

Peace, Be Still

  
**WESTERN RECORDER**  
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## People And Places

Miss Alice Catilla of the First Baptist Church, Highland Heights, Kentucky, has recently surrendered her life to work on the Home Mission field. She is a graduate of Campbell County High School and is attending Cumberland College this fall. Ron Moore is the pastor of First Baptist.

Mrs. Tom C. Nix and Jacqueline Nix, wife and daughter of Tom C. Nix, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, recently returned from a round the world tour.

When Bracken Association of Baptists met August 4, it marked the first time in Kentucky Baptist history that an association had used a Baptist student center for its annual meeting. As far as associational figures can determine, it is the first time in SBC history for a campus center to host the association. J. David Book is campus minister at Morehead. Jack Bruce of Maysville was moderator.

## Missionary News

Miss Mary Neal Morgan, missionary to Japan, received the specialist in education degree July 23 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisiana. Miss Morgan, a Kentuckian, was born in Mercer County and also lived in Anderson County while growing up.

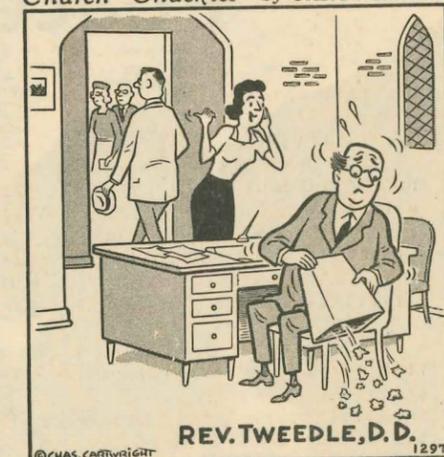
Miss Louise Donaldson, missionary appointee to Brazil, may now be addressed at P.O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Georgia 31822. An Alabamian, Miss Donaldson was born in McCalla and also lived in Lipscomb and Bessemer. At the time of her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last April, she was elementary director at Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville Kentucky.

First Baptist Church, Morganfield, reported "a great spiritual blessing" in their Youth Happening program held August 27-29, according to pastor Billy J. Turner. Bob Hollas, pastor of Woodland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, and a group of young people from that church, joined the youth of First church for a time of fellowship, witnessing and testimony. The pastor reported that many decisions were made in this meeting.

Campbellsville College is the recipient of the personal library of Aubrey Bickley valued at approximately \$5,000. An outstanding feature of the library is the collection on the topic of personality. Many of the books are now out of print but in demand by collectors. Also presented to the college was a piano and silver service set. The donor was Mrs. Aubrey Bickley, wife of the late Dr. Bickley who was a faculty member at Campbellsville before his death last year.

Mrs. Elige Gribbins recently snapped a perfect Sunday School attendance record of 16 years and 8 months. Due to illness she missed four weeks of Sunday School. Mrs. Gribbins is from Bradfordsville, Kentucky.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"On that check for \$200 you questioned—his name really is John Doe!"

## DEVOTIONAL



Malcolm Lunceford  
Pastor, Immanuel  
Church, Frankfort

## My Hands

The hands are important and we can tell a great deal about the person by watching his hands.

1. We can wring our hands in despair and pessimism. "What are we going to do?" "The budget is too large." "Building costs are too high." "We have lost too many leaders."

The children of Israel had some of this trouble when they left Egypt. Cut off by the sea, pursued by soldiers, plagued by snakes, hungry and thirsty — each time they cried out against Moses and God and they began to wring their hands. "We should never have left Egypt. We did not need to come to the wilderness to die."

God's answer was "Forward!" It still is, for sitting around wringing our hands will accomplish little except to create self-pity.

2. We can fold our hands in idleness. (Proverbs 24:33, 34)

It's easy to stand on the sidelines and talk about what "they are doing." There is an evil satisfaction in calling attention to the way "they" failed. "I didn't have anything to do with it," we say with a smug pride.

Folding of the hands may lead to spiritual as well as material poverty.

3. We can lay our hands on some task. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

There is a question progression here beginning with hand wringing ("What are we going to do?") to hand folding ("What are they going to do?") to hand working ("What may I do?").

Each of us — with ten talents or with one — has a task and responsibility to "do it with your might."

4. We can extend our hands in service to others. (Proverbs 31:20)

(1) In friendship to the lonely millions. (2) In aid to those who suffer emotional and spiritual poverty as well as financial. (3) In gratitude to God, to each other and to others.

When the hands are extensions of the Christian heart we are approaching what we are called to be.

## October Is Cooperative Program Month, 1971

What could be a greater challenge to churches than to commit themselves to world missions? Cooperative Program Month is observed as a month of prayer and emphasis on the Cooperative Program. It is a challenge to each church to study about and commit itself to Southern Baptists' world missions support program. It is a time set aside each year by the denomination as a period to give special attention to this primary method of missions support.

### Cooperative Program Month — October, 1971

First Sunday — *Helping the helpless through the Cooperative Program*

1. Secure resource material from your state convention agencies that minister to homeless children and youth, youth in trouble, people in ill health or in a state of destitution or old age. Distribute and use the material in all appropriate ways to inform the membership of the ministries of these agencies.

2. Pray in the morning and evening worship services for persons, by name, who minister to the helpless.

3. Invite one of the persons who has helped or has been helped through the Cooperative Program supported agency to give a brief testimony.

4. Preach on the subject, "Helping the Helpless — Then and Now." The sermon should illustrate, through the use of appropriate Scripture, how Jesus ministered to the helpless and, then, how you, through your church, minister to the helpless in Jesus' name in these days.

Second Sunday — *Preparing for service through the Cooperative Program*

1. Secure, from your state Baptist college(s) or university(ies), the six Southern Baptist seminaries, the Education Commission and the Seminary Extension Department, resource materials describing their work. Distribute and use materials in all appropriate ways to inform the membership.

2. Pray in the morning and evening

worship services for persons, by name, who work with Baptist youth and adults or for persons who are being prepared for Christian service through these Christian educational institutions.

3. Invite someone who is working with youth and adults, or ask a youth or adult to give a brief testimony on how he is helping or being helped through his college or seminary to prepare others or himself for Christian service.

4. Preach on the subject, "Preparing for Service — Then and Now."

Third Sunday — *Going to the people through the Cooperative Program*

1. Secure resource material from your state convention office and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, who have been given the assignment of going to all the peoples of the world with Christ's message. Secure material describing the work of the Radio and Television Commission also. Distribute and use the material in all appropriate ways to inform the people.

2. Pray in the morning and evening worship services for persons who are serving or who have served through the efforts of these Cooperative Program supported agencies.

3. Invite a person representing the state, home, or overseas ministry to give a brief testimony of his ministry made possible through the Cooperative Program.

4. Preach on the subject, "Going to the People — Then and Now." The sermon should illustrate, through the use of appropriate Scripture, how Jesus and his disciples went to the people of the then known world and how we in these days, through our prayers, gifts and personnel, go to the people of the world.

Fourth Sunday — *Committed to world missions through the Cooperative Program*

1. Distribute a copy of the section of your church budget related to missions support. Describe how much, in dollars and percentages, of the total budget has been given in each of the past five years, including current year. Indicate what

percentage of your mission dollar remains in the local community, goes for state mission causes, and is used in mission causes outside your state convention.

2. Pray in the morning and evening services for one state and one Southern Baptist Convention cause supported through the Cooperative Program.

3. Ask a member of your church to give a brief testimony on "Why I believe in, pray for, and give through my church to support Baptist world missions."

4. Vote on that section of the church budget related to world missions, have a period of silent prayer, then lead in a prayer of commitment for all Baptist world missions supported through the Cooperative Program.

5. Preach on the subject, "Committed — Then and Now." The sermon should illustrate, through the use of appropriate Scripture, how men and women, including Jesus, were totally committed to the will of the Lord and how present day Christians should become committed to the same Lord.

### Special resource materials for Cooperative Program Month

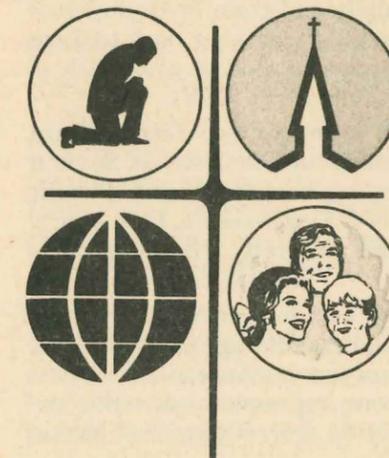
In addition to the materials available from the sources listed previously, the following material may be secured from the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219:

1. Two, two-sided posters to be used to illustrate the emphasis for each of the four Sundays during Cooperative Program Month. \$1.00 per set.

2. Four Sunday handouts, illustrating in art and words the emphasis for each Sunday during the month. Four handouts, 25 each to a set, sold in sets only. \$1.00 per set.

3. Filmstrip and record — *Committed to What?* — to be used on one Sunday during the month. \$5.00 each.

4. Cooperative Program sermon suggestion booklet — four sermons on the suggested subjects listed for each Sunday. 50 cents each.



# Committed

## to world missions

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### The Necessity Of True Repentance In Regeneration

From a revered, retired preacher has come a suggestion that an editorial be written on the subject, "The Place of Repentance in Redemption". His request is based on the concern that this is largely a missing element in much preaching today. He laments that many public invitations to accept Christ either do not include pointing out the necessity of repentance toward God or do not explain what it means to repent according to the New Testament.

The importance of repentance in a true relationship with God is demonstrated, as this concerned former pastor and missionary points out, in that the word "repent" in some form appears more than 100 times in the Bible. The danger in not explaining the meaning of true repentance in God's invitation to redemption is illustrated by this preacher's experience who says he was a church member four years before being redeemed.

Ordinarily doctrinal dissertation is used on other than editorial pages of the *Western Recorder*. In this instance, however, there is enough justification in this brother's concern to merit an exception. It is this writer's observation that most Baptist preachers understand the meaning of true repentance and it is not an unheard note in their preaching but it is not emphasized nearly enough. The result is an easy sounding invitation that can make for a shallow experience which withers like the plants from seed sown on the stony soil in the parable of Jesus. This is one explanation why one of every two persons who join Baptist churches are not to be found in any meaningful life of the church within one year and several of the more than 11 million Southern Baptists we have on church rolls cannot be found any where and many more demonstrate no fruits of regeneration.

There are two Greek words in the New Testament which are translated "repentance". One means sorrow or regret for some decision or act but does not necessarily involve a change in the person that means a new way of life. The other word means a change of mind on the part of the person that results in a change of conduct and a permanent new way of life.

Judas and Simon Peter illustrate these two kinds of regret. Judas regretted betraying Jesus and tried to

return the 30 pieces of silver but never truly repented and died at his own hands out of fellowship with God. Peter, on the other hand, regretted denying his association with Jesus, repented truly of his sin, was forgiven and became the preacher at Pentecost and the leader of the early church.

Paul in writing to the Corinthian Christians in II Corinthians 7:8-10 uses both these words for repentance and clearly shows the difference. In verse eight, he refers to his chastising of them in his earlier letter and says he did not repent (regret) of chastising them because it led them to repent (change their minds and ways). In verse ten, Paul differentiates between Godly sorrow which produces a repentance leading to salvation and a worldly sorrow which leads to death. There are signs that too many who respond to easy invitations to be saved experience worldly sorrow but not Godly sorrow.

A person can regret the way he is living until the day he dies and never really repent. On the other hand, if he truly repents he cannot go on living the way he once lived though he will fall many times but will seek and receive forgiveness.

In our invitations we are not careful always to link true repentance with faith. According to the New Testament the two go together and one is impossible apart from the other. Paul made this clear when reviewing his ministry in Ephesus to the elders who met him at Miletus. He reminded them that he had not failed to declare publicly and from house to house anything that was profitable "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance to God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21 RSV).

Repentance and faith then are two facets of the same experience. We cannot turn to Jesus as Saviour and Lord without changing our mind and turning from the way we once lived. Furthermore, both ability to repent truly and trust sincerely are the gifts of God's grace.

To explain repentance and to demonstrate regeneration with such an understanding of repentance might not produce as impressive statistics as we now report but will make more impression upon this dubious but hungry generation for religion that makes a difference.

### Guest Editorial

### A Denomination That Cares

The Annuity Board and its work was born in the heart of William Lunsford. He first shared his dream with his fellow pastors in the regular Monday meeting of the Nashville (Tennessee) Baptist Pastors Conference in the fall of 1916. Dr. Lunsford was then pastor of the Edgefield Baptist Church.

A. W. Walker, Secretary  
KBC Annuity Department

Group life and health insurance are also provided at reduced rates by the Annuity Board for our Baptist pastors and church and denominational agency employees.

Because many of our smaller churches would find it difficult to provide the full cost of funding a retirement program for its pastors or other employees, the state conventions provide a third of the cost for the basic program (Plan A). The Kentucky Baptist Convention has \$242,412.00 in its current budget to pay these matching dues for the churches and the total cost of its own employees.

Now for some examples of the kind of help received by some of our people here in Kentucky:

One 69 year old Baptist minister, who participated with his church for only a few months many years ago recently received a check for \$886.00 as settlement (when the monthly annuity check is below \$10.00 a month, it is given to the individual in a lump sum). He and his church had paid only \$72.00 in toward his retirement.

A 29 year old pastor was killed in a car wreck. He had been in the Protection Program two years. His wife and two children started receiving each month a check for 70% of the pastor's potential normal annuity at age 65 (\$138.26). The two children will also receive \$600.00 per year each for four years of full-time study immediately beyond high school.

Another 44 year old pastor had to retire from his church because of ill health. Today he is receiving a monthly check equivalent to what his normal annuity would be at age 65. In addition to his annuity check, he is also receiving a check from his Group Insurance with the Annuity Board, which is equal to 70% of his former church salary. This he receives because of the long term disability option he took along with his insurance.

Eight widows in the last five years have received a total of \$72,300 from term insurance (Life Benefit) their Baptist minister husbands had had before they died from heart attacks.

Several pastors and other Baptist employees have had paid for them medical and hospital bills that have been in some cases several thousand dollars.

The sad part of this story is that many of our churches and their employees are not protected by this proven Southern Baptist Protection Program.

If your church and its pastor and other employees are not now protected, get in touch with our office (Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown 40243) immediately and let us supply you with detailed information for your consideration.

"The burden of his heart was the tragic situation of worn-out Baptist preachers and their families, who faced suffering, hardship, and physical want in life's sunset period because no one cared. His recurring theme was: Men who dedicate their lives to the Gospel should have the love and care of their brethren in their last years. . . . The meager salaries being paid to ministers make it impossible for the average man to accumulate any funds for his old age. 'Our nation takes care of its soldiers and sailors who are disabled; our great industries pension worn-out employees; why cannot our denomination provide for its veterans and worn-out workers?' he asked. Our churches, he concluded, have created the conscience in government and industry to cause them to provide for their disabled and aged workers; why don't we practice what we preach? (pages 3 & 4 "The Thirteenth Check").

Since the founding of the Annuity Board in May of 1918, we Baptists have been trying to practice what we preach. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 8:14 says "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Many different plans and programs have been used to implement the original dream of Dr. Lunsford. From a very shaky and uncertain beginning, the work has grown in scope and influence until now the great majority of our churches, Baptist institutions and agencies and their employees are involved in this vast protection program.

The Annuity Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is an extension service of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Each month thousands of retired, disabled ministers or denominational employees or their widows receive checks from the Annuity Board to buy food, shelter and clothing. These annuitants get their checks, because the churches and institutions where they served participated in the Protection Program for them.

The Protection Program provides plans for the church or denominational agency to help its pastor and other employees prepare for those future needs caused by death, disability or retirement.

# Mike Speer Shot, Robbed

Michael L. Speer, former Kentucky state stewardship secretary now serving as director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission in Nashville, was robbed and shot by two men who stopped him on the street three blocks from his motel in Los Angeles, California.

His injury was not considered serious. A small calibre bullet entered behind the left ear, passed through his mouth and jaw and came out his right cheek.

Speer was in California to speak at one of three state stewardship conferences scheduled in Los Angeles, in San Diego and in Fresno.

Richard Kay, staff member for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California who also spoke at the conferences, said Speer told him the incident happened like this:

Speer decided to go for a walk before

retiring for the night on Monday, September 6. Three blocks from the hotel near Los Angeles' Convention Center, two gunmen held him up, took about \$10 in cash, his billfold, credit cards, identification and motel room key.

Speer offered no resistance. As the two blacks turned to run, one of them, almost as an afterthought, fired, Speer told Kay.

The former Kentuckian then ran for nearly two blocks before he found help. A bartender called for an ambulance.

After emergency treatment at Los Angeles County Hospital, Speer borrowed a dime from a nurse to call Kay in Fresno and tell him he could not speak at the conference and to call his wife in Nashville.

Both Kay and Speer's physician called his escape from death "a miracle." The physician, a Baptist deacon, said that if the bullet had hit one-quarter inch to one side, it would have severed a major artery. If it had passed one inch to the other side, it would have hit the brain.

Speer told his wife there was little pain and that the physicians said he was doing fine. He flew to Nashville two nights after the incident to enter a Nashville hospital. (BP)



Speer

## Annuity Board Rejects Fire And Casualty Insurance Study

The administrative policy committee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board unanimously rejected proposals which would have allowed the agency to enter the field of fire and casualty insurance and to establish arrangements for an outside agency to administer the insurance programs.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer of the Annuity Board, said the trustees "felt strongly" that approval of the proposals would have created a change in philosophy and a departure from the authorized programs of the denominational agency.

The Annuity Board administers for Southern Baptist churches and agencies programs of protection against retirement, disability and death of ministers and staff employees.

Reed said the philosophical concept of the board has, from its beginning, been a ministry to and for people.

"Our philosophy is to serve those who serve the Lord in salaried positions in churches and agencies by providing authorized programs of protection. This has been the heart of our ministry since 1918. We must never lose sight of this purpose," he said. (BP)



175th ANNIVERSARY—The Good Hope Baptist Church, Campbellsville, recently celebrated its 175th anniversary. The church celebrated this occasion with a homecoming service that included dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service. Pictured above are men who have served as pastor of the church: back row, left to right, Ralph Benningfield (1968-69), Carl Loy (1947-55); front row, left to right, Marshall Black (present pastor), W. E. Miller (1955-60), and D. L. Druen (1931-44).



### All mission gifts important

Last week on the back page we shared the good news of the total receipts from all the churches for the year ending August 31 — a total of \$4,059,402.60 — for the Cooperative Program. This channel helps all causes of Kentucky and Southern Baptists in accordance with the budgets of the Kentucky and Southern Baptist Conventions. The vast majority of our churches give through this channel and we are grateful. It is our best channel for world missions.

However, we hasten to acknowledge that many designated mission gifts also honor the Lord and strengthen our Baptist witness. We will perhaps receive \$2 million or more for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Home Missions offering, state missions offering (this month!) and designated gifts for the board of child care, the hospitals, colleges and schools and other causes. We are grateful to God and you for these. Our annual report by churches will record both the Cooperative Program and designated mission gifts from your church.

### State missions this week

Kentucky WMU is sponsoring the annual "Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions" this week in all the churches participating. The theme is "The Light of the Glorious Gospel". The hymn is "Speak to My Heart". Throughout the week the women and the age-groups of WMU will meet for prayer, study and offerings, and many pastors will be preaching on state missions. Sunday schools and training unions and brotherhoods will join in.

The goal is \$130,000 this year. The causes are for work in the state, about two-thirds directly related to the budget of the convention. The major item is "Annie Allen Fund for Building Churches", commonly called in the state budget "Church Building Fund" or "Assistance". This item alone is \$45,000. This amount, if used, is given to the executive board to assist churches which are new, needy, struggling. They are processed by the finance committee and staff and approved by Kentucky WMU.

Other causes include salaries of missionaries, Cedarmore, Negro work, international students, Oneida, Clear Creek, activities of WMU, mountain missions and student summer workers.

Your church included?

Harold G. Sanders

# SBC Has 33 Of 100 Largest Sunday Schools

Thirty-three Southern Baptist churches, the largest number from any one denomination, were listed among the 100 largest Sunday Schools in the nation by *Christian Life Magazine*, a non-denominational publication based in Wheaton, Illinois.

Baptist churches dominated the list. Of the 100 largest Sunday Schools, 72 were listed as "Baptist."

The statistical summary included 23 Baptist Bible Fellowship churches, nine Independent Baptist churches, one American Baptist church, two Baptist General Conference churches, two Conservative Baptist churches, and one Free Will Baptist church, in addition to the 33 Southern Baptist churches.

The summary ranked the 100 largest Sunday Schools in the USA on the basis of their reported weekly average attendance.

Ranked as the largest in the nation was the Sunday School of Akron Baptist Temple, a Baptist Bible Fellowship church in Akron, Ohio, which reported an average weekly attendance of 5,801.

The church did not report any other data, however. The pastor was quoted as saying the reason was "unhealthy competition among the churches."

First Baptist Church, Dallas, was

ranked as second in the nation, with 5,520 average weekly attendance out of a total enrollment of 9,449. The 15,919-member church is the largest in the Southern Baptist Convention. W. A. Criswell, immediate past president of the convention, is pastor.

Other Southern Baptist churches, their rank in the listing, and their average weekly attendance (based on the period from September 13, 1970, to May 9, 1971) were:

First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, 12th, 2,485; First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, 18th, 2,151; First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, 20th, 2,106; Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 24th, 2,017; Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, 27th, 1,932;

First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 31st, 1,804; Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 36th, 1,692; First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, 37th, 1,687; First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 39th, 1,625;

Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 43rd, 1,588; Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 44th, 1,583; Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, 45th, 1,579; First Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, 47th, 1,565;

First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, 48th, 1,555; Beth Haven Baptist Church, Valley Station, Kentucky, 49th, 1,550;

Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, 50th, 1,537; Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, 52nd, 1,515; First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida, 54th, 1,500; Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, 55th, 1,476; South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, 56th, 1,464; Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 59th, 1,442;

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, 64th, 1,366; First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 65th, 1,358; Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Georgia, 66th, 1,352; First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, 75th, 1,305; First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, 76th, 1,289;

Forrest Hills Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, 80th, 1,263; First Baptist Church, Irving, Texas, 85th, 1,208; Northwest Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, 86th, 1,205; First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, 90th, 1,168; and First Baptist Church, Anderson, South Carolina, 94th, 1,135.

In an article interpreting the 4½ pages of statistical data, *Christian Life Magazine* editors observed that "once again the limited listing of mainline denominational churches (other than Southern Baptist) appears to reflect their lack of emphasis on evangelistic outreach. Most growing churches believe the 'Sunday School is the evangelist arm of the church,'" the article said.

Commenting on the statistical report compiled by *Christian Life Magazine*, A. V. Washburn, the head of the Sunday School department for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, said that "it is gratifying that one-third of the 100 largest Sunday Schools are related to the Southern Baptist Convention."

Washburn added however, that "many additional Southern Baptist churches are reaching people in large numbers in an equal percentage ratio to these 33 SBC churches. We rejoice in the growing commitment of the priority of reaching people for Bible study and for Christ," Washburn said. (BP)

## Pentagon Liberalizes Rules For Conscientious Objectors

The Pentagon has enlarged its definition of "conscientious objector" to include persons with a "deeply held moral or ethical belief" in keeping with a 1970 Supreme Court decision.

Under the new rules a draftee would not have to hold traditional religious convictions in order to receive conscientious objector status but he would have to show that his moral or ethical belief is "the primary controlling force" in his life.

The directive, signed by deputy secretary of defense David Packard, reflects the wording of the Supreme Court's decision in 1970.

In the ruling, the court said: "If an individual deeply and sincerely holds beliefs which are purely ethical or moral in source and content but which nevertheless impose upon him a duty of conscience to refrain from participating in any war at any time those beliefs certainly occupy . . . 'a place parallel to that filled by . . . God' in traditionally religious persons."

The new guidelines also require the military to consider claims of conscientious objection among servicemen when such beliefs crystallized after receipt of notice of induction and prior to actual induction. This too reflects a recent Supreme Court decision (April 23, 1971) which held that a draftee with "late crystallizing" objections to war must tell it to the Army and not his local draft board.

The Department of Defense directive, number 1300.6, defines conscientious objection as "a firm, fixed and sincere objection to participation in war in any form or the bearing of arms, by reason of religious training and belief."

Under this general definition, two classes of conscientious objection status are available. Class 1-O is for a member, who by reason of conscientious objection, "sincerely objects to participation of any kind in war in any form."

Class 1-A-O is available for a member "who sincerely objects to participation as a combatant in war in any form, but whose convictions are such as to permit military service in a non-combatant status." (BP)

Give Baptists Facts  
And They Will Usually  
Make Right Decisions

## Woman's Missionary Union Regional Meetings Near

The annual Woman's Missionary Union regional meetings will be held across the state during the final two weeks of September.

Miss Kathryn Jasper, executive secretary for the organization, and state president Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, will be joined by former missionary to Nigeria Miss Ethel Harmon. Now living in Corbin, Miss Harmon recently retired from the Foreign Mission Board after directing the Sunday School work of Nigerian Baptists for several years.

Two new WMU staff members will also appear on the various programs. During the first week, Miss Nancy Watson, Mission Friends and Girls in Action director, will tell of the work with these groups. Baptist Young Women's director Miss Wanda Carpenter will discuss her area of work at the meetings during the second week.

Fairview Baptist Church, Ashland, will be the host for the initial meeting Tuesday, September 21. On successive days, the regional meetings will be hosted by First Baptist Church, Middlesboro; First Baptist Church, Richmond; and Central Baptist Church, Maysville.

Hosting the meetings during the second week will be First Baptist Church,

Fulton; First Baptist Church, Providence; First Baptist Church, Munfordville; and First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville. These meetings will run September 28-October 1.

Each meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. local time and conclude at approximately 2:15 in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at the church.

Miss Jasper emphasized that these regional meetings are for all Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women in the various locals. "These meetings are not just for leadership," she said. "We would like as many of the local women as possible to attend."

## 'Free' Church Backed In Finland

A committee of the Social Democratic Party in Finland has formulated a proposal which, if made law, would virtually do away with the state church.

According to an editorial in *Missionsstandaret*, newspaper published by the Swedish-speaking Baptist Union of Finland, the proposal on the relationship between state and church will be discussed at the next annual meeting of

Miss Jasper also pointed out that this tour of the regional meetings will be the first for Mrs. Ellis as state president. She was elected to this office in April.

"We are looking forward to all the ladies getting to know Mrs. Ellis. It is always a highlight of our tour when the women get a chance to sit and talk with the new officers," said the WMU executive.

The tour will also be the first for Miss Jasper as executive secretary. Last year as executive secretary-elect she was introduced to Kentucky Baptists by then executive secretary Mrs. George Ferguson.

the Social Democratic Party. Of several major parties in Finland, the Social Democratic Party is currently one of the two strongest.

The proposal says the church should be independent, without special support from the state and without limitations required by the state. In the schools, the proposal says, instruction should be given about the Christian tradition and about religions and denominations. The teachers would not, however, have to belong to a religious organization themselves.

The committee also proposes that marriages be handled only by community authorities, and not by the church. The president would no longer have the right to appoint bishops, and all communities would grant without payment a place in the cemetery for everyone.

Every member of the parliament could take part in decisions about church affairs and not just those who are members of the state church, as it is now. The church would no longer have the right to impose a tax on business companies and other organizations.

Ernst Jacobson, editor of *Missionsstandaret*, says: "Socner or later the church-state problem must be brought into focus. The free churches have always emphasized that a free church in a free state best corresponds to the New Testament ideal.

"As members of free churches we are not ready to accept everything as now proposed by the committee, but the proposal could be a suitable basis for a committee — made up of representatives from the government, the state church, and the free churches.

"The basic principle of the present proposal is that the state should be religiously independent and that the church should be autonomous, without support and without limitations from the state." (EBPS)



STATEMENT OF FAITH — Teaching at Southern Seminary is based on the historic "Abstract of Principles" drawn up at the school founding. Each professor pledges to teach "in accordance with, and not contrary to" the document. John Boyle, right, is shown initialing the "Abstract." Also signing during the August 31 Convocation was Gordon Clinard, not pictured. Clinard is the new Billy Graham professor of evangelism.

## European Seminary Enrolls 48 Students

The Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, began its 1971 fall semester August 31 with 48 students from 17 countries.

New students had gone through a full day of orientation on Friday, August 27. Some of these had just finished an eight-week intensive course in English, as all courses in the international seminary are taught in English.

Students, staff and faculty gathered for a get-acquainted dinner the evening before classes began. Claus Meister, faculty chairman, read a cable from president-elect C. Penrose St. Amant extending his best wishes for a good seminary year.

Countries represented in the student body are Camerouns, with one student; Canada, one; Denmark, seven; Finland, six; Germany, four; Hungary, one; Italy, four; Netherlands, one; New Zealand, two; Norway, five; Scotland, one; Spain, one; Sweden, five; Switzerland, two; USA, five; Wales, one; Yugoslavia, one.

Fifteen of the students are women. (EBPS)

## Fingerprints May Hold Key To Murder Of Missionaries

Authorities in the Dominican Republic are continuing their investigation into the slaying of two Southern Baptist missionaries who were found beaten and stabbed to death July 7 in their home in Santiago, a SBC Foreign Mission Board spokesman said.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Potter, 38 and 36, both natives of Marshfield, Missouri, were found dead in bed by their 10-year-old son after their maid noticed a door had been forced open during the night.

At least three men currently are being held by police in Santiago, according to Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. Bryan visited missionaries in the Dominican Republic during August.

Police are concentrating on matching the fingerprints found at the scene with those of suspects, Bryan said. The motive for the killings is still unknown, he added.

"Since it would be difficult if not impossible for only one person to break through the iron gate in back of the Potters' house, evidence points to at least two, perhaps three, persons involved in the crime," said Bryan.

Potter cashed a large check the previous day to purchase a motorcycle for his work on the day he was killed, but police have not affirmed robbery as a motive.

National police brought suspects into custody immediately after the crime and others were questioned later and released, Bryan said.

The Potter children, David, 10, and Susan, 12, are now living with their grandparents and legal guardians, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Roper in Marshfield, Missouri.

The children receive financial support through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The board took steps to provide each of the Potter children with a monthly income of \$90.40. They also are eligible for Margaret Fund scholarships and child supplements during college years from the Foreign Mission Board. It is expected that David and Susan each will receive a monthly benefit from Social Security.

The board also appropriated funds to defray costs of returning the bodies from the Dominican Republic and the burial in Missouri. (BP)

## Americans United Asks Cancellation Of Knights Of Columbus Exemption

Plans announced by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus for a national lobbying campaign to pass laws to provide financial assistance to non-public schools has inspired a request to the Internal Revenue Service that the organization's tax exemption be canceled. The request was made in a letter from Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, to Johnnie M. Walters, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, dated August 31.

In his letter Archer reminded the Commissioner that Americans United had had its tax exemption canceled in 1969 for opposing the very kind of legislation the Knights were sponsoring. If Americans United had to lose its exemption, it seemed only fair, he said, that the Knights should lose theirs also.

The full text of the Archer letter follows: "Dear Mr. Walters:

I call your attention to the enclosed clipping from the *New York Daily News*, August 20, 1971, which announces a nationwide lobbying drive by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, a tax-exempt organization, to pass legislation favorable to its interest. The nationwide campaign, according to the Supreme Council, is 'to pass laws to provide financial assistance to nonpublic school students . . . Most of these funds would go to the Roman Catholic Church to which all Knights belong.

"You are reminded that in April of 1969 the Internal Revenue Service canceled the C-3 status of this organization for its alleged efforts to defeat such legislation and to preserve the strict separation of church and state.

"We call upon the Internal Revenue Service to cancel the tax exemption of the Knights of Columbus. It would only be a fair and impartial enforcement of the law to cancel the exemption of the Knights of Columbus for advocating and promoting precisely the same kind of legislation that Americans United allegedly opposed.

"As the Internal Revenue Service is appraised of this inequitable situation, I am sure it will want to correct it.

Sincerely yours,  
Glenn L. Archer"

## POWERLINE LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By Paul M. Stevens  
Director, SBC Radio-Television  
Commission

Problems answered in this column are from actual letters to "Powerline," teen music program heard on 550 radio stations.

### EMOTION JUST ONE PART OF LOVE

Dear Powerline:

I'm 15 years old, and I'm in love with a girl 14. She knows, but she is in love with another boy, 18. I know he don't love her. But my mother don't want me to go with her, and my friends say forget her. But I can't.

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Of course, you can't. You couldn't be expected to. This thing called love is real and, man, does it come on strong! It can flip you off your mental rocker, so that you could care less about trying to "think things through."

But there's where the hook sticks. Love, at first, is nearly 100 percent emotion. It can't be the meaningful, everlasting thing you want it to be till you mix your emotion with a bit of that grey stuff called brains, and a man-size chunk of devotion. Love, as God describes it, is two persons becoming one. That involves mind and will, as well as emotion.

At 15, you've been socked with your first jolt of that wonderful emotional part of love. But that could happen several times before you get all the pieces together for a case of real, permanent love. The other parts take experience. And that takes time. You need to get to know the other persons and the types you can hit it off with. To do this, you should be dating a lot of different girls. Forget her? No. Just give your attention to some others, too. Choosing THE ONE takes some thinking — based on knowledge. You can't prepare for it as long as you're locked onto one prospect.

While you're learning about love, why not learn from the Source of true love — God? Get yourself a Bible — they're available in everyday English translations now — and strike up a relationship with Christ. He let Himself get nailed on a cross for people like you and me who hated Him. How's that for love?

## Five Church Training Leadership Confabs Planned For Kentucky

This year's Church Training Leadership Conferences are within ninety minutes' driving of most local church leadership. The conferences, planned for October 4-8, will be at Louisville, Fern Creek Baptist Church, October 4; Central City, First Baptist Church, October 5; Mayfield, First Baptist Church, October 6; Lexington, Grace Baptist Church, October 7; and Corbin, First Baptist Church, October 8. They are designed to provide practical helps for all church training leaders.

Two different sessions, 4:00-5:15 and 6:45-9:00, at each conference will help those who attend develop skills in working with their age group. Current literature will be used in the evening session to help leaders learn to use more effectively their quarterly material and undated material.

A special conference for those interested in work with the mentally retarded will be conducted also. Miss Beverly Dietzschold, specialist in mental retardation work, will conduct an afternoon conference on "Beginning a Program for the Mentally Retarded". The evening conference will be "Working With the Mentally Retarded".

General officers will be led by Jack Price of the Teaching and Training Department of the Virginia Baptist Convention. Price will deal with practical suggestions on adapting the church training program to the needs of each local church.

## Southern Seminary's Woman's Group Meets

The Woman's Committee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will hold its annual fall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 22.

The meeting will be held in Gheens Hall in the basement of the school's James P. Boyce Library.

Included on the program will be two seminary students who have served in the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board Journeyman Program. They are Dennis Hill who served in the Philippines and Sue Checkovsky who served in Liberia.

The missions program will be followed by a coffee hour at 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of Gheens Hall.

Since the next meeting will be March 23, 1972, Miss Laura Lu Hughes, executive secretary of the committee, said she is urging "all to attend."



CONVOCATION — Southern Seminary president Duke K. McCall leads the processional marking the beginning of the 113th session of Southern Baptists' oldest theological institution. More than 1,100 students are enrolled for the current semester. This scene took place in Louisville August 31.

## WMU Exec. Calls Mission Offering Vital

Kentucky Baptist churches across the Commonwealth are observing "Week of Prayer for State Missions" during the week of September 12-19. In connection with this observance, an offering is being received. Goal for the state mission offering is \$130,000.

Commenting on the offering, Miss Kathryn Jasper, executive secretary of the sponsoring state WMU, said, "Few people realize how far this offering reaches. Camps at Jonathan Creek and Cedarmore get support. One dollar out of every ten for missionary salaries

comes from here. International student conferences are financed with this offering, students receive scholarships and numerous churches are helped with building and remodeling.

"This is really a vital effort in the program of Kentucky Baptists," she declared.

Miss Jasper cautioned all those mailing funds to be sure that they are marked "Week of Prayer for State Missions." If they are not identified in this way, they will go into the Cooperative Program funds, she said.

(1) Salaries of State Missionaries .....	\$ 20,000.00
(2) Annie Allen Fund for Building Churches .....	45,000.00
(3) Boone Lodge .....	10,000.00
(4) Negro Work .....	3,800.00
(5) International Conference .....	2,000.00
(6) Foreign Mission Appointees .....	250.00
(7) State Missionaries' Children Scholarship Fund .....	3,000.00
(8) Student Summer Workers .....	2,000.00
(9) Missionaries' Library Fund .....	600.00
(10) Clear Creek Baptist School .....	2,500.00
(11) Oneida Institute .....	2,500.00
(12) W.M.U. Activities .....	5,000.00
(13) Baptist Women's Activities .....	500.00
(14) Baptist Young Women's Activities .....	1,350.00
(15) Acteens & G.A. Activities .....	7,400.00
(16) Mission Friends .....	300.00
(17) Cedarmore .....	5,000.00
(18) State Mission Week of Prayer Expense .....	4,000.00
(19) Mountain Mission Conference .....	500.00
(20) Pastors and Laymen Conference .....	200.00
(21) Student Nurses' Loan Fund .....	250.00
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(27) Miscellaneous .....	325.00
(28) Undesignated (to be designated later) .....	6,525.00
<b>GOAL .....</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>



### SUPPORTING WCC

Dear Editor:

Regarding your editorial about requests for Christians to divert their tithes from the churches, may I give my view?

I have not received one of these letters so I have no idea of whom you are referring to, but if my church ever lines up with the Federal or World Council of Churches, I will look for some other place to take the Lord's tithe and that will not be withholding from the Lord for it does not help His cause to champion communism. In spite of the claim of some — Christ did not advocate communism, socialism or state welfarism or whatever name you would call this destroyer of man. But, it seems to me that exactly the opposite is taught in Luke 11:13-14 and Matthew 25:14-30.

May I state here that though many Baptists (?) are teaching that it doesn't matter what church you belong to, I do feel that it matters and if you hold with the idea that there was a period that all traces of Christ's Church was wiped out and restoration made with the Reformation you say that Christ was wrong when He promised an unbroken line until His return (Matthew 16:19).

But back to the FCC, they not only teach civil disobedience, proclaim the Red line, transport draft dodgers to Canada, but make outright treasonous statements against the USA and the President.

I hope you will pardon me if I do not choose to help finance the violent overthrow of the government of the USA. With all its faults, it is still the best government in the world and reform should be made by removing from public office, by vote, our enemies — and electing patriotic, God fearing Christians to every office in the land.

Murray, Ky. Thomas E. Herndon

### BOOKS TO READ

Dear Editor:

It has been my desire, since taking my ordination as a Southern Baptist preacher, to fully cooperate in the work of my Lord and our great denomination in these past 27 years. I have been greatly disturbed from many things that have been happening in our churches today.

I would love to see three outstanding books be read by our leaders of our churches of today. 1. *Baptist Distinctive*,

by W. R. White. 2. *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church*, by J. Clyde Turner. 3. *We Southern Baptists*, by Norman W. Cox. To me, these books have helped me be more firm in my Baptist belief and support of our great Southern Baptist Convention. I would love to see these books to be advertised in every state Baptist paper in our Convention and on the shelves of all Baptist Book Stores.

I believe that the time has come that books like these would be the greatest help to all of us that would love to have a stronger Southern Baptist denomination.

North Wilkesboro, N.C. W. L. Pitts

### YOUTH REVIVAL

Dear Editor:

Our church sponsored a community-wide Youth Revival August 18, with evangelist Jerry Drace bringing the messages and Phil Jewitt, song director of First Baptist Church in Martin, Tennessee, leading the singing.

Visiting with us from First Baptist Church in Martin and participating in the revival were a youth choir and a musical group, "The New Generation,"

which was organized by Jewitt. All the music had a message and appealed to the young people.

We were happy to welcome a youth group from Versailles who had attended Melody Lake Retreat and were brought closer to Christ through Drace's messages. They were a real inspiration in their testimonies and singing.

Due to the success of this type of revival in our church and community, we plan now to make this an annual event. We are taking this means of sharing our experience with other churches. Thank you.

Hickman, Ky. First Baptist Church

### ALCOHOL CONTROL

Dear Editor:

I want to commend and to give my hearty Amen to Mr. R. H. Patterson of Greenville, South Carolina, for his views on how to control alcohol. In my humble opinion, his views make real sense.

If we as Baptists would stand up and demand this kind of control of alcohol and do it with our more than 11 million members, we could get somewhere against this deadly enemy of humanity.

Houstonville, Ky. Tommie Wright

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**BAPTIST BANNER AND WESTERN PIONEER**

**Historical Highlights**

**FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER**

### 10 YEARS AGO September 14, 1961

R. G. Puckett, present editor of Maryland Baptist state paper, resigned as editor of the Ohio Baptist *Messenger* to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dunedin, Florida. Puckett, a Kentucky native, later served as associate editor for *Western Recorder*.

Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program gifts for the month of August were below the 1959-60 gifts. The eight-month total for 1961 was \$11,420,810, a little more than \$3,000 shy of the total on August 31, 1960.

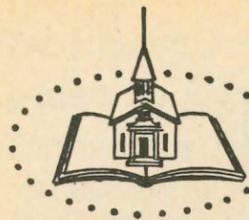
### 25 YEARS AGO September 12, 1946

Rollin S. Burhans was called as pastor

of Crescent Hill Baptist Church. A native of Missouri, Burhans attended seminary in Louisville. He had served as pastor for two other Kentucky churches. He came to Crescent Hill from First Baptist Church of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Burhans spent 14 years as pastor of the Crescent Hill church.

### 50 YEARS AGO September 15, 1921

A. Paul Bagby, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, left there to go to Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina. The church grew considerably under his leadership plus they built a new stone auditorium.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for September 26, 1971)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## Christians And Alcoholics

Galatians 6:1-5

Here Paul sets forth the duty of Christians toward believers who are guilty of a breach of conduct. When a believer is guilty of wrongdoing, a true Christian is afforded a splendid opportunity to prove the genuineness of his spirituality by his attitude and behavior toward the fallen one. It is the duty of the Christian to deal sympathetically, carefully, meekly and prayerfully with him, both for the sake of the offender and to avoid finding himself in a similar position.

If a believer suddenly or unintentionally falls into sin, regardless of the cause, he needs to be forgiven and restored to fellowship with his Lord and his fellow-Christians. "Restore" is a surgical term which means "to reset." The process of "resetting" or "restoring" the spiritually out-of-joint person is a delicate one. It requires such skill that only those who are spiritual should attempt the task. In a kind manner the Christian should speak to the believer who has fallen into sin about the error of his way and attempt to lead him to forsake his sin, to renew his fellowship with God and to appropriate unto himself the strength which the Lord offers him in order that he may live victoriously.

There is an endless variety of burdens — physical, mental, social and spiritual. Paul here urges Christians to bear their own burdens, implying that there are some burdens which cannot be transferred. No one can transfer the burden of responsibility, no matter how hard he may try. There is a life for you to live and a service for you to render that can never be transferred to another. Consider the burdens of your neighbors rather than your own. An approving smile, a little sympathy, a kind word, a message of encouragement or a gift in need will help.

Ephesians 4:32

Paul challenged his Christian readers to put into practice that which they knew to be right. He urged them to put love into action in their daily conduct by being kind to one another. In their relationship to others Christians are required to be kind. Inasmuch as God has been gracious and merciful enough to forgive us of our sins and to bring us into a right relationship with Him, we should care enough for others to go out

of our way to help them to cope with their problems whatever they may be. With hearts of compassion and love, let us extend our hands and our words of encouragement to those who need our love and assistance in overcoming the temptations to which they have been subjected and to which they have yielded!

Romans 15:1-7

In this passage the Apostle Paul emphasized the proper relationship between the strong and the weak Christians. Addressing the strong Christians, he appealed to them to recognize their obligation to manifest a vital interest in and concern about the weaker brethren. Not only did Paul include himself with the strong Christians but he also made it clear that we may be found among their number or in their company.

A robust Christian faith does not create selfishness but always enjoins helpfulness. The interests of the true Christian are not to be in self-gratification primarily but in the welfare of others and in compliance with the will of God. As certainly as Christ came to reveal God to men, to redeem men from sin and to reconcile them to God, Christians should devote themselves to the task of

helping others, even though it may involve embarrassment, unpleasantness, numerous difficulties and lack of appreciation. Victims of booze need understanding, patience, perseverance, love, friendship and helpfulness. We should remember that Christ did not give up and quit working with those who needed Him, even though they did not respond favorably to His overtures, and neither should we.

Verse four teaches us the purpose of the Old Testament Scriptures. It informs us that they are meant for the instruction of New Testament believers in every generation. They were written aforetime but they are for our time also. They were written for our instruction and improvement. Through them we can converse with the past, find comfort for the present and derive hope for the future.

Christ gave His life to redeem the ungodly. Millions of times He has lifted those who have fallen into sin. From Him we learn how we should react to and help those who have fallen through the use of alcoholic beverages, or otherwise, and therefore sorely need our sympathy and assistance. We can help others and please God if we persist in the spirit of Christ.

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## God Gives Meaning To Life

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Concern — Psalm 73:1-3

Asaph, the writer of this psalm, was bewildered and greatly concerned about a problem which has plagued people through the centuries, namely, the manner in which they think God is governing the world in which they live. The seeming prosperity of the wicked disturbed Asaph greatly. He saw many who were ignoring God completely and who had little or no respect for the rights of others and yet they seemed to be prospering. He heard them laughing and jeering at sacred things, in very much the same way in which many today ridicule reverence, honesty and purity, and yet he noted that they occu-

ried positions of prominence and enjoyed great material prosperity.

Not only was Asaph confused but he became somewhat resentful at what he considered to be the unfairness or injustice of God in His dealings with people. He questioned the wisdom of living decently and obediently when the glittering rewards appeared to be going to the unprincipled and unscrupulous. His attitude was very much like those frustrated individuals today who declare that living right and helping others will not get you anywhere. From his experience we learn that to judge or evaluate life in terms of prosperity or good fortune only certainly does not make sense. It is futile to attempt to understand life apart from God.

Conviction — Psalm 73:16-17

Instead of expressing his thoughts to others and thereby causing some of them to yield to the temptation to doubt the justice of God, the psalmist went into the sanctuary and considered his problem in the presence of God. In the quietness of the sanctuary he thought things over prayerfully, was given a clear understanding and was set right in his thinking. He learned the importance of looking beyond appearances and seeing the realities. He learned that the rule of God was right and best and that the prosperity of the wicked was not all that it appeared to be. He was deeply grieved that anything had ever caused him to doubt the goodness of God or to question His justice.

We, too, need to learn and to remember always that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts and His ways are higher than our ways. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" From Asaph we learn that if we would take our problems to God, and tarry patiently in His presence, we would find an answer to our questions and a solution to the problems that perplex us.

Confession — Psalm 73:21-26

Asaph's problem had been created by his own watching of others and majoring on the material things around him, instead of keeping his eyes on God and those things which were of eternal value. In the place of worship he gained a new insight into the purpose and the will of God. Out of his meditation and worship there came to him a real awareness that he had not shown any more wisdom than a beast that behaved instinctively. The natural tendency of human beings is to think that they should never have any troubles and that nothing should ever go wrong with them. Like the psalmist, we should confess our ignorance and folly in questioning the love of God toward us. We would also do well by following the example of the psalmist in the confession of his ignorance and bitterness, by yielding ourselves to Him and conforming to His will, by lifting our voices to God in joyous thanksgiving for His continuous presence and enabling grace.

Concept — Ephesians 1:9-10

This chapter contains a hymn of praise of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the part that each had in our redemption. Through Christ's death on the cross we were redeemed and released from the guilt and penalty of sin.

God gives full and complete meaning to life through His eternal purpose of grace in and through Christ. Paul describes the manner in which God caused His grace to superabound toward man as "the mystery of his will." "Mystery" here means something once unknown but now revealed. That which was once unknown of the purpose of God has been made known through Christ and His gospel. Through Christ God provided a way of redemption for Gentiles as well as Jews.

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## BSSB Sets October Secretaries Seminar

A seminar on "The Church Secretary and Her Work" has been announced for October 18-22 at the Church Program Training Center of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

The seminar, sponsored by the church administration department, is aimed at helping the secretary better understand her duties and improve her personal effectiveness. Participants also will study equipment, procedures and processes useful in the church office.

The seminar will be directed by Idus Owensby of the department.

Registration information may be obtained by writing to: Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. A registration fee of \$20 should be included with registration.

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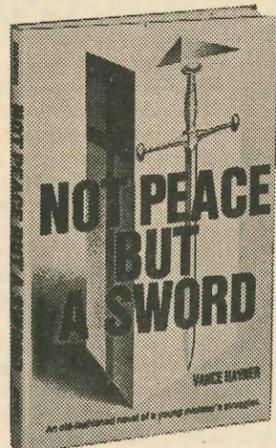
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## Baptists Start 'Mormon' Type Mission Project

Southern Baptists in Salt Lake City, Utah, under the leadership of the executive secretary of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and a former executive now leading Arkansas Baptists, have launched a pilot project whereby youth would spend one year in mission work at their own expense or the expense of their parents.

The project is similar to a two-year missionary volunteer program sponsored by the Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints).

Among the first four volunteers for the project are the sons of the two Baptist executives who initiated the program and two young ladies from Arkansas who responded to an article outlining the plan.

The plan originated with Darwin E. Welsh, executive secretary of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, and was encouraged by Charles Ashcraft, former Utah-Idaho convention executive who in 1969 became executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Benton Welsh, 19 year old son of the Utah-Idaho Baptist leader, and Sam Ashcraft, 18 year old son of the Arkansas Baptist executive, were among the first four volunteers.

Two recent high school graduates from Little Rock, Arkansas, Miss Dianna Rhodes and Miss Sharon Lee Phillips, are the other two volunteers. Both are members of Gravel Ridge Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and both are 18 years old.

Noting that the Mormons have approximately 13,000 missionaries with a church membership of 3 million, Welsh asked, "Why can't Southern Baptists do this? We have the message of salvation to share and too few workers to get the job done."

Welsh, his staff, Ashcraft and representatives of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, met at the state convention office in Salt Lake City the last of August to finalize the plans.

The group agreed that the pilot project would be for one year, that a four-day orientation and training session would be held for the four first volunteers September 7-10, that the four youth would be commissioned on September 11 and that they would be on their respective fields by September 15.

During the year, the Utah-Idaho convention will develop the pilot project in cooperation with Ashcraft, who said that he hoped the idea "will catch fire and it can be done across the nation."

Ashcraft also noted that Welsh and Utah-Idaho Southern Baptists were working closely with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and that there was nothing in the pilot project to overlap with what national mission boards of the SBC are doing.

Emery Smith, associate secretary of

the SBC Home Mission Board's department of special ministries who attended the planning meeting, said that "this is a great thing and, as far as I am concerned, I am 100 percent behind this."

Although Southern Baptists have for many years sponsored student summer missions programs on both foreign and home mission fields and both mission boards have two-year mission projects (missionary journeymen and US-2 programs) for youth, all of the mission projects are financed by designated gifts or Cooperative Program (undesigned) offerings.

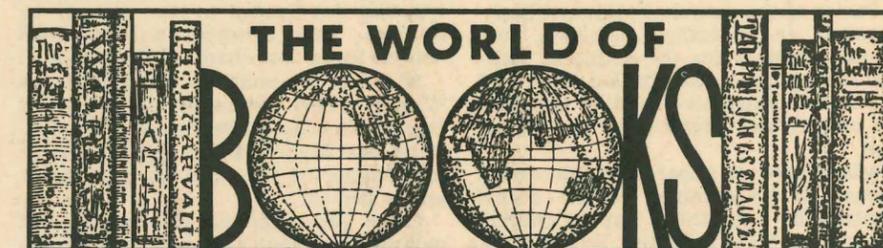
Expenses for the Utah-Idaho project volunteers will be paid by the parents or by the youth themselves, Welsh pointed out.

Ashcraft, Welsh and the parents of

the Little Rock girls are personally paying the expenses of the four youth. Miss Rhodes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Rhodes, Sr., and Miss Phillips is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phillips.

Ashcraft pointed out that the expense would be less than sending a son or daughter to college, would allow the youth a good opportunity to give expression to his Christian faith and would provide both time and experience for youth to think through their vocational calling and plans.

Welsh added that the SBC "never will have the money for all that needs to be done, and maybe this is the answer." He observed that "we know there will be problems but what program doesn't have problems." (BP)



*Was Jesus A Pacifist?*, by Chester Russell; Broadman Press, copyright 1971.

This book is the result of the author's exploration of the question of what the Bible has to say about war and peace.

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War to this author advanced from a childhood game of "mock battle" to a history lesson and finally to reality. Realizing people needed to hear the truth about war, Ford wrote to give them biological, sociological, moral, political, statistical and many other truths about war.

*Diary of Hope*, by Lucy Gray; Baker Book House Company, copyright 1970.

The author shares her diary of searching for answers to her many questions, nightmare experiences and prayers in order to help the reader who is in a similar situation, that of loving an alcoholic.

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The author diagrams, marches around and dissects a sentence in order to help the reader understand himself. The six chapters in this book are entitled from the broken sentence: "I am . . . a person . . . of worth . . . created in the image of God . . . to relate . . . and to live!"

## Second in SBC:

# Woman Ordained To Gospel Ministry

Miss Shirley Carter of Columbia, South Carolina, chaplain-in-resident at the South Carolina State Hospital there, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by a Southern Baptist congregation.

She is believed to be the first woman in the state and the second in the nation to be ordained by a Southern Baptist church.

"Ordination is required for the chaplaincy," Miss (or Rev.) Carter explained. "And I have reached that point in my career."

Kathwood Baptist Church in Columbia, where she is a member, ordained Miss Carter after unanimous approval of both the deacons and the ordaining counsel.

Pastor of the church, P. Edward Rickbaker, Jr., a former associate personnel secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said there had not been one negative reaction and that his church was "joyful over the ordination."

Miss Carter is apparently the second woman to be ordained to the gospel ministry by a Southern Baptist church.

Lynn E. May, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville, said after a check of the denomination's archives that in 1964 Miss Addie Davis was ordained to the gospel ministry by Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, a Southern Baptist church.

Miss Davis, a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, was called as pastor of an American Baptist congregation, the First Baptist Church of Readsboro, Vermont.

Though ordination of women is not unusual in some Protestant denominations or in the American Baptist Convention which has several dozen women pastors, it is rare in the more conservative Southern Baptist Convention.

A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with the master of religious education degree and a summa cum laude graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, Miss Carter returned to her home church, First Baptist Church in Fulton, Missouri, after seminary graduation.

Working as a church secretary, she received one day a call from a distressed woman. This started a counseling relationship that lasted for two years.

"The woman asked me one day if I had ever considered being a chaplain," Miss Carter recalled. "It was at this point that I seriously began preparation for this field."

Miss Carter said she saw no theological problems for ordination and service of a woman as a minister.

Though she acknowledged Scripture

passages, mostly written by Paul in letters to his friends Titus and Timothy, which said that bishops (ministers) should be the "husband" of one wife, Miss Carter cited other passages by Paul which acknowledged that women can be church leaders.

In Galatians 3 Paul wrote that there should be no difference between Jew and Greek, male and female; and in 1 Corinthians 11 Paul talked about women praying and prophesying in the church, she said.

She called Paul's writings "ambivalent" and "inconsistent" on the point of women serving as ministers and pointed out that women were leaders in the early Christian church. Lydia, for example, was the key leader at the church in Philippi and Priscilla was another church leader who had Paul's respect.

Miss Carter said she owed a lot to Wayne Oates, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, "who has written to me quite regularly and supported me both as a minister and a person."

Oates said that he rejoiced in her calling from God and described her as "a woman of integrity, competence and commitment to Christ, in whom there is neither male nor female."

A. Harold Cole, general secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, viewed the ordination as "interesting and different."

"Theoretically, I have no reservations about this," he said, "but from a practical standpoint there may be some problems, mainly in getting a call." (BP)

## Coop. Program Gifts Continue Upward Trend

Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget have increased by 5.4 percent for the first eight months of 1971 over a similar period in 1970.

Cooperative Program contributions passed the \$20 million mark in August, with \$20,064,766 given compared to \$19,027,893 for the first eight months of 1970. It was an increase of \$1,036,872.

In addition to the \$20 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists during the same period gave \$22,683,483 in designated contributions to specific SBC mission causes, mostly foreign and home missions.

During the month of August, Cooperative Program contributions totalled \$2.3 million, an increase of only 1.5 percent compared to August, 1970, contributions.

Of the \$42.7 million received in total contributions so far during the year, \$27.4 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and \$9 million has been distributed to the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Nineteen agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention receive support through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget. (BP)



**BUILDING** — Spring Meadows superintendent Robert Elliott, right, explains the construction of the new swimming pool on the Spring Meadows campus to Ray Moss, center, and Ford Deusner, general superintendent of the Board of Child Care. Moss, former president of the Board of Child Care, is currently heading up a campaign to raise enough money to pay for the pool's construction. Anyone wishing to contribute may contact Moss at Box 400 Starks Building, Louisville 40202.