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Staff Changes

Ray Mullen resigned the pastorate of the Epley Baptist Church in Logan County Association of Baptists. He became the pastor of Union Baptist Church in Ohio River Association, effective October 1, 1971. He formerly held the pastorate at Keysburg, Kentucky.

Mullen and his wife, Beverly, are natives of Logan County. The couple has two daughters. First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, has recently called Paul King as minister of youth. He is a graduate of Cumberland College and is currently enrolled in the University of Louisville school of medicine. King and his wife reside in the Medical Apartments, Louisville.

First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, has recently called John Cotten as minister of music. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is enrolled in the school of music at Southern Seminary.

Cotten has been a member of the Continental Singers and is currently a member of the Junaluska Singers.

Lloyd Perrin is the new pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Ohio River Association of Baptists. He came to Friendship church from Dover, Tennessee, where he served as missionary. He has held pastorates in Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois.

Perrin, his wife, Emma Dee, and their one daughter, Debbie, moved on the field October 1, 1971.

Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, has called Henry Romero as minister of music. Romero is a native of Cuba and came to this country ten years ago.

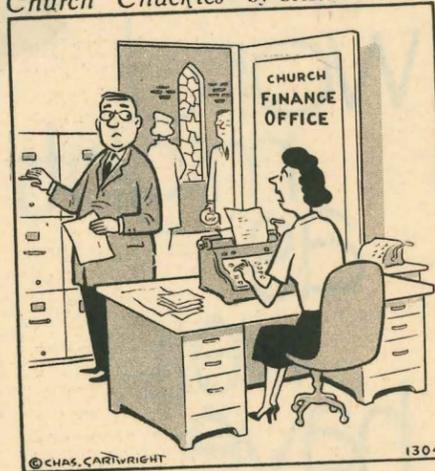
He is a student at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Bob Brown is pastor at the Lexington church.

Edward L. Gibson, pastor of the Grand Rivers Baptist Church, Grand Rivers, Kentucky, has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Delta, Missouri. Gibson previously served the Woodland Baptist Church, Morganfield, and the Watson Lane Baptist Church, Henderson.

Thomas D. Allerton has been appointed assistant professor of religious education at Southern Seminary. He will join the Louisville faculty January 1 but will not begin teaching until the fall semester because he will be engaged in doctoral studies. Ernest Loessner, dean of the school of religious education at Southern, said Allerton will teach in the areas of educational administration and adult education. He will also supervise field education for students in the religious education school.

Allerton is coming to his post at the seminary from the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, where he has served as minister of education. His wife is the former Louise Jefferies of Bradenton, Georgia; the couple has two children.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"What's a charitable way to say your last three pledge payments have bounced?"

DEVOTIONAL



C. Wyman Copass
Pastor, Hillvue Heights
Church, Bowling Green

God Needs Men

My father-in-law had an expression he used when someone would make a comment about a certain individual being a good man. "The woods are full of that kind," he would say, "and the supply is a whole lot better than the demand."

Yes, there is an abundance of men; but God doesn't necessarily need quantity. He wants quality. We have a multitude of ordinary men in the church, and I'm not being critical of that for it is these ordinary men God empowers for service in His kingdom.

Stop for a moment and think about the kind of men Christ chose to use. In the New Testament it was Peter, James, John, Matthew and Zaccheus. He used the woman taken in adultery, the woman at the well. When we see this, we will immediately realize that God does not limit any individual. If man is limited, it is because he places the limitations on himself. When God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, he was told that he could "subdue the whole earth".

God needs men of action; men on the move for the Master. Victories are won only by those forces that move and not by forces that are always planning strategies. General MacArthur rebelled at inactivity. It's action that wins souls. It's action that will expand the ministries of the church. Get a picture of every member of the church on the move for the Master and you will see a picture of a modern-day pentecost.

"Commit thyself to the Lord," David said, and the word "commit" means "to pledge oneself to a certain idea or course of action".

You are committed to many things — your spouse, job, debts, your country. How committed are you to things you believe about Jesus Christ? I believe men are tired of being short-changed. Christianity ought to be in more hands than just that of the clergy! You can do most of the things the clergy is doing. Ezekiel said, "And God sought for a man among them..." God needs men and God will find those men. Will it be you? It can be. I pray it will be.

Annual Baptist Convention To Have Many Special Features

By Harold G. Sanders
KBC Executive Secretary-treasurer

The 134th Annual Meeting of Kentucky Baptists will be held in Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, starting Monday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., and ending Wednesday night, November 10, 9:30 p.m. Presiding will be Harold Wainscott, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, first vice president; and Charles F. Jones, First Baptist Church, Pineville, second vice president.

The pre-convention meetings on Monday are: Executive Board, 10:30 a.m., Phoenix Hotel; Kentucky Baptist Music Association, 1:00 p.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Road; Religious Education Association, 1:00 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church; and Pastors' Conference, 2:00 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church.

Special features

(1) Lay witness — an emphasis on lay witnessing will be given at the opening of most sessions. Speakers will include Kenneth L. Chafin, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board; John Oldham, athletic director, Western Kentucky University; Walter T. Bradley, Negro layman, Midway; and John B. Meeks, bank executive and member of Lynn Acres Baptist Church in Louisville.

(2) Special night sessions — Monday, opening night, will include the convention sermon by John W. Kruschwitz, Versailles pastor, and Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville. Tuesday is youth emphasis, featuring John Oldham of Bowling Green, president W. R. Davenport of Campbellsville College, and William Lawson, Negro pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Wednesday is missions night, reporting on state, home and foreign missions, with featured speaker Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. Baptists within driving distance are urged to attend the night services, with seating available.

(3) Choirs, etc. — Eugene Quinn has arranged for special music including solos, quartet, and the following choirs — Georgetown College, Campbellsville College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Cumberland College, Simmons Bible College in Louisville, and Kentucky Baptist Chorale (ministers of music).

(4) Luncheons, breakfasts — special groups will have fellowship meals at various times. Monday at 12:00, Phoenix Hotel, the Executive Board. Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., Newcomers/wives breakfast at the Phoenix Hotel (send reservations to Harold G. Sanders, Middletown). Tuesday noon, 12:15, retired ministers, missionaries, denominational workers, at Calvary Baptist Church (reservations sent to Franklin Owen, Calvary Church, Lexington). Campbellsville College breakfast, Tuesday, 7:30, Phoenix Hotel; Georgetown Col-



Meet the vice presidents

The annual convention of Baptists in Lexington November 8 will be without a president since John R. Claypool resigned and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, as pastor of Broadway Baptist Church. Two able vice presidents will serve the convention.

Harold Wainscott, first vp

Harold Wainscott, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, since 1964, is first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and will assume primary responsibility for the executive board meeting November 8 and the 134th annual convention November 8-10. He has served as chairman of the administrative committee this year and first vice chairman of the executive board.

A native of Owenton, he was a pastor at Muscle Shoals in Owen County while a 16 year old high school student. During his college-seminary career, he was pastor of Viney Fork church in Madison County and Kiddville church in Clark County. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary.

Wainscott has served the following churches: Florence, Central in Corbin, First Pikeville and his present church.

He has been active in Kentucky Baptist life, having served several terms on the executive board, as a director on the board of *Western Recorder* and many committees including Christian education, survey, nominating, and constitution and by-laws. He has been

(6) Newcomers to be welcomed — All pastors, missionaries, and denominational workers, teachers, administrators of the state board, agencies and institutions in Kentucky and the Southern Seminary will be recognized with their wives by Harold G. Sanders and presented to the convention on Monday night; and will be special guests at the Newcomers' Breakfast, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Phoenix Hotel, Lexington.

(7) Portrait of former state secretary presented — The Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission will present an oil portrait of Calvin Miles Thompson, general secretary-treasurer of the convention from 1921 to 1938. Wendell H. Rone will make the presentation.



the preacher for both the Pastors' Conference and Convention.

His lovely companion, Cornelia, is a native of Georgetown, a graduate at Georgetown College. They had two children: Harolyn, 25, now Mrs. William Crouch, a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati; and Ted Stewart, 19, who was killed in an auto accident in February, 1969, while returning from Western where he was a freshman.

Charles Jones, second vp

Charles F. Jones, pastor of First church, Pineville, since 1958, is second vice president of the convention and second vice chairman of the executive board, and vice chairman of the administrative committee.

A native of Cannelton, Indiana, he is married to the former Imogene Clark of Morgantown, Kentucky. They have three sons: Charles, 23, with the Air Force in Guam; Danny, 21, a senior in Cumberland College; and John, 16, a junior in high school.

Jones is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Western Kentucky University, also of Southern Seminary in Louisville.

He has served the following churches: First Morgantown, Second Greenville, First Leitchfield, Sand Springs, and First Pineville for 13 years.

He has been active in our convention. He served several terms on the executive board and several committees. He is on the Board of Child Care, and is a trustee of the Kentucky Temperance League. —Harold G. Sanders

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The Gospel And Politics Do Mix

"Stick to the gospel and don't meddle in politics" is advice which I have heard given to preachers, churches and denominations ever since I've been in the ministry. I never have bought what most mean when they give this kind of advice and I buy it less today than ever. If by "meddling in politics" is meant public endorsement by a minister, church or denomination of one candidate or one political party, then this advice is generally good. If by not taking a firm stand on political issues and candidates' known views that affect the moral welfare of the state or community, this advice is bad and plays into the hands of the evil forces in society.

The idea that religion and politics should not be mixed is based on a misunderstanding of true religion and also upon a failure to see the demoralizing consequences of leaving politics to unprincipled people. Many of the evils in modern society have resulted from the failure of the Lord's people to exercise the proper stewardship of influence at the ballot box.

The gospel is more than the good news that one can be saved from sin and spend eternity in heaven. It has to do also with how one lives in this world between the time he is reborn and when he inherits his heavenly home.

The gospel surely begins with the transformation of the individual but it should make this individual a saving influence in the world around him. He is the salt of the earth according to Jesus. This is the social gospel which is taught in the New Testament.

A true Christian uses every means at his disposal to make society around him a better place for others and for himself to live. Politics, specifically the voting booth, is one of those means. Those elected to govern us have much to do with the moral climate we live in and therefore we should use our privilege to vote to try to elect those who will execute their offices with moral principles and integrity.

On November 2 Kentuckians will choose a governor and many other officials for the next four years and members of the House of Representatives for the next two years. At the rapid rate things move today, four years can make a great deal of difference in what kind of state we live in. For this reason the Public Affairs Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has spent endless hours in trying to learn

the position on certain issues of the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor and of every candidate for the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

What we have learned in areas of special concern to Baptists we are sharing with our readers in this issue. Please take the time to check carefully the statements on pages 6 and 7 of the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor and the answers given or not given by the candidates for the General Assembly on pages 8 and 9.

The Public Affairs Committee is grateful to the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor for personal interviews. We were received cordially and given generous time considering the intense schedule of these candidates. In most instances we were given clear cut answers to the direct questions asked.

The Committee made a noble effort to have every General Assembly candidate confronted by someone in his or her home district. We are grateful to those who were asked to help and who contacted the candidates in their area. We are disappointed that so many chose not to or for other reasons did not confront their local candidates and these candidates had to be polled by mail. Personal interviews by local voters are always more effective.

The candidates who answered forthrightly are to be commended whether or not we agree with their positions. Incidentally, two candidates of the Roman Catholic faith said "no" to all forms of state aid to parochial schools and sent explanatory statements. This is more than can be said for many candidates of the Baptist faith who would not take a stand or who would not even reply to the questions.

Please know that in sharing what we have learned we are not trying to tell anyone how to vote. We are urging that every Baptist qualified voter in Kentucky prayerfully consider this and other available information on the views of those seeking office and then vote as Christians. In the case of candidates for the General Assembly who did not respond to the questionnaire, we suggest that local voters confront them for answers. Too long we have voted for candidates and then appealed to them for help to put out a fire. Let's learn this time which side they are on before sending them to Frankfort.

Guest Editorial

President Bates Urges Defeat Of Prayer Amendment

Our Baptist forefathers fought and many of them suffered for the cause of religious freedom. Baptists made a significant contribution to freedom from governmental tyranny by helping to get the First Amendment incorporated into the nation's Constitution.

Carl Bates, President,
Southern Baptist Convention

Now we see not only separation of church and state being attacked, but we see the free exercise of religion itself about to be breached.

Specifically I refer to the proposed constitutional "non-denominational prayer amendment" that probably will be voted on by the House of Representatives in Washington on November 8.

I have read this amendment carefully and have studied the decisions of the Supreme Court concerning prayer and Bible reading in public schools. It is my deliberate opinion that the Supreme Court gave voluntary religion a tremendous boost by removing governmental authority from the devotional life of school children.

It is my further opinion that the proposed prayer amendment (House Joint Resolution 191) is one of the most insidious developments against freedom and true religion that I have seen.

What is a "non-denominational" prayer, anyway? Does this mean that one could not pray in Jesus' name in any public building? Baptists, Catholics, Unitarians, Jews, Buddhists and dozens of others groups do not agree on the nature and form of prayer. It hardly seems likely that the legislature and the courts could solve this centuries-old debate and define "non-denominational prayer" to everyone's satisfaction.

Even if they could devise a prayer that would be absolutely non-sectarian, then the bill before Congress would require and make mandatory this kind of prayer in public buildings. That hardly seems to be "voluntary" prayer. The bill before the House of Rep-

resentatives is a contradiction in several directions and it should be defeated. The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis in June, took a strong position against any change in the First Amendment and in favor of the voluntary nature of religion.

I urgently request that every Southern Baptist do all in his power to exercise the stewardship of his Christian influence by urging his congressman to vote against the "non-denominational prayer amendment." Assure him that a vote against the amendment is not a vote against God or against prayer, but it is a vote for freedom and true religion.

Now is the time to stand up and be counted for freedom. Don't be deceived by an innocent-sounding constitutional amendment that is in reality a "booby-trap" and a time-bomb against true religion.

Believe me, the fight against the "non-denominational prayer amendment" is a fight against regimented and governmentally sponsored religion. Real prayer and genuine New Testament religion have nothing to gain and all to lose if this amendment becomes a part of the Constitution.

Here is what you can do. Write, phone or telegraph your representative in Congress and insist that he do all in his power to defeat H. J. Res. 191, which is the "non-denominational prayer amendment."

Call your congressman's home office and see if he is going to be there anytime soon. Make an appointment with him and tell him your views face to face. If you can't do this, write or telegraph him at the House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

You can call him on the phone at this number — (202) 224-3121 — which is the number of the United States Capitol Building.

Whatever you do must be done before November 8, when the crucial vote may be taken.



AMENDMENT DANGEROUS

Dear Editor:

It seems incredible that apparently intelligent people such as Eugene Siler and Mrs. M. H. Lewis (re: *Western Recorder* 9/25/71) could have missed the point so completely in the Supreme Court decision of 1963 on prayer in the schools. The amendment which they support is totally unnecessary and only offers a dangerous weakening of the First Amendment.

I can understand why several of our

politicians are happy to support this as it is an emotional "vote getter". And who is going to write this non-denominational prayer?
Fort Mitchell, Ky. Dorothea M. Yelton

AMENDMENT ENDORSEMENT

Dear Editor:

I am sending my endorsement of two articles, which occurred in the September 25, 1971, issue of *Western Recorder* on the Prayer Amendment, which I wish that you would please print under the title "Baptist Forum."

May the Lord continue to bless and use you as you edit our great Baptist paper.

Louisville, Kentucky

W. G. Potts

The Committee on Committees for the Kentucky Baptist Convention has the responsibility of nominating personnel for the committees of the Convention to be elected during its annual session in November. The committee is open to suggestions and if you have personnel to suggest for particular committees, feel free to contact any committee member or the chairman, W. A. Curl, First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling. The committee will have its first session on Friday, October 22, and can receive suggestions at the Baptist Building or you may contact them prior to their meeting at the Convention in Lexington.

Position Of Candidates For Governor And Lt. Governor On Church-State Issues

All candidates in the coming election for governor and lieutenant governor of Kentucky have been interviewed by representatives from the Kentucky Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee on the following church-state issues: taxation of church property, direct state aid to private and parochial elementary and high schools, indirect state aid to private and parochial elementary and high schools and state tuition grants to Kentucky students in private and church related colleges or universities.

The following are brief resumes or statements of the viewpoints expressed by the candidates. These resumes of positions as understood by the interviewers were submitted to the candidates for approval and correction before publication.

1. *Tax exemption of church property — Paragraph 170 of the Kentucky Constitution provides for tax exemption of church property used for public worship only and limits this property to one-half acre in the city and two acres in the country. Off-street parking requirements and present-day church property use make this provision obsolete. A constitutional amendment is needed to make this realistic. Would you support such an amendment in the next General Assembly?*

GOVERNOR

A. B. Chandler (Independent Commonwealth)

Mr. Chandler felt churches had no need for concern since it was understood tax exemption for property used for religious purposes was a basic American concept. He was unaware the Kentucky Baptist Building and some property used for religious purposes by other denominations were already being taxed. He would support a constitutional amendment properly presented and worded so that churches could own sufficient property for their functions but would prevent excessive or unlimited tax exempt real estate being church owned and would prevent churches from engaging in profit making enterprises without being taxed.

Tom Emberton (Republican)

Mr. Emberton says the governor has no direct hand in the amending process but the first two amendments endorsed by the legislature are automatically submitted to the people for their consideration. However, Tom Emberton would support an amendment to revise and expand the scope of the present tax exemption of church property. He does note that such an amendment must be compatible with the intent and purpose of the foundations of our Kentucky State Constitution. Mr. Emberton particularly stresses that any property utilized in the propagation or teaching of religion... for public worship should not be subject to taxation.

Wendell Ford (Democrat)

Mr. Ford says he firmly believes in the church's right to own enough tax free property to perform its ministries. This would definitely include the sanctuary, educational building, parking lots not used for income producing purposes, pastoriums which the church owned and the denominational headquarters building. He is uncertain about assembly grounds. He would favor a carefully worded constitutional amendment which provided churches with sufficient tax exempt property but would prevent churches

from owning unlimited property for income producing purposes, church owned businesses for profit or land in excess of what was necessary for the essential ministries of the church.

William Smith (Mr. Smith, American party candidate for governor and his running mate for lieutenant governor, Mr. Blair, have conferred and agreed on a joint statement of position on these issues.)

Mr. Smith says he is a strict constitutionalist and would not favor amending the present constitution relative to limitations of church owned tax exempt property. The one exception he would favor would be minimum tax free land for church parking lots. He would not favor tax exemption for church pastoriums or manses, denominational administrative buildings or assembly grounds or any other church owned property.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Robert Blair (See Smith statement)

Julian Carroll (Democrat)

Mr. Carroll says he believes tax exemptions for all property used for religious purposes is a basic American principle. He specified he would favor a constitutional amendment allowing exemption for sanctuaries, religious education buildings, pastoriums which are church owned, church parking lots not used for commercial purposes, assembly buildings and grounds used for religious education and recreation, and denominational administrative buildings. He would not favor tax exemption for church owned property not actually needed for religious purposes nor tax exemption for profit making business enterprises of churches.

Jim Host (Republican)

Mr. Host says he believes strongly in separation of church and state and therefore would favor a constitutional amendment providing tax exemptions for all church owned property used specifically for worship and religious education purposes. This would include sanctuaries, educational buildings, parking lots, retreat facilities not used for commercial purposes, administrative offices but not church owned pastoriums or manses which he feels should be taxed. Mr. Host also specified that church owned business enterprises should pay their full share of the tax load.

2 *Direct state aid to private and parochial elementary and high schools. (Teachers' salaries, payment for other educational services, other instructional or constructional costs, etc.)*

GOVERNOR

A. B. Chandler (Independent)

Mr. Chandler says as governor he would rigidly uphold the Constitution which presently forbids any direct aid to private or church related schools.

Tom Emberton (Republican)

Mr. Emberton says his present consideration regarding aid to parochial schools must be the Constitution of the United States. He recognizes the traditional separation of church and state in America. He notes that the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled against all schemes for parochial school aid which would involve "excessive entanglement" of the state with religion. He adds that his position on this matter is based on legal considerations rather than religious grounds. Mr. Emberton is an attorney.

Wendell Ford (Democrat)

On direct state aid to nonpublic elementary and high school educational institutions, Mr. Ford says the Supreme Court decisions as well as the strongly worded Article 189 of the Kentucky Constitution prevent the state from directly appropriating funds to any private school.

William Smith (American)

Being a strict constitutionalist, Mr. Smith says he would not support direct state aid to private or church related schools.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Robert Blair (See Smith statement)

Julian Carroll (Democrat)

Mr. Carroll says he is greatly concerned for the obligation of the state to provide the best possible elementary and high school education for all children in Kentucky and the limitation of present funds to provide quality education in Kentucky. He feels constitutional restrictions and court rulings prohibit direct state aid to private and parochial schools but sees as an economical move the possibility, if parochial schools are closed, of some present private or parochial school facilities being leased or purchased by the state to be operated and administered as public schools.

Jim Host (Republican)

Mr. Host says he strongly believes that public money should be used for public educational institutions only. He recognizes the right of parents to send their children to private or parochial schools instead of public schools but he holds they should pay for such education.

3. *Indirect state aid to private and parochial elementary and high schools. (Voucher plan, Tuition grants or scholarship, Tax credit, etc. See editorial in September 25 issue of Western Recorder.)*

GOVERNOR

A. B. Chandler (Independent)

Mr. Chandler would not take a position on such forms of indirect aid as the Voucher Plan, Tuition grants or Tax credit saying he was not familiar with how these plans would work. He would look to the courts and the Attorney General to rule on the constitutionality of such plans.

Tom Emberton (Republican)

Mr. Emberton said that he would not consider any educational plan unless it complied with the requirements of the Kentucky and the United States Constitutions. He noted that questions two, three and four all involve the traditional separation of church and state. This separation has been reaffirmed by recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Hence, such proposals have clearly been ruled invalid by the highest court in our nation.

Wendell Ford (Democrat)

On indirect aid such as the Voucher plan, Tuition grants, Tax credit, Mr. Ford feels that the Kentucky and United States Constitutions and Supreme Court decisions probably prohibit these plans. He feels available state educational funds are hardly sufficient for state sponsored educational institutions. His major concern is for all Kentucky children to receive equal treatment in the context of:

- Constitutional restrictions
- Available funds.

William Smith (American)

As an indirect state aid to private and church related schools such as the Voucher plan, Tuition grants and Tax credit, Mr. Smith would favor granting Tax credit to parents sending their children to private or parochial schools.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Robert Blair (See Smith statement)

Julian Carroll (Democrat)

On indirect methods of state aid to private and parochial elementary and high schools, Mr. Carroll says all these proposals are untried and untested and therefore he

could take no firm position on any of them. However, he says they seem to be fraught with danger in that they could undermine public schools and that he is generally opposed to any devices which are designed to circumvent constitutional restrictions.

Jim Host (Republican)

On indirect state aid to private or parochial schools, Mr. Host is firmly opposed on principle. To him this would be circumvention of constitutional intent and thus wrong. He recognizes the financial dilemma of private and parochial schools and hopes they can continue to operate but with added financial support from those who use them and not with tax funds.

4. *Tuition grants or other forms of state aid to parents of or to students attending private or church related colleges or universities.*

GOVERNOR

A. B. Chandler (Independent)

Mr. Chandler says he sees and understands the serious financial plight of private and church related colleges in Kentucky. He feels they must survive and he would support some form of state aid to them if some plan could be worked out which would be constitutional. In such instances fairness and impartiality would demand, according to Mr. Chandler, that similar help be given to private and parochial elementary and high school pupils.

Tom Emberton (Republican)

Mr. Emberton said this question is of the same nature as the above and again relates to our American constitutional heritage. As long as the court continues to uphold this separation as it recently did once again, such programs would be illegal in Kentucky.

Wendell Ford (Democrat)

On higher education of private and church related sponsorship, Mr. Ford feels the same way as he does on private elementary and high schools.

The hope of these institutions lies in more support from private and religious sponsors, not from the state. He would not advocate state tuition grants to students in nonpublic colleges and universities though he sees some precedent for some such plan in the G.I. grants provided by the federal government to individuals.

William Smith (American)

Mr. Smith would also favor granting Tax credits to parents of students attending private or church related colleges and universities. In case the college student had no living parents, the Tax credits would be granted to the student assuming he had some taxable income.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Robert Blair (See Smith statement)

Julian Carroll (Democrat)

On state aid to higher education in private and church related schools, Mr. Carroll has great concern for getting the most for each educational dollar spent but any state funds used in nonpublic schools must be for the same purposes as the money used in public institutions. He feels that if tax funds should ever be used by private and church related institutions of higher learning, required Bible courses and chapel sessions in these institutions would be inappropriate.

Jim Host (Republican)

On higher private and church related educational institutions, Mr. Host has the same convictions he expressed on private elementary and high schools. He sees their value in our educational system but feels they must look to other sources for support and survival and not to the state. His views applies to any form of state aid whether it be grants to parents or students or public funds going directly to the institutions in the State.

Legislative General Assembly Candidates Views On Parochial

SENATORS	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
District Candidate (Party)					
1. Carroll Hubbard, Jr. (D)	A	A	A	A	A
410 Macedonia Rd., Mayfield					
3. Pat M. McCuiston (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Main Street, Pembroke 42266					
5. Damon Majors (D)	A	A	A	A	A
P.O. Box 7, Caneyville 42721					
J. Henry Gibson (R)					
Hardinsburg 40143					
7. William L. Quinlan (D)					
8214 Seaford Dr., Louisville					
Richard Chin (R)	N	A	A	F	A
9803 Highcrest Ave., Louisville					
Karl W. Schmidt (A)	A	A	A	A	A
8012 Nancy Ln., Louisville					
9. Walter A. Baker (R)					
917 S. Green St., Glasgow					
11. Donald L. Johnson (R)					
69 S. Crescent, Ft. Thomas					
13. Michael R. Moloney (D)	A	A	A	A	A
15 Mentelle Park, Lexington					
Robert D. Flynn (R)	A	A	A	A	A
428 McKenna Ct., Lexington					
15. Norman E. Farris (R)	A	A	A	A	A
Cardinal Hills, Somerset					
17. Paul E. Braden (D)					
1111 Circle Dr., Corbin 40701					
Denver C. Knuckles (R)	A	A	A	A	A
Middlesboro 40965					
19. Tom Mobley (D)					
3302 Chickadee Rd., Louisville					
Richard C. Porter, Jr. (R)					
2127 Bashford Manor, L'ville					
Charles Warren (A)	A	A	A	A	A
4819 Bluebird Ave., Louisville					
21. Gene Huff (R)	A	A	A	A	A
231 E. 4th St., London 40741					
23. August "Gus" Sheehan (D)					
612 Altamont Rd., Covington					
25. Roy R. Ross (D)	F	F	F	F	F
King Addition, Paintsville					
Charles D. Wheeler (R)	A	A	A	A	A
4330 Grandview Dr., Ashland					
27. Joe D. Stacey (D)					
West Liberty 41472					
Lawrence Grey Hall (R)					
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29. John Chris Cornett (D)					
Mallie 41836					
Frank Powers Stewart (R)					
Langley 41645					
31. Kelsey E. Friend (D)					
Route 1, Pikeville 41501					
Robert E. Potter (R)					
Yeager 41501					
33. Georgia M. Davis (D)					
733 Cecil Ave., Louisville					
Marvin Lee Drane (R)					
2005 Cypress St., Louisville					
35. Lacey T. Smith (D)					
1212 Royal, Louisville 40204					
Mark L. McCulloch (R)					
2015 Baringer, Louisville 40204					
37. A. D. (Danny) Yocom (D)					
5119 Reed Ave., Louisville					
Edward Frahme (R)					
4408 Cloverleaf Dr., Louisville					
Ralph Melton (A)	A	A	A	A	A
4208 Naneen Dr., Louisville					
REPRESENTATIVES					
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Bardwell 42023					
2. Lloyd E. Clapp (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Wingo 42088					
3. Fred Morgan (D)					
2057 Broad St., Paducah 42001					
4. George F. Harris (D)					
Box 168, Salem 42078					
5. Kenneth C. Imes (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Almo 42020					
6. Richard H. Lewis (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Benton 42025					
7. Joseph McBride (D)					
Route 1, Waverly 42462					
Donald W. Jones (R)					
307 S. Jefferson St., Princeton					
8. John O. Hardin, III (D)					
606 1/2 S. Main, Hopkinsville					
9. James E. Bruce (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 1, Hopkinsville 42240					
10. Omar Parish, Jr. (D)	A	A	A	A	A
925 W. Broadway, Madisonville					
11. Gross C. Lindsay (D)					
127 Myrene Dr., Henderson					
12. Joe Head (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 2, Providence 42450					
13. Charles S. Wible (D)	A	A	A	A	A
2940 Tanglewood, Owensboro					
George H. Greer (R)					
1827 Fieldcrest, Owensboro					
14. Donald J. Blandford (D)	A	A	A	N	A
Route 1, Philpot 42366					
15. Billy R. Paxton (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 3, Central City 42330					
R. "Corkey" Whitthrow (R)	A	A	A	F	A
331 N. 3rd St., Central City					
16. George Street Boone (D)					
W. Main St., Elkton 42220					
Erwin E. Coleman (A)	F	F	F	F	F
706 Day St., Russellville 42276					
17. Theron Kessinger (R)					
Route 1 Box 100, Beaver Dam					

Keys to response: A — Against; F — For; N — No response; Q — Qualified response; U — Undecided.
 Keys to Columns: (1) — Direct aid; (2) — Indirect aid;

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18. Willis G. Moremen (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 2, Brandenburg 40108					
19. Granville W. Vincent (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 2, Leitchfield 42754					
J. T. Skaggs (R)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 1, Leitchfield 42754					
Buddie Miller (A)	A	A	A	A	A
Sadler 42773					
20. Nicholas Z. Kafoglis (D)	A	A	A	Q	Q
805 Newman, Bowling Green					
21. Edward G. (Ed) Brown (D)	A	A	A	A	A
301 N. Sunrise, Bowling Green					
22. T. C. Simmons (R)	A	A	A	A	A
219 N. Welch St., Scottsville					
23. Bobby H. Richardson (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 7, Glasgow 42141					
John Ray Elmore (R)	A	A	A	A	A
Route 7, Glasgow 42141					
24. Sam B. Thomas (D)	A	A	A	A	A
Calvary Pike Rt. 1, Lebanon					
Walter W. Middleton (R)	A	A	A	A	A
214 S. Walters, Hodgenville					
25. Sam H. Watkins (D)	A	A	A	A	A
617 Cherrywood, E'town					
26. Joseph W. Prather (D)	A	N	Q	A	A
302 Lincoln, Vine Grove 40175					
27. Archie Romines, Sr. (D)	A	A	A	A	A
13312 Tennis Blvd., Valley Sta.					
William J. "Bill" Lile (R)					
6611 South Drive, Valley Sta.					
Henry L. "Bud" Mason (A)					
2012 Greyling Dr., Valley Sta.					
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5009 Maryman Rd., Louisville					
Jim Baccus (R)					
6229 Middlerose Cir., Louisville					
Kenneth H. Harrell (A)					
4704 Greenwood Rd., Louisville					
29. Billy G. Wilkey (D)					
6713 Oak Valley Dr., Louisville					
J. O. "Oz" Johnson (R)					
5106 Princewood Pl., Louisville					
Reedie O. Gary, Jr. (A)	A	A	A	A	A
6407 Sonnette Way, Louisville					
30. Thomas J. Burch (D)	A	A	A	A	A
4850 Brenda Dr., Louisville					
Stanley A. Windhorst (R)	A	A	A	A	A
6703 Concord Hill Rd., L'ville					
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12302 Taylorsville Rd., L'ville					
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3615 Calais Dr., Jeffersontown					
Janis Watson (A)	A	A	F	A	A
3903 Hillbrook Dr., Louisville					
32. Robert J. Butler, Jr. (D)					
108 Fairlawn Rd., Louisville					
E. Bruce Blythe, Jr. (R)	A	N	A	F	A
516 Altagate, Louisville					
33. Peter Conn (D)					
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3017 Joan Ave., Louisville					
34. David K. Karem (D)					
2448 Glenmary Ave., Louisville					
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35. Carl A. Nett (D)					
1268 Lydia St., Louisville					
Melvin D. Rice, Jr. (R)					
1235 Lydia St., Louisville					
Roy Sartwell (A)	A	F	A	A	A
1101 Greenleaf Rd., Louisville					
36. Frank X. Quickert, Jr. (D)					
1102 E. Breckinridge, L'ville					
James C. Willard (R)					
1438 E. Breckinridge, L'ville					
37. M. J. (Jerry) Kleier (D)					
335 W. Southside Ct., Louisville					
Wallace A. Reid (R)	A	A	A	A	A
330 W. Southside Ct., Louisville					
Harry Ferguson (A)					
900 Beecher St., Louisville					
38. R. L. "Dick" Ballinger (D)					
4004 Parthenia, Louisville					
Dexter S. Wright (R)					
337 Kenwood Hill Rd., L'ville					
J. D. Thompson (A)					
1026 Franelm Dr., Louisville					
39. Lawrence Ray Maynard (D)					
1212 Garvin Pl., Louisville					
John Shumate, Jr. (R)	A	A	A	A	A
124 W. College St., Louisville					
40. George R. Siemens (D)					
1701 Marlow Dr., Louisville					
Joe Broyles (R)	A	A	A	A	A
1819 Algonquin Pkwy., L'ville					
Thomas Carl Troxell (A)	A	A	A	A	A
1823 Bolling, Louisville					

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Pearl L. Bell (R)					
2247 W. Kentucky, Louisville					
Chester Mason (A)					
2125 W. Main St., Louisville					
42. Charlotte S. McGill (D)					
3016 Park River Dr., Louisville					
Louise Reynolds (R)					
3310 Dumesnil, Louisville					
43. Norbert Blume (D)					
4224 Northwestern Pkwy., Lou.					
Armon Abbott (R)					
403 Amy, Louisville					
Willard T. Mason (A)					
507 N. 31st St., Louisville					
44. Jim Yocom (D)					
2319 Farnsley Rd., Louisville					
T. D. McMillen (R)					
2010 O'Brien Ct., Louisville					
Robert Eversole (A)	F	N	F	F	A
3308 Teakwood Cir., Louisville					
45. Dottie Priddy (D)					
3702 South Park Rd., L'ville					
Curtis G. Witten (R)	A	A	A	A	A
8808 Lakeridge Dr., Louisville					
46. Robert F. Hughes (D)					
7900 Gayeway Dr., Louisville					
Harold J. Haering (R)					
7709 Zenith Way, Louisville					
47. Edward L. Holloway (R)					
10705 Sunderland Pl., L'ville					
48. Basil C. Pollitt (D)	A	A	A	A	A
8200 Grant Ave., Louisville					

People And Places

Campbellsville College will sponsor an exhibition and sale of original graphic art by contemporary and old master artists. Arranged by the Ferdinand Roten Galleries of Baltimore, Maryland, the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, October 27, in the college library. The exhibition will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Included in the exhibition will be over 1,000 original etchings, lithographs and woodcuts by artists such as Picasso, Chagall, Miro, Dali, Goya, Renoir, Kollwitz and many others including contemporary American, European and Japanese printmakers. Prices start at \$5 with the majority priced under \$100.

James D. Crane, Southern Baptist missionary to Guadalajara, Mexico, has been named 1971-72 guest professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, and Southwestern Seminary, Crane has also been president of Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary and an evangelistic worker in southern and western Mexico. (BP)

First Baptist Church, Paducah, held a deacon ordination service on Sunday, October 10. W. F. Chumley, Wilbur Wilkins and Olin Bryant were ordained in this service. John A. Wood is pastor of the Paducah church.

The First Baptist Church, Madisonville, recently ordained two deacons and installed eight other deacons to active service. This event was the climax of the church's 1971 Homecoming Day. Harold J. Purdy is pastor of the church.

Georgetown College will hold its homecoming activities October 22-23. The fall meeting of the Alumni Advisory Board will open the festivities at 4:30 on Friday, October 22. Various other activities will be included on that weekend.

Proclaim, the magazine aimed at helping preachers with sermon preparation, will feature for the first time a full printed sermon in its January-March, 1972, issue. Wayne Ward, professor of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, has written an Easter sermon entitled "I Know He Lives", for this issue. Proclaim can be ordered through the regular church literature order form.

The Long Run Baptist Church met October 3, 1971, at 3 p.m. to ordain the following men as deacons: Willis Nash; John Stafford, Jr.; Charlie Burba; and Rudolph Risinger. The churches represented on the council were Eastwood Baptist, Pleasant Grove Baptist and Fisherville Baptist. Dwayne Cole delivered the ordination sermon. Richard Shields brought the charge to the

church. The pastor of the Long Run church is Donald Gowin.

According to the registrar's report from Georgetown College, the student enrolment has dropped by 125. The largest single drop was in the freshman class. Last year's class had 447 students, compared to 385 in this year's class. There are 76 more women enrolled in the school than there are men.

Kentucky students outnumber the other 26 states represented with 675 students enrolled in Kentucky's largest Baptist college.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, recently announced that president Harold K. Graves has been chosen, along with three other members of the faculty, to be listed in the 1971 national awards volume of *Outstanding Educators of America*.

Other Golden Gate faculty members named for the honor are: Elmer L. Gray, academic dean and professor of religious education; Fred L. Fisher, professor of New Testament interpretation; and C. Arthur Insko, professor of Christian ethics.

Earl Parker of Lineville, Alabama, and Miss Lucy Wright of Greenville, South Carolina, retired missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be married on October 23 in Greenville, South Carolina. They plan a trip to the Holy Land following their wedding and after that to make a home at 113 Grove Road, Greenville, South

Carolina 29605.

A bus ministry conference will be held at the Bell Avenue Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 15-16. Bill Powell, director of bus ministry for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will conduct the conference and invites Kentucky Baptist churches within reach of Knoxville to send representatives to the conference.

John M. Price, dean of the school of religious education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has asked to be relieved of administrative duties as dean in order to return to full-time teaching duties.

Beginning with the fall term, Price will carry a regular teaching load in the seminary's department of psychology and counseling, according to president Grady C. Cothen. Cothen explained that Price had been recently hospitalized and the reduction of his administrative work load was at the suggestion of his physician.

The Liberty Baptist Church, Madisonville, passed a resolution on October 3 in memory of their former pastor Robert M. Wade. The church commended Wade for his love and concern as their pastor.

Howard Wagner, brother of Mrs. George Price, Jr., was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, October 9. A resident of Kansas City, Missouri, Wagner's funeral service was held Tuesday, October 12, in Kansas City. Mrs. Price is the wife of George A. Price, Jr., business manager of the *Western Recorder*.

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Historical Highlights

FEATURING PAST EVENTS FROM THE FILES OF THE WESTERN RECORDER

10 YEARS AGO October 19, 1961

Decisions on what to do about the Magoffin Baptist Institute in Mountain Valley were being made. The state executive board voted to cut all support from the Cooperative Program to the institution as of September 1, 1961. A decision was then being made as to what to do with the land.

Oak Grove Baptist Chapel, serving the Fort Campbell area, dedicated a new auditorium September 17. Charles Chaney was the chapel's pastor. The chapel was then valued at \$40,000.

An octagon shaped building was approved for the new Southern Baptist Convention building in Nashville. Construction was to begin on January 1, 1962, and be completed by January 1, 1963. The building costs were estimated

at \$700,000 and the land was another \$148,000.

25 YEARS AGO October 17, 1946

Roland Q. Leavell was inaugurated as the fourth president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana. Ellis A. Fuller, then president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, spoke at the inaugural services.

50 YEARS AGO October 20, 1921

McCreary County Association was incorporated into the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. This was the first associational meeting held for McCreary County.

Fellowship Luncheon For Retired KBC Workers And Pastors

A fellowship luncheon for retired pastors and denominational workers is being planned in connection with the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention in Lexington, November 8-10. The luncheon will be at the Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 9, at 12:15. It will be complimentary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention but reservations must be made.

The luncheon idea grew out of discussion among several retired Baptist pastors and their need for a "sense of belonging" after retirement.

The best estimate is that more than 140 retired Baptist ministers and denominational workers are now living in Kentucky. Invitations are being sent to those whose names are available. Any retired Baptist minister or denominational worker who does not receive an invitation can make a reservation by writing to Franklin Owen, Calvary Baptist Church, 150 East High Street, Lexington 40507.



Bill Clark Thomas of Cadiz, Kentucky (seated, far left), met with other missionaries of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Mission and Chinese leaders of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Convention recently to discuss cooperative strategy in strengthening the Baptist witness and nationalizing Baptist work. The representatives from Singapore, West Malaysia, Sarawak and Sabah met in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. The mission committed its personnel to the advancement of youth camps and laymen's training, and both groups are to encourage churches to hold annual evangelistic meetings, secure national pastors and become registered as legal societies. Generating local church funds while foreign aid decreases was also stressed.

Jefferson Community College—BSU Ministry

Ministry takes a very lively form at Jefferson Community College (JCC) in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. The college enrollment mushroomed from 2,700 in 1970 to 4,500 this fall.

In order to provide a Christian outreach to this burgeoning inner-city community college Dennis Hamm, who is the Baptist campus minister, and four seminary students operate a student lounge in the basement of Louisville's downtown YMCA.

"The Lounge" provides a launch point for Baptist Student Union activities.

The BSU lounge program originated with Dennis Hamm. With each team member supervising the lounge one day a week, approximately 400 students are touched by BSU. In addition to the lounge supervision duties each seminarian has a special BSU project in which he involves additional students. At present each of the four seminarians work on a no-pay basis as funds for BSU are very limited. It is hoped that additional funds will be made available to allow these men to drop part-time jobs and spend more time at JCC.

Some of the BSU programs are: tutoring college and elementary students, Bible study, films, coffee house, retreats, counseling, fellowship hours, and involvement in mission projects, work with internationals, as well as a constant sharing of state student programs.

All is not rosy at JCC. The YMCA, feeling the economic pinch, may be forced to lease the lounge to anyone who can pay rent. The YMCA has advised the Baptist campus minister that they could secure a two to three year contract for about \$40.00 per month. If such funds cannot be secured before another party rents the lounge then, in Hamm's estimation, Kentucky Baptists

"Single Major" At Campbellsville College

A "single major" concept has been approved by the faculty at Campbellsville College, according to Harlie White, acting academic vice president. This concept allows the student to elect a single major in a chosen field of study for graduation and teacher certification without fulfilling the requirements for a minor.

White stated that the purpose of the "single major" concept is to give each department more flexibility in its program. Incoming freshmen and students in lower division may now take a major, a concentrated major, an area, or a major with a minor. A student electing only a major will be able to take electives in his own course of study, related fields or any field he chooses.

White stated that this new plan will allow the student to go deeper into his field and to take more related courses.

will have lost a strategic base for ministry to a school that will probably enroll 10,000 students by 1975.

Home Mission Board Appoints Kentuckian To US-2 Program

Thirty-two men and women have been commissioned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, to serve on mission fields in the United States for two years as US-2 workers.

The US-2ers recently arrived at their mission fields reaching from Massachusetts to California where they will serve in pastorates, student work, youth centers, inner-city social ministries, resort missions and juvenile rehabilitation.

Among those appointed was a Kentuckian, Miss Reva Burnett of Louisville. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Miss Burnett will work in Christian social ministries in Watertown, New York.



Miss Burnett



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for October 31, 1971)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

The Master's Mission

Luke 4:16-27

Following His entrance upon His public ministry and His remarkable victory over Satan through the use of God's Word, our Lord came at length to Nazareth, longing to make known the way of life to His own townspeople.

Since there were no regular speakers in the synagogues, those in charge designated some competent and honorable person to conduct the services. In a synagogue service two lessons were read, one from the Law and the other from the Prophets.

When Christ stood up to read, the scroll of Isaiah was handed to Him. Turning to the sixty-first chapter of that great prophecy, which begins with the words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," He read the verses which declared God's purpose to send the Messiah to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Perhaps the most significant thing about our Lord's reading of this portion of Isaiah was the place where He stopped — in the middle of a sentence, with only a comma separating it from the next words. Had He read any farther He could not have given the explanation which He did.

After reading the messianic passage from Isaiah in a most impressive fashion, Christ Jesus gave the scroll back to the attendant who had handed it to Him and sat down, which was a sure sign that He was about to speak. This was in keeping with the Jewish custom of standing while reading and sitting while preaching or teaching. In those days it was the custom for the teacher to sit and speak, while the people stood to listen.

With the attention of all riveted upon Him, Christ made the explicit and startling declaration that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Him. At first all had listened to Him with marked attention, astonishment and wonder. They had marveled at His gracious words and manner. As soon as they began to think about the claims He had made for Himself, when He interpreted

what He had read, they became very angry at what He had said. They were highly prejudiced against the truth which He had uttered. Although they were compelled to admit the graciousness of His message, they immediately began to quibble about the messenger. They refused to believe what He had said because they regarded Him only as the son of a local carpenter. Those who rejected Him and His message had been blinded by insufficient information and hardness of heart.

Bitterly resentful of what Christ had claimed with reference to Himself, they resolved that they would put Him to death. They refused to believe His

truth and therefore rejected both the Messiah and His message. They cast Him out of Nazareth and intended to throw Him over a precipice nearby. But God's purposes could not be thwarted, so Christ miraculously passed through their midst, went His way, and was not harmed by them. They demanded a miracle, so one was performed by their being prevented from laying their hands upon Him, for He disappeared at the very time they wanted to kill Him. How tragic though when Christ turns from an individual or a people because He takes with Him what all sorely need, which is salvation from sin!

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

God Judges Nations

The prophecy of Habakkuk is a dialogue between "the prophet of faith" and God. Although Habakkuk had great faith in God, he was greatly troubled by the inequalities of life. He was perplexed with the problem that God sometimes permits the wicked to prosper while the righteous suffer affliction. He wondered why God, Who was holy and just, said nothing when evil men brought their wicked devices to pass. The silence of God in the presence of evil is ever a great enigma.

Habakkuk 1:5-13

Habakkuk's righteous soul chafed under what seemed to him the unnecessary delay on the part of God in doing something about the unlawful and terrible sins of the people with whom he associated. Unquestionably he was deeply concerned that the holiness of God should be vindicated by His visiting judgment for sinful deeds and suppressing all violence and iniquity.

Due to the parallel conditions which now exist, many are facing the same problem that Habakkuk did. From outward appearances it seems that wickedness is having a field day in its victory over righteousness.

The prophecy of Habakkuk opened with a bold and earnest complaint because wickedness continued without

any apparent interference on the part of God. In the midst of the adverse circumstances, the prophet went straight to God with his problems, made a full declaration of all his bewilderments and awaited God's reply. It is easy to understand why he expostulated with God as to why He had not answered his prayers by bringing the people to their senses and causing them to turn from their wicked ways. In spite of their refusal to repent and forsake their sins, after they had been rebuked, warned and urged to do so, Habakkuk was thoroughly convinced that God was to be trusted fully by all who knew and loved Him.

Habakkuk 2:6-8

Habakkuk observed that prosperity and power were in the hands of the perverse. It appeared that the way of evil was the way of blessing and success, and this puzzled him. He could not understand why God did not deliver the righteous from all their foes. He inquired how a sin-hating God could allow the continuance of such monstrous cruelties and treacherous acts toward His people. While God was far more patient and longsuffering with the people than Habakkuk was, He certainly did not have any intention of permitting them to continue indefinitely in their iniquities without His vengeance descending upon them.

What surprised and shocked Habakkuk more than ever was the information that God imparted to him that He was going to use the mighty and cruel Chaldeans as His instrument of judgment upon the disobedient people. The prophet did not question that his people had sinned and rightly deserved God's disciplinary chastening, but he was astonished when he learned that God planned to allow the proud, defiant, idolatrous, violent and ruthless Chaldeans to accomplish the task. Thinking that the people of Judah were far more righteous than the Chaldeans, Habakkuk could not bring himself to believe that God would use the arrogant and pagan Chaldeans, who refused to recognize any law or deity outside or above themselves, as an instrument of judgment. To him it was inconceivable that God would do something like this. Habakkuk was neither the first nor the last person to have difficulty in comprehending the workings of divine providence. Godly Habakkuk wanted the people of Judah to be punished for their sins of rebellion against and disobedience to God according to his own will rather than according to the divine plan, but God reserved the right to choose the instrument for the accomplishment of His righteous purpose.

In his dilemma Habakkuk sought a clear explanation from God as to why He dealt with the nations as He did. Personally he was unable to fathom the mysteries of the ways in which He had been dealing with them. After praying and awaiting the divine revelation, Habakkuk received satisfactory answers from God. Even though the prophet had not been fully aware of the fact, God had been working behind the scenes and He had always done right. He learned that chastisement for sins often comes to people through others and frequently through their enemies. Habakkuk's faith triumphed over seeming contradiction, outward appearances and every doubt, and he came to understand that God is never contaminated by any of the instruments which He uses in the accomplishment of His purpose.

God eventually deals with every nation that flouts His will and purpose by executing judgment upon it in a manner of His own choosing. Ultimately the wicked nations, which serve as the instruments of God's judgment, must also submit to His justice. Like the Chaldeans, they will reap the same kind of treatment which they administer to others.

After his remarkable experiences with God, Habakkuk came to the conclusion that God was in control of the universe and regardless of what might take place he would trust Him. To him God was a perfect remedy for fear and the only source of real peace and joy. Consequently, he resolved to be true to God, regardless of what any others might do.

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Texas Baptists Dedicate Disaster Relief Unit

With more hurricanes and tropical storms brooding ominously in the Gulf of Mexico, Texas Baptists dedicated a new disaster relief mobile unit.

Immediately afterwards, they gave thanks that Hurricane Fern, the first hurricane to hit the Texas coast in 1971, was less destructive than many had feared.

The mobile unit, to be manned by trained task force members, is a truck and trailer outfitted with communication equipment, emergency supplies of food, water, medicine and clothing and facilities for generating electric power.

Funds for the unit will come through the annual Mary Hill Davis offering for State Missions to be promoted among 4,000 Texas Baptist churches during September. (BP)

'Review And Expositor' Features Book Of Job

The book of Job is receiving a thorough analysis in the fall issue of the *Review and Expositor* scheduled for release October 15.

Published quarterly by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, the scholarly journal contains articles by both seminary personnel and other recognized international Biblical scholars.

Writing for the fall issue are Southern Seminary Old Testament professors J. J. Owens, Clyde T. Francisco, Page H. Kelley and Donald L. Williams. Mrs. Clyde T. (Nancy Lee) Francisco is also a contributor as are Kyle M. Yates, Jr., chairman of the department of religion at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and Samuel L. Terrien, Davenport professor of Hebrew and cognate languages at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Articles in the new issue include "Understanding the Book of Job" by Yates, "The Prologue and the Epilogue," by Owens, "The Speeches of Job" by Williams, "The Speeches of the Three Friends" by Kelley, and "The Speeches of Elihu" by Tate.

Also in the issue are "The Yahweh Speeches and Job's Responses" by Terrien, "A Teaching Outline of the Book of Job" by Francisco, and "Job in World Literature," by Mrs. Francisco.

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LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

STUCK-UP "IN" CROWD CAN BE SWAYED

Dear Powerline:

The problem that has been bugging me concerns the two different groups at our school. One is popular and sometimes nice but they look at the others as not as good as them. I stuck with the popular group for about two weeks and one of my friends said I acted stuck up. Should I hang around with the popular group or the others?

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That all depends on what your motives are for hanging around them. Do you really feel that you fit in better with the popular group? Or do you just want to make sure you're identified with the "in" crowd? In saying you're acting "stuck up," your friend may be giving you a clue to your real motive. If you were clinging to the "in" bunch because you actually felt more at home with them, your attitude would be relaxed and natural. You wouldn't "look at others as not as good as you" just because the rest of the crowd did.

If your motive is right, your associating with the popular crowd could serve a worthy purpose. You could influence them to see the worth and dignity of ALL young people, regardless of social or economic status. That's how God intended for people to live, and when some of the early Christians got a little careless on this point He warned them through the apostle James: "How can you claim that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ . . . if you show favoritism to rich people (and that can mean "rich" in popularity as well as rich in possessions) and look down on poor people? . . . This kind of action . . . shows that you are guided by the wrong motives." It's implied that if you "belong to the Lord Jesus Christ" your motives will be right. So that's a good place to start in developing relations with others—be sure you "belong" to Him.

Texas OK's Federal Aid For Hospitals

The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has approved recommendations that the convention's nine hospitals be allowed to accept federal capital grants and long-

term, low-interest federal loans.

The recommendations, which grew out of a year's study by a special hospital committee, must be approved by the convention's annual session in Houston, October 26-28.

The board defeated a request that the nine hospitals be allowed to add non-Baptists as trustees. It also narrowly set aside a request that the board assume authority to release a Baptist hospital in case of financial emergency. Normally, an institution must be released at the annual session.

The loans and grants would be sought only in cases where they would prevent hospitals from losing money for complying with federally-required programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, the committee said.

Previous Texas Baptist annual conventions have ruled decisively against allowing institutions to receive federal money, because of fear it would lead to government control.

The hospital study committee's report noted, however, that the health care field has changed "markedly" with the "intrusion" of the federal government. It said hospitals now "are virtually dominated in their practices by federal regulations." (BP)

Arkansas Widow Gives \$250,000 To Ouachita

A widow from Dermott, Arkansas, Mrs. Scottie Evans, has donated \$250,000 to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to help finance construction of a new student center.

The contribution, in stocks of the Combined Insurance Co. of America, will be used toward the construction of a new \$1 million student center. Mrs. Evans said she felt after a visit to the campus that replacement of the current student center, built in 1940, is the university's greatest building need.

She said she first became interested in Ouachita University through the influence of her pastor at Dermott Baptist Church and that her interest increased when her grandson was a student there.

"God has blessed me in so many ways that I want to show my appreciation by sharing in this worthy cause," said Mrs. Evans at a luncheon. (BP)

Congressman Calls For Action Against Prayer Amendment

Congressman Fred Schwengel (Republican, Iowa) told members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs that he believes "prayer will be diminished and religion will be hurt" if the proposed nondenominational prayer amendment becomes a part of the U.S. Constitution.

Schwengel, a layman in the North American Baptist General Conference and an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in the nation's capital, addressed the committee during its three-day semiannual session in Washington, D.C.

Discussion on the prayer amendment was primary on the committee's agenda, because a vote on this amendment is expected in the House of Representatives on November 8.

"You ought to lay aside everything except missions and let this be your primary challenge . . . until we have our people thinking right on this thing," Schwengel challenged the leaders from eight Baptist denominations in North America.

His voice intermittently choked with emotion, Schwengel told the committee that "it is no compliment to the churches" that a proposed prayer amendment is before Congress for vote.

"We have not understood and shared intelligently enough the great blessings we have in religious freedom," Schwengel declared.

Earlier in his message he recounted his Baptist heritage as a "first generation American." Born to German immigrants who came to America seeking religious freedom, Schwengel is a descendant of Ulrich Zwingli, a Swiss leader in the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

Observing that he was speaking both as a congressman and as a Baptist, the Iowa Republican advised the committee members to organize small groups of Baptists "to call on every congressman between now and November 8, to make their views known" concerning the proposed amendment's threat to religious liberty.

Citing the Quakers as an example of how to approach legislators, Schwengel said to "go on the basis of common sense and good judgment." He praised the Quaker lobbyists for their efforts to present arguments "based on facts and convictions."

In his message to the committee, Schwengel told of a conversation with former Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was on the court when the "prayer and Bible reading" decisions were handed down in 1962 and 1963. The proposal now before Congress to authorize "nondenomina-

tional prayer" in public buildings would reverse those decisions.

"We ought to be applauding the Supreme Court in these cases," Schwengel declared. "We ought to hang our heads in shame that an agnostic (Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hare) took this thing to the Supreme Court when we Baptists should have."

In the dialogue following Schwengel's appeal to the committee, G. K. Zimmerman, whose family also came

J. Norris Palmer, 73 Dies Of Heart Attack

J. Norris Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for 37 years, died of a sudden heart attack in Baton Rouge on October 9, 1971. He was 73.

Palmer, long active in denominational life as a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, seemed in good health until the time of his death, associates said.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 11, at the First Baptist Church. Robert Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and several other local and state Baptist leaders officiated.

Palmer had been president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, a member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, chairman of the SBC promotion committee, and chairman of the SBC committee on order of business for several years.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he had been pastor of churches in Mansfield, Louisiana; Memphis, Tennessee; and Hollandale, Mississippi, before coming to the Baton Rouge church in 1933.

Palmer is a brother of Robert Palmer, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky, and now professor at Cumberland College.

from Germany to America seeking religious freedom, pointed out that over half the population in the United States does not belong to any church.

"We must stand up for their rights, too," declared Zimmerman, who is the top executive for the North American Baptist General Conference.

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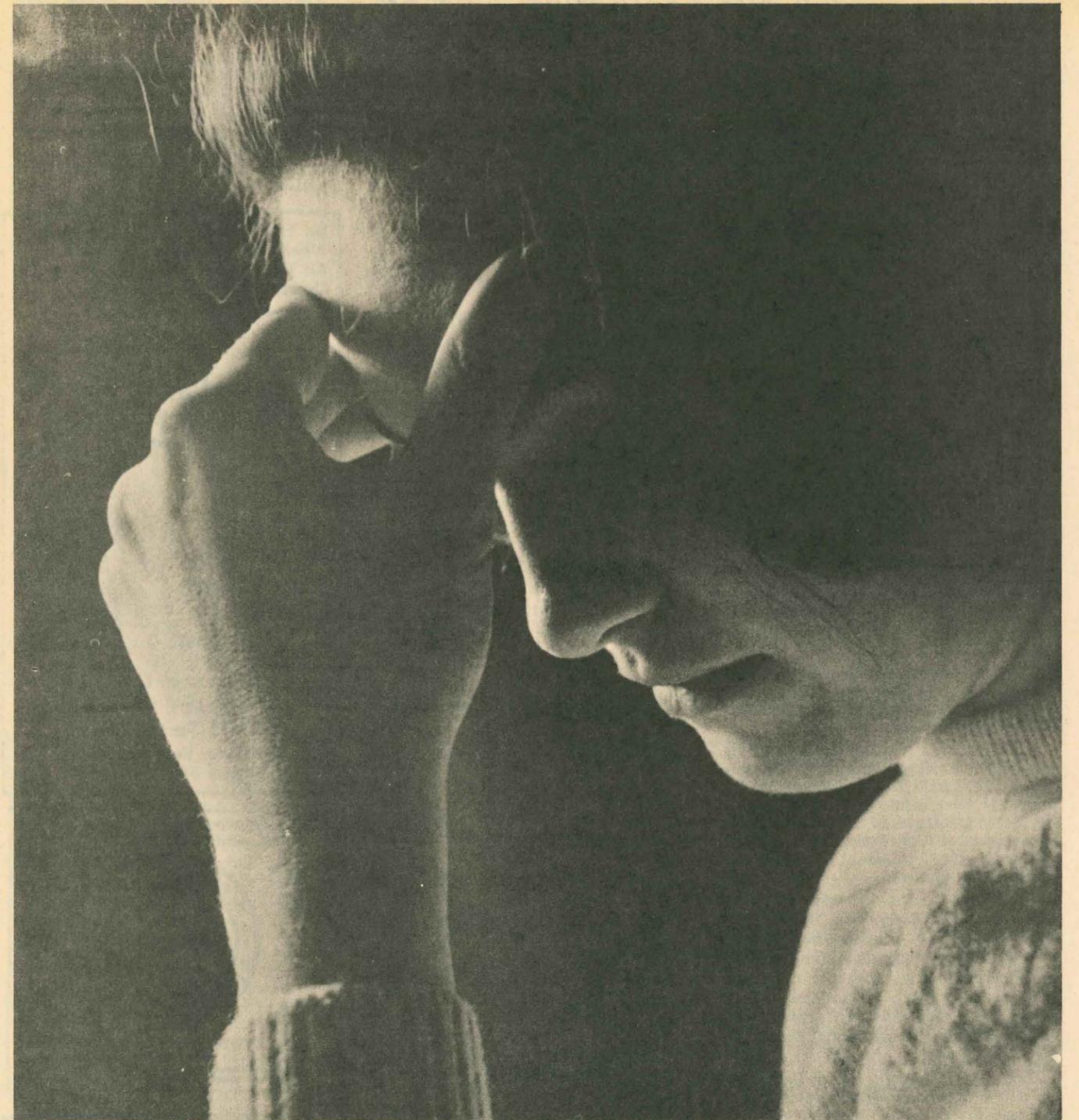
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