



Pictured is one of two cemeteries that remain as grim reminders of World War II prison camps near Kanchanaburi, Thailand. These camps housed thousands of Allied prisoners who constructed the bridge on the river Kwai. Now Baptists proclaim freedom in Jesus Christ from a mission outpost there.

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Staff Changes

H. L. Dobbs, president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc., has announced the appointment of Cecil Lea as director of public relations for Kentucky's Baptist Hospitals, Inc. He assumed his duties May 1.

In making the announcement, Dobbs stated that Lea will work with the executive vice president of each of the



Lea

three Baptist hospitals in the development and enlargement of their respective community relations programs. As a part of his responsibility, he will be available for speaking engagements for churches, civic clubs, school and community groups. Lea, a native of Shelbyville, is a graduate of Georgetown College and has a masters degree in college administration and public relations from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. Before accepting the position with Baptist Hospitals, Inc., Lea served as assistant director in the office of public affairs, Kentucky Department of Highways, for nearly three years. Earlier he served six years as director of public relations and development at Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, and was director of promotion and public relations at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, from its beginning until its merger with University of Louisville in August, 1969.

He is married to the former Elva Sharp, Shelbyville. The couple has two daughters, Judy and Linda; both are married.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention, through Baptist Hospitals, Inc., operates three hospitals: Kentucky Baptist, Louisville; Central Baptist, Lexington; and Western Baptist, Paducah. A contract has already been let for the construction of a fourth hospital, in St. Mat-

thews, east of Louisville. A capital funds campaign just concluded was successful in raising \$1,090,000 toward defraying the cost for this hospital.

Wayne C. Newby assumed his duties as pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville on May 3. He came to this post following a five year pastorate with the Spring Bayou Baptist Church in Heath, Kentucky. He has also served as pastor of churches in Indiana, Tennessee and Barlow, Kentucky.

While at Spring Bayou, he held the position of moderator of the West Union Baptist Association.

A native of Woodbury, Tennessee, Newby holds degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and Southern Seminary. He is married and the father of four daughters.

Howard A. Holt, former minister of music and youth of Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville, has accepted the call to First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina. He resigned his part-time position at Kenwood church on May 14, after the completion of his seminary studies.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Pretty smart! I notice you don't show THIS part of the services on TV!"

DEVOTIONAL



W. H. Goatley
Director,
Baptist Fellowship
Center, Louisville

Living By The Divine

Acts 18:21

Our devotional thought is based on Paul's first trip to Ephesus. As the apostle concluded that first visit he said, "I will return again unto you, if God will." And he sailed from Ephesus.

When I taught school at Simmons Bible College there was a student who traveled 600 miles each week (round trip). That student made a great impression upon me because upon leaving each week-end he would say, "I will see you next week if the Lord will."

There must be the realization in the Christian concept that life is lived in accord with the will of God. The expression, "If the Lord will," should say several things to us. First, it reveals a sense of divine direction in a person's life. This sense of divine direction is one of the great needs of our day. We need to acknowledge God, accept Him and follow His directions.

The question comes, how can I know the will of God? We can know God's will through the lives of faithful Christians. We can know God's will through men who are sent from God. We can know the will of God through His written Word, in the highest manner we know the will of God through our Lord Jesus Christ for "The Word became flesh."

Finally, we should realize that our lives are in God's hand. Paul learned this fact and wrote to the Corinthian church, "I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will." (I Corinthians 4:19). The apostle James learned this lesson. He states, "Ye ought to say if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." (James 4:15). The challenge is to remember that life is in God's hand; we move within the framework of God's will.

Ministerial Traits Laymen Dislike

By C. DeWitt Matthews
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My country deacon father was often perplexed about what he thought were ministerial peculiarities, although he admitted that some laymen give preachers a hard time, too. He was particularly irritated when serving on pulpit committees by what he heard from preachers about other preachers.

"Why don't preachers tell pulpit committees the truth about their brethren?" he asked. "Their letters to our committee rarely ever list the unflattering things about the man they want us to consider. So, if all we knew was what preachers write us about each other we'd make more wrong choices than we do make. On the other hand, any reputable business firm analyzes an applicant's weakness and strength knowing that no man can do all things well, so dependable decisions on personnel employment are based on the whole picture. But preachers generally just tell committees the nice things about their brethren, which is essentially misleading and ultimately dishonest."

The process by which most Baptist preachers are called to churches is heavily dependent on letters of recommendation. Such correspondence is desirable but it should more honestly present the facts than most of it does. How often, for instance, have pulpit committees received letters of recommendation that were expressed in such general terms of approval that they really said nothing! Sometimes denominational leaders and influential pastors write such fence-straddling letters that they just confuse committees. It is, in fact, rare that such letters forthrightly give the man's ineptness alongside of his capability. Laymen wonder, then, why letters from preachers to pulpit committees do not more often give the bad with the good!

For instance, I know of one volatile minister who has been evicted from practically every pastorate he's had because his personality is as prickly as a porcupine's back. He seems to have a genius for irritating others by his dogmatic insistence that he's right and others are wrong. But he clashes with equally strong-willed laymen, which ultimately spells doom. In fact, he is his own worst enemy and a capable counselor would have a field day using this man as a case history in psychological maladjustment. But did the letters to the pulpit committees contain references to his domineering tendencies? Not a line. A member of one of the committees said, "We had letters from several top pastors and other Baptist leaders that declared simply that the man was orthodox in faith and loyal to the denomination. But none of them

told us that his bristly fractiousness was his major weakness. They just ignored this trait, hoping, I guess, that no church would find it out before calling him. This dishonesty shook me, for I had expected the truth from our leaders when we asked for their appraisal."

Laymen are irked, too, by some preachers who when wanting a raise in

pastor's motives and muddle-headedness if he will not face up to the rugged reality of his deteriorating hold on a church. It is then that many laymen want to scream to such a foolish man, "But, Parson, we think it's God's will for you to go." Under such a condition the whole church sometimes becomes stalemated until the pastor can and will move on. Many laymen wonder about such pastoral blindness to reality.

Still further, laymen have serious doubts about a pastor's motivation if he refers to my church, my deacons,

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salary, staff additions, or other improvements, leak the word to certain gullible saints that they have enticing offers to go elsewhere. This is a pressure tactic that laymen resent. Some pastors have threatened to resign if certain things were not approved, but when approval did not come they backed off from their threat and remained. Laymen rightly think this is petty politics unworthy of God's ministers. Besides such men usually make a mistake to remain when they've already announced their intention to leave. Laymen generally like for their pastors to "call it as it is" and not try sly maneuvers, for most active laymen can discern the true state of affairs.

One ambitious but bumbling preacher announced to a deacon that on his jaunt into another state he had offers from six churches to become pastor. The deacon smiled when telling of it, and then observed, "If he had even one firm offer he'd take it, but his ego needs boosting so badly that it gives him a 'charge' to talk to others about what he desires as if it's what has already happened." Responsible laymen dislike pastors to "profess more than they possess" in efforts to be more impressive than they actually are.

Laymen are further perplexed by the pastor who, when confronted by overwhelming evidence that the church's leadership thinks he should seek another pastorate, immediately hides behind the ministerial cliché that "God led me here and he has not led me away." Dedicated laymen believe that God leads, but they are suspicious of a

my program and my budget. They know none of these things "belong" to the pastor, so they wish his hungry egotism didn't show so plainly.

Many thoughtful laymen can't see why the denomination hasn't long since worked out a plan to assist pastors and churches to get together and apart. They don't see any threat to the church's autonomy in this suggestion. Most of them are actually sympathetic with pastors who, for various reasons, simply can't "make connections" to move. Some may be modest men who hesitate to ask others to recommend them. Others may shy away from any suggestions of political manipulation. Many laymen believe, therefore, that the denomination ought to put its best brains hard at work to devise some helpful process that would relieve pastors of embarrassment when churches feel forced to demand their resignation.

Some pastors wisely encourage "talk back" sessions with their laymen, being unafraid of their criticism.

However it is done, pastors should care about laymen's opinions. Further, they need to understand that most active laymen love God and the church as much as the pastors do, so their suggestions are not generally destructive.

At any rate, loyal laymen still pay the bill, keep the church going and run interference for much that pastors want done. For these reasons, and many more, laymen ought more often to be heeded and not hushed into acquiescing silence about improvements preachers need to make in their pattern of ministry.

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

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Giant Oaks From Little Acorns Grow

Being one of 12 to 15 thousand Baptists trying to find a seat close enough to recognize personalities on the speakers' platform, it will be difficult for a messenger in Philadelphia next month to realize that for many years all the convention messengers could be housed in one small hotel and seated in one assembly room of many modern Baptist educational buildings. The scene in Philadelphia in 1972 with 15 to 20 thousand Southern Baptists counting messengers and others will be a sharp contrast from the organizing session in 1845 in Augusta, Georgia.

Exactly how many were in Augusta for that historic moment is not certain. The historical table in the convention annual lists 293. J. W. Storer in the *Southern Baptist Encyclopedia* gives 236 as the number and says there is no way to know exactly how many were there. Incidentally, only one representative was there from Kentucky but he was the renowned missionary to the Indians, Isaac McCoy.

The mode of travel for messengers this year will be a sharp contrast from the way the first convention goers got to Augusta. J. B. Jeter, one of the strong Baptist leaders in these days, describes how the Virginia delegates traveled. They rode the train to Wilmington, North Carolina, took a steamboat from Wilmington to Charleston, South Carolina, and thence overland to Augusta. Incidentally, it was the Virginia Foreign Mission Society that called for the Augusta meeting.

In 1849 there were only 103 registered messengers for the convention in Charleston, South Carolina. The convention did not have as many as 1,000 messengers until 1902 in Asheville, North Carolina. By 1920 there were over 5,000 but not until 1952 did the number reach 10,000. The record number was in New Orleans in 1969 when 16,678 registered.

The convention met also in 1846 but not again until 1849 and every other year from then to 1863. The years 1864 and 1865 were skipped due to war conditions but the convention met every year from 1866 until World War II when we did not meet in 1943 nor 1945.

Until recent years there was no limit on how long a president could serve. P. H. Mell of Georgia served

15 terms covering the years 1863-71 and 1880-87. Jonathan Haralson, Alabama, served ten terms from 1889-98. About 1939 a precedent began for a voluntary limit of two years for the president. The only exception since then was R. G. Lee who served three years. The constitution and bylaws now limits the president to two years before having to vacate the office for at least one year.

The longevity of convention presidents has been short compared to terms of secretaries. Lansing Burrows of Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia was secretary for 32 years, 1882-1914, and Hight C. Moore of Tennessee and North Carolina was in the secretary's chair for 26 terms covering the years 1919-1946.

Today only the major cities in the United States have the facilities sufficient for the number of people who attend the convention. Many readers know the convention met in Louisville in 1959 to help Southern Seminary celebrate 100 years of theological education. This was the seventh time for the convention in Louisville. Fewer will know that the Southern Baptist Convention has met in two other Kentucky towns. In 1866 Russellville hosted it and Lexington was its meeting place in 1880. Other smaller towns which hosted the convention include Jefferson, Texas, and Columbus, Mississippi.

On the other hand the convention preacher seems to be a one shot affair. A glance at the historical table indicates no preacher has been chosen to deliver the sermon more than once.

The formation and growth of the Southern Baptist Convention is a tribute to some men of great stature but it is more of a testimony to the grace, forgiveness and goodness of God. Though there were other factors in the breach with Baptists in the north, the main issue involving the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention was slavery. Many Baptist leaders in the south strongly defended slavery on Scriptural grounds and some even owned slaves.

What some of our most illustrious Baptist forefathers advocated and defended on moral and Scriptural ground is almost unbelievable today. No doubt many of the things we say and do in Philadelphia will be just as unbelievable to Baptists several generations from now if the world stands.

Sugar Sticks And Slaying Stones

If Southern Baptists presented an award for honesty, it ought to go this year to John Bisagno. As president and program arranger for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, he frankly says there will be no theme nor assignment of topics for the program personalities this year. Every man will preach his favorite sermon or his "sugar stick," says Bisagno.

Actually with a few exceptions all these preaching extravaganzas for some years have been "sugar stick" affairs. No matter what subject has been assigned, most speakers have managed to include their "sugar sticks." These conferences have been exhibitions of preaching stars and parades of oratory. More than that they have been used sometimes to launch a man as a convention presidency candidate and have emotionally drained many to the point that the convention is anticlimactic and dull.

By coincidence I was preparing the May 21 Life and Work Sunday School lesson about the time we were processing the Pastors' Conference article for publication. I could but contrast the preaching of Stephen in Acts 7 with the customary preaching at Southern Baptist Pastors' Conferences. For people who claim to stick to the New Testament models, it's difficult to see much resemblance between the preaching of Peter, Stephen and Paul and that heard at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conferences. At the end of Peter's sermon at Pentecost the hearers were pricked in their hearts and cried out, "What must we do." At the end of Pastors' Conference performances we say to ourselves, "How I wish I could do it that way."

When Stephen stood before his audience his face shone like the face of an angel. When our preaching heroes stand up to deliver their "sugar sticks" they shine with the latest hair styles and haberdasher's finery.

REPLAY OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

Dear Editor:

I'm an Alabamian.

I usually feel like a Kentuckian, for it has been a decade since we planted our lives in this place, but down in the memory bank of my formative years' experiences I know I am an Alabamian. Not just from Alabama, but an Alabamian.

Much of what my fellow Alabamian George Wallace has stood for and stands for is anathema to me, and I have spent a huge quantity of energy in the last few years rejecting a stance toward life and persons which he seems to epitomize.

But there I was, watching yet another replay of the unbelievable, with the tears coming unbidden. Why should I be hurt by hurt coming to one with



whom I disagree so violently? Why should his agony be mine? Why should the shock and anguish of his family be my anguish and shock?

Could it be because we are both Alabamians? Although that would make great copy right now I must reject that kinship as the basis for my identity with him. But I think I have located a kinship that seems to hold water.

He is my brother because we are both the children of a loving Father who created both of us with worth and a kind of uniqueness never to be duplicated. And that realization makes me want to insure that none of my brothers ever again have to suffer this kind of an attempt at obliteration.

Granted the audiences of Stephen and Southern Baptist Pastors' Conferences are not identical. Stephen was speaking to Jews who so far had rejected Christ as the Messiah; the Pastors' Conference audience will be mostly those who are saved though many may need to be converted.

Stephen's sermon was mainly an account of salvation history which by our standards would hardly be fit for Sunday School assembly devotion. The sermons in Philadelphia will be oratorical gems designed for the listeners' delight.

At the end of Stephen's message the hearers rushed him out of town to stone him to death. The hearers of the "sugar stick" peddlers at the Pastors' Conference will be rushing down front trying to get a revival date two years from now which is his first open date for big time evangelists.

Among other contrasts between preaching in Acts and that from too many Baptist preachers is the ultimate products. Of the early believers it was said they went everywhere preaching the word. One of every two of our converts are not to be found doing anything for the Lord within one year. They go everywhere, especially to lakes, golf courses, picnic parks on the Lord's day and do everything but preach the word.

The one redeeming feature of this year's Pastors' Conference is the appearance of some new faces. The news release on the conference makes certain to say the new faces will be "several of Southern Baptists' outstanding young men."

There's not much doubt that it will be a pastors' conference. Not a seminary professor made the program. Denominational workers did a little better. Three of them will have benediction prayers and one will lead an offertory prayer.

What can I do? At the most intimate level I can help my family understand that all persons have worth and are precious. At the level of my work I can attempt to enable those who make up our church family to see that we all have similar options for affirmation of life. And at the public level I can work for stringent gun control laws that can possibly be effective in limiting arms use (much like the President has introduced by blocking supply routes in North Vietnam) simply making them harder to get.

And I can sit alone, and weep, both for my fallen brother and for my sin of not doing all I can to make this world a place for him to be safe — whether his name is Eric Epley, or George Wallace, or Tuy Phu Quang.

Louisville, Kentucky Arnold Epley

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Ward, Roberts To Headline Annual Pastors' And Laymens' Conferences

Wayne E. Ward and Ray Roberts will headline the 1972 edition of Pastors' and Laymens' Conferences sponsored by the church administration department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A theology professor at Southern Seminary, Ward is a popular speaker throughout the Southern Baptist Con-



Ward



Roberts

vention. During the conferences he will lead the Bible study sessions.

Roberts is executive secretary of the State Convention of Southern Baptists in Ohio. A former Kentucky pastor, he will be the preacher for the annual events.

Beginning at noon on July 10, the first conference will be hosted by Jonathan Creek Baptist Camp near Hopkinsville. The conference will last through Wednesday afternoon.

Campbellsville College will host the second of the two conferences. These sessions begin Thursday morning and continue through Friday evening.

James Barry, church administration consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct workshops on "Church Ministries" and KBC president Harold Wainscott of Owensboro will address the groups.

Other program features include church administration workshops, music activities directed by KBC music director Eugene Quinn and meetings for women who attend with their husbands.

At Jonathan Creek, Billy Turner of Morganfield and James E. Rennell of Hopkinsville will lead the church administration workshops. At Campbellsville, these sessions will be directed by J. W. Farmer of Irvine and Huston Lanier of Laurel County.

Mrs. Wayne Ward and Mrs. G. R. Pendergraph will lead the session for wives. Among other topics, "The Role of the Minister's Wife" will be discussed.

Those interested in additional details or desiring to make reservations may write G. R. Pendergraph, Kentucky Baptist Building, Box 43433, Middletown 40243.

There is no charge for the conferences.



Vacations

Now is the time that most people are planning their summer vacations and it may include for you a refreshing week at a summer assembly or camp.

So, let me suggest that you study the schedule of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly — many opportunities for spiritual and physical refreshment for you and the family. If you are a Sunday School teacher or officer — or a Training Union leader — or a Brotherhood or WMU worker — or a young person — or a pastor or staff member — or an interested Baptist — there's a conference for YOU. Why not call the department whose conference interests you — Middletown, phone 502/245-4101. Or call Cedarmore, phone 502/747-8911.

Camps for youth

Eight weeks of camps for girls interested in missionary education are planned by Kentucky WMU. Ring them.

Eight weeks of camps for boys interested in missionary education and all the fun of outdoors are planned by the Brotherhood. Ring them.

Music camps are planned for juniors through young people by the music department — call Eugene Quinn.

Youth Week for young people is a big event — July 10-14. Contact Wanda Carpenter of WMU (sponsored by several departments).

If you want a complete schedule at Cedarmore, write me or Cedarmore.

Ridgecrest/Glorieta

And if you are interested in attending a Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, or Glorieta, New Mexico — contact us and a list is in your Baptist Diary.

Vacation Bible Schools

Nearly every church will conduct a Vacation Bible School this summer. Some will also conduct VBSs in mission points. These are under the guidance of the Sunday School department, Roy E. Boatwright, director. What a privilege for the boys and girls! Plan big for them in your church.

Offerings for the VBS are usually sent to this office as special gifts for world missions through the Cooperative Program. Train them in the global gospel in Vacation Bible School!

Harold G. Sanders

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One Of Fifteen Across Country —

Kentucky To Host Regional Mission Action Workshop

A battery of ministering, witnessing experts in working with language groups, the aging, drug abusers and other people with problems, will be unleashed June 19.

The cause: a three-day intensive study of mission action to take place June 19-21 at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

The workshop, part of the first large-scale mission action training project ever fielded, is sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board.

A staff of three WMU leaders from Birmingham, nine Home Mission Board staff members, a Christian Life Commission staffer and other experts will form the faculty of the workshop.

All kinds of mission action workers are invited. Pastors, church staff members, WMU officers and leaders, and mission action group members are most likely to benefit from the program.

Kentucky mission actioners will have another convenient workshop choice: Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly, Lynchburg, Virginia, July 10-12.

The Louisville workshop will give nine hours of specific training in work with a mission action target. Literacy students will have sixteen hours of study in order to qualify as literacy teachers. A person can choose to attend any one of ten target conferences. These will be conducted by Home Mission Board and Christian Life Commission representatives.

WMU personnel will lead general sessions on mission action organization and administration, group processes and mission action projects.

Special speakers in general sessions will include Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and James L. Barber, specialist in youth and family services at the Home Mission Board.

American Baptists Change Name, Approve Restructure, Sessions

After six hours of debate, the American Baptist Convention, meeting in Denver, Colorado, approved a restructure study that changes the name of the denomination and calls for meeting every other year instead of annual sessions.

Delegates to the convention, after several amendments and lengthy discussion, adopted the recommendations of the Study Commission on Denominational Structure by a vote of 1,844 to 113.

In other actions, the delegates rejected a strongly-worded resolution criticizing President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors and adopted instead a statement both questioning American policy in Southeast Asia generally and criticizing military aims of North Vietnam.

Another resolution adopted by the convention commended "the new ecumenism represented in Key 73," an evangelistic effort in 1973 involving 130 denominations and religious groups.

The restructure proposals came at a time when many other religious denominations, including United Methodists and United Presbyterians, were voting on restructure plans that generally tend toward centralization.

Under the American Baptist restructure proposals, the name of the denomination would be changed to "American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.," and

the convention would meet biennially instead of annually.

The convention would also create a 200-member General Board to replace the smaller General Council to coordinate the work of the denomination between its biennial sessions. An amendment to retain annual sessions was narrowly defeated by a vote of 1,101 to 1,385.

Other changes call for the rotation of the convention presidency between clergy and laity, without regard to race or sex. Originally, the committee had recommended that the presidency be rotated among men, women, blacks and other minority groups.

Elected new president of the convention was Gene E. Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton Centre, Massachusetts, and former president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Bartlett will succeed Mrs. Marcus Rohlf of Seattle, Washington.

In other action, the convention confirmed the election of Robert C. Campbell, professor of New Testament and dean at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, California, as the denomination's general secretary. Under the reorganization plan, the general secretary will have greater authority than any previous general secretary. In a brief acceptance speech, Campbell told the delegates: "Thank you, I think." (BP)



PERFORMING — The Kentucky Baptist Chorale, comprising the ministers of music in Kentucky, sang a concert at the Georgetown College chapel on April 6. The program included Randall Thompson's The Testament of Freedom cantata and gospel song arrangements interspersed with testimonies by some of the men regarding how God led them to become ministers of music. They were directed by George Stansbury, music professor at Campbellsville College, and accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Carlton of Georgetown.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL



HELPING — A delegation of the Midwest Baptist Conference of Nigeria recently presented a \$1,200 check to Kentuckian Robert E. Amis, right, missionary physician, to assist in the work of Eku Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Amis, the former Joan Skaggs of Stanton, said this was the first time Baptist churches in that area had united to take specific action regarding the hospital's financial needs. Plans now call for the offering to be an annual affair. Amis is a native of Corbin and holds degrees from University of Kentucky and University of Louisville. He has been in private practice in Louisville and was instructor in surgery at the U. of L. medical school.

Suggestions For Lay Mission Involvement Given

A wide variety of opportunities involving laymen in missions were unfolded before 30 state Baptist Brotherhood leaders from 20 states in a three-day meeting at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tennessee.

Plans for proposed projects were outlined in such areas as local church missions, lay evangelism, foreign and home mission tours, international Baptist conferences, radio and television ministries and seminary extension.

Offering the suggestions were a battery of leaders including the Brotherhood Commission staff headed by executive secretary Glendon McCullough, the chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, Owen Cooper, and representatives of four SBC agencies.

M. Wendell Belew, director of the missions division for the SBC Home Mission Board, encouraged the state Brotherhood leaders to continue enlisting laymen's groups to help in construction work in areas of the country where Baptist work is numerically weak. He also urged laymen to become involved in inner-city projects and to increase the number of indigent boys involved in their Royal Ambassador camps.

"Groups of men also can help people in trouble at roadside rest stops and give a Christian witness at the same time," Belew said. "They also can start Bible study groups in motels for those men who don't want to spend the night in the bar."

Belew also suggested projects in the area of interfaith witness, mission fellowships, disaster relief, work with migrants and work with Negroes.

Kenneth L. Chafin, the SBC Home Mission Board's director of evangelism who has arranged 2,500 lay evangelism schools in the last two years, called on



STEPPING DOWN — Two longtime Brotherhood leaders were honored for a total of more than 40 years of service at the annual planning meeting of state Brotherhood secretaries at the Brotherhood Commission. Discussing their retirement this year with Glendon McCullough (center), commission executive secretary, are Edward Hurt (left), Brotherhood administration consultant at the commission, and John Farmer of Columbia, Brotherhood director of South Carolina.

state Brotherhood leaders to enlist and inspire key men to take this training.

Chafin said he plans to start 10 to 15 key city lay evangelism schools during the next 18 months. He also expressed a desire to work with Brotherhood leaders in the area of lay renewal.

In the area of foreign missions, Sammy DeBord of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, asked for the help of state Brotherhood leaders in recruiting missionaries, particularly professional people, and in promotion of associational world missions conferences.

Cooper, who also is a member of the men's department of the Baptist World Alliance, asked the state Brotherhood leaders to help him enlist 1,200 Southern Baptists to attend an international Baptist conference in Israel in November, 1973.

Presenting ideas on laymen's involvement in missions through radio and television ministries was Clarence Duncan, administrative assistant at the SBC Radio-Television Commission. Also speaking was J. Ralph Hardy, associate director of home study for the SBC seminary extension department. (BP)

Former SBC Pres. Herschel Hobbs Sets Retirement

Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1961-63, announced his plans to retire as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, effective January 1, 1973.

Announcement of his retirement plans came just one week after Hobbs observed his 23rd anniversary as pastor of the church.



Hobbs

Hobbs, who will be 65 on October 24, told the congregation of First Baptist that he was retiring from the pastorate but not from the ministry.

"If God permits, it is my hope to continue writing, preaching on The Baptist Hour as long as it seems wise to do so, holding Bible conferences and revivals on occasion, and doing whatever else the Lord wills in the life of our beloved denomination, as my health and strength will permit," Hobbs said.

His physician had advised him to retire at the first of next year. Last May, Hobbs suffered a heart attack and blood

clot, and was hospitalized again in the summer with a flu virus. He returned to the pulpit in September after five months of recuperation. He said his health is now good.

Hobbs joins two other Southern Baptist Convention former presidents who recently announced plans to retire. J. D. Grey, president of the convention from 1951-53, is retiring as pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans; and Ramsey Pollard, president of the SBC from 1959-61 preceding Hobbs, will retire as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. (BP)

Georgetown College Forms New Support Group

Formation of the Georgetown College Associates was announced by Russell E. Bridges, director of development.

"The board of trustees authorized the college to organize and enlist a group of distinguished citizens from throughout the United States to work with the college," Bridges said.

Individuals are being contacted now for membership.

"Associates will work with the college as advisors to president Robert L. Mills and other administrative officials on present and future programs at Georgetown College."

Specifically, Bridges said the Associates will serve as interpreters of the college to specific groups, report to the college the reactions of the general public and/or specific groups with which each member is associated and make recommendations to the president

and executive committee of the board of trustees for the improvement of the college. They will also assist in locating and securing support for present and future programs of the College.

An annual meeting will be held at the college each fall.

The Associates will have a chairman, associate chairman and secretary as officers.

An executive committee will be composed of these officers and chairmen of a campus and building development committee, corporate/foundation support committee and an estate planning committee.

Serving as advisors for the Associates will be president Mills; Ira J. Porter, Louisville, chairman of the college board of trustees; Joe Johnson, Georgetown, chairman of the board's development committee; James Bardin, co-

ordinator of business/industry/foundation support for the college, and Bridges.

Annuity Board Tells Annual Luncheon Plans

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board announced its annual luncheon for annuitants will be held in Philadelphia June 7.

The luncheon will be held during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those who receive benefits from the Annuity Board will be eligible to attend, according to Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, president of the board.

The luncheon will be held in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

President Asks For New Action, Attitudes Toward Aging

President Richard Nixon, in proclaiming May as Senior Citizens Month, asked officials of voluntary organizations and private groups to join with government officials to make this period "a high point in a year of action for older Americans."

"Action Now" is the theme for the 1972 observance set aside each year by an act of Congress to honor America's 21 million older citizens. After citing advances in programs for the elderly, Mr. Nixon called for "a new attitude toward aging."

In his proclamation, published in the Federal Register, the President reviewed a number of actions already taken by his administration toward meeting the needs of the elderly poor. Among these, he cited a "tenfold" increase in the budget for the administration on aging, a new national nutrition program for older people, and efforts to provide transportation for elderly persons involved in service projects.

Also, the President said the nation is moving forward with efforts to reform nursing home care and a program to provide hundreds of information centers for older persons in local communities.

All of these endeavors, Mr. Nixon continued, "complement the administration's basic program for improving the income position of the elderly." If his recommendations on social security and other income maintenance programs are approved, the income of older Americans would be increased by some \$5.5 billion annually, according to the President.

Despite all that has been done, "there is much that remains to be done," the President said. "One important challenge is to help all our people develop a new attitude toward aging, one which stops regarding older Americans as a burden and starts regarding them as a

resource. "For such an attitude will not only contribute to the dignity of life for older Americans, it will also give our country the immense benefit of their skills and wisdom," the President declared. (BP)

Governor's Confab On Aging Set



In connection with President Richard M. Nixon's proclamation designating May as "Senior Citizens Month," Kentucky Governor Wendell Ford has set May 30 as the date for the "Governor's Conference on Aging." This conference will serve as a follow-up to the White House Conference on Aging held in November of 1971.

The May 30 program will provide information regarding congressional, administrative and state leadership attitudes toward aging. Featured speakers include Arthur Flemming, special consultant to the President on aging, and Kentucky Governor Ford.

The conference begins at 10:00 a.m. at Knights Hall on the Bellarmine College campus in Louisville. It will adjourn at 2:30 p.m. A free box lunch will be served to all attending.

Advance registration is necessary. Those desiring to attend may call the Kentucky Commission on Aging in Frankfort (502)-564-4238 or the Kentucky Inter-Faith Aging Project (502)-772-2457.

Bates Observes Controversy Inevitable Among Baptists

Carl E. Bates, who for two years has worn the mantle of peacemaker among Southern Baptists, said in North Carolina that controversy and conflict are inevitable for the denomination.

"The sad thing is that we keep going over the same ground again," the Southern Baptist Convention president said in reflecting on his two years in the denomination's top elected office.

Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte since 1959, yields the presidential gavel in Philadelphia next month. He was elected president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination in Denver in 1970 and re-elected last June in St. Louis.

By Toby Druin
Associate Editor, Biblical Recorder

Both the Denver and St. Louis conventions were marked by controversy, among other things, over the Broadman Bible Commentary. A group of conservatives has served notice that they will again resurrect the commentary issue, asking this time that the entire 12-volume series be withdrawn from sale by the Sunday School Board.

Referring to the commentary question, though not mentioning it specifically, Bates urged every Southern Baptist pastor and layman to read *Not A Silent People* (a history of controversy among Southern Baptists), written by Carson-Newman College professor Walter B. Shurden.

"I wish every Southern Baptist could read it," Bates said of the book. "Pastors need to read it to understand our history and laymen need to read it to stand firm against those who would lead us over the same ground again.

"Controversy and conflict are inevitable," he said. "The sad thing is that we go over the same ground again and again.

"Of course, not all of this is bad," he added. "It makes us get down to basics. We are forced to reacquire ourselves with our doctrines and history."

He praised the democratic structure of the convention, but noted that though a messenger can have his say, he does not always get his way.

"This is perhaps the only place in Christendom where every man can have his say," Bates said of the annual convention. "But it is also where every man does not always prevail and where he doesn't justify his position by blaming the establishment."

Bates said he had logged more than a quarter of a million miles at the SBC helm, including a trip to Tokyo for the Baptist World Alliance in 1970. He has

visited every area of the country, speaking at most state conventions or evangelism conferences at least once during his tenure in office.

"But the major responsibility of this office," he said, "is correspondence — reams and reams of it.

"Anybody in the Southern Baptist Convention who has a complaint feels that the president can solve it.

"I have tried to answer all of them personally, except the Boy Scouts who wrote about God and Country awards. I developed a form letter for them."

The two years have convinced him that the presidency should be limited to a single one-year term of office.

"Two years is too much for a man or church to give," he said. "We should elect a man for one year and at the same time make the first vice president the president-elect. Southern Baptists could very wisely move to this position."

Nevertheless, Bates said that his church has not suffered during his terms of office. He gave credit to his associate, Joe Burnette, and to "the strongest young laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention" for seeing the church through the period. During the two years, the church has broken ground and almost completed a \$1 million-plus plant to which it will move on July 1.

He praised Southern Baptists for their stewardship in the past year that saw a new surge in Cooperative Program giving. But he said he was distressed about the continuing decline in church organizations and offered a solution.

"All we need to do is rediscover Arthur Flake's book, *Building a Standard Sunday School*," he said. "If Southern Baptists ever get back to that book, we will remedy the decline."

Bates said that in his travels he could detect no great differences among Southern Baptists, regardless of their geographical areas.

"Baptists in the older areas of the convention are least likely to push the panic button over changes," he observed. "I attribute this to maturity.

"The various sections of the convention do work under different procedures but at heart they are all individuals who love their freedom in Christ as Baptists," he observed.

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SOON TO BE PASTOR BATES — Former Kentuckian Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past two years, smiles at the prospect of devoting full time to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, effective June 9. Bates is ineligible for re-election as president of the convention and will turn over the gavel to a new president on June 8. In addition to his duties as president of the convention, Bates has led the downtown Charlotte church in construction of a new church plant shown in background.

The SBC president said, however, that his travels had pointed out to him a need for indoctrination in Baptist beliefs.

"I am distressed at the lack of doctrinal understanding on the part of many Southern Baptists," he said. "It would be a stronger fellowship if our people understood more thoroughly the doctrines of grace.

"But we have finally gotten back to the New Testament pattern of witnessing — people-to-people, house-to-house and day-by-day. I think if we can really tie in to the new WIN (Witnessing Involvement Now) program we could double our church memberships to 25 million in the 1970's. I think Southern Baptists are on the threshold of one of their greatest eras."

Bates said he had no plans after yielding the presidency except "trying to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, again.

"I am looking forward to resuming my old habits of study, counseling and visitation and above all simply preaching in the joy of shared discovery," he commented. (BP)

Black Southern Baptist Named Teacher Of The Year

A young black Baptist from North Carolina is "wowing" official Washington with a naturalness and old-fashioned idealism that have many persons applauding enthusiastically and staring in amazement — some with tears in their eyes.

He is James ("Jay") M. Rogers, Jr., a history teacher at Durham High School, Durham, North Carolina. Rogers, 31, has been named 1972 Teacher of the Year in a nationwide poll conducted by educators and public school authorities.

Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower, substituting for President Nixon, presented awards to Rogers in a special White House ceremony. Rogers is the first black teacher to be honored in the 21-year history of the oldest ongoing program honoring the nation's outstanding classroom teachers.

Commenting upon his selection for the honor, Rogers said he hoped it was not because he "happens to be black." He went on to say that he hoped the selection was an endorsement of his "idea of listening to young people."

Rogers was named the national Teacher of the Year by a panel of educators for his "superior ability to inspire a love of learning and intellectual curiosity in students of varying backgrounds and skills." The program is sponsored by *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the *Ladies Home Journal* and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

During a four-day visit to the nation's



TEACHER OF THE YEAR — James ("Jay") M. Rogers, Jr., a black teacher from Durham, North Carolina, was named "Teacher of the Year" in ceremonies at the White House. Rogers (third from left) is seen with Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower as Elliot Richardson, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, praises him as a great American.

capital, Rogers has been honored by the sponsors and other educators and top government and congressional leaders in a number of receptions, luncheons and dinners. In addition to a reception in his honor at the White House, he

Kentuckian Runner-Up For Southern Seminary Judson Scholar Award

Miss Carolyn Ann Noffsinger, a graduate of Western Kentucky University, has been named a runner-up for the Adoniram Judson Scholar Award from Southern Seminary. The Judson awards are given annually to outstanding college seniors and graduates who plan to enter some phase of the Christian ministry outside the United States. Miss Noffsinger will receive a half scholarship valued at \$500.00.

Miss Noffsinger is presently serving as a Journeyman missionary in Liberia, West Africa. She had previously served for two years as a summer missionary for the Home Mission Board.

While at Western Kentucky University, Miss Noffsinger maintained a high academic record and was active in the Baptist Student Union, YWA's, and the school choir. A native of Beaver Dam, Kentucky, she attended Bremen Consolidated High School and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Beaver Dam.

has been on television and radio and his speeches will be broadcast worldwide over the Voice of America.

Rogers is a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, where he sings in the choir and is counselor to a youth group. His church is affiliated with three Baptist conventions, including the Southern Baptist Convention.

In an interview with Baptist Press, the young man said he was called on often to speak in other churches. His subject, at the request of the churches, is usually on Christian principles and racial issues and on communicating with young people.

Sounding every bit like a Southern Baptist lay minister in a youth revival, Rogers talks eagerly about his love for students, his commitment to education, his desire "to open doors to all the young people I can," and his dedication to "preaching" moral values in the classroom.

"In these days someone must get into the public education system who cares. I know what education has meant to me. I know what reading has meant to me. Therefore I am a teacher," Rogers declared simply at a press luncheon and conference at the National Press Club in downtown Washington.

Rogers, chairman of the social studies department at Durham High, graduated from North Carolina Central University and has a master's degree from Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. Before doing graduate work he served in the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant and then worked for three years in community action projects in four North Carolina counties. It was during this period while working with high school dropouts that he made the decision to be a teacher. (BP)

Religious Heritage Honors Stevens

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission in Fort Worth, has been named to receive a special award from Religious Heritage of America, Washington, D.C.

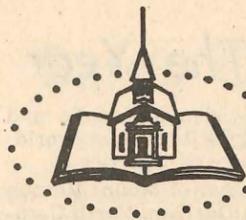
The national interfaith religious organization dedicated to preserving America's Judeo-Christian heritage cited Stevens "for his outstanding achievements since 1953 in building the SBC Radio-Television Commission into the forefront of religious broadcasting in America."

Stevens will be among several others in the mass media honored at the Faith and Freedoms Awards breakfast in Washington, June 23, during the Reli-

gious Heritage of America's 22nd annual national awards program.

Other award winners include George Dugan of the New York Times and H. Elliott Wright of Religious News Service; Edward E. Plowman, associate editor of Christianity Today in Washington; and Charles W. McPheeters, a former drug user cited "for his powerful witness to the youth of America on the dangers of drug use."

Dugan and Wright were cited for "superior work in covering, interpreting and examining religious news and issues," and Plowman was recognized for "his perceptive coverage and analysis of the Jesus Movement in America." (BP)



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons For June 4, 1972)



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A Hopeless Case

Unfortunately some Christians conclude that certain wicked persons are hopeless cases so far as any possibility of their salvation is concerned. To label any as hopeless cases is to doubt and to question the power of God, which, of course, is wrong and unjustifiable. Saul of Tarsus was certainly steeped in wickedness but he became an outstanding example of what the Lord can do for such a person.

Acts 9:1-2

Saul was born in Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia. Tarsus was a self-governing, cultured, university city, which enabled her citizens to enjoy numerous advantages. Being orthodox Jews and strict Pharisees, Saul's parents saw to it that their son was well versed in the Old Testament Scriptures. Saul took full advantage of the educational advantages of the city, became a diligent student of Judaism, mastered the traditions of the elders and the philosophies of the Greeks and thus became one of the best educated men of his time. He went to Jerusalem and was trained under the great and learned Gamaliel, one of the most renowned Jewish teachers. Saul scrupulously observed all the requirements of the law and became a leader in the persecution of Christians.

After most of the Christians had been driven out of Jerusalem, Saul's fury and zeal against them remained unabated. Fearful that Christianity would supersede Judaism, Saul became an influential leader in the movement to exterminate Christianity. He secured legal permission to go to Damascus, where some Christians had taken refuge, to arrest them and bring them to Jerusalem for trial.

Ere Saul reached Damascus, a brilliant light, which was brighter than the noonday sun, blinded him to the world about him. Physically overcome, he fell to the ground. While prostrate on the ground, stunned by the bright light of the glory of God, Saul inquired, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This question indicated that his opposition to Christ had collapsed and that he was ready and eager to accept the will of the Lord for his life.

Acts 9:17-21

Saul's attendants led him into Damascus. There he rested in the house of Judas for three days. Thereafter he

was an entirely different man. In Damascus at that time was Ananias, who was the Lord's man in the right place at the right time. Christ commissioned him to enter the house of Judas and deal with Saul, the ringleader of His adversaries, and the most notorious oppressor and persecutor of the Christians in all Judea.

In Christian love Ananias approached the arch-persecutor, placed his hand on him in brotherliness and said, "Brother Saul." He then affirmed the Lordship of Christ, even though that was the very thing against which Saul had long fought so fiercely. What a choice blend of discretion and devotion in the statement, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus . . . hath sent me!" Ananias did not obtrude himself into his message. He was content to be the faithful anonymous messenger of Christ. This is the kind of person and servant the Lord uses.

A wonderful change was wrought in Saul's life when Christ came into his heart. Upon his profession of faith he was baptized and promptly began to witness for Christ. Without delaying the matter, he preached his initial sermon for Christ in the synagogue in Damascus. "Amazed" and "confounded"

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

What Is The Devotional Life?

For the believer in Christ the devotional life has to do with the time which he devotes to prayer, the study of God's Word, worship and meditation on His will.

Acts 10:1-8

Although Christ had commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, they had been amazingly slow in undertaking this glorious task. The Jews had enjoyed exclusive privileges but they had abused them. Their attitude toward all others was that of great disdain. They arrogated to themselves the opinion that they were better than others and that God loved them only. As yet, they did not believe that the Lord's salvation was available to the Gentiles, as well as to them. They still thought that the Gentiles were outside the covenant mercies of God and without any possi-

are the words which express best the reaction of his hearers. He rejoiced in the privilege of preaching that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah and the Son of God and in doing so he sought to undo some of the damage which he had done to the Christian faith.

Acts 9:26-28

When Saul returned to Jerusalem and attempted to unite with the company of Christians there, they were suspicious and afraid of him. It was only natural for them to think that his professed conversion was only a trick and that he was merely gathering evidence to be used in bringing about the slaying of other Christians. They had not forgotten his former attitude and actions, which indicates the fact that an evil past record may long overshadow the pathway of a Christian.

In the meantime, Barnabas had investigated Saul's experience on the road to Damascus and found it to be genuine. He also discovered that Saul had marvelous possibilities as a witness for Christ. In a most gracious manner Barnabas vouched for Saul. Because Barnabas was willing to be a sponsor for him, the members of the church admitted him into their fellowship.

bility of admission to His favor. But this lesson makes it clear that His grace flows alike to Jews and Gentiles.

Cornelius, a Gentile, was a military officer in command of a hundred soldiers at Caesarea. He was a God-fearing, duty-performing, alms-giving and prayer-offering man. To him God vouchsafed a vision in which he saw an angel approaching him. Imagine the thrill that came to him when the angel bade him to send to Joppa and to ask for Peter, who would instruct him as to what he should do. Cornelius did as the heavenly messenger told him. God knew Peter, where he was, in whose house he was staying and the location thereof and the business of the man where he lodged. He also knew the prejudice of Peter, which had to be overcome before he could be helpful to Cornelius.

Bear in mind that Peter had been reared as a strict Jew. He had been taught to regard every Gentile as unclean. He had no idea of entering the home of a Gentile. He thought that to touch a Gentile would render him unfit to join in the worship of God.

In those days God frequently used visions to give information and guidance to His people. On this occasion He used a special vision to show Peter how he ought to regard the Gentiles and to teach him a much-needed lesson about the necessity of carrying the gospel to them.

Acts 10:30-33

Enlightened by the Holy Spirit and directed by Him as to what he should do, Peter went with the messengers who had come for him to the home of Cornelius, who was awaiting his arrival with great anticipation. Upon entering the house and finding an interesting audience composed of the relatives and close friends of Cornelius, Peter informed those present that he was in their midst by the direction of the Lord and in obedience to Him. He frankly told them of his former prejudices toward the Gentiles and then added that "God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

After inquiring as to why his presence was desired by them, Peter was told that they had assembled "to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Forthwith Peter preached the gospel of Christ to them.

There is something unusual about this service, namely, that before the preacher began his sermon the members of the congregation could say to him: "We are all here present." One of the embarrassing features to rightly taught and cultured people is the lack of punctuality on the part of many who attend church services in these days. Not only was that congregation punctual but it was also reverent and attentive. They had assembled to hear God's message through His servant. It was a praying congregation. It was a truth-seeking congregation also. They wanted to know the whole counsel of God. They were prepared to accept whatever God commanded them through His messenger. It was a witnessing congregation.

Being a man of prayer and having a world vision as a result of earnest praying, it is not surprising that Peter delivered to them the "Word which God sent." He had no desire to entertain those seekers after the truth with travelogues or tales of Jewish customs. Knowing that they were hungering for the truth, he was careful to feed them to the best of his ability to do so. His message centered in Christ, Who alone could save them. It is encouraging to know that when a man of God proclaims the Holy Scriptures in loving obedience, the Holy Spirit will use them. Then the saved are refreshed, the lost are saved, the church is blessed and the Lord is glorified.

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Church Lobbying Aired Before House Committee

Religious, civil liberties and legal organizations argued in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D.C., that restrictions on churches and other charitable organizations to "influence legislation" should be lifted or liberalized.

Testimony was presented urging the softening of restrictions against such groups by representatives of the National Council of Churches of Christ and several member denominations, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association and several others.

Although the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs did not appear at the oral hearings, John W. Baker, acting executive director, prepared a written statement for the Ways and Means Committee. His view was based on action by the Baptist Joint Committee in its March meeting.

At issue were bills introduced by some 70 members of the House of Representatives and a bipartisan coalition in the Senate. Most of the bills seek to clarify existing legislation concerning specific restrictions now imposed on churches and charitable, scientific, educational and other organizations affecting their lobbying activity.

The current Internal Revenue Code grants tax exemption to such organizations, "no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation," and which do not participate in political campaigns.

William P. Thompson, stated clerk of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., represented the National Council of Churches at the hearing. He emphasized the fact that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution places churches in a unique situation as well as guarantees to them the rights of free speech, press, association and petition.

Referring to the First Amendment, Thompson declared: "These clauses mean that churches cannot be controlled, sponsored, or supported by government. Government cannot become entangled or involved in the internal

affairs of churches, nor define their doctrines or tenets for them.

"Similarly," he continued, "we believe that it is not the province of government to define or evaluate the purposes of churches, nor how they shall serve those purposes, nor how much of that service may be devoted to legislative issues, nor to what public the churches' efforts on these subjects must be directed."

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church joined and endorsed the testimony offered by Thompson.

In his written presentation to the committee on behalf of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Baker did not take a position on any of the proposed bills on church lobbying now in Congress. The written testimony did, however, say that the Muskie-Scott bill in the Senate was moving in the right direction. This bill liberalizes the definition of "substantial part" of the activities of churches in influencing legislation.

Baker interpreted this view of the Baptist Joint Committee as meaning "that the state should not want to define for the churches their religious purposes and their mission.

"Even if the state does desire to do so, it is constitutionally prohibited from that action by the religion clauses of the First Amendment," Baker continued.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) took the position that denial of tax exemption for churches and other charitable organizations that otherwise qualify, on the basis of their efforts to influence legislation is a violation of the First Amendment guaran-

tee of freedom of speech and the right to petition the government.

Hope Eastman, acting director of the Washington office of ACLU, documented four points in her testimony:

1. The Internal Revenue Code cannot curtail churches and other organizations, that otherwise qualify, from participation in the legislation process as a condition of tax exemption.

2. Current restrictions on the legislative activity of churches and similar organizations are unclear and vague, thus giving to the Internal Revenue Service room for the practice of "selective enforcement."

3. The government lacks a compelling interest in restricting the legislative activity of tax exempt organizations.

4. Current limitations on the activities of church groups violate the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of religion.

Mrs. Eastman stated that, although ACLU prefers a lifting of all restrictions on the legislative activities of churches, the proposed liberalizing bills "are an improvement over current law." (BP)

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YOUTH IN OUR DAY

Dear Editor:

Young people are the object of strong criticism in our day, to say the least. For the way they dress and look. For their unusual behavior and vociferous voices and physical rebellions against the established order. For their mistrust and misabuse of adult advice. For their insatiable desires to experience everything they can. For their unpatriotic attitude to our country. For their free-wheeling approach to what many hold sacred and honorable. Many of our young people are trying to run the gamut of life, with no thought of discipline, sacrifice, or reverence. Rules and regulations seem to be at the bottom on their priority list, and the fiery dart of criticism can be heard the world over.

There seems to be an analogy here of wild horses, just running anywhere, any place, just as long as they can be free.

Stampeding, destructive animals are only going to hurt themselves and any-

one who gets in their way. But young people, like horses, when you remold their enthusiasm, creative ideas, commitment, and propensity to respond to challenge, when you rechannel their free spirit to a cause that's good, will help move today's troublesome mountains.

Give them something to live and die for; renew their reason for existence; reconvince them that what we have is good and can be improved. If we lead them by our example, and not by our hypocrisy, the result will be amazing.

Union, Kentucky Dick Moeller

'WORLD' WITNESS

Dear Editor:

As pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida, let me make some suggestions for Baptists and other Christians from all over America who will be coming to Disney World this summer.

1. Remember your responsibility to the Lord's Day, everyone attend Sunday school and church somewhere. One

of the best witnesses that Christian people can give is to be consistent, while on vacations, in their observance of the Lord's Day.

2. Wear some type of identification on your clothing and your automobile. This will create friendship and fellowship among those who otherwise would continue to be strangers.

3. Give out gospel tracts and literature in the Orlando area and give a verbal witness at Disney World.

4. Make reservations and attend the rally breakfast before going to Disney World to receive instructions and inspiration. Write to First Baptist Church, 1021 New York Avenue, North, Winter Park, Florida, or call 644-3061.

5. While you are standing in line to get into some of the attractions, witness to those around you. As your family or group begins singing "Amazing Grace" or some other familiar hymn, it will be amazing how many folks will join in with you.

The First Baptist Church of Winter Park is providing a "Disney World Witnessing Pack" for \$1.00 to all who request it. The packet will include: stickers to wear on clothing, stickers for front and back of car, tracts, table cards, maps, etc.

Winter Park, Florida. J. C. Mitchell

People And Places

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, has included in its new budget \$5,000 for Kentucky Baptist schools. Each of the schools and colleges will receive \$1,000. This is in addition to whatever percentage of Cooperative Program gifts goes to Christian education. Rollin S. Burhans is Bowling Green First Baptist pastor.

Jennings West was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Jeff Missionary Baptist Church of Three Forks Baptist Association. The service took place Sunday, April 23.

Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville, held the Dedication Service Sunday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m., for the newly renovated Christian Activities Building.

This building was dedicated for church and community activities which will include community senior citizens, youth activities, and boy and girl scout programs. These groups along with the church participated in the dedication ceremony and open house.

Ray Hibbs of Grapevine Baptist Church near Madisonville was one of 100 participants in a "People-to-People" seminar sponsored by the Sunday School Board. The program was held May 8-12.

Hospital Gets \$1 Million Gift

A Baptist layman has donated \$1 million to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, to establish a center for continuing education in a wide range of medical and paramedical fields.

A. Webb Roberts, a land developer and bank organizer, made the gift during the annual spring meeting of the trustees of the Texas Baptist institution.

The endowment gift will finance the A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences, according to W. Dewey Presley, chairman of Baylor's Dallas board.

Boone Powell, Sr., medical center executive director, said the center will

be operated in existing facilities to fund a series of continuing education programs in postgraduate education for physicians, visiting professorships and lectureships and periodic institutes.

Roberts, a quiet and unassuming bachelor, specified establishment of the center in honor of his mother, the late Mrs. Georgia Coggins Roberts of Ball Ground, Georgia. He describes her as "a devout Christian to whom hundreds of Georgia mountain people would travel miles seeking her counsel."

A native of Ball Ground, Roberts has served as a trustee of Dallas Baptist College. He is a member of Dallas's First Baptist Church.

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Cedarmore Youth Week Program Set, Kentuckian Discusses 'Jesus Movement'

A capacity crowd is anticipated for Youth Week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, according to director Miss Wanda Carpenter, Baptist Young Women director for Kentucky.

Headlining the July 10-14 program will be Kentucky native Walker Knight and from Jackson, Mississippi, minister of evangelism Joe McKeever.



Knight



McKeever

Knight, born in Henderson, has been editor of *Home Mission* magazine since 1959. Prior to that time he was associate editor for the *Baptist Standard*, the

Get Credential Cards SBC Leaders Plead

Southern Baptist leaders have issued a plea for each elected "messenger" to the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia June 6-8 to obtain in advance the proper credentials needed to register as a voting "messenger."

Last year, more than 5,000 messengers (delegates) showed up at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis without their credentials and each one had to go before the SBC credentials committee for certification before they could register.

"This is ridiculous," said Carl E. Bates, president of the convention and pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

"It's absolutely ridiculous," said the chairman of the SBC credentials committee last year. "It's disgusting," added the SBC registration secretary.

B. Conrad Johnston, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Virginia, who was chairman of the convention credentials committee last year, explained that nearly one-third of the messengers to the convention arrived in St. Louis without the required messenger registration cards.

It takes three times as long to register without the registration cards as it does with them, Johnston said. With the credentials, registration takes about 10 minutes. Without them, it takes 30 to 45 minutes, he estimated. (BP)

Baptist state paper of Texas, for nine years.

"The Jesus Movement" will be the Kentuckian's topic. In addresses Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, he will attempt to analyze the movement for the young people.

McKeever is minister of evangelism at Jackson's First Baptist Church. Previously, he served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. He also serves as pastor advisor to the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention.

A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, the West Virginia native uses religious cartooning to illustrate his messages. His cartoons appeared regularly in *The Alabama Baptist* for over two years. He also drew a religious cartoon series that appeared in the February issue of *Outreach* magazine.

McKeever will have four sessions where he will discuss witnessing and evangelism.

Other program attractions include workshops in music, drama and creative arts.

Richard Lin, church music professor at Southern Seminary, will direct the folk musical, "Hello World." This will be performed at the closing session Friday morning.

A drama group under the direction of Tom Smoot of Bowling Green will prepare a presentation for Thursday eve-

ning. Smoot is minister of education and youth at Eastwood Baptist Church. He has directed drama conferences for Southern Seminary, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, and as a special feature during the St. Louis meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

John Boggess, associate pastor and minister of music at Lewis Lane Baptist Church in Owensboro, will direct the creative arts section. He is a former Indiana Baptist Student Union state president and was a member of the KBC Executive Board for two years.

He has served as minister of music and youth in several Kentucky Baptist churches in addition to teaching high school music.

Because of the demand for this conference, Miss Carpenter suggested that those interested in attending write her immediately for reservations. Those interested in additional information may also write to Miss Carpenter at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Box 43433, Middletown 40243.

The Baptist Young Women director called attention to the fact that an adult counselor is required for "every seven boys or seven girls or portion thereof."

"Churches should keep this in mind as they plan for their young people to attend Youth Week," Miss Carpenter said.



DEDICATED — Calvary Baptist Church in Danville dedicated a new sanctuary during special afternoon services Sunday, May 21. The new building contains educational facilities for two children's departments, a youth department and a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 425. Dedication speaker was A. B. Colvin, director of the KBC direct mission department. Ernest Martin is pastor of the church. Calvary started in 1959 as a mission of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville.