



Western Recorder

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One of the banners to be displayed
during Home Mission Weeks at Ridgecrest
and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

Revival Reports

Pastor Charles E. Stewart reports an unusually successful revival with the **Rose Hill Baptist Church**, Ashland. Statistical reports include 211 decisions with 102 of these being professions of faith along with six received by letter. Easter Sunday saw a Sunday School attendance of about 533 and 650 in the worship service.

The **Oneida Baptist Church**, Clyde Shackelford, pastor, reports a revival in which Don Pinson of Hazard was the evangelist. There were 31 professions of faith and 32 other decisions. The revival was considered the culmination of work and prayer spanning many months.

Kindergarten Workshop Planned June 8-9

The Kentucky Baptist Sunday School department will sponsor a Kindergarten Workshop, June 8 and 9, 1973, at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 8, with adjournment set for 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Reservations should be sent directly to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003; a \$3.00 reservation fee should be included.

Workshop program personnel include Mrs. Florence Hearn, preschool curriculum writer and author of several children's books, author of *Guiding Preschoolers*, director of kindergarten at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Barbara Crawford, director of preschool work at Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, special worker for Kentucky Sunday School department; and Al Washburn, instructor of preschool music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Crescent Springs Baptist Church, Covington, reports a revival in which William Harlan McGinnis, pastor in Clarksville, Tennessee, was the evangelist. The revival was held April 29 through May 6. Of the 82 decisions, 23 were professions of faith, five additions by letter, four for full-time service for God and 50 rededications. William R. Smith is pastor of Crescent Springs Church.

A youth-led revival at **Burton Memorial Baptist Church**, Bowling Green, was launched with an "Ole Fashion Night" on March 18. The dress for the night was old clothing and the supper was "Ole Fashion." Mike Dawson, Nashville, was the evangelist. David Caudill, Bowling Green, led the singing, and Eddie Norman, Bowling Green, was the pianist. Pastor Raymond Stewart reported two professions of faith and many rededications.

Lockport Baptist Church, Henry County, held a spring revival April 16 through 21. Louis S. Thiele of Mulberry Grove, Illinois, was the evangelist. Pastor Houston Jackson reports seven professions of faith.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"The Board might at least give you a raise once in a while tied to our increasing cost-of-existing!"

DEVOTIONAL



Joe Paul Pruett
Associate Pastor
Beechwood Baptist
Church, Louisville

ON THE ROAD TO CHURCH . . .

"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
(Psalms 122:1 KJV)

I went to church last week.
What difference did it make?
Today was going to be cold anyway.
The week's work was already cut out.

I was so tired that the extra sleep
wouldn't have hurt anything.
The TV show might have helped my
moodiness more than having
to face that cold rain.

Just think of all the odds and
ends I could have put together
if I'd stayed at home.

I went to church last Sunday.
Enjoyed the lesson . . . good sermon . . .
sweet music . . . pretty tree . . .
nice folks . . . not bad!

Yet — I felt the power of God
in these ordinary "hum-drums"
of a day in church.

Right there among the old
familiar places —
unlike any other
place on earth

I have found
an oasis in a burning desert,
a shelter in a blinding storm,
the light for the blackest night.

At church — in Sunday School, Quest,
suppers, prayer hours, etc . . .
Even when I just happened to be
dropping by,

I have often experienced
hope in discouragement,
victory in inevitable defeat,
success in overpowering failure.

Sometimes, I don't know why —
but I'll doggedly go
as long as I'm
able to be up and about.

My mind's on a lot of things
these days.

At times I feel like I know
as much as the teacher.
And worship doesn't always
change me.

But when you get down to
the "nitty-gritty" —
it makes a lot more sense
than some of the things
that I'm always doing.

I believe that in those moments
spent at church
indestructible foundations
are laid for a lifetime
of living.

And I still believe God clears the
way for anyone who gives Him
the rightful place in their life.

I took the road to church —
and it has made all
the difference for me.

Stay on it!!

WATER GATE!

"They got caught, that's all that is different about Watergate." This cynical assumption allows many to dismiss the package of criminal activity called Watergate.

The "everybody's-doing-it" argument won't hold water, though. Most parents know it well. Their kids try it. Most prison inmates use it.

Even if everyone in the country were guilty of similar behavior, it would not follow that no one is therefore guilty. It may be that one crime is no worse than others, but crime is still crime. Why should this argument apply to Watergate?

Can't some constructive conclusions be drawn from the whole sordid business?

The agony of this national ordeal can teach that honesty is not off-limits for the politically powerful. No one can successfully claim immunity from basic moral laws. Those laws stand above what is usually meant by "law and order." What is needed is not, as some suggest, new rules, new standards, new procedures. What is needed is a new commitment to integrity.

"I give up on politics," is not the answer either. It is precisely citizen non-involvement, apathy, political ignorance, and unconcern that create the soil from which Watergates grow. It's an aroused, aware public that is demanded. Everyone's not a crook. Politics is no dirtier than the public permits.

Watergate should call new attention to government. If people vote on the basis of false or fuzzy information, the democratic process is perverted. Righteous indignation can bring moral determination to be effectively, ethically involved in citizenship. God grant that it may happen now for millions of Americans.

It would be easy for voters to give up now. "Watergate is all you can hear." "It's depressing." "I'm bored with the whole business." "We've had too much scandal." "I wish it were over."

Who is not tired of hearing about it? Yet, the very life of our democracy depends upon public persistence, tough-mindedness in demanding justice no matter how long it takes. The full restoration of confidence in the rule of law is imperative. The credibility of those at the pinnacle of law enforcement must be re-established.

James M. Dunn, Secretary
Christian Life Commission
Baptist General Convention of Texas

Strange suggestions have been made by some that it would be best for the people not to know if the President should be proven to

have been involved. It is argued that the people can know too much. This position is taken, it is said, to maintain respect for the office of the Presidency. How odd! Should one believe that the highest office in the land is beyond the law?

On the contrary, one of the most hopeful notes in the whole mess has been the capacity of this system of government to get at the truth, to expose corruption in high places. A courageous judge, hard working attorneys, bulldoggedly-determined reporters have pursued the truth with a passion.

This entire episode can be an occasion for rededication on the part of Christians to be good stewards of their citizenship.

Some plead that "it's nothing new, just dirty politics," that new guidelines are needed, or that political integrity is an unrealistic goal. Christians, on the other hand, pray the prayer of the prophet Amos that "judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

While others opt for non-involvement or grow weary in pursuit of honest government or fear to face the facts that are now being unearthed, Christians are confident that all truth is from God and that in truth we are made free.

Whatever else one may see in Watergate, he should be reminded that the ultimate need of society is for a deep and pervasive spiritual awakening. Nothing short of real revival will change the moral climate of the nation. Nothing short of authentic evangelism issuing in authentic morality can help us where we're hurting. Only a new commitment to honesty, justice, truth, and personal involvement can make our system work. Without a dramatic reversal of the tide of voter apathy, citizen cynicism, and distrust of democracy, the nation will continue in sad shape and may very well be in mortal peril.

William Ernest Hocking, Harvard philosopher of the past, said, "Only religion can create the unpurchasable man. And it is only the man unpurchasable by society who can create a sound society."

WESTERN RECORDER

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

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Who Has The Best Of It?

A good natured discussion sometimes goes on over who is better off, the pastor or a denominational worker? And of denominational workers which have the better of it, those who work in state convention posts or those who work with Southern Baptist Convention agencies, boards and institutions? By better off is generally meant working conditions, salary and fringe benefits and treatment by the employer.

It's not unusual for one to look at another with some envy even in the ministry. The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence. Part of the reason for this is the other fellow's situation is never fully known. He may appear to be well off and riding high but the truth is he has it rough and few would envy him if they knew the true situation.

As to which has it better, the pastor or denominational worker, there can be no general answer. It depends upon the particular churches pastors serve and the particular denominational organization with which we work. For example, some generous churches treat their pastors far better salary wise and otherwise than any denominational organization treats its workers. And denominational workers don't get the personal expressions of appreciation like Christmas gifts, purchase discounts or in some instances an automobile to drive. Some very capable and handsomely treated pastors take difficult mission posts or denominational jobs at a financial sacrifice. On the other hand some who hardly can make it in the pastorate are promoted to easier and higher paying denominational jobs.

State conventions vary in their resources and their attitudes toward their workers. The Baptist General Convention in Texas with about 2 million members and 15 million dollars Cooperative Program income is larger than many other denominations and is almost unlimited in resources. On the other hand some new state conventions in pioneer areas do not have the membership and income which some local associations have in strongly established states.

Though the diversity of churches and state organizations makes no general rule applicable it is my observation from observing Baptist denominational life rather carefully for over 15 years that denominational workers on the whole have it a little better than pastors and the Southern Baptist Convention level de-

nominal workers are better off than those in state work.

Surely there are compensations for a pastor in living with and serving people personally which a denominational worker is denied. On the other hand a denominational worker is not on call 24 hours a day and is generally free from the many petty annoyances and criticisms directed at most pastors.

A denominational worker usually receives more consideration in salary and especially in fringe benefits than a pastor with equal ability. Those who are responsible for recommending and approving such benefits for a denominational worker are generally more aware of what is needed and more willing to make such provisions than are many church members. For example, Kentucky Baptist executive board staff members are surely not overpaid but receive fair salaries and don't have to fight for needed fringe benefits. Both employer and employee parts of their annuity are paid. So are the premiums on an excellent medical care insurance policy and social security for those who qualify and a salary supplement to the self-employed to the extent of what employer social security payments would be.

A denominational worker is generally more secure in his job than a pastor. He is not subject to the whims of a congregation and those responsible for his employment are generally more understanding and tolerant. This does not mean that many churches do not show unusual consideration in not mistreating unpopular pastors.

When it comes to state or Southern Baptist convention workers those with the conventionwide agencies are generally better off. This will be disputed by some but the fact remains that these Southern Baptist Convention board and institutions can usually pick off the cream of the crop of workers in the states by offering higher salaries and more fringes. Again, it must be remembered there are exceptions.

Why talk about this at all? Because it's the way things are and should be known by those whose gifts take care of the pastors and the denominational workers. We need to recognize the reality of material needs for religious workers but it would be pathetic if we came to be more concerned to ask where will I be better off than where do I belong and where does the Lord want me.

Don't Be Misled By "The Way"

One of the dangers in the current charismatic religion and Jesus Movement is false prophets claiming discovery of new meaning in the Bible and new dimensions in religion. The tendency of those who claim to have an unusual spiritual insight is to twist the Bible to support their position. One such movement is known as "The Way." This movement is not widely known but has apparently captivated some youth in Kentucky and a word of warning to sincere Christians is in order.

One faithful Baptist layman in Kentucky has been understandably upset because his son who was enrolled in one of our Baptist schools has come under the spell of this offbeat movement. Moreover some support was given the movement by adults related officially to the college apparently without checking out the movement and the teachings of its leaders.

Time Magazine dealt with "The Way," its founder and its teachings in the September 6, 1971, issue. According to this report the founder and leader of this appealing but heretical movement is Paul Wierwille, a former United Church of Christ minister who makes his headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio. Wierwille, 54, burned all his religious books left over from theological training at Chicago Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary and set out to develop his own theology.

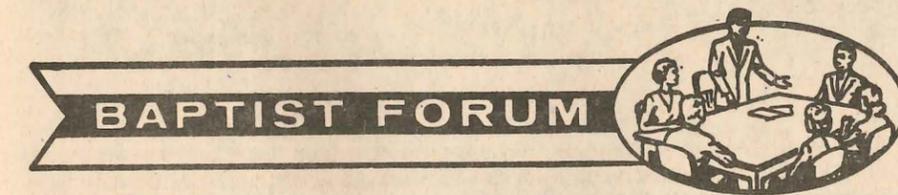
He came up with a weird view of the Bible as not all being relevant for Christians today. The Old Testament and the gospels are for Jews and Gentiles and the rest of the New Testament for today's "born again believers." He rejects the trinity as paganism. His views are contained in publications but the main method of spreading his teaching is a foundation course entitled "Power for Abundant Living," which costs \$65 for each enrollee. The course consists mainly of 36 hours of filmed and taped rambling lectures of

Wierwille on the Bible and an abundant way of life. In his course Wierwille promises that right belief will keep away sickness, ensure prosperity and even protect soldiers from bullets in battle.

Wierwille is said to like to wear Western style suits and to ride a Harley Davidson around the countryside. According to on-the-scene observers in the 850 population Ohio village where Wierwille makes his headquarters, he has a big money making operation going. Offerings at evening services where he speaks were reported to be as much as \$10,000. Speaking in tongues is reported as a part of the experience of his followers.

Young people who go all out for "The Way" are known as Word Over the World Ambassadors (WOW). A pamphlet describing them says they are in 24 states, 75 cities of the USA and in five foreign countries. They must work at secular work four hours a day and spend 48 hours a week teaching, witnessing and conducting classes. Among other requirements are \$150 when they arrive for their training and a willingness to go wherever they are sent after being trained.

This is but one of many attractive looking off brand movements which bid for spiritually hungry youth today. Every generation has had such movements and most of them fade away after a few years with the leader sometimes getting rich and the followers always ending up disillusioned. Young people looking for a cause to which to commit themselves would not be expected to have the experience and judgment to assess every messianic offer. Adults in influential places with youth should be extremely cautious in joining or lending influence to such dangerous movements. Jesus gave the church to provide all and more than these false messiahs offer and it's our task to see that the church lives up to this ideal.



MOODY REFUTED

Dear Editor:

I fully realize that you don't publish the Western Recorder just for Dale Moody and me to debate in but, in regard to his full page in the May 19 issue, I would like the privilege of correcting his completely erroneous charge against me in his last three paragraphs.

If you will take a close look at I Thessalonians 4:13-18, which describes the Lord's coming for His church, you

will find that this includes three things: 1. He will come with the spirits of those who sleep in Jesus. 2. For their bodies, which will rise and 3. For the living saints. Please note that we will meet the Lord "in the air." There is not one word or even an intimation that He will come to the earth. And to anyone who adds that, I remind him of Revelation 22:18. Then later, according to Zechariah 14:4-5, He will come to the earth with all His saints. There is no way that anyone can equate these two passages without rewriting the Bible, which I don't want any part of.

This thoroughly and completely refutes Moody's mistaken theory about the second coming. I strongly advise him to engage more in "rightly dividing the Word."

Moody goes on a lot about date setting and accuses me of it, but, as I have said before, I have never date set.

He conveniently forgets about Matthew 24:3 where the disciples asked Jesus "what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" In some of the following verses, He gave them a bunch of signs. Not signs of his coming for the church (there won't be any signs for that) but signs of His coming with the church to execute judgment and institute His reign (see my letter of May 12). Also Revelation 5:10 says the saints will reign on the earth. This

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C. C. Warren, Father Of 30,000 Movement, Dies

Casper C. Warren, long-time Southern Baptist Convention leader best known as the father of the SBC 30,000 Movement, died at a Charlotte, North Carolina, hospital after a lengthy illness. He would have been 77 on May 28.

Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte for almost 15 years, had been president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1956-57, and had held virtually every major post in denominational life.



In his presidential address to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kan-

sas City in 1956, Warren challenged the convention to establish 30,000 new churches and missions before the denomination's 150th anniversary in 1964 as part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Warren had a long record of service to his denomination. He had served in countless capacities, including the presidency of both the national convention and the Baptist state convention of North Carolina, from 1946-47.

He also had been president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, was the first chairman of the board of trustees for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and had been president of the General Board of the North Carolina convention. He had served as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and as a trustee for numerous other SBC agencies and state institutions.

Warren was pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky, from 1928-38, and then moved to the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1943, he became pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, which he served until resigning to head the 30,000 Movement. (BP)

Kentuckians Serve Across Nation

Thirty-three Kentucky young people will serve as summer missionaries during June, July and August. Appointed by the SBC Home Mission Board, the youths will serve for 10 weeks in various parts of the United States.

Below is a list furnished by the Home Mission Board of the young people appointed, their college, hometown and assignment.

From Murray State University: Dwight Glenn Borum, Hopkinsville, Arkansas (Resort); Pippa Howard Downing, Louisville, New York; Keith Lynn Jenkins, Calvert City, Wisconsin; Mark Preston Pitts, Utica, California; Esabelle Gray Ray, Murray, California; Randa Jo Shemwell, Paducah, Kansas-Nebraska; Nancy Ann Sledd, Murray, Kansas-Nebraska; Jackie William Stanley, Murray, New England; Mrs. Carlene Stanley, Murray, New England; and Nancy Karen Wheeler, Hickory, Georgia.

From Georgetown College: Beth Elise Brinkman, Independence, Colorado; William Robert Higgs, Nicholasville, California; and Karen Sue Wright, Louisville, Texas. From Southern Seminary: William Curtis Ferrell, Louisville, New England; Mrs. Violet Ferrell (W. Curtis), Louisville, New England; and Fawn Carol Sanderson, Louisville, Michigan.

From Morehead State University: O. W. Conrad, Jr., Morehead, New Mexico (Resort); Mrs. Billie Tussey (O. W.) Conrad, Morehead, New Mexico (Resort); Jo Ann Perkins, Georgetown, New York; and Winifred Kay Salyer, Elkhorn, Georgia (Resort). From Northern Kentucky State College: Gloria Danette Coyle, Florence, Maryland; Karen Sue Dobbs, Florence, South Carolina.

Others: Debra Ann Combs, Western Kentucky University, Cave City, South Carolina; Diane L. Dodd, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, California; William Allen Gambrell, Jr., University of Louisville, Louisville, South Carolina (Resort); Ruth Ann Gibson, Carson-Newman College, Covington, New Mexico; Sandra Kay Gray, Union

University, Birdwell, New Mexico; Deborah Jean Hampton, University of Louisville, Louisville, Florida (Resort); William Benjamin Hays, Jr., Vanderbilt University, Guthrie, Pennsylvania; Beverly Anne Paschall, Southwestern Seminary, Murray, Virginia; David Owen Vick, Austin Peay State University, Russellville, Pennsylvania; Cynthia Marie Weaver, Union University, Cadiz, Maryland; and Sherri Frances Williams, Transylvania University, Lawrenceburg, Northwest.

SALT NEEDED!

By Winn T. Barr, Chairman,
Christian Life Committee, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Annual emphases are good and needed. But no annual observance ever came at a more appropriate time than Christian Citizenship Day this year on July 1. Our nation has been shaken by the Watergate affair. Confidence in government is low. We desperately need to be reminded of our Christian responsibility in government and to the civil order in which we live.

The principles of honesty, neighbor-love, equality and freedom that run through our Declaration of Independence and Constitution are Biblical principles. These are the things that have made our nation great. Last year, for the first time, Southern Baptists observed Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 2. This year, July 1 is on our denominational calendar for this emphasis. Why not plan a celebration in your church this year?

Our duty is well summed up in the words of the *Baptist Faith and Message*, Article XV:

"Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The Christian should oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness and vice. He should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the aged, the helpless and the sick. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth."

In the near future, you will receive some helpful material for planning Christian Citizenship Sunday from Bill Rogers. He is the staff representative for the Christian life committee. Put July 1 in your church calendar for this much needed emphasis at this time.

Staff Changes

Bob Cook is the new pastor at Poplar Ridge Baptist Church in Sulphur Fork Association. A Frankfort native, Cook recently returned to Kentucky to enroll at Southern Seminary. Formerly he was pastor of two churches in Georgia.

Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah has called **Tony Whitfield** as the church's first full-time minister of music. He comes to the new position from the Smithwood Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Whitfield, a native of the Madisonville area, is a graduate of Georgetown College and recently received the master of music degree from the University of Tennessee.



Whitfield

Former places of service include Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

Max Kent Hetzel has resigned as pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church near Boston, to accept the pastorate of the Olmsted Falls Baptist Church near Cleveland, Ohio. He begins his new work June 10 following graduation from Southern Seminary.

Lester Craft, head football coach at Georgetown College, has been named executive director of Boys Home of North Carolina.

Craft succeeds the late Rube McCray who had built Boys Home from a small beginning of five boys at Lake Waccamaw in 1958 to one of the finest and most complete homes for boys. Boys Home now has 100 boys living at Lake Waccamaw and 42 at Huntersville, North Carolina.

Craft, 42, graduated from Georgetown in 1953 with a degree in physical education. He received his master's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1958.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1953-57. He joined the coaching staff at Georgetown in 1957 and was named head coach in 1961. His record of 48-52 at Georgetown is the most wins of any coach in the history of the college.

Chuck Bass has resigned as minister of education and youth at the Central Baptist Church in Winchester. He has accepted responsibilities as associate pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama. Bass served the Winchester church for three years.

Clear Creek Baptist students recently called as pastors include **William E. Wolfe**, Wooten Baptist Church, Leslie County; **Steve Black**, Gray Fork Baptist Church, Manchester; and **Wayne Henderson**, Pine Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon.

Paul Beasley, history professor at Georgetown College, has resigned to accept a position as chairman of the



ORDAINED — Alan Chamness, kneeling, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Eastern Parkway Baptist Church in Louisville. Chamness recently received the master of music degree from Southern Seminary and has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Henderson, to serve as minister of music. At the time of the ordination Chamness was minister of music for Eastern Parkway. Roy Puckett is pastor of the church.

history department at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana.

Don Phillips, a native of Bremen, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, and assumed duties of minister of music and youth there effective April 29. To accept the new post, he resigned from a similar position at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville.

Phillips is married to the former Janis Cheser of Bardstown. Both are graduates of Campbellsville College.

Paul Lambert has accepted the invitation of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, to become minister of music and youth there. He will begin his services June 10. Lambert is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and received his degree from Southern Seminary June 1.

Three students at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield recently accepted pastorates. The three are **Rodger Skipworth**, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Gasper River Association; **George White**, Iuka Baptist Church in Ohio River Association; and **Ronald Hardison**, Lake City Baptist Church, Lake City.

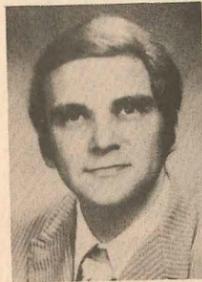
Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Lexington has called **Ralph Thomas** as its new pastor. He comes to this position from a five year pastorate at First Baptist Church, Adamsville, Tennessee. A graduate of Union (Baptist) University in Tennessee, Thomas also holds a degree from Southern Seminary. He begins his new work effective June 3.



FOWLER FAMILY FURLOUGH — The Roy A. Fowler family, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, recently left their home in Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, for a "mini-furlough" of eight months in the States. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have ties in Kentucky. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Mrs. Fowler, the former Patricia Ann Ross of Paducah, attended Murray State College and graduated from Georgetown College. The Fowlers served in city missions in Salvador, Bahia, until 1966 when they moved to Natal. Since that time he has served as executive secretary of the state Baptist convention. Mrs. Fowler has been executive secretary of the state WMU and helped with the Good Will Center work. Their furlough plans call for residence in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville where he plans to study.

People And Places

On April 27, Kentucky Baptist Chorale elected **Eugene Sutherland**, minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, as permanent director. He succeeds Donald Hustad, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, who resigned due to regular conflicts with the dates of concerts scheduled for the chorale.



The next concert is scheduled for July 27, 7:15 p.m., at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. The public is invited to attend.

James V. Dorsett, Jr., has assumed full responsibilities as executive vice president at Kentucky Baptist Hospital in addition to his duties as executive vice president to Baptist Hospital, East. He came as executive vice president to Baptist Hospital, East, September 1, 1972, from the same position at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

The **Mill Park Baptist Church** in Portland, Oregon, is inviting all convention visitors to a special worship service on June 10 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Audye M. Wiley says the guest speaker for the day will be Tommy Phelp and that the nursery will be provided at the church. The worship service will be at Floyd Light Middle School, located at 10710 S.E. Stark Street.

Retired army chaplain **David E. Weaver**, 76, of 2018 Floradora Drive, Louisville, died May 7, 1973, of a heart attack. Funeral services were held at Valley Station Baptist Church, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Weaver, a native of Canada, retired in December, 1962, after 20 years of service as a U.S. army chaplain, with the rank of major. He held pastorates with the Pleasant Grove and Ashby Lane Baptist churches and served as interim pastor at several other Louisville area Baptist churches.

Survivors include his wife, the former Emma Ford-VanNorman; three daughters, Mrs. Marjorie E. Harris of Westminster, California, Mrs. J. Foster Eldredge of Campbellsville, and Mrs. Ruth W. Melton; a son, David C. Weaver of Jacksonville, Florida; a stepdaughter, Miss Sharlee VanNorman; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Cinderella Osborne Browning, 66, wife of Thurman M. Browning, died March 7, 1973, in Georgetown Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at the Long Lick Baptist Church by pastor Lowell Coots, assisted by Dale Russell. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery, Stamping Ground.

Survivors in addition to her husband include: one daughter, Mrs. Glenn M. Chastee, Sr.; two granddaughters, Mrs. Linda Stein and Mrs. Lois Creech; and one grandson, Glenn M. Chastee, Jr., all of Hamilton, Ohio.

Alan Gragg, professor and chairman of the department of philosophy at Georgetown College, has published a book entitled: *Charles Hartshorne*. It is part of the "Makers of the Modern Theological Mind" series.

Hartshorne, a theist, has been described as one of the most eminent living philosophers, who insists that the proper business of philosophy is metaphysics. He has demonstrated that the deepest levels of metaphysics inevitably involve the question of God.

Three **Associational Music Festivals** were held recently with a total attendance of 526 persons from 24 churches. The associations were: Salem Association, Booneville Association, and Sulphur Fork Association.

The Salem Associational Music Festival was held at Buck Grove Baptist Church. Horse Creek Baptist Church at Manchester was host for the Booneville Association, and Sulphur Fork Association was held in the Sligo Baptist Church.

L. W. Huntley of Smithland, Kentucky, died Thursday, May 10. He served as a pastor in western Kentucky. Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Elma Huntley; a daughter, Mrs. Jackie Bryant, Paducah; and a son, Larry Huntley, Henderson.

Ellis Ray Payne, student at Clear Creek Baptist School, will be ordained on May 27 to the gospel ministry by the Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot. Irilan Synder, Payne's uncle, will preach the ordination sermon.



Payne is pastor of the Jack's Creek Baptist Church, Price, Kentucky, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Lee Payne of Owensboro. He is married to the former Anita Chaffin of Philpot. The couple has three children: Sandra, 10; Terry, 9; and Steven, 2.

Jerry Ray Kibbons, director of inservice guidance and assistant professor of Bible and religious education of Campbellsville College, has been chosen an outstanding educator of America for 1973. He was selected on the basis of his professional and civic achievements.

Kibbons is a member of the Kentucky Political Science Association and serves as second vice moderator of Taylor County Association of Baptists. He is the Royal Ambassador director of Campbellsville Baptist Church. He and



NEW MISSIONARIES — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board recently commissioned four Southern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates and a University of Louisville graduate to work in mission points throughout the United States. The new appointees join a mission force of more than 2,200. New appointees include University of Louisville graduate James Pinkley, left to right, superintendent of missions in Toledo, Ohio; Southern Seminary graduate John Saunders, state director of missions in Maryland; Linda Ogburn, associate director of Potomac West Baptist Center in Alexandria, Virginia; James Abernathy, superintendent of missions in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania; and C. J. Lawrence, director of Christian social ministries work in Alaska.

Mrs. Kibbons, the former Billie Sue Scott, have three children: Kathy, 19; Steve, 15; and Lynn, 12.

C. Donovan Houchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rockville, Indiana, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on May 13, 1973. T. L. McSwain, pastor, presided at the services.



Houchell is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and will graduate from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, on June 1. He is the son of pastor T. C. and Hazel Houchell, Oneida. T. C. Houchell preached his son's ordination service.

Good Hope Baptist Church of Taylor County Association presented a gift of \$500 to Campbellsville College to furnish the guest room in Stapp Hall and one family in the church presented the college with an additional gift of \$500. Wilson Morris, church treasurer, presented the two checks to president W. R. Davenport at an informal reception in the lounge of Stapp Hall given by the college for a representative group from the church. Marshall Black is pastor of Good Hope church.

Girls In Action, **Daviess-McLean Association**, participated in a GA Missions Fair on May 5 at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church. Some 215 girls and their leaders attended. The associational Girls in Action committee are: Mrs. James Yates of Buena Vista, chairman; Mrs. Jerry Oakley of Yellow Creek; and Mrs. Adrian Smith of Wing Avenue.

Of the 75 students graduating from **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Kansas City, Missouri, one is a native of Kentucky. Receiving the master of divinity degree will be **Paul H. Wilson**, Walton. Wilson will join the staff of a church in Austin, Texas, upon graduation. The commencement speaker will be Milton Ferguson, newly elected president of Midwestern Seminary.



Wilson is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and will graduate from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, on June 1. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Lee Payne of Owensboro. He is married to the former Anita Chaffin of Philpot. The couple has three children: Sandra, 10; Terry, 9; and Steven, 2.

Consortium Press of Washington, D.C., is actively seeking book length manuscripts treating social, psychological and historical aspects of religion and theology, in a popular and non-technical vein. Authors are invited

to submit their manuscripts to: Daniel F. McGrath, publisher, Consortium Press, 821 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Named one of four participants to begin the new Baptist Book Store manager trainee program is a native Kentuckian, **Lynn Branson** of Madisonville.



The program is designed to develop competent managers who can effectively handle problems which arise in the retail store business. Prior to enrolling in this program, Branson was a staff accountant for Amick and Helm, certified public accountants of Madisonville. He is a 1970 graduate from Murray State University with the BS degree in business administration. Both Branson and his wife, Mary, write for children's Sunday School literature and will also serve on the faculty at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center two weeks this summer.

Two students from Kentucky received degrees during spring commencement exercises held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 11.



Works



Smith

They were **Cecil Reldon Works** of Pleasure Ridge Park and **Michael Thomas Smith** of Owensboro.

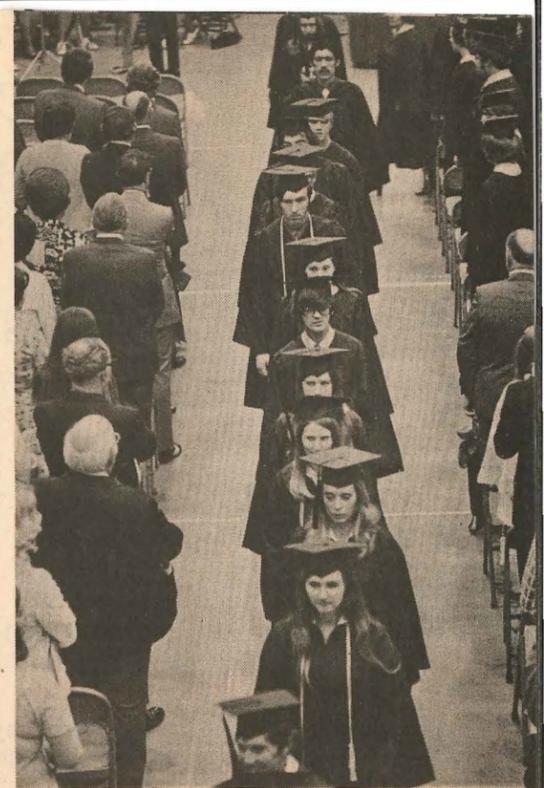
Works was awarded the master of divinity degree. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and currently serves as bus minister for Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Works is the son of Mrs. Mary Girtrude Works.

Smith, a graduate of Baylor University, received the master of church music degree. He is now serving as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Hearne, Texas.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith, Jr., of Owensboro.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 240 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music.



EARNED SHEEPSKINS — About 2,500 persons gathered at Campbellsville College recently to witness the school's 14th commencement since becoming a four year college. This year, 149 persons composed the graduating class. Sam Moore, president of Thomas Nelson, Inc., one of the world's largest publishers of Bibles and children's books, brought the commencement address. Baccalaureate speaker was Vander Warner, Jr., pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, and president of the SBC Pastors' Conference.

John E. Huss, pastor of the Charleston Heights Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina, has announced his retirement, effective July 26, 1973. Huss is remembered in Kentucky as a former pastor of the Latonia Baptist Church in Covington where on occasions prayer meeting attendance exceeded 1,000. He says after retirement he will be available for supply, interim and revival work. His address is 1220 Winchester Drive, Charleston, South Carolina 29407.



East Union Baptist Church, Graham, Kentucky, is planning its 121st anniversary celebration for August 12, 1973. An all day program is being planned with picnic lunch and a special afternoon service. Former pastors William R. Beard and C. M. Cummings will be among the program personalities for the day. East Union pastor is Ray Gililand.

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CLEAR CREEK GRADUATES —

From All Walks Of Life, They Turn To God

By Ralph Duncan
Public Relations Director,
Clear Creek Baptist School

A former bartender, a radio announcer, an auctioneer, and a business man are listed among 43 seniors who compose the Clear Creek Baptist School's class of 1973.

This quartet of new Baptist ministers represents numerous older men who come to Clear Creek for a three year course of ministerial training, then leave Clear Creek to become full-time pastors, missionaries and evangelists.

Clarence L. Duvall, new pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church in Lebanon Junction, was transformed from a derelict on skid row to a respected minister of the gospel.

This former bartender said, "My wife and I had been married for 13 years before I became a Christian. During those 13 years neither she nor my

children had ever seen me completely sober.

Soon after his conversion Duvall became a lay preacher speaking in jails, rest homes or wherever he could find a group with whom to share his faith.

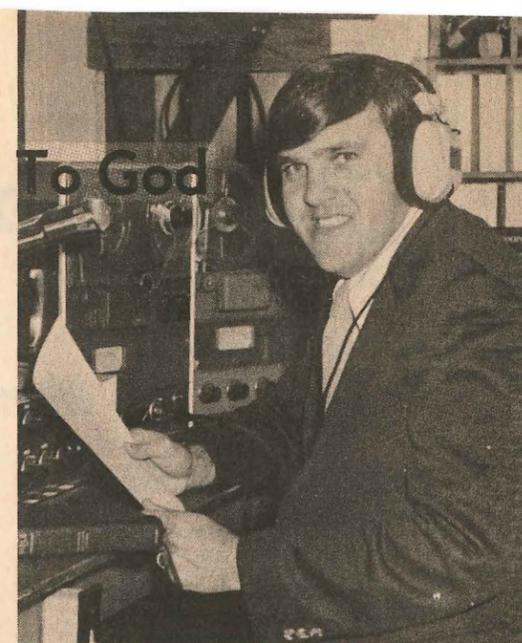
Three years ago at 36 he quit his job, sold his home, and moved his family to Pineville to begin formal training for the ministry. He was soon called as student pastor of the Young Grove Baptist Church, Dewitt, Kentucky.

A native of Poseyville, Indiana, he took a hard and difficult route to become minister of a Baptist church in Kentucky.

Richard W. Fox changed from a successful career as a radio announcer-salesman to a ministerial student training for the pastorate in 1970. With a voice like the bass notes on a church organ, Fox had read commercials, called ball games, and worked as a disc jockey at stations in Illinois and Indiana until he experienced a life-changing moment while singing in a revival choir at the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana.

The evangelist quoted the Lord's Commission from Matthew 28:19-20, "Go into all the world..." and Fox declares, "At that moment I knew God was calling me into the ministry. The next night I publicly surrendered my life to become a minister."

During the past three years he has been employed as a part-time sales-



Pastor Richard Fox

man-announcer for WMIK at nearby Middlesboro and served as a student pastor of the Fonde (Kentucky) Baptist Church.

Noble Cobb is another who changed titles and occupations when he became a minister. A graduate of the Reisch Auction School of Mason City, Iowa, he was known as "Colonel Cobb" when he officiated at auctions sales.

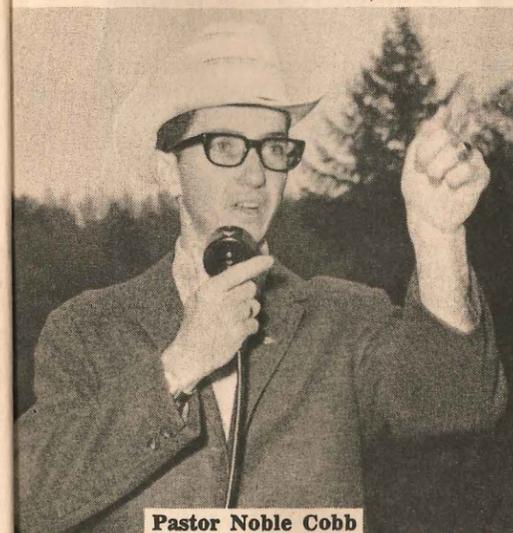
A native of Marion, Kentucky, "Colonel Cobb" became "Reverend Cobb" when he accepted the call as student pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church in Page, Kentucky. During that student pastorate the auctioneer turned minister had the honor of ordaining his own father to the gospel ministry. The elder Cobb is pastor of a church in Florida.

At 51, Allen V. Limp is the oldest member of the class of 1973 at Clear Creek Baptist School. He graduated from the Salem, Indiana, High School before many of his fellow students were born.

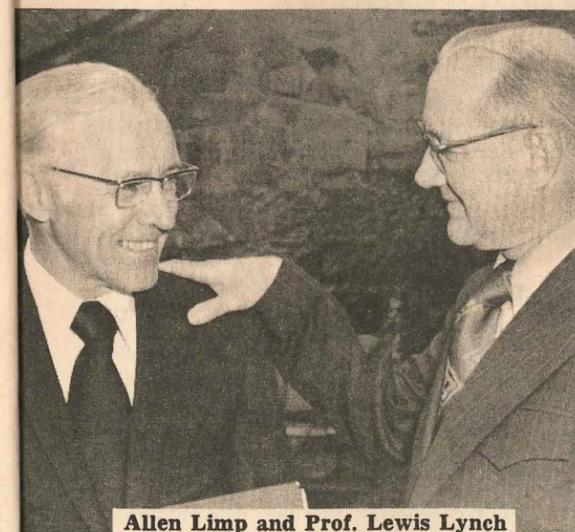
His decision to engage in Christian work as a full-time vocation followed many years of lay church service in his native Indiana.

He was recently appointed a missionary with Messengers of Mercy, an interdenominational group based in Shermansdale, Pennsylvania. He will be serving as a minister-teacher among underprivileged families in Clay County (Manchester), Kentucky.

With a current enrollment of 187 ministerial students and their wives, the Clear Creek Baptist School has already reserved every available housing unit for an over capacity enrollment for the fall term beginning August 14. It appears that an increasing number of men who may have been bartenders, radio announcers, auctioneers, and businessmen are joining the ranks of "men of the cloth."



Pastor Noble Cobb

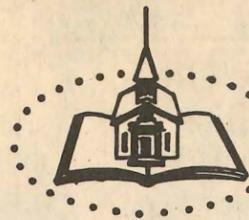


Allen Limp and Prof. Lewis Lynch



Pastor Clarence Duvall

JUNE 2, 1973



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for June 10, 1973)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Man's Flight From God

Isaiah 53:6

This verse contains the striking confession of sin: "All we like sheep have gone astray." That is an humble acknowledgement of departure from God and the willful pursuit of sinful ways.

Like sheep, people are imitative. They tend to follow the example of others without hesitation, in doing things that are good and bad. Like sheep, people are obstinate or headstrong. They are determined to go where they ought not to go and to do what they ought not to do. Sheep are helpless and dependent. When they wander away, they lack the ability to return. Likewise, sinners cannot be saved except by the Lord Jesus Christ, Who paid the penalty for our sins and reconciled us to God.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

God pointedly and plainly told Jeremiah what two of the sins of the chosen people were. One of their sins was that of desertion — "They have forsaken me." The forsaking of "the fountain of living waters" for "broken cisterns, that can hold no water" is an irrational sin. Such desertion is a mark of ingratitude also. Another of their sins was that of substituting false gods for the true God. For this terrible sin there is no justification.

Hosea 11:1-2, 7

As Hosea was wounded deeply by the conduct of his unfaithful wife, so God was wounded and grieved by the sins of the Israelites. Out of pure grace God had chosen Israel, entered into a covenant with her, and made her the object of His special love and blessing. Like Gomer, Israel had left her first Lover for profligate lovers — the heathen deities. As it had been difficult much of the time to tell whose wife Gomer was, so Israel had mixed the worship of Jehovah and Baal to such an extent that it was difficult to see which received the most of her devotion.

God reminded the Israelites that He had chosen them to be witnesses for Him, out of a compassionate heart had delivered them from slavery in Egypt, had protected them from harm, had supplied their needs, and had brought them to the Promised Land. Because of His great love for them, God had dealt with them as a loving father deals with

his child who is learning to walk. But their wickedness grew in proportion to the expression of God's goodness to them. The more they received from God, the greater their idolatry became.

On account of their repeated backslidings, it became necessary for God to chasten them in love. God did not enjoy chastising His covenant people, but when they deliberately and willfully turned away from Him, persisted in their idolatrous practices, and refused to repent of their wickedness, it became necessary for Him to chastise them.

Romans 1:20-21, 24, 28-31

Romans deals with man's need of a righteousness which he does not possess, and which he is incapable of producing. If a man refuses to accept the righteousness of God, which is offered to him as a free gift, then there is nothing else available to him except its counterpart, which is the wrath of God.

Since the marks of divine craftsmanship are on all that God has made, many evidences of His power have been visible to men since their appearance on earth. God revealed Himself to

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Exodus 20:3-5a

It is required that God the Creator be acknowledged as supreme. No other god is to be recognized at all. The God Who gave these commandments is absolute and exclusive deity. He refuses to tolerate the worship of any other.

Through the ages multitudes have wanted a god whom they could see. For this reason they have made images. Ere long their interest centered on their creations instead of the Creator. All idolatrous representations of God are strictly forbidden in His Word. No image or likeness could ever reveal God, Who is Spirit. No physical conception of God is permissible. There is nothing on earth or in heaven to which He may be likened. To attempt to represent the living God by that which is without

men through creation, nature, conscience, the Bible, and Christ. No depth of moral degradation can ever completely blot out man's knowledge of God.

Man began on the high plane of a clear knowledge of God, but verse 21 traces his degradation to indifference, ingratitude, and intellectual pride. This was due to man's unwillingness to yield himself to God. Consequently, because of his refusal to accept the truth and to walk in the light man has wandered in the darkness, and for this folly he is inexcusable.

As verse 24 indicates, God sometimes withdraws His providential restraints from those whom He has left to their polluted nature, and gives them up to judicial hardness. He allows them to dishonor themselves by doing those things which are scandalous. The statement, "God gave them up," is one of the saddest in literature. What tragedy could befall man equal to that expressed in the words, "God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct"? Here Paul portrays the depths to which men sink when they refuse to let God into their lives. ■

Matthew 6:24-33

If one is occupied with the Lord, and the things which pertain to His good pleasure, as he should be, his life will be controlled by Him, joyfully enriched by His presence, and greatly benefited by His wonderful blessings. But, if one is occupied with Satan, and the things under his dominion, he too will be under the power of the evil one and therefore tragically impoverished.

In making life's numerous choices the Christian must guard against allowing the good to become the enemy of

the best. He needs to cultivate the habit of choosing the best.

These verses remind us that two masters, who are as incompatible as light and darkness, and whose interests are the very opposite, cannot be served by the same person at any given time. It is impossible to serve God and to idolize wealth at the same time. To be the true servants of God, we must give Him the preeminence in all things. Such singleness of aim, as is taught here, cannot exist apart from reliance upon Christ.

Two things harass the minds of people — anxiety about today and fear of tomorrow. Our Lord is not telling us that intelligent forethought and industry in providing for our daily needs and the needs of our loved ones are not good and proper, but He is warning us against indulgence in the sin of worry, which is unnecessary, un-Christian, un-availing, and useless. Worry, which is simply a distrust of God, is due to one's thinking that God is either incapable of supplying his needs or that He will forget to do so. Since life is more than things, they should be our servants instead of our masters. The antidote for worry is trust in God. In the measure that one is anxious about his material needs, he shows a lack of faith in the ability, love, and willingness of God. Regardless of what thought or concern one exercises about material needs, they can only be provided according to God's will. He insists that life is more than things.

In His attempt to get us to live without anxiety, our Lord points us to nature for some good examples. The fowls of the air neither sow nor reap, and yet they do not go hungry. The birds do not worry about what they shall eat and drink, and yet God takes care of them. Since these inferior creatures are fed by Him, without a care on their part, He will certainly be mindful of His children and feed them.

The lovely lilies preach a wonderfully convincing sermon against our care-filled, harassed, and troubled lives. They are submissive to the divine will. They appropriate what God provides and share it with others. We are impressed with the fact that the lilies are just what they seem to be and no more. What a fine virtue is genuineness! How repellent is hypocrisy and insincerity! What poor creatures we become when we pose as other than we are, and to impress people as being what we are not! Since God cares for the least of His creatures, He certainly will care for those who trust in Him.

The first step toward getting what we need in life, Christ tells us, is a proper relationship to God and His program. Right relationship to God and devotion to Him and His way of life for us will insure happy, useful, and successful living. ■

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is what Moody denies, and that is what makes him an amill. He claims to be premill, but he preaches amill.

I don't know what he means by his Art Linkletter suggestion, but if he wants to make a television commercial of KJV Isaiah 36:12, he has my permission and bully for him.

As to the rest of Moody's letter, it isn't worthy of refutation, since I completely refuted it in my letter of May 12.

Everyone can see who is rewriting the Bible. It's the same man who rewrote it once and then, by his own admission, decided it was wrong and is now re-writing it again.

I have in my possession a personal letter from Billy Graham in which he states that his interpretation of the second coming is exactly the same as mine. I have some news for the would-be

greats — Billy Graham is the greatest preacher of modern times.

Moody has been thoroughly refuted and you will not hear from me again on the subject. I almost admire his *attempt* at proving his doctrine, but he has miserably failed.

Bowling Green, Ky. Paul Rutledge

VIRGIN BIRTH

Dear Editor:

How did readers feel to note in George Redding's article of May 12 where he said one member of a Southern Baptist university staff told him he was uncertain about one professor in its department of religion, but was sure that none of the others believed in the virgin birth? May God have mercy on Southern Baptists. If Christ was not conceived by the Holy Ghost we have no Savior, so why claim that he has more power than heathen idols? Why strive to convert heathens who already believe in lifeless, powerless gods? If those who teach our missionaries and ministers deny the virgin birth, how can such schools be called Christian?

We believe in Christian education. Can it be Christian without our Savior and Lord? The greatest world evangelists lacked seminary training. Some outstanding Baptist ones had no college training. Moses and Paul were highly educated but neither preached the

Pentecostal sermon. God said he chose the foolish things to confound the wise. A child astounded the eminent philosophers almost 2,000 years ago. If Christ was not deity he would be unable to give life. Christ was love, and love teaches tolerance, but one can be so tolerant that he tolerates Satan. Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matthew 12:11 warns that many false prophets shall rise and deceive many in the last days. Jesus was the Word made flesh. Enemies of God sought his life from infancy. In vain, the world tried to discredit and destroy his word. Woe unto all who add to or take away from it, whether in the classroom, the pulpit, some modern bloodless translation or commentary!

Langley, Ky. Mrs. Edgar R. May

PUBLIC PRESSURE

Dear Editor:

Four weeks ago the general manager of television station WEHT, Evansville, Indiana, spoke to our HI-12 Club noon luncheon meeting in Owensboro and assured us emphatically that their station was very much concerned about what the viewing public thought concerning any program, and added this significant statement. "We have actually changed a program on account of one letter against the program."

Think of that. Just one letter. Let me add that two other recent experiences of a political nature has proven to me that this certainly pays. So speak up! Or, express your convictions in writing. Seems I have read somewhere that, "Ye have not because ye ask not." Let them hear from you! Now.

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UBS, ABS Set Scripture Distribution Record

Worldwide scripture distribution spiraled sharply upward in 1972, exceeding 200 million copies for the first time in the history of the United Bible Societies.

This information was revealed in the 157th annual report of the board of managers of the American Bible Society, one of 55 national Bible societies that comprise the fellowship of the United Bible Societies.

The total of 218,429,595 scriptures distributed registered an increase of 47,313,052, or 27.6 percent over the 171,116,543 copies circulated in 1971.

Gifts contributed by supporters of the American Bible Society made possible the distribution of 163,624,325 of these scriptures, 121,122,596 of which were distributed in this country.

Support for the work was received through more than 1.6 million individual gifts to the American Bible Society, plus contributions from 70 denominations, churches and agencies who also supported the Bible cause.

The Americas, including Canada and the United States, accounted for the largest number of scriptures distributed, a total of 150,609,366 copies, followed by the Asia/Pacific region which totaled 51,716,955. Europe was next



with 8,330,373, followed by Africa which distributed 7,772,901 scriptures.

Of the worldwide total distribution 5,519,909 were whole Bibles and 14,255,700 Testaments. Portions, a complete book or more of the Bible, totaled 31,483,432 and Selections, short passages of scripture less than a book, 167,070,554.

At least one complete book of the Bible has now been published in 1,500 languages, an increase of 43 languages in the past year. This accounts for the languages or dialects spoken by over 97 percent of the world's population. It leaves an estimated 1,000 languages

and dialects, spoken by slightly more than 2 percent of the world's population, in which scriptures have not yet been published. Bible translators continue in their efforts to translate the scriptures into all languages or dialects spoken in the world, so that people everywhere may have the scriptures in the languages they can read or understand.

An equally challenging task for the translators is the continual updating of older translations into today's constantly changing languages so that the books of the Bible remain living, vital messages from God.

Translators of the United Bible Societies and other competent personnel are currently working on more than 50 common-language and popular-language translation projects — the kind of translation work that produced the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, *Good News for Modern Man*.

Originally published in 1966, *Good News for Modern Man* continues its phenomenal popularity and now has a circulation nearing 40 million. In 1972 an average of 11,000 copies per day were distributed by the American Bible Society.

Christian High School Athlete To Be Honored

An annual award to an outstanding Kentucky high school Baptist athlete has been announced by an organization known as the Roy Harmon Award Committee. The award will be called



the Roy Harmon Baptist Athlete Award and will be given each year to one high school athlete in Kentucky and each of 10 other states. The winner will be chosen from nominations sent in and a banquet honoring the winner will be held in his local church. The award is named for Roy Harmon, a former coach at Carson-Newman College, a Tennessee Baptist school at Jefferson City. Harmon died at 52 with cancer and has grown in the esteem of many of his former players. They remember him as a strong Christian influence in their lives and want to promote Christian ideals among high school athletes by establishing an annual award in honor of him.

Deadline for nominations is June 30. The recipient will be named in July. His name will be also engraved on a

plaque placed in the Holt Fieldhouse on the Carson-Newman campus. Nominations should be mailed in

June to Roy Harmon Award, Box 1972, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760.

"No, No, Nanette" Cast Told "No, No"

Even the 58 member cast and crew of the hit musical "No, No, Nanette" received a "no, no," answer when they requested hotel accommodations in Portland, Oregon, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14.

According to a report in the *Oregon Journal* by entertainment editor Arnold Marks, the advance manager for the hit musical, Paul Anglim, "pressed the panic button" when he could find no accommodations for his troupe of 58 actors, singers and dancers.

The group is scheduled to present "No, No, Nanette" at the Paramount Theater for five performances starting June 12.

The play is to coincide with the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and hotels are booked solid during the week.

Anglim, the veteran advance man for the company headed by Don Ameche and Evelyn Keyes, said it is the first time in 10 years he has had a housing problem for any of his shows.

The catchy column describing the group's plight by Marks in the *Oregon Journal*, however, apparently did the trick.

The next day, someone got them a place to stay.

Later, word was received that about 250 rooms had been cancelled by individuals and charter groups that had planned to attend the convention, but cancelled plans at the last minute.

The "no, no," for at least 250 more persons seeking rooms in Portland, could thus be changed to "yes, yes."

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"The preamble," he continued, "carefully protects the right of the individual conscience." He added that he feels some Baptists would make a creed of the document by focusing on the body of the statement and ignoring the preamble.

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Five Kentuckians Named To Bible College Board

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Elected to the board of overseers are A. B. Colvin, director of the state missions department; Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville; Robert C. Jones, director of mountain missions in Stanton; Thomas Hicks Shelton, director of the state evangelism department, and G. Allen West of Louisville, executive director of the Long Run Baptist Association.

The board of overseers will approve faculty and courses for the new school. Among the overseers are the executive secretaries of the Baptist state conventions of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, and other leaders in missions, evangelism and church development in a nine-state area.



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