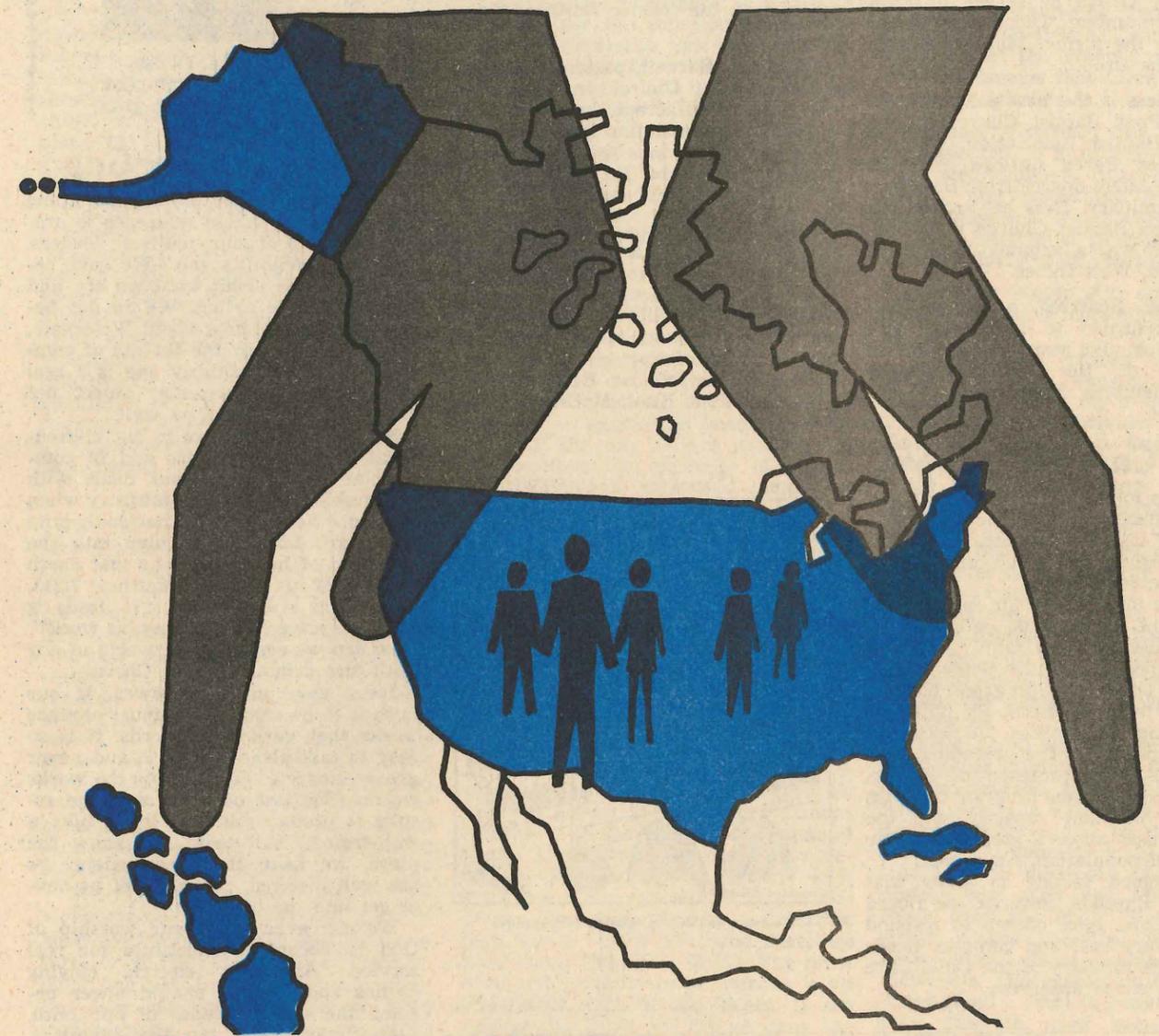


"In Him Is Life"

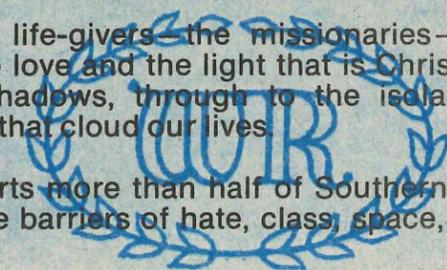
"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4



THE 1974 GOAL FOR THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG
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Staff Changes

Hiram Bowling has been called to serve as minister of education and youth for the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence. Before coming to Hickory Grove he served at First Baptist, Columbia, Tennessee. He is married to the former Marilyn Spence and has one child.

David Hess is the new pastor of the Kuttawa First Baptist Church in the Caldwell Baptist Association. He is a graduate of Berea College and has earned the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Seminary. Hess has served the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church near Carrollton and was a summer missionary in Trinidad, West Indies.

David W. Sparrow, a native Kentuckian, returned to his home state after serving nine years as minister of education of the Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Child Care Services Up

Requests for services from the Child Care Program are up over this same quarter of last year, according to William E. Amos, executive director of the child care program.

Contacts for services for campus and foster home placements, referral services, family aid and family counseling have increased. Since September 1, 1973, the child care program has received contacts regarding 155 children, representing 82 families. Contacts for the same period of the preceding year were 120 children, representing 60 families. The foster home program operates at almost constant capacity, and the two campuses show a steady increase in terms of population, Amos said.

"It's a good feeling to know that Kentucky Baptists, through the Board of Child Care, have chosen to respond to these very real and complex needs through the ministry of the Child Care program," Amos observed.

Sparrow has been called to Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown as minister of education. He is from Lawrenceburg and is a graduate of Campbellsville and Georgetown Colleges and Southern Seminary. He has served as minister of education of Rosemont Baptist, Lexington; First Baptist, London; and Eaton Memorial Baptist, Owensboro. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Sparrow, Louisville, and is married to the former Dorothy Evans of London.

Calvin T. Harvell, pastor of the Audubon Baptist Church in Henderson, has resigned to accept the call as pastor of the Wells Station Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He has been pastor of Audubon for six years. He will assume his new duties on March 1.

Richard Stokes has been called as part-time coordinator of youth ministry for the South Union Baptist Association by the association's executive board. Stokes will develop monthly youth meetings and plan youth programs in association churches. He is former pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Pine Knot, McCreary County.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"He deplores tainting religion with money!"

DEVOTIONAL



Paul J. Godsey
Burlington Baptist
Church, Burlington

The Credibility Gap

In recent days a phrase has come into increasing use in reference to pronouncements of our political leaders. It is the "credibility gap." We have become sceptical about what we are told concerning our nation. We do not believe all that we hear about Watergate, the oil shortage or the threats of communism. This credibility gap is a real problem in that we may reject not only error, but truth as well.

We face this problem in our churches as well as in politics and in commercial advertising. Jesus dealt with this problem early in his ministry when he said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father" (Matthew 7:21). The world still asks us, "If Jesus is Lord, why are we not doing his work?" How can we convince the world of our faith and commitment to Christ?

Jesus gave us the answer. If our faith is to be credible we must produce works that verify our words. It is so easy to talk about our faith and never give evidence of our faith by the works we do. The test of faith is in the results it produces in our lives. Like a well-trained ball team, we know the plays, we have the cheerleaders, we are well inspired, yet many of us never get into the ballgame.

We can even allow our worship of God to become a substitute for real service. Attending church, singing hymns and praying should never become the only evidence of our faith. Like Simon Peter, on the mountain, we too want to build a tabernacle and be alone with God while there are needs to be met down in the valley. A worship service that does not move us to action is a failure. Until we can apply the teachings of Christ to the personal, political and social problems of our world, we have a credibility gap.

"Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).

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THE EXORCISM FURY

By Larry Maddox
Pastor, Maywood Baptist Church,
Independence, Missouri

William Blatty's *The Exorcist* has created an upheaval in our society. Other books and movies have dealt with the power of the devil, but none has produced the extreme reactions of *The Exorcist*. Screaming, fainting, and nausea are common occurrences during the showing of the film. After-effects include nightmares, sleepless nights, fears of demon possession, and requests for exorcism. People everywhere are discussing the film.

The Exorcist is the fictional story of a twelve year old girl who becomes possessed of the devil. She is transformed into a ghastly image that spews forth gushers of bile, screams blasphemous obscenities, and engages in all kinds of bizarre behavior. After exhausting all other alternatives, her unbelieving mother acknowledges the possibility of diabolic possession. She requests an exorcism of a Jesuit priest. The exorcism delivers the girl, but kills both priests who perform the ritual.

Criticism of the movie

The movie is repulsive. It is presented with such raw power and force that it is both frightening and sickening. The story is full of gross exaggeration. Blatty used a great deal of poetic license. He capsulized into one case every manifestation of demon possession and added a few of his own creation. The effect is one of "overkill." The conclusion is not clearly presented. It could be interpreted either of two ways. Since the girl was delivered it could be interpreted that good triumphed over evil. On the other hand, since both exorcists were killed in the process, it could be interpreted that evil was triumphant.

The movie may create serious disturbances in those who are psychologically insecure, emotionally immature, or spiritually ignorant. Furthermore, the film leads to the misconception that man is relieved of personal responsibility for evil or sin. "The Devil made me do it" is a cop-out. Satan can tempt, but he cannot force.

Value of the movie

The film is a striking stimulus that has provoked religious reflection. It shakes people up and gets them to think. A college professor said, "Even if it makes kids think for an hour, that's better than a heck of a lot of religious studies programs. It may just have a real profound effect." It may push some into a relationship with God as they seek meaning behind the struggle of good and evil.

The movie may help people to wake up to another world — the world of the spiritual and supernatural — the world where the conflict of the ages is being waged. William Blatty said he wrote the story "to persuade those who do not believe that there is a case to be made for the supernatural and to offer the possibility that there is a supernatural force of evil in the universe whose game plan is to convince us that he does not exist." Life is a battleground, not a playground. At stake is whether we will enjoy the peace, purpose, and power through Jesus Christ or whether we will know despair, disillusionment, and defeat through the opposition of Satan. The word "Satan" means "adversary." We can expect fierce opposition.

Some questions provoked by the movie

"Are demons for real?" The fact that supernaturalism embraces not only the morally good — God and his angels — but the morally evil — Satan and his demons — aggravates modern man's unbelief. He may believe in God, but he questions the existence of a personal devil and relegates demons to the realm of superstition.

The Bible attests the reality of evil supernaturalism through Satan and his demons. The Old Testament is replete with demonic phenomena. The New Testament presents overwhelming evidence for the existence of demons. The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world was to "destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8). His ministry precipitated an outburst of evil supernaturalism. Demons rose to oppose his ministry (Matthew 4:1-10). Jesus exorcised demons (Matthew 15:22, 28) and gave his disciples authority to cast out demons (Matthew 10:1). The New Testament speaks of demons (James 2:19); describes their activity (I Timothy 4:1); describes their opposition to the believer (Ephesians 6:10-20); describes their abode (Luke 8:31) and describes their doom (Matthew 25:41). The presence and prominence of demons is an undeniable fact of the Bible. If we believe the Bible, we cannot deny the obvious. Demons are for real!

"Are demons active today?" Demonic activity has increased sharply in recent years. Paul Tillich calls this a "demonic age." Interest in the demonic is so widespread that we are experiencing an occult revolution in this country. The wave of fascination with the occult is noticeable in four main categories.

Satanism: Anton Levey, head of the Church of Satan, proclaims, "The Satanic Age started in 1966." The book, *Rosemary's Baby*, concludes as the witch-leader cries out in triumph:

"God is dead and Satan lives! The year is one, the first year of our Lord, Satan! The year is one, God is done!" Levey's followers number 200,000. More malevolent Satanists, like the Manson group, are underground.

Witchcraft: Aided by Elizabeth Montgomery's "Bewitched," witchcraft has come out of the broom closet. Richard Woods estimates that there are 100,000 practicing witches in this country.

Prophecy: Astrology has moved from a simple fad to a substitute faith for multiplied millions. Tarot cards, Ouija boards, and pendulums are familiar and fascinating instruments of clairvoyance. Individual psychics are well-known, widely read, and highly paid.

Spiritism: Bishop Pike stirred up renewed interest in communication with the dead.

"Can demons possess a person?" There are many varying degrees of demonic influence on a person's life. Clifton McElheran divides demon influence into three areas. **Oppression** is a demonic attack from the outside. It would include such things as temptation, opposition, and harassment. **Obsession** is an invasion of the mind or body by evil forces. **Possession** is the taking over of a person by evil spirits. The most famous case of possession is the Gadarene. (See Mark 5:1-13.) He is the exception rather than the rule. He is the only one of his kind mentioned in the New Testament. Very few people are demonically controlled to this degree.

"What about deliverance?" Deliverance comes through Jesus Christ. He is the real exorcist. He is victorious over Satan. Satan is a decided fact and a destructive force, but he is also a defeated foe! Hebrews 2:14 states: "... that through death he (Jesus) might destroy him who had the power of death, even the devil." The word "destroy" means literally "to make of none effect." Jesus enables us to be victorious. Ephesians 6:10-13 says: "Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies — the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up." (Living Bible).

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Dual Enrollment Is Unconstitutional

Thank the Lord for the courts and for judges! Their courageous rulings against public funds being used to subsidize private and parochial schools have saved the day so far. At times it appears the executive and legislative branches give in under pressure but not the judicial.

A landmark case was the recent decision of the United States District Court ruling dual enrollment unconstitutional. The particular situation which brought the ruling was a cooperative program between Blessed Sacrament parochial school in Ft. Mitchell and the Beechwood public school.

Under this dual enrollment plan the public school system rented classrooms at the Blessed Sacrament School and teachers paid with public funds went to the Catholic schools to teach mathematics and social science to parochial students. Thus pupils were taught some subjects in a public school and other subjects in a parochial school. This plan is known as dual enrollment.

In spite of the fact that this dual enrollment plan between Beechwood and Blessed Sacrament was terminated in 1971, Judge Mac Swinford went on to render the opinion that such policies are unconstitutional.

The question now is the effect of this ruling on dual enrollment in at least two other places in Kentucky: Louisville and Bardstown. The dual enrollment plan is used in several instances in Louisville. These include St. Denis and St. Lawrence elementary schools and Flaget High School.

St. Denis school and St. Lawrence school for four years have used dual enrollment plans approved by the Jefferson County Board of Education. Two public school teachers have taught math daily to junior high students in St. Denis and St. Lawrence classrooms.

Flaget High School in Louisville will give up operations after this year in spite of help from dual enrollment. In the Flaget case which has been prac-

ticed for six years the Louisville Board of Education rented classrooms at Flaget and provided two full-time and one part-time teacher to instruct about 300 Flaget students.

The Bardstown dual enrollment plan is a little different. One teacher from the Nelson County public school and two from Bardstown public school teach business courses and science to students in Bethlehem parochial classrooms. In turn about 100 Bethlehem students take vocational classes at Nelson County public school.

It needs to be said that these dual enrollment arrangements were not intentional violations of laws. Such dual arrangements were declared legal by John C. Breckinridge in 1968 who was at that time State Attorney General.

Responsibility for the long struggle which finally resulted in the court decision belongs to a small group of determined citizens led by Mrs. Gayle Van Deren and by Americans United lawyers. While many of us had about given up, Mrs. Van Deren and a few like-minded persons worked on persistently and were joined by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. We owe the victory to these determined persons and to Americans United.

It is a fearful thought where we might be today in the public school system were it not for a few determined citizens and the skill of Americans United in defending the separation of church and state guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Americans United has become more and more powerful and influential under the leadership of Dr. Glenn Archer. The organization has no financial resources other than voluntary gifts. It is likely many readers of this article are champions of religious freedom and separation of church and state but have never contributed to the support of this organization. Write Dr. Glenn Archer, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, for more information.

Dangerous Legislative Proposals

So far the 1974 Kentucky General Assembly and the governor have not enacted major legislation affecting the moral climate of the Commonwealth. We have learned, however, that most legislative proposals remain in committees until the closing days of the General Assembly and are reported out of committee without much time for floor debate and consideration.

Since Kentucky Baptists do not have a registered lobbyist in Frankfort, we have to be cautious lest we be called down. Delbert Butts of the Kentucky Temperance League is a registered lobbyist and we depend upon him not only to provide us with information on proposed liquor legislation but also on any proposals which would affect the moral atmosphere of our state. He is most helpful and cooperative.

To provide a complete list of legislative proposals that might have some harmful effect would require a full-time observer. However, through Mr. Butts and the news reports here are several proposals we should definitely oppose.

House Bill 277 which would permit local option liquor elections to be held on the same day as primary and general elections are held. Presently this is prohibited and prevents the liquor issue from becoming mixed up in political elections. We should oppose this bill.

House Bill 326 and Senate Bill 116. These bills are the same bills presented in the House and Senate and would legalize lotteries in Kentucky. The revenue from the lotteries would provide a bonus for Vietnam veterans and financial aid to education. How noble such an idea! Who could oppose an expression of appreciation to veterans and further aid to education?

This approach has been used many times successfully because of the emotional appeal. Let us not be blind. The greatest concern of sponsors of a lottery in Kentucky is not veterans nor education but legalized gambling.

Granted we had lotteries in Kentucky which would provide veteran bonuses and aid to education, we have to remember that a worthy goal never justifies unworthy means. Surely we should be able to honor veterans and educate our children without making gamblers out of thousands of Kentuckians. Besides, reports from other states with legal lotteries indicate they have not been as successful financially as expected.

House Bill 456 is one of the most dangerous proposals. It would allow the local governing body of a city or a county to decide whether or not to have legalized liquor sales. This is highly objectional in that it takes away the right of all citizens to vote for or against legal liquor sales.

This is the same way Sunday sales came about in Kentucky. Citizens never were given a chance to express their position on Sunday sales. Instead, a small group of city and county officials decided to disregard religious convictions and turned Sunday into just another day of the week.

These are but samples of legislative proposals this year. We will try to keep our readers informed though sometimes a piece of legislation is rushed through so fast that a weekly paper cannot report it before it is passed.

In the meantime see, call or write the representative and senator from your area and ask him to vote against HB 277, HB 326, HB 456 and SB 116.

BAPTIST FORUM



SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Dear Editor:

Which is worse — that which we see, or that which we do not see? The suffering and the handicap of the physical body, or the suffering of the spiritual body, the loss of fellowship with God, and the loss of fellowship with other Christians — the amount of loss we cannot see. We many times in many services have prayer for one of our members who has had a stroke, leaving one temporarily or permanently crippled. That we can see.

That we ought to do. But let us remember also the person who needs spiritual fellowship.

Recently I attended a funeral of an elderly man who was restored a week before he died. Before he died he lamented a wasted life.

Columbia, Kentucky Bayard Antle

KOHOUTEK ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

Indeed I do understand that it would not be feasible to run my letter again. You were kind to take time to write to express understanding of my feelings.

As for abortion — it is here to stay so must be given the safety of medical care. Hopefully there will soon be a more satisfactory way of assuring that babies won't be born to be killed, but

born to be loved and cared for, a heritage that should be guaranteed.

Now I need the answer to one question — how do you justify the page in *Western Recorder*, January 12, "Kohoutek, some see it as a sign from God"? If communes print papers it might be appreciated there, but I can't see anything in it for the *Western Recorder* area. Surely, it's an insult to any half way intelligent mind.

The *Western Recorder* should print church news or inspiring articles.

Barbourville Mrs. Clifford Prichard

OPPOSES AMNESTY

Dear Editor:

In reply to a letter in *Western Recorder*, February 9 issue, written by Kitty R. Baird, Danville, about giving amnesty to those men who chose to run away to a foreign country to keep from (Continued on page 14)

James W. Cummins, a native of Harrodsburg and pastor in Kentucky for many years, died at his home in Jeffersonville, Indiana, on January 23. Cummins was the first pastor of First Baptist, Sellersburg. He began serving there in 1960. At the time of his death he was pastor of Bordon Baptist Church, Borden, Indiana.

Bequests by two former students of Georgetown College have been received to assist outstanding students attending Georgetown College. A memorial scholarship fund was begun from the bequest received by **Mrs. William Moore Peak**, a 1903 graduate of the college. The fund is to be used to assist outstanding young men seeking admission to Georgetown.

The bequest received from the estate of **Mildred Rankley Somers**, a student of the college in 1919, is to be used for the education of worthy young people

'Recorder' Family Grows By Eleven

Eleven Kentucky Baptist churches added *Western Recorder* to their church budgets during January. In so doing, these churches insured that their resident church families would have available the most complete source of news and information about Kentucky Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention that exists today.

Western Recorder welcomes these churches to the growing family of *Western Recorder* readers.

Below is a list of the churches and their pastors.

Mt. Liberty, Owensboro, Von Norris; Rock Lick, Somerset, Virthel Taylor; Pleasant Run, Franklin, James E. Dorris; Immanuel Mission, Cynthiana, James T. Murphy; Southern Heights, Lexington, Ron Burden; Poplar Springs, Stanford, Delbert Newsome;

Reid Village, Mt. Sterling, L. Paul Prather; Airline, Henderson, Robert F. McFadden; Wurtland Missionary, Wurtland, Wm. H. Vallance; East Hartford Mission, Hartford, Alton Earl Crowe; Smithsboro, Sassafras, Jesse Bourne.

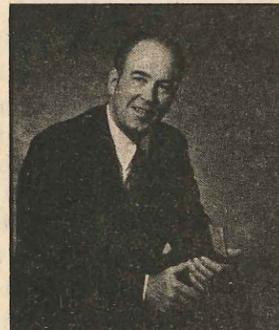
from Henry and neighboring counties in Kentucky.

Don Jones was ordained to the gospel ministry by Pulaski Baptist Church, Somerset, on January 27. The newly ordained minister is pastor of Oak Grove No. 2, at Goochtown. Jones plans to enter Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, this fall.

Deacons of Lebanon Baptist Church expressed their sorrow and that of the entire congregation recently over the death of **Arthur Rucker**. He died November 13 and was a deacon of the church.

Members of New Liberty Baptist Church gave thanks to God recently for the life of **Mrs. Addie Jackson** who died on December 2. Mrs. Jackson had served the church in many capacities while she was a member there.

John Gibson was ordained to the gos-



Today's Faith

FRANKLIN OWEN
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER, KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

Hosts of us who came along in yesteryears had a firmly fixed faith in God as personally revealed and understood in Jesus Christ. We believed in the immortality of the human soul. We believed in sin and guilt and the necessity of redemption from sin and forgiveness of sin as a means of salvation. We believed the promises of God with regard to this as delivered to us in Christ. We believed in the efficacy of the death of Christ in behalf of us sinners. We believed that the goals of this present life were secondary and the goals of eternity were primary.

Modern man seems more and more to settle for a faith that is quite the opposite of the above.

Instead of a personal belief in a personally revealed God, the growing modern belief is in an undefined conception of "whatever Gods may be." In rejecting Christ, people reject the personal, human plane revelation of God. God thus becomes subjective rather than objective; merely the mental projection of whatever individual notion one has of him. This is not much confirmation in which to trust.

Whereas the last generation believed in the reality of sin and guilt, there is a growing tendency to disbelieve in sin. Nothing is really very wrong. Just love everybody and do what feels good

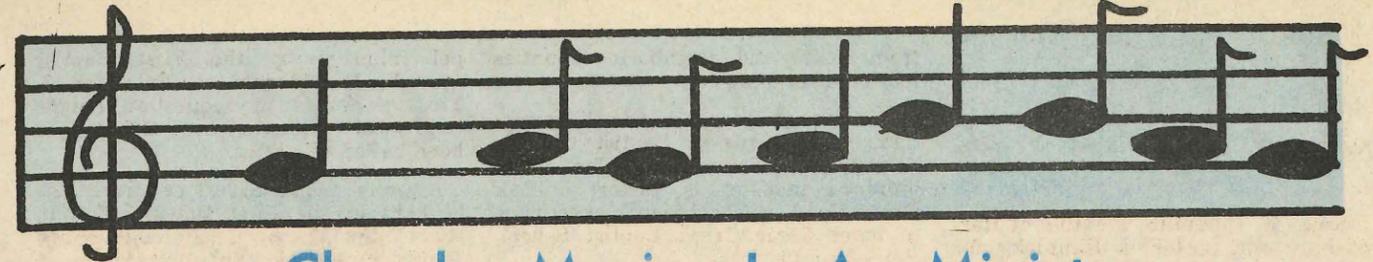
and smells good and tastes good; enjoy yourself, it's all one grand "love in."

pel ministry by the First Baptist Church, Providence, on February 3. This was done at the request of Slaughters Baptist Church where Gibson has been called as pastor.

A special memorial service was recently held in the **First Baptist Church, Russell Springs**, by the Russell County Baptist Association in appreciation of **J. W. Hubbard** who passed away October 10 at the age of 82.

Hubbard had served Russell County Association of Baptists for nearly one-half century. He was instrumental in establishing several new churches and served the association three terms as moderator.

A beautiful bronze plaque was presented Mrs. Hubbard in memory of Brother Hubbard and his dedicated service to Russell County Baptists. Hubbard spent 53 years in the ministry and 45 of these years were spent in the Russell County Association.



Church Music Is A Ministry

By Eugene Quinn
 Director, KBC Church
 Music Department

Church music is truly a ministry which permeates the whole temporal organization of God's Kingdom.

True, it is a church organization, in the form of graded choirs and instrumental groups which meet regularly, as do other church organizations. But the music ministry is more!



It serves in the evangelistic and worship services of the whole church. It usually contributes in the observance of the ordinances; it serves powerfully at weddings and funerals. And it can deliver the gospel message powerfully in outreach efforts.

Likewise, the church music ministry can serve valuably in associational, state and other denominational activities which are not directly musical functions. For instance, Home Mission Board personnel have sometimes expressed the need for music missionaries. The music ministry on foreign mission fields, which began as an incidental part of the responsibility of non-music missionaries, has developed to the extent that over 150 foreign missionaries are called "music missionaries" today.

Truly, the "music program," which is identified as the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, could be called the "Church Music Ministry." The church music department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and of other state conventions could accurately be called "the Church Music Ministry," such as the "Kentucky Baptist Music Ministry." A church music ministry service with a church music consultant is a growing need for the Foreign Mission Board. The need may even become strong enough in the Home Mission Board program for the Church Music Ministry to appoint recognized full-time music missionaries in pioneer areas.

Each church can truly recognize its

song leading, congregational singing, keyboard music, other instrumental music, choral music and music in the other organizations and functions of the church as a *Church Music Ministry*. And with designating this service as a church music ministry, church leaders will hopefully provide a greater budget for the cost of the pervasive service of music throughout the church, provide adequate time in the church calendar for a fully organized church music ministry for even the smallest

church and provide through its nominating committee a full corps of personnel who are not too loaded down with other non-musical responsibilities to render a tremendously greater valuable contribution through music throughout the church.

May God continue to hasten the advancement of the music ministry in each church, association, state and other denominational institutions for the greater glory of God and advancement of His Kingdom.

State Vacation Bible School Clinics Scheduled Feb. 26 & 28

Two state VBS Clinics are scheduled for the state of Kentucky. The first will be held at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, on February 26, and the second at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, on February 28.

These clinics are designed for the training of associational teams who will be teaching in the Associational VBS Clinics later this spring. Ten team members are invited from each association.

In addition to the age-group conferences, a new conference has been added this year to focus on New Sunday School Work. Many have expressed an interest in giving more direct promotion to mission VBS, backyard Bible clubs, Bible study fellowships, and other approaches that often lead to new Sunday School work. The proposed audience for this conference will be the superintendent of missions.

Roy E. Boatwright, director of the

Sunday School department in Kentucky, will lead the new conference. Daryl Heath, consultant from the Sunday School department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will be leading the general conference for Vacation Bible School directors and Sunday School directors from the associations.

Other faculty members are: Preschool (birth-3 year olds), Mrs. Ruth Ham, Campton; Preschool (4's and 5's), Mrs. Helen Smith, Louisville; Younger Children, Mrs. Betty Moore, Louisville; Middle Children, Mrs. Rose Burress, Perryville; Older Children, Mrs. Lena Romans, Mt. Washington; Younger Youth, Mic Morrow, Middletown; Older Youth, Rick Chaffin, Louisville; and Adult, Charles Burress, Perryville.

Both clinics will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Each one attending is requested to bring a sack lunch for the noon hour.

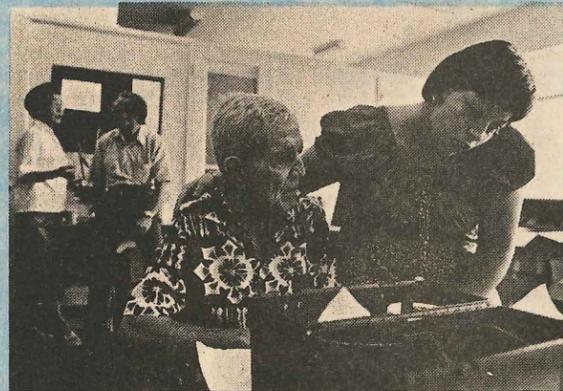
Cedarmore Staff Openings

Applications are being accepted for summer staff positions at Cedarmore to serve in Boone Lodge, Youth Camp, Cedarcrest and Rabro. High school juniors and seniors, college students, adults should write to Arlis Hinson, Manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003 for information and application. Interested persons should apply by March 10.

Life Abundant- the message of home missions

Week of Prayer for Home Missions March 3-10

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal \$7,200,000



CARE FOR THE ELDERLY — Workers care for the elderly in a day care program at University Baptist Church. In the background is Pastor Clifford Hoff. (HMB Photo by Don Rutledge)

To a nation searching for fulfillment in materialistic gimmicks, Southern Baptists have a way to say, "In Him Is Life."

Southern Baptists hold out lifelines through home missions to Americans they usually do not see.

The message of home missions is that Jesus Christ can give a believer new and joyous life.

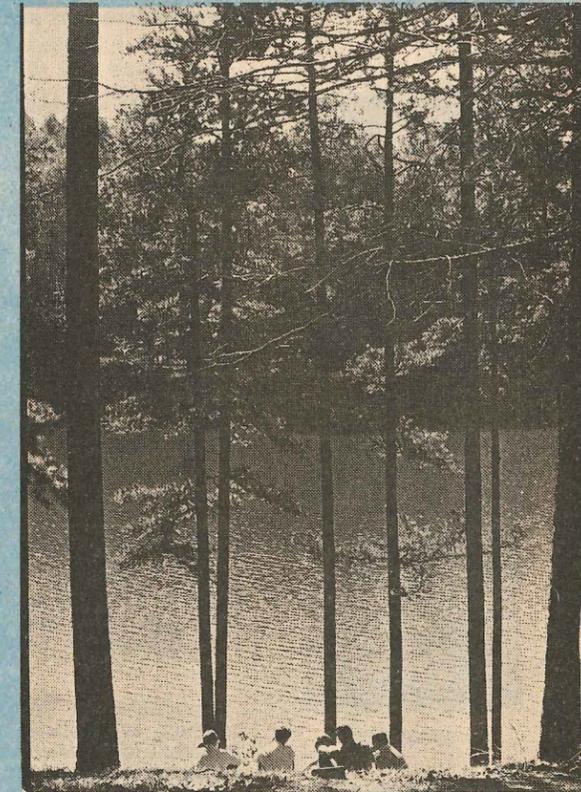
This message is conveyed by 2,178 missionaries and thousands of volunteer short-term home missions workers.

The message is conveyed in many ways — evangelism, church extension, language missions, Christian

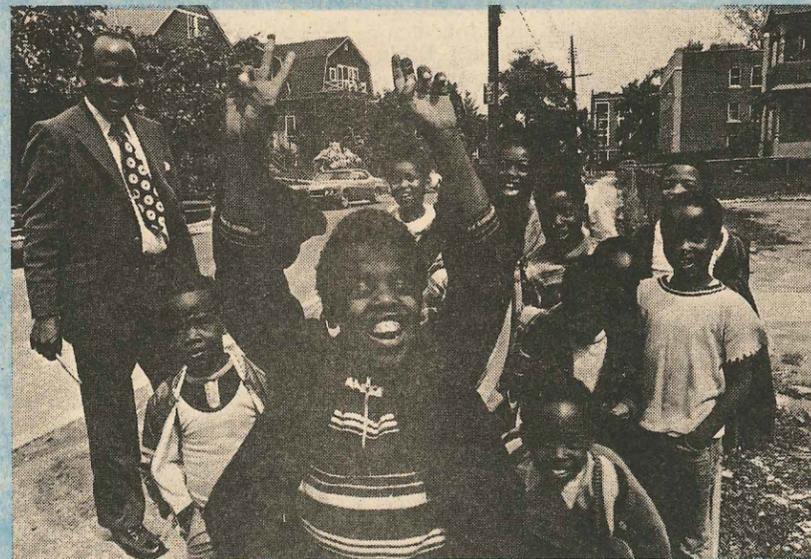
social ministries, work with National Baptists, contacts with persons of other faiths, resort missions.

The message can be conveyed because Southern Baptists undergird home missions with their prayers and with their money. If the message is to continue next year with new momentum, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering must supplement Cooperative Program allocations for home missions with at least \$7,200,000.

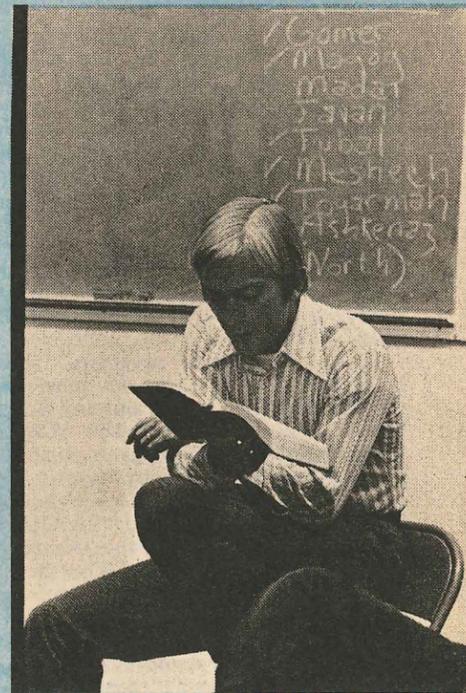
"This, then, is the witness: God has given us eternal life, and this life is ours in his Son. Whoever has the Son has this life" (1 John 5:11-12, Today's English Version).



The Home Mission Board sets the pace for Southern Baptists in evangelism. Renewal evangelism, symbolized by this group on retreat in Toccoa, Georgia, is one of the methods HMB personnel have developed. Evangelism projects will receive an allocation of \$210,000 from the offering.



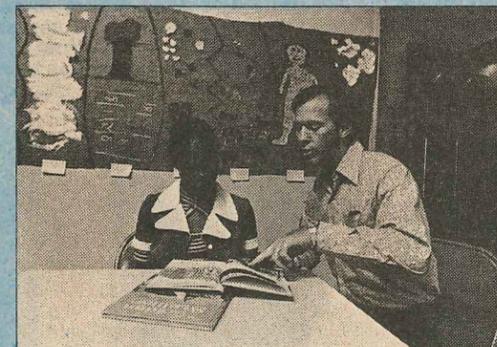
Hope for new life is the message Pastor Charles Brown gives to the children of Antioch Baptist Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Brown is one of the National Baptist pastors who cooperate with the Home Mission Board.



Phillip Stover is an Anglo minister, but language missions becomes his business at the Mandarin Baptist Church in Los Angeles where he discusses the Word of Life with English-speaking Chinese.



The message of home missions now reaches the millions because of the television evangelism show, "Spring Street, USA." Kenneth Chafin, host, interviews guest star Mary Costa, on one of the Spring Street segments. A major portion of money beyond the goal of the offering will buy TV time for televangelism.



The message of life in Christ is given person to person. The tutoring program at First Southern Baptist Church, San Francisco (Paul Cobb and Eleetta Lewis shown here) is an example of ministries that help people find new life in Christ and a better life in the world.



Children of many nationalities come together in Christian love at the Olivet Baptist Church's preschool in Honolulu.

student missionaries ready to go

The Baptist Student Union Summer missions selection committee has appointed 7 men and 9 women college students throughout Kentucky to serve mission fields in three overseas locations and 14 sites in the United States.



Miss Hancock

Selected to mission fields outside the United States were Mary E. Hancock, a student at Campbellsville College; Danny G. Lane, Eastern Kentucky University; and Bonnie R. Ramsey, Georgetown College.

Miss Hancock will have charge of a number of Bible schools of mission churches in Malawi, an independent republic in southeast Africa. Last summer she worked through the missions program in Hawaii. The Calhoun, Kentucky, resident is a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church and hopes to teach elementary school upon graduation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hancock.



Lane

Lane, a member of First Baptist Church, Richmond, has been appointed to serve in Trinidad. He will conduct music there for mission churches. The 20 year old student plans to practice law as a vocation. Lane is from Louisville and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Lane.



Miss Ramsey

Appointed to Peru, Bonnie Ramsey will conduct evangelistic programs, fellowships, informal discussions and recreational programs with university students. An Ohio native, Miss Ramsey is a member of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown. Majoring in elementary education at Georgetown she hopes to teach after graduation. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Ramsey of Blanchester, Ohio.

Five students have been appointed to serve in the southern region of the United States.

Larry T. Angel, a senior at Murray State University, has been appointed to assist

chaplains working with prisons in South Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal R. Angel. The Princeton resident plans to work as a BSU campus director upon completion of his studies. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Murray.

Also serving in South Carolina this summer will be Kathy D. Kibbons. She will lead a resort ministry at Hilton Head Island. The Campbellsville College student is majoring in elementary education. She has worked for three summers at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Miss Kibbons is a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kibbons of Campbellsville.

Also serving through a resort ministry this summer will be Debra L. Hamby, a student at Murray State University. The Owensboro resident is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamby. She will be located in Virginia working at a campground that caters to Canadian French tourists. Miss Hamby is an elementary education major and a member of First Baptist Church, Murray.

Appointed to serve in the resort area of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, John Fitzpatrick, a student at Somerset Community College, will cooperate with associational camps in that area. The 18 year old student is a member of Beacon Hill Baptist Church. Fitzpatrick is majoring in business technology. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Somerset.

Completing the list of appointments to the southern United States, Tommy D. Thompson will serve in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Morehead State University student is a resident of Feds Creek. For two summers Thompson served Pike Association in its mission functions. The speech and drama major is a member of First Baptist Church, Morehead. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson.



Angel



Miss Kibbons



Miss Hamby



Fitzpatrick



Thompson

Two Kentucky students will be located in New England this summer. Ira E. Massie, a secondary education major at Morehead State University, has been appointed to serve in New Haven, Connecticut, to do general mission work. The Lexington resident is a member of First Baptist, Morehead. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Massie.

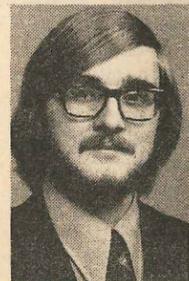
Also serving in the New England area will be Mildred Haar, a student at Cumberland College. Miss Haar has been appointed to Worcester, Massachusetts. She served in the summer missions program last year at Boone's Creek Baptist Church in Winchester. A native of Paintsville, Miss Haar is a member of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg. She is the daughter of Bessie Adkins, Paintsville.

Appointed to serve in the central portion of the country this summer were Karla J. Ziegmond and Billie R. Young.

Miss Ziegmond, a Pennsylvania native, is a student at Morehead State University. She will serve in Chicago, Illinois, doing inner-city mission work. A music major, she is a member of First Baptist, Morehead. Mr. and Mrs. Karl R. Ziegmond of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, are her parents.

Serving in Arkansas this summer will be Billie Young. Miss Young is a student at Eastern Kentucky University. She will be involved in the resort ministry at Lake Ouachita. The Webbville resident is a member of Willard Missionary Baptist Church in Willard. Miss Young is majoring in special education and hopes to work with mentally handicapped children. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Young.

Appointed to serve in California this summer, Terri A. Winkler will be participating in inner-city work in San Francisco. She is a student at Cumberland College and is a resident of Fern Creek. Majoring in English, Miss Winkler is a member of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. Jack Winkler.



Massie



Miss Haar



Miss Ziegmond



Miss Young



Miss Winkler

Appointed to work in the two newest states, Alaska and Hawaii, this year were Gary W. McDonald and Reggie K. Hickman.

McDonald will serve in Hawaii in the field of general mission work. He is a student at Murray State University and a resident of Louisville, where his father, Raymond McDonald, resides. He is a member of First Baptist, Murray.

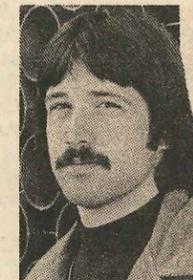
Hickman also will be doing general mission work in Alaska this summer. He is a student at Eastern Kentucky University and a member of Virgie Baptist Church in Virgie. Last summer Hickman served the Northwest Baptist Convention through the summer missions program. He is the son of Mr. William Hickman, Jr.

The missions selection committee appointed Gwendolyn K. Devine to serve as pianist with the mountain youth team this summer. She is a student at Murray State University majoring in speech and hearing. A resident of Grand Rivers, Miss Devine is a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist in Smithland. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Devine.

Students to serve as part of the mountain youth team will be selected at a later date. The team includes an advance man, preacher, song leader and pianist. Only the pianist, Miss Devine, has been appointed now.

There also remains a position for a woman worker unannounced.

The student mission project is supported entirely by funds contributed and raised by the Baptist Student Unions on campuses throughout the state.



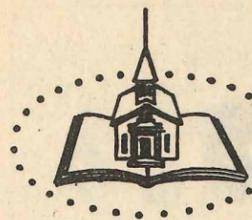
McDonald



Hickman



Miss Devine



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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 3, 1974)



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Mark 9:30-34

Passing through Galilee on His way to Jerusalem Christ traveled the least frequented roads because He wanted to be alone with His disciples, in order that He might instruct them in view of His approaching death and resurrection. As He taught the future teachers of the world, which was a tremendously great work, He said: "The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men." Christ knew that a traitor was in their little band, and He understood exactly how the mind of Judas was working. Christ mentioned His death in connection with another event from which it seemed to be inseparable, namely, His resurrection. He understood the necessity for His atoning death, and also noted the certainty of His resurrection victory.

The disciples did not understand His statement that He would rise from the dead. They grasped that glorious truth only when it became an accomplished fact. Even though they did not understand, they were afraid to ask any further questions and to know any more. Human minds have an amazing faculty for rejecting that which they do not wish to accept.

As they traveled toward Capernaum, with Christ walking in front of them, and they supposed that He did not hear them, His disciples argued about which of them was the greatest, and which of them would be preeminent in the coming Kingdom. After they had entered the house, He asked them what they had been arguing about, but they did not have anything to say. Theirs was the silence of shame. Christians should never cherish an ambition which has its goal in themselves, or of which they shall be ashamed in God's presence. Christ told His disciples that if they sought for greatness in His Kingdom they would find that, not by being first, but by being servants of all.

Mark 10:35-37

Ambition is not wrong in itself, but when it projects self forward at the expense of others it is sinful. Shrewdly James and John asked Christ to pledge Himself in advance to give them whatever they might desire. Their request for the two thrones next to that

of Christ was a very extraordinary one. The concern of James and John was not for the glory of God, but for places of preeminence for themselves. Self-seeking always leads to bold and impudent self-assertion.

Christ must have been grieved deeply by their selfishness. Instead of thinking about the horrible things that were about to happen to Christ, and getting ready to be His brave followers, they were thinking of an easy thing for themselves. How could they have schemed for themselves while Christ was talking about His own death? They certainly had not won the victory over the sin of selfishness.

Mark 10:41-45

Thinking that James and John had taken an unfair advantage of them,

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Acts 2:1-4

On the fiftieth day after the Feast of the Passover, the 120 disciples were in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, and with a wonderful spirit of unanimity. They were not only together in the same place, but also united in their spiritual purpose.

When God's appointed time for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit arrived, in fulfillment of His promise, the Holy Spirit descended upon those assembled believers. He took possession of them and controlled them to such an extent that they throbbled with His sympathies, spoke His thoughts, and conformed to His will.

There were various evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. There was an audible evidence — "suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." This verse does not say that there came a wind from heaven, but only a sound which resembled a violent wind being borne along, somewhat like a tornado. There was also a visible sign or proof

the other disciples were indignant. In reality, being human, each was desirous of the chief place for himself.

Christ was grieved that among His disciples, whom He expected to love one another, there should be jealousy and quarreling. Has it ever dawned on you that nearly all church troubles come about by one or more members having a desire to be honored and to rule and to be pleased instead of desiring to serve and to help?

Note how Christ dealt with the situation which His disciples created. Determined to nip in the bud their bickering, He reminded them that ambition for position, prestige, and power over men belongs to the world. In Christ's Kingdom ambition is to be for service only, and never for dominion.

—there appeared unto the disciples divided tongues which resembled fire and one sat upon the head of each one present. Reception of the Holy Spirit was not just a group experience; rather, it was a personal one. Each of them received the Holy Spirit. No difference was made between them. The Holy Spirit also "filled" them. This simply means that He possessed them and controlled them.

Another supernatural manifestation which took place on that day was the speaking in foreign languages. Immediately after the Holy Spirit filled the believers, took complete possession of them and all their faculties, and gave them the right thoughts and emotions, they "began to speak with other tongues" and those present understood what they said. This miraculous gift indicated the fact that our Lord wanted His gospel preached in every language.

Acts 2:16-17

Whereas Peter was formerly timid and cowardly, after he was filled with

and empowered by the Holy Spirit he was bold and brave. When the Spirit holds sway and controls any life there is not any room for cowardice and fear.

When Peter heard some of the critics falsely accuse the disciples of drunkenness, he arose in the power of the Spirit to disprove their charge and to vindicate the things which the believers were doing. He declared that, instead of being the result of drunkenness, the phenomena which the critics were beholding were the result of the work of the Holy Spirit, and a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2:28-32.

Acts 2:36-42

The Holy Spirit used Peter's memorable, scriptural, logical, pointed, personal, and persuasive sermon to pierce, as with an arrow, the evil hearts of his hearers and made them deeply conscious of their terrible guilt. His hearers were convinced of the truth of his message, convicted of their guilt, and filled with fear of the wrath of God.

Upon hearing Peter's sermon, the Jews cried out: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter commanded them to repent and to be baptized in the name of Christ. To these Jews repentance meant to change their minds about Christ, to admit their guilt in rejecting Him, and to believe on Him as their personal Saviour.

Having been cleansed from their sins because of their repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they were to express that cleansing symbolically by being baptized. After Christ had saved them, they gladly submitted to baptism as an evidence of their faith in Him and as an act of loving obedience to Him.

"For the remission of sins" simply means on account of, or on the basis of, the remission of sins. To illustrate, it was the custom of some of my earliest school teachers to whip their pupils for fighting on the playground. In each case the boys were whipped for fighting, not in order to enable them to fight or to make them fight, but because they had fought already. So, we are baptized, not in order to have our sins forgiven, but because they have been forgiven already on the ground of our repentance toward God and our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the act of scriptural baptism the believer announces to all witnesses thereof that he has truly repented of his sins, that he has died to sin, that his previous life of sin has been buried, that he has received from Christ a new and victorious life, and that henceforth, in the ample strength which is to be imparted to him by the Holy Spirit, he fully intends and expects to live a life of Christian fruitfulness to the glory of God.

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Miss Mary Clark (Rhodesia) may be addressed at P.O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Georgia 31822. She will be serving as staff nurse for missionary orientation. Before she was appointed by the FMB in 1964, she was staff nurse at a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kirk (Brazil) may be addressed at Box 408, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. Mrs. Kirk is the former Maxie Crawford of Louisville, Kentucky. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1947, he was education director of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville.

On the field

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Daugherty may be addressed at R-111 2-chome, Hirahata Cho, Misawa 033, Japan. Mrs. Daugherty is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello, Kentucky.

R. H. Falwell, Jr. (missionary associate to Hong Kong-Macao) has completed furlough and returned to the field. He may be addressed: 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. He is a native of Murray, Kentucky. Before employment by the FMB in 1970, he worked with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott may be addressed at 423 Hoshiguma, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 814, Japan. Mrs. Garrott is the former Dorothy Carver of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Grundy Janes, Jr., may be addressed: Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile. The Janes' were both born in Louisville. He also lived in Lexington. Mrs. Janes, the former Jean Bell, also lived in Shepherdsville and Ow-

ensboro. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1966, he was assistant principal of a Lexington, Kentucky, high school and a teacher at a junior high school in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Mantooth may be addressed at Box 0372, Mertzlia Bet, Israel. Mrs. Mantooth, the former Suzanne Fitts, lived in Kentucky, finishing high school in Pineville. They were appointed by the FMB in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Takahiro Oue (Japan) may be addressed at 10-12, 2-chome, Kaganoi, Kochisi 780, Japan. Born in Kochi, Japan, he came to the states as a teenager and lived in several Kentucky towns. Mrs. Oue, the former Lana O'Banion, was born in Larue County, Kentucky. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1969, he was pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett D. Ragan (missionary associates to Malaysia and Singapore) may be addressed at 40A-D, MK 17, Baut Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia. She is the former Charlotte Bruner of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Wilson may be addressed: Box 133, Taichung 400, Taiwan. She is the former Catherine Spillman of Trimble County, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Young may be addressed at 1-15-14 Momochi, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 814, Japan. Mrs. Young, the former Norma Lucas of Kentucky, was born in Meade County and lived in Louisville. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1968, he was assistant professor and she, instructor, at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville.

Other

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey (Israel) have completed a temporary assignment in Switzerland and may be addressed at Box 154, Jerusalem, Israel. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1944, he was pastor of a mission in Oklahoma and rural churches in Kentucky.

Mrs. Ernest V. May died January 24 in Lockhart, Texas. She was the mother of E. V. May, Jr., missionary associate to the Dominican Republic. Missionary May is on furlough and may be addressed: 1130 Magnolia Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644. He was born in Glendale, Kentucky.

Mrs. Larry Pendley (missionary associate to Yemen) has begun orientation and may be addressed at Box 535, Pine Mountain, Georgia 31822. The former Frances Read, she was born in Butler County, Kentucky, and lived in Louisville and Lexington. Before she was employed by the FMB in 1973, she worked as a private duty nurse in Lexington.

Miss Violet Popp (Jordan) has arrived in the states for medical leave and may be addressed at Box 391, Route 2, Cumberland, Maryland 21502. Before she was appointed by the FMB in 1953, she was the infirmary nurse at the WMU Training School, now merged with Southern Seminary, Louisville.

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"Bus outreach is an integral part of Sunday School outreach," according to D. Lewis White, bus outreach consultant in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "But, the use of buses is just one outreach tool that a church can use."

"The emphasis is not only on reaching people," White continued, "but teaching them."

"We estimate that as many as 95 percent of the bus riders are children, ages 6-11," he said. "Churches are reporting an increasing number of parents of bus riders coming for church membership."

"The Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board continues to provide special training opportunities and materials, including a special curriculum for bus riders, to develop skills in bus outreach," White said. "Also, materials prepared by specialists in children's work are provided for graded worship services for children."

For those interested, a Regional Bus Clinic will be held March 1-3 at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Under the joint sponsorship of the Sunday School Board and the state Sunday School department, the event is expected to draw participants from a seven state area.

The clinic begins with registration Friday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. and closes Sunday afternoon. Additional information may be secured from the Kentucky Sunday School department, Roy Boatwright, director.

Bibles Now Available In 1,526 Tongues, 26 Added In 1973

Twenty-six languages and dialects in which the scriptures were published for the first time in 1973 have brought the scripture language count to 1,526.

Statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies show that since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century to December 31, 1973, at least one complete book of the Bible has been printed, by various organizations, in 1,526 languages or dialects. The new total is an increase of 26 over the previous year.

Complete books of the Bible were published in 25 new languages or dialects in 1973. They ranged from Achual, spoken in Peru, to Yakurr, spoken in Nigeria. Publishers included Bible Societies and six other organizations.

Kewa:West, a dialect which is spoken in Australia, was the 26th new language. It made its debut in the language count as a complete New Testament.

The United Bible Societies is a worldwide fellowship of 56 national Bible Societies, one of which is the American Bible Society. The United Bible Societies carries on its work in more than 150 countries and territories.

The American Bible Society currently is assisting the work of translation or revision of the scriptures in 500 languages or dialects — involving approximately 3,000 translators in various parts of the world.

Founded in 1816 with the three-fold purpose of translating, publishing and distributing the scriptures, without

doctrinal note or comment, the American Bible Society, in recent years, has taken the lead in the production of common-language versions of the scriptures throughout the world.

In September, 1966, the American Bible Society published "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, which currently has a circulation figure in excess of 43 million copies. The complete Bible in Today's English Version will be published in 1976, which will be the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Society.



KENTUCKIAN JOINS IN SHARING IDEAS — A recent conference, cosponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the Foreign Mission Board, to share ideas and information about communications and to explore ways of mutual cooperation was attended by (from left) Jerry Pillow, marketing services, Radio-TV Commission; Laverne Gregory of Kirksville, Missouri, serving in Costa Rica; Charles Love of Marion, Kentucky, serving in Guyana, South America; J. D. Harrod of Rock Hill, South Carolina, serving in equatorial Brazil; Tom Watson of Portales, New Mexico, serving in Lima, Peru; Gerald Doyle of Vernon, Texas, serving in Ecuador; Robert Reeves of Eldorado, Illinois, serving in Trinidad; Dr. Fred Laughon of Richmond, Virginia, special assistant to the president of the Radio-TV Commission; and Shelby Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, serving in Antigua, West Indies. The missionaries are on furlough from FMB posts.

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