one of the 18 representatives of national organizations opposing the voucher experiments, urged Congress to continue its support of education for democracy through publicly responsible schools.

John W. Baker, acting executive di-

rector of the Baptist agency, based his position on resolutions by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee itself.

The Baptist leader pointed out that "a major contribution of the Baptist faith to the world is that a genuine religious experience is a voluntary, uncoerced response to God." This principle of voluntarism in religion is violated, Baker said, when government uses tax funds for the support of religious schools.

Two hostile educational organizations, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, teamed up in support of educational experiments within the framework of the public education system but in opposition to experiments that they claimed would undermine the public schools.

A coalition of 11 other civil rights, educational and religious organizations presented a joint statement to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The stated purpose of this joint statement was twofold: (1) to stop the

OEO feasibility studies and funding of voucher programs until Congress held extensive hearings on the subject, and (2) to restore OEO to its original purpose of providing programs to aid the poor rather than to engage in educational experiments.

The last witnesses at the hearings were representatives of the National Association of Laymen, a Catholic organization that is seeking to institute reforms favorable to the laity in the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph O'Donoghue, executive director of the National Association of Laymen, appealed to Congress to stop the educational voucher experiments "as an unjustifiable intrusion into the internal affairs of our church."

O'Donoghue claimed that "if the government begins to support general education in parochial schools the efforts of Catholics to revise church priorities or establish alternate forms of religious instruction will be frustrated through government action" (BP)

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