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EDITORIAL

Riverside Baptist Church

SUNDAY MORNING, April 23, while Pastor Merle F. Pedigo was in California in a revival meeting, the editor supplied the pulpit of Riverside Baptist Church, Nashville. Grover Holderfield, choir leader, presided over the service and led the singing, with Mrs. C. K. Lamons at the piano. A good congregation was present and we greatly appreciated the attention given our message. Both the editor and his wife were much impressed by the visit to this church.

Miss Musa L. Hall At Rest

WORD HAS JUST REACHED the editor today (April 26) of the death, just after Easter, of Miss Musa L. Hall, of Martin. She was one of God's noble-women, a Christian faithful and true to the end.

In the fall of 1908, the editor matriculated in the former Hall-Moody Institute to finish his high school work and take his junior college work. Being graduated, he taught there for a year. During the six years we lived in Martin, we saw Miss Musa in her busy life and we have seen her often since then. She taught piano and voice. We were a voice student of hers for two years. Her students and graduates of the years she taught in the institution and also in her home are found almost everywhere. And none of them will ever get away from the noble impress of her life.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Martin, she directed the choir for years and was later organist for years and still later served as clerk for a number of years. That church never had and no church ever had a more conscientious, dependable and fruitful member.

And now, she is resting after life's labors. The editor believes that her reward will be great. As he writes these words, he mentally puts some beautiful flowers upon her grave in tribute to her. Miss Musa, a former student of yours thanks God for the memory of you and expects to see you again in the dawning of the endless Day.

"The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"

A QUESTION is raised. "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 16:19). What is the meaning of this?

NEGATIVELY CONSIDERED

1. **The Keys not Given to Peter Exclusively.** They were also given to his fellow believers (Matt. 18:18; John 20:22,23). Peter was addressed as the representative of all.

2. **The Keys not Given in a Popish Sense.** The preceding shows this. Greatness among Christians is a matter of service, not of official ecclesiastical elevation and pre-eminence (Luke 22:24-36). Peter refused obeisance and worship (Acts 10:25, 26). Paul publicly rebuked him to his face (Gal. 2:11). Neither Peter nor his fellow ministers were "lords over God's heritage" (I Peter 5:1-3). Peter was not a pope.

3. **The Keys not Given in a Saving Priestly Sense.** All believers are priests (I Peter 2:5; Rev. 1:5,6). This gives them, among other things, access to God and the privilege and responsibility of intercession (I Tim. 2:1). *But mediating saving grace to men belongs only to Christ* (I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25). Such scriptures at Matt. 16:19 and John 20:22, 23, are to be interpreted accordingly.

AFFIRMATIVELY CONSIDERED

1. **The Meaning Indicated by Contrast.** By refusing to declare the gospel of grace and by proclaiming a substitute, false religious teachers "take away the key of (saving) knowledge" and "shut up the kingdom of heaven against men" (Luke 11:52; Matt. 23:13). Conversely, the proclamation and witness of the gospel of grace "open the door of faith" to men (Acts 14:27). "The keys of the kingdom of heaven" are the proclaimed and witnessed gospel.

2. **No Human Remission.** New Testament apostles and ministers never claimed the power to remit or retain the sins of men, but told men to seek forgiveness directly from God alone (Acts 8:22). Hence, this power was never given them. "What he (the Lord) commits to the disciples and to us is the power and privilege of giving assurance of the forgiveness of sins by correctly announcing the terms of forgiveness" (Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*).

3. **"Bound in Heaven . . . Loosed in Heaven."** Heaven does not wait to bind or loose until the instruments on earth have acted. When the gospel terms of forgiveness are correctly announced and men receive or reject the gospel, the results are ratified in heaven, in fact, are already ratified there in the foreknowledge of God. "Our greatest Greek grammarians tell us that a real translation of these words (Matt. 16:19) would be: 'Whatsoever thou (ye) shalt (shall) bind in heaven shall have been (previously) bound in heaven'" (W. C. Taylor, in *Western Recorder*, p. 7, April 20, 1950). John 20:22,23, here finds its interpretation. Through the gospel, believers declare a binding and a loosing which heaven itself does. But no mortal man should become presumptuous enough to say, "I absolve thee." That belongs to God alone!

The gospel of grace is "the power of God unto salvation." It is "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." The use of the keys is "giving assurance of the forgiveness of sins by correctly announcing the terms of forgiveness." Therefore, let this gospel be preached everywhere, that "the door of faith" may be opened to all who will enter.

Dependent Upon Rejected Truth

TODAY'S THEOLOGICAL liberals who reject outright such Bible teachings as the virgin birth, the atoning death, and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, are in much the same illogical position of the stubborn child who says, "I'll have nothing to do with the alphabet," only to be reminded that his very rejection of the alphabet is possible only through his unwitting use of it.

FULFILLMENT OF CONCLUSIONS

Men who reject, distort and pervert the basic items of the historic Christian faith presume to state conclusions whose fulfillment is possible only because of the realities they deny. Arnold Lunn bluntly charges modernism with being "a parasite which draws whatever vitality it still possesses from the dogmas it denies."

There is a certain intellectually conceited type of man who wants nothing to do with yesterday. He throws the past overboard—or supposes he does. He assumes with great self-assurance that he will start *de novo*, without the incubus of the errors from the past and its "outworn beliefs." But what does he have with which to start all anew? Only a barren rationalism.

Bertha Damon answers such scorners of the past in her book, *A Sense of Humus*, wherein she discloses the shortsighted folly of despising the heritage from the past. "To have a sense of humus is to have an appreciation of the past," she writes, "to realize that to discard the achievements and virtues slowly built up through the long periods of human society, and to attempt to live solely in the present, is like throwing away humus and trying to exist in more or less inorganic hardpan." After the erosion of skepticism has taken place the religious field has been stripped of the alluvial topsoil which has produced all the bounty and beauty of evangelism, missions, and benevolence.

LOST IN A WILDERNESS

When any generation treats lightly the faith of its fathers and rejects the revelation Divinely bequeathed to it, it loses itself in a wilderness which is empty of spiritual and moral meaning. Today people need spiritual assurance as never before. There is an interest in religion today, yet no generation has ever been so

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insecure in its hold on the only thing that can give security—Truth. Let us remember that Truth is the basis of security.

The very word "Truth" when we first meet it in the Bible reminds us of this. It is the Hebrew word "emunah" which literally means, "stability" or "steadfastness." This is the basic meaning of "truth." So the declaration (Deut. 32:4) of Moses is that the Lord is "a God of truth" (faithfulness, dependability). In Psalms 100:5 this same Hebrew word is used again with the joyful confidence that men can count upon the divine steadfastness (truth) which has been revealed, "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

THE REVELANT MESSAGE

No generation has been so uprooted from the past, so painfully uncertain of itself. We have been hurled into an atomic age. We are terrified by the ticking off of the time that remains till the blast of doom comes.

To such a generation only the gospel can speak with any relevance—but only the full gospel of Jesus Christ, not some weak, stammering substitute. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not an added problem for the over-sized pile already confronting us. It is the proclamation of the divine solution. The Christian faith is the revelation of historic events set forth in the Bible—not some supposition of the mortal mind.

The second epistle of John warns of the "many deceivers" who have gone forth, "even they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh." John cautions the coming generations not to forfeit their priceless heritage—"Look to yourselves that ye lose (destroy) not the things which we have wrought; but that ye receive a full reward." The historic Christian heritage can be carelessly lost like eroded topsoil. This was written by John because self-styled intellectuals of the time disdained men of simple faith. These "gnostics" claimed a "higher interpretation" of Christianity. Priding themselves on having "gone further" in knowledge, John scornfully answers

them, "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God" (II John 9). What "progress" is that which parts company with Truth? How "good" is anything if "God" drops out of it? All man's so-called "good" when "God" is left out only equals "0."

The disease of modern life is godlessness coming from rejection of the true God. Faith has been put in puny substitutes—man's scientific discoveries, applications, accomplishments; man's creation of the totalitarian society; man's power to advance of himself through innate abilities. All this is but **secular illusion**. Over against it is the realism of the **Christian gospel**: that man is a lost sinner, incapable of saving himself, all his technological progress proves but a process of changing the forms of evils rather than getting rid of them; that this lost, sinful man, must be **changed inwardly**, and that God has moved into the stream of human history in Jesus Christ to effect this through the redeeming love in his life, death, burial, resurrection, and the sending forth of his Holy Spirit.

BASIS OF STABILITY AND ASSURANCE

Churches cannot forfeit this supernatural faith without becoming a part of the disease which they hope to cure. Pilate asked "What is truth?" But he rejected the Answer confronting him in Jesus. Only those receptive to truth can know truth. Only those humble before God, ready to follow out the obligations of truth, can experience truth. There is a type of mind incapable of recognizing reality though surrounded by it; men whose processes of education are of no avail, "ever learning," yet "never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:7). Paul assails these as men who "withstand the truth," "corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith." Such rob the doctrine of the resurrection of all future significance, "men who concerning the truth have erred saying that the resurrection is past already" (II Tim. 2:18). So faith is overthrown.

In this shaken world of ours only God's truth can be the basis for stability and assurance. At such a time it is shameful and stupid to substitute "this is what I think" for a "thus saith the Lord." Beset by the death of all its hopes the human heart cries out for the living God!

Family Life

IN CHRISTIAN HOMES



by John L. Hill

In this joint partnership there is no thought of slavery or autocratic control. Mutual respect and love, seasoned by devotion to the Christ whom the home would honor, must bind husband and wife so that neither can think of such a thing as subjection. Frankly it must be said that husbands too frequently shirk their privileges under the alleged stress of making a living. Nothing is important enough to cause either wife or husband to profane the higher responsibilities voluntarily and happily assumed by them.

Nearly everybody who knows anything at all knows how precious is the love of little ones. Love on the part of the babies in the home is simply a natural expression; it is as natural as breathing. Wise is the parent who appreciates the purity of such love; he will find nothing quite like it no matter how long he lives. The love of little ones thus given can be lost only by the reactions of parents.

Right well does the inspired writer caution fathers against provoking their children to wrath, lest they be discouraged. Some fathers can be right provoking. Even before this, children are commanded to obey their parents. These injunctions apply to the family that is growing up. The period before provocation and disobedience are actually manifested is of tremendous importance.

Psychologists tell us that the first six years of a child's life are the determining years; in this brief period the bent, as we call it, is determined. If this is

true, fathers and mothers need to sit up and take notice, for no one can take their places in these formative years.

Comradship in the family really begins early. Mother is never happier than when in the company of her own children, and father must not be simply "the strange man about the house." A boy, for instance, had rather be in the company of his father than with any man on earth, for to him his father is the greatest man alive. One of the best friends I ever had, a deeply consecrated preacher, told me that he was cutting down on his engagements because his boy was growing up and needed him. That's sense.

A leading banker in our state (not a Baptist) said something like this to me: "I have cut out golf as my children (four of them) are growing up. When I leave the bank, I hurry home and find my youngsters already in their hiking outfits; I get mine on, and we start for two or three hours of recreation. We tramp these hollows, climb these hills, explore these caves, and go home with worthy appetites. I have had splendid exercise, have been in the best company on earth, and my children and I are getting acquainted."

In these ways the family becomes a fellowship. Mother and father, by the reading of God's Word and by example claim the honor of winning their own to Christ, and the home partakes of the nature of a sanctuary in which God is honored. Out of such homes must come our human hope for tomorrow.

I believe only Christians can build a Christian home. This conviction drives us to the contemplation of the home before the building process begins. Young people must exercise Christian care in the selection of friends, in social activities, and especially in their love affairs. As a general proposition only Christians should be honored with confidential friendship which might lead to a permanent engagement. Family life is at the very base of all citizenship, and in these crazy times I cannot conceive of anyone contemplating the building of a home without Christ.

Paul is more specific in discussing the relative positions, duties, and responsibilities of the members of the family. He begins with the wife and mother. In my opinion references to subjection and submission are twofold in their purpose: the wife must be true to her husband, and the husband as head of the wife, even as Christ is head of the church, must love his wife even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

Should Churches Educate for Family Life?

by Martha Boone Leavell

Solid rock, the age-old indigenous rock of marriage, with its cohesive family life is breaking. And in the chasm lies grief, bewilderment, juvenile delinquency and vanishing convictions on God's great moral laws.

If a bridge is breaking or a building showing fissures in its main support we investigate at once. Soon we find the cause, prop up the sagging side, rebuild the weak foundation, remove the source of undermining or fortify against a dangerous erosion. This for the physical protection of the lives of people who depend upon those structures. It is not significant enough for us to investigate the fissures that appear in family life, and having found the facts, learn to forestall collapse and fortify against the break?

It is to the interest of the whole community to make a study of marriage and family life and it is amazing how much of this study is being done. Dr. Ernest Osborne of Teacher's College, Columbia University, speaks of it as "an outstanding current sociological phenomena." He points out that "Training programs for teachers and ministers show the effects of growing recognition of the importance of understanding family life for those working with persons, all of whom are family members."*

Particularly is this study necessary for Christian leaders. In Christ they have the matchless authority on family life. His insight and commandments come from the fact that he was in the founding of families and homes. Nor was he satisfied with the false ideas and attitudes of his generation on the marriage question. In his conversation he implies that they should have read, become informed, been able to fathom the causes and cures from personal study of the subject. In answer to a question on divorce Jesus' immediate reply was "Have ye not read?"

Read what? The source book to which Jesus specifically referred was Genesis, the book of origins. Modern education follows the same trend: back to the originals, look for elemental factors, etc. In this search among originals of the family in the source book to which Jesus refers we come upon some very specific, God-ordered elements of

marriage: its divine origin, its permanence, the pre-eminence of husband-wife relationship, woman's place in the family organization, children's care and discipline, worship, purpose, etc. Besides Genesis there are references throughout the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, enough to make it an exhaustless textbook of principles and their applications in family life. Supplementary, however, to the Bible are scores of modern books which deal with every phase of successful family life. With the inspired truth as a measure of their validity many of them offer very valuable help. Some of them, however, are in glaring contradiction to the clear teaching of God's word. Here is where Christian thought and expression come into serious demand. To cull the teachings of sound moral value and be prepared to give them emphasis against the false and misleading is a paramount duty which can well belong to the program of our churches in this day.

But there are homes that do not break, that are not even threatened with dissolving and yet the church's study of family life can bear rich fruitage to these better homes. As the keeping of every house needs continuous work in repairing, beautifying, cleansing just so the strengthening of every family is a continuous task, a living function, to those concerned for its best good. Not the problem families only but all families within its membership are the responsibility of a church.

In a general way this responsibility is being discharged by everything the church promotes. The over-all program is toward the developing of better people who in turn are better members of their respective families. But this indirect approach is far from adequate. A better man does not guarantee a better physician nor a better woman a better typist. Specific training, information, insight, and skills are necessary for achievement in every line of work and no less for building homes.

Every day observation in most of our Christian homes is enough to reveal the need of more specific training. Understanding the nature of each family rela-



tionship paves the way for its enrichment. "Mother instinct" is sometimes poor dependence in training a little child. To know the characteristics of each stage of growth with parents' corresponding place in this change is a much safer guarantee for the character of the child as well as the future happiness and adjustment of the older parent. Husbands and wives need understanding of the general differences they are to meet in each other both in temperament, mind, body, and inherited culture. The apostle Peter admonishes husbands to dwell with their wives "according to knowledge." (I Peter 3:7).

Ignorance accounts for tragedies where information, wisely gained, would have deepened the love of both. We do not want to return from any trip and learn afterwards that we have passed some of the most beautiful scenery and significant landmarks without notice. In all traveling a study beforehand and a guidebook in hand adds immeasurably to the value of the journey. Just so in every family relation. In the rush of life where only the apparent or surface expressions are noticed it is easy to miss some of the finest possibilities of these relations.

Understanding, which comes from enlightenment brings constructive sympathy and sympathy love, and love strength, courage and growth. And in it all we are working in harmony with the will of God who would make of our homes little colonies of heaven, demonstrations of the love that emanates from himself. A church is made up of family people who would work out the Father's will in their lives. They deserve this knowledge of what a family might mean and the cooperation of the church group in the intelligent application of that knowledge in every way a church fellowship can offer.

*Ernest G. Osborne, Lay-Professional Co-Operation in Family Life Education, "Marriage and Family Living, Winter, 1950"

Mother's Day is Hospital Day in Tennessee

by **Homer A. Cate**

President, Hospital Commission,
Tennessee Baptist Convention

Mother's Day, May 14, has been set aside as "Hospital Day" by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. At a recent meeting of the Hospital Commission in Knoxville, it was unanimously voted to urge the people of Tennessee to consider the cause of our hospitals on that day.

Tennessee Baptists have been engaged in "healing humanity's hurt" for several years, but only comparatively recently have we obtained hospitals to serve each grand division of our State. Baptists in Tennessee have long been happy because of the work of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, which is jointly owned and operated by the Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi State Conventions. But now Tennessee Baptists have added two more fine hospitals to our cause: Mid-State Hospital in Nashville and the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville. These latter two hospitals are owned exclusively by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

One of the great religious communions of earth has long seen the wisdom of using the ministry of healing to enlarge and broaden the influence of their church. And how tremendous has been the influence of Catholic hospitals all over the world. When a loved one is sick the heart and conscience of people are more readily open to the influence of the Gospel. What a wonderful ministry on a wide-scale our Convention is now fostering through our three great hospitals!

It is imperative that our people become interested and concerned about the vital ministry that is ours through these three great institutions. We have a total of 750 hospital beds available for this vital work in our three hospitals, 585 at Baptist Memorial, 100 at Mid-State and 165 at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital. Dr. Frank Groner is the Administrator at Baptist Memorial, Mr. Robert Murphy at Mid-State and Mr. Harold Prather at East Tennessee.

Pastors, it is of tremendous importance that you present the interest and cause of Tennessee Baptist Hospitals on Mother's Day by announcements or

otherwise. How fine it would be to preach a sermon on "The Ministry of Healing" or some other appropriate subject on that day.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention has approved Mother's Day as Hospital Day for presenting the cause of our Hospitals to increase interest and concern in the work of these three institutions. It, however, directed that there be no special offerings taken in the churches for hospitals. This does not, however, prevent individuals from making contributions to our hospitals. In fact it has been suggested that each church appoint a representative who will receive individual contributions, turn them in to the Church treasurer, who will mail them to State Headquarters. In this way the Church will get credit for the individual contributions of its members. Such individual contributions will enable your hospitals to do more charity work and thus increase the vital ministry of healing.

MAKE MOTHER'S DAY A GREAT DAY FOR HOSPITALS IN TENNESSEE

Importance of COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY

by **James W. Merritt, Executive Secretary**
Georgia Baptist Convention

In a very real and vital sense every day is Cooperative Program day in every church. However, this the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Cooperative Program deserves special recognition and calls for observance commensurate with its importance and value.

This observance will underscore and re-emphasize the far-reaching work of missions, benevolence and education—State, Southern Convention and worldwide—which are supported through the Program.

The special Cooperative Program offering on June 11, or the nearest convenient Sunday, which is a particularly fitting and appropriate part of the observance will still further undergird and strengthen the ministry and service of every phase

Tennessee Baptists—let us get behind our three great institutions, one of which is located in each grand division of the state. Through them Christ's great work of healing the physical hurt of humanity can be widened and extended to more people. Thus will good public relations be built to assist us in all of our work. Our people everywhere must know that there is a Baptist Hospital near to serve them. Those who have charge of directing our hospital work feel keenly the teaching of the Master that we have been sent even as He came "not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Let us make "Hospital Day in Tennessee" a great day! The Master came that men might be "made whole." Let us support with our prayers, our deep concern, our money, and by directing those who need hospital care to the nearest Baptist Hospital, our three great Baptist Hospitals!

of the work of our beloved denomination because all will share in this offering.

This special Cooperative Program offering in June will accelerate the Advance Program to which our people are committed and through which we are earnestly seeking to more worthily and adequately witness and minister everywhere in the name of Christ.

On this anniversary occasion, which will of course include the special offering, the Cooperative Program will be presented to our people in the light of its challenging record of service in the past, its vital contribution to Kingdom work now, and the urgent and growing needs which it will be called on to meet in the future.

A Digest of Religious Thought

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Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

The Price of A Revival

The Baptist Standard

According to press reports, the recent conferences on Evangelism, held in the Southern states have been marked by large attendance and deep interest. Most of these conferences have been promoted by Southern Baptists, but it is encouraging to note that other denominations are showing increased interest in the matter of winning the lost. The fact that Baptists and others are giving special emphasis to soul winning is most enheartening. It means that our churches are placing the emphasis at the right place. We have attended several conferences promoted by Baptists. They have not only been attended by great throngs of preachers and laymen, but the speakers have come to grips with the vital problems of evangelism. Instead of dealing with glittering generalities they are emphasizing the New Testament pattern, the place of prayer and importance of plain gospel preaching.

But we repeat what we have said over and over; if any of us are led to believe that a successful evangelistic conference will guarantee a successful meeting in any particular church, we are in for a rude awakening. It requires a lot of behind-the-scene work, planning, and praying before the meeting, and faithful preaching during the sessions, in order to make a conference a success. It will require a similar spirit of work, planning, praying, and preaching to make a meeting a success in any church. Any church can have a great meeting if and when the people are willing to pay the price.

(For the price, see 2 Chronicles 7:14.—R.B.J.)

Hydrogen Bomb Brings Another Day of Judgment

The Christian Century

Using the heat of from 1 to 10 million degrees momentarily generated by a uranium or plutonium explosion as a "trigger" to set off a hydrogen fusion, we can turn out a bomb a thousand times as destructive as anything achieved so far. Such a bomb will lay waste 100 square miles, whereas the plutonium bomb used at Nagasaki devastated only two square miles. The cost of producing the first hy-

drogen bomb, it is said, will not be more than that of the wartime Manhattan project; some experts say it will not be more than \$200 million—the trifle it costs us to build a single supercarrier. If we start work at once, we should have hydrogen bombs ready to drop on Russia in from two to four years. And that's not all. The hydrogen bomb will be what the scientists call an "open-ended" weapon, which means that it can be developed bigger and bigger and bigger, without regard to any law of diminishing returns, until theoretically it can be built mighty enough to destroy all life on this planet. Any sane man's first reaction is to recoil from such a project. But then it is immediately said, if we don't start making hydrogen bombs, the Russians will. Are we caught in a dilemma from which there is no escape short of a horror of desolation no imagination can compass? Yes, unless the atomic bomb race can be stopped right away.

(Maybe the scoffers will stop ridiculing Peter now. That is, if they have read 2 Peter 3:7-13.—R.B.J.)

Time for Church Manners

The Baptist Messenger

How are your manners—church manners, that is? Many people show better manners at a football game, movie, or play than at church.

If pastors were to get together and talk over some of the bad manners which annoy them most and which are most harmful to the spirit of worship in their services, among others they would almost certainly name the following:

1. Whispering or talking aloud in a monotone to a neighbor after the service has begun. Probably this is the worst offense.
2. Loud greetings in the church vestibule from and to late-comers.
3. Damage to church property, including hymn-books, pews and carpets, by carelessness or intention. This often happens at weddings.
4. Reading and rattling of papers and books rather than participation in the service.
5. Leaving during the invitation hymn or benediction, especially with great disturbance to the congregation.

These and dozens of other ills which tend to make church services unattractive and disappointing could be done away with by some careful instruction from the pulpit and some conscientious cooperation in the pew. The destiny of souls and the direction of lives may be influenced by the good, or bad, manners of church-goers.

(I wish we could get our thoughtless folks to think seriously about this.—

R.B.J.)

Strategy of Catholics

The Baptist Review

Any reader of the magazines and daily newspapers of this country must be aware of the strategy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to capture this country. Magazines carry very shrewd and cleverly written articles that are subtle propaganda, and the newspapers give prominence to Catholic events. This view is strengthened by the report of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, in which it is said:

"A recognized aim of the Roman Catholic Church today is to capture the United States and make it the base for the Catholicization of the world."

It is well to remember that the Catholics have a right to attain this end through legitimate propaganda, by preaching and teaching. The Baptists have this same right, as do all others. But to seek this end by subversive undermining of the Constitution, by seeking a favored position within the Government, by the attempt to break down the wall between separation of church and state, by favoring representation of this country at the Vatican through an ambassador, all these are un-American.

Catholic leaders are very shrewd in using the facilities of government as a backdrop for their church events. Not long ago a squadron of destroyers, at taxpayers' expense, was sent to the Convention of the Knights of Columbus at Portland, Ore. A little later a squadron of naval air reserve planes was sent to scatter roses over a Roman Catholic religious procession honoring St. Theresa at New Columbus, Penn. There can be no justification for such practices.

(It would be just as dangerous if it were the strategy of a Protestant denomination. We had better wake up.—R.B.J.)

Sunday School Lesson

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TEXTS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11; 14:4-9 (Larger and Printed)—Hosea 14:4 (Golden).

Hosea Reveals God's Forgiving Love

It has been pointed out that Hosea in his prophecy uses a Hebrew word (*hesed*) six different times (2:19; 4:1; 6:4; 6:6; 10:12; 12:6) and being translated by "goodness," "kindness," and "lovingkindness;" and that the root meaning of this word is closely akin to "grace" of the New Testament. Hence he is regarded by many as the Prophet of Love. And as one scholar puts it, "He anticipated, and in a very true sense prepared for Calvary." Another has observed, "If Psalm 22 is the Calvary of the Old Testament, Hosea's sobs are its Gethsemane."

Hosea's personal history, as recorded in the first three chapters of the prophecy, needs to be recalled as the background of his teachings concerning God's forgiving love. Robinson writes as follows: "His passion for Gomer was no mere explosive flash of strong emotion; rather it was a consuming fire, shut up in his bones, which no infidelity on her part could weaken, or suffering on his part could quench." Can we not add that God's forgiving love is of the same essence as is that of Hosea?

I. A FORGIVING LOVE THAT PROVIDES (Hosea 11:1-4).

1. *Tender guidance.* Israel is compared to a child, and a child must have the proper guidance if it is to avoid pitfalls and costly mistakes. God the Father has abundantly provided for Israel, as well as for all mankind, the right sort of guidance (Heb. 1:1,2). In Jesus, supremely, has He furnished salvation and teaching that wayward and foolish men, like immature children, so much need.

2. *Yearning concern.* The passage reminds of, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Ps. 103:13). Only parents who have experienced yearning concern for the genuine welfare of their off-spring can begin to appreciate this feeling. It is not until they have lost sleep or been uneasy for their own flesh and blood that they can sense something of what the inspired Hosea is saying here. God's love is a suffering love.

II. A FORGIVING LOVE THAT WEEPS (Hosea 11:8-11).

1. *Because of man's transgression.* Again, try to imagine the anguish of Hosea's soul as he thought of his wife's sinning. This sinning was against him. She was unfaithful to her marriage vows. Unthinking persons might suggest that Hosea let her alone, but his love was too strong. And God is like that toward us. He still says, "How shall I give thee up?" Paul was right, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20b). Let none forget that.

2. *Because of God's grace.* Between these two poles (comparable to those of a magnet) of man's sinfulness and God's gracious mercy the plan of salvation operates. Is it any wonder that the death of Jesus, son of man and Son of God, became a necessary reality? It helps in a world filled with weeping for us to know that God is one who weeps over the transgressions, and the transgressors as well. Our Lord, while here among us, wept on more than one occasion. "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15a). So we sing "Amazing Grace," with ever-increasing joy.

III. A FORGIVING LOVE THAT HEALS (Hosea 14:4-9).

1. *From backsliding.* The highest form of healing is that which has to do with the soul. God is the healer of men's souls. His anger is turned away. He loves us freely. He longs for our return to Him. In his gracious and healing hands is the balm of Gilead. Let us yield ourselves, afresh or for the first time, into His care and keeping. This Physician has never lost a case yet. And He never will do so.

2. *For refreshing.* Such forgiving love is compared to the giving of the dew, coming in Palestine as it does to relieve the drought and furnishing new life to the parched trees and plants. The refreshing is likened to the lily and the cedar, symbols of beauty and strength. The forgiven life, when healed by the Great Physician, is to be one of beauty, symmetry and usefulness; like the olive, corn and the vine.

Family Week was fun, wasn't it? Perhaps you wished that it could last on and on. Well, it can! You may make every week Family Week. There are so many things you may do together. For the next two or three weeks let's think, in our column, of some of these "together" things. Let's plan together how we may make Family Week an all-the-time affair.

One of the nicest family activities I know is **reading together**. Maybe your family has already tried this—Mother reading one chapter or story, Father another, and so on. Of course, these should always be books or stories which every member of the family will enjoy. Your church librarian or school librarian will be glad to suggest such a book. Perhaps the Bookmobile comes to your section. Ask the librarian who comes with it to lend you a book which may be read aloud for your whole family.

Susan, by Robbie Trent, will be a good book to start with. Every member of your family will love this little Kentucky girl and will laugh and play and work with her through the pages of the book. You might even cry with her sometimes—especially when Pony Queen dies! This is a book with a happy ending and many happy incidents throughout.

Have you seen Miss Trent's newest book, **Always There Is God?** The title suggests what this book is about, but you almost have to read the pages aloud before you really know how beautiful the words are. They fairly sing about God who "created the heaven and the earth." Listen to the beginning:

"A long time ago—
So long ago
That no one—
Can count
The days,
Or the weeks,
Or the months,
Or the years—
Ages
Before the time
Of the beginning,
There was God."

Every page is as beautiful as the beginning. There are corresponding pictures and Bible verses. Each page tells of something God is making in his wonderful world—beautiful, living, breathing things. You'll love listening to your father read the words aloud when your family is together for reading time.

If you like really true stories filled with action and suspense, and unusual happenings, you'll enjoy **A Boys and Girls Life of Christ**, by J. Paterson-Smyth. These stories are well written and will help each one in your family to become better acquainted with the greatest Person who ever lived. As you listen to someone read the stories aloud, you'll almost become a part of the great crowd that followed Jesus from day to day.

Probably the most interesting Book in your home is one which you have not thought of as a storybook. But it is just that—the best Storybook that has ever been written. Can you guess its name? Yes, of course, the Bible. One family I know is having a good time right now, reading Bible stories in their family worship time. They begin at the beginning of a book—like Genesis or Ruth or Matthew. Each evening the father reads the story aloud. Often he stops at a very interesting point, with the comment that the story is "to be continued." "You'd be surprised," that father says, "at how my family looks forward to Bible reading time." Often between times they talk about the stories, ask questions, and guess what will happen next. One afternoon, very early, the youngest member of the family begged, "Daddy, let's have Bible reading now."

Reading together is real family fun. Try it in your home. And write and tell me what happens, will you?

Love,

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(To be continued)

These Churches Observed

YOUTH WEEK

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION
*Pulaski, First	Giles
Grand Junction	Hardeman
Ardmore	William Carey
Centenary, Maryville	Chilhowee
Greenbrier	Robertson
North Cleveland	Bradley
Madisonville, First	Sweetwater
Harmony	Hardeman
*Herron Chapel, Bemis	Madison
Smyrna	New Duck River
*Somerville, First	Fayette
*El Bethel, Shelbyville	New Duck River
*Pleasant Hill, Clinton	Clinton
*Litz Manor, Kingsport	Holston
Immanuel, Elizabethton	Watauga
*Rutledge Falls, Manchester	Duck River
Bishopville, Heiskell	Midland
*Pleasant Hill, Orlinda	Robertson
*Dandridge	Jefferson
South Pittsburg, First	Sequatchie Valley
*Grace, Byington	Knox
Obion	Beulah
Manchester, First	Duck River
Union, Memphis	Shelby

(*) First time to observe Youth Week.

As the paper goes to press 24 of our churches have reported Youth Week. Many are observing Youth Week this week. It would be an uplifting experience for you to read some of the highlighting reports which have come from the various churches. We wish it were possible to quote from all of them; since space does not permit here are a few:

"Our young people put new life in our services and our older people are thankful for Youth Week."—Elbert Schrader.

"The willingness to assume and perform various tasks on the part of our young people was an inspiration to all observers."—Vern B. Powers.

"Youth Week has revealed abilities in many of our young people of which we were unaware."—Roy J. Ferguson.

"This is one of the finest techniques in Baptist Church life to renew interest, enthusiasm, and consecration on the part of both young and old." J. Clark Hensley.

"Wonderful for a spiritual uplift of a church. Many adults said it was like a revival."—Mrs. Paul Stuart.

"To climax our Youth Week following a message on Sunday night to the youth, four of our finest young people dedicated their lives to any service the Lord wanted them to do."—Alma Woodfin.

"We are a rural church without a pastor and we observed Youth Day. It was wonderful! It was a blessing for me to work toward it and I believe the entire church enjoyed it."—Mrs. Leo Guy.

We look forward to receiving more fine reports if you have observed Youth Week and have not reported it to the State Office.

YES! We do make mistakes. In our column last week the dates for our two encampments were incorrect. You will note that the date for Camp Carson was August 7-11 and for Camp Linden August 14-18. *Camp Linden is August 7-11 and Camp Carson is August 14-18.* We deeply regret this error.

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Notice

A playlet, "GROWING MEANS BUILDING," showing the need of a new W M U Headquarters Building in Birmingham, is available. Free, from W M U, 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville.

First W. M. U. Convention, Colombia, South America

If you could have been at Central Church at 7 a.m. on March 28th you would have heard much conversation and laughter as eighty women piled into a bus, two cars and two pick-ups for the thirty mile trip to Sabanalarga for the first W. M. U. Convention in the history of the Colombian Mission. Forty women made a four-hour trip from Cartagena to be present. Not even dust, heat nor bumpy road could dampen the enthusiasm!

A great privilege awaited us. Mrs. George Martin, president of the W. M. U. of the South, was our honored guest. As she told through interpreter Helen Meredith of the faith and needs of women in other parts of the world, we could hear the chorus of sighs and see tears. Her visit more than any other thing, has brought to our Colombian women a realization that we are all "Laborers together with God", united in our love for Christ and our desire to serve Him.

The demonstration program, the study of young people's work, the plans for the future presented at the convention will add interest to W. M. U. work throughout the year.

When our first W. M. U. Convention was held on March 28th, I didn't realize that it was on the same date as the Tennessee Convention. "Tennessee" went, carried Mrs. Martin from Virginia, as well as a rolling hospital! Three women with little babies, a car-sick woman and a woman who wouldn't ride with anyone else! She is still a hard working car, well-behaved and a blessing to me and to the work.

We had a real blessing last Sunday night. In the three Barranquilla churches there were 29 professions of faith. Of course some will fall by the wayside, but the fact that they heard and responded is something. We have problems and plenty of them, I suppose it just takes a day like that occasionally to show us God's blessings anew.

I am enjoying the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and keeping up with you all through it.
—Crea Ridenour

Kathleen Manley says "Thank You"

Today a cable came from Bobby Jo (Dr. Edwards) saying Joinkrama was included in the "over and above", so today has become a day of rejoicing with us. We just did not have enough money to finish up. Because we are very new at the building business we did not consider all the extras that come along, like land clearing, fencing, draining, and a porch in front of one building—an office building—kitchen, latrine, and a lot of other little things. We've been going right ahead as though we knew everything would come out all right, and now it has! We are very happy and grateful that it has. I'll be glad of course when I know how much, but today I don't even need to know that. We may even have it ready now when the doctor gets back and all our Centennial guests come out in August.

Our out-patient building lacks only the paint, the doors, and the glass in the windows. The ward and theatre are getting their floors today and the laundry is ready for the roof. As soon as it rains again we'll start planting flowers and getting ready for our opening day, we'll have two opening days, one when we begin to use our out-patient building and one when Bobby Jo gets back and we open the whole hospital.

We continue to be grateful with all our heart for the wonderful gift that come from White Cross. Almost every mail brings a box of lovely and useful supplies from somewhere in Tennessee. Wherever you go please help me to keep saying "thank you". We try to write every one but if we fail to do so in any case, please ask the folks to write us and ask if we got their gift.

We have just heard that Florida W. M. U. will take on White Cross for Eku. I know how happy they are for this. We just can't get along without it.

You may know that Ruth Womack and I will be wishing that we were in Chattanooga also, so will Annie Rines. Annie will be visiting us then for a month. Enjoy Bobby Jo and please tell her to hurry back home on time.

Department of Student Work

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A Report of the State Spring Retreat

The State Spring Retreat held at Montgomery Bell State Park April 21-23 was the most successful that we have had thus far in our state. There were approximately 380 people who attended this meeting. There were of course a few student workers and program leaders present, but the vast majority of these in attendance were students. They came from twenty-two different campuses in the state. The largest delegations were: Union; University of Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; University of Tennessee Junior College; Memphis State College; and Vanderbilt University.

The inspirational messages were given by Dr. Griffin Henderson, Mr. Raymond Coppenger, Dr. Warren F. Jones, Mr. Floyd H. North, and Dr. Howard P. Colson. The Sunday School conference was conducted by Mr. Fred Noe; Training Union by Mr. Charles Norton; and the Y. W. A. by Miss Nellie Tallant. The student secretaries conducted the officer's clinics. Mr. Bob Beard presided over the sessions of the retreat, and students from many campuses had parts on the program.

It was truly a great meeting and we thank God for the forty-one decisions that were made in the closing service Sunday morning.

The new state council officers were elected at the retreat.

NEW STATE COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Faculty Adviser	Mr. Paul Wishart, University of Tennessee Junior College

We wish to express our appreciation to the outgoing state council who have served during the past year so faithfully: President, Bob Beard, University of Tennessee; First Vice-President, Roy Barron, Cumberland University; Second Vice-President, Bill Jones, Memphis State; Third Vice-President, Sarah Bragg, Tennessee Tech; Secretary, Laura Janes, East Tennessee State College; Treasurer, Herman Wilson, Carson-Newman College; Encampment Representative, Joe Aplin, Vanderbilt University; Publicity, Jo Arnold, Tennessee Tech; Y. W. A. Representative, Clara Ray Grove, Middle Tennessee State College; Sunday School Representative, Selva Roark, Memphis State; Training Union Representative, Warren Chancey, Southern College of Optometry; Chorister, Bob Baker, Union University; Pianist, Frances Dial, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; Reporter to *The Baptist Student Magazine*, Bill Willingham, Maryville College; Faculty Adviser, Miss Hazel Wall, Tennessee Tech; Pastor Advisor, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, First Baptist Church, Memphis.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

As a branch of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, Franklin, the new Baptist Children's Home, Memphis has opened its doors to some 12 or 15 children, Superintendent W. C. Creasman has announced. The institution will be formally dedicated June 12.

—B&R—

Porter Nickens, Lewisburg, wrote April 25 that the members of the historic Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, whose building was lost by fire back in the winter, hope to have their new building ready for worship in about 15 days, as it would be warm by then. But the church needs seats, the church not being able to buy new seats at the present prices. If any of our readers know of second-hand seats which can be procured, please write to Mr. Nickens.

—B&R—

Old Hickory Boulevard Mission of the First Baptist Church of Madison was constituted a church Sunday afternoon, April 23. There were 83 charter members. Charles Lankford gave the invocation. Mrs. Lloyd Layhew and Miss Scharlyne Harbison sang a duet. A. D. Nichols preached the sermon. E. A. Jones read the church covenant and Dr. Fred L. Stratton prayed the ordination prayer. Oscar T. Nelson presided over the council, Wayne Hayes acted as secretary and William Bloodworth gave the benediction. Charles Lankford was called as pastor of the church, Clifford Guffee as treasurer and Robert Doris, Jr., as clerk at a business session at the evening service.

—B&R—

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is glad to report that Pastor Walter H. Miekley of McKenzie is feeling much better following a period of illness.

—B&R—

First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, Mo., Frank Q. Crockett, pastor, has been assisted in the Simultaneous Revival Crusade by Harry L. Carter of Bardstown, Ky. There were 13 additions and the congregation says it was the best revival there in years.

—B&R—

Madison Street Baptist Mission, sponsored by Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, recently held its spring revival, with Pastor Ralph J. Grubbs being assisted by Ernest Kelley of Cumberland University. There were 19 professions of faith and 1 rededication.

Manchester Pastor



Chester H. Jones, who hails from the District of Columbia and who finishes at the Southern Seminary in May, is the new pastor of the Manchester Baptist Church. He has been student pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Carroll County. He is married and has three children.

Pastor Clark Duck and the Line Creek Baptist Church, Kentwood, La., were assisted in a revival by Wade Carver, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Parsons. There were 27 decisions, 19 of them professions of faith.

—B&R—

Harold Gregory, Superintendent of City Missions in Nashville, was with Pastor Russell Goff and the Edith Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M., in a revival in which there were 5 additions by letter, 26 professions of faith and more than 20 rededications.

—B&R—

There were 42 additions, with 40 of them coming by baptism, in a recent revival in the Antioch Baptist Church, Johnson County, conducted by Pastor Carl Triplett and Gordon Crump. This church was organized about 8 years ago in a very needy section.

—B&R—

With Ira C. Cole, Raleigh, preaching and James M. Saunders, minister of music in the Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, leading the singing, Pastor Roy S. Dinkins and the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Mo., held a recent revival in which there were 66 additions, 47 by baptism and 153 rededications.

—B&R—

April 23, the Waterville Mission, which had been sponsored by the Big Springs Baptist Church of Cleveland, Samuel Melton, pastor, was organized into a church with 38 charter members. Bro. Melton served as moderator of the council. James Bennett was called as pastor, Vance McKinney was chosen Sunday school superintendent, Marvin York as Training Union director. The organization will be known as the Waterville Baptist Church.

John D. Freeman, who after retiring from the editorship of the *Western Recorder* served for several years as Field Secretary of the Rural Church Department of the Home Mission Board, has been elected Promotional Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation and will assume his duties July 1.

—B&R—

With C. A. Hess as moderator and T. P. Henderson as clerk, the Fifth Sunday Meeting of Lawrence County Baptist Association was held with the Park Grove Baptist Church. Those listed on the program were: L. G. Frey, Raymond Hearn, Bernard Scates, Mrs. Katie Dugger, Pierce Hanson, Mrs. Minnie Lee Hammond and S. H. Lewis.

—B&R—

Pastor T. Lynn Stewart and the First Baptist Church, Burkburnett, Texas, were assisted in a gracious revival April 9-23 by Bob Ramsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Cookeville. There were 103 additions, 54 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

With the preaching being done by L. S. Sedberry of Nashville and with Colbert Petree, Sr., a member of the church, leading the singing, Pastor Charles S. Bond and the Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, held an eight-day revival recently in which there were 66 additions, 38 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

Mrs. Warner G. Rutledge, widow of the late Warner G. Rutledge, superintendent of the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will begin work May 15 as Elementary Worker in the Sunday School Department of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. She formerly did work of this kind in Tennessee.

—B&R—

The *Western Recorder* not long since carried an interesting article about Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. Editor R. T. Skinner used to be the pastor of Assistant Attorney General Harry Phillips, a graduate of Cumberland and a tireless worker for the institution.

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EAST TENNESSEE NEWS

By LLOYD T. HOUSEHOLDER, Maryville, Tennessee

John W. Sutherland has resigned as pastor of Churchwell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville. He has led in the completion of a building and the church has grown in every way during the six years of his pastorate there. His plans for the future are not complete. O. D. Fleming is serving as interim pastor.

A. F. Mahan is serving as supply pastor of First Baptist Church, Jellico. Recently he conducted a successful revival at Jellico.

T. G. Davis, pastor of Robertsville Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, is leading the church in a fine way. During the week of April 23-30 the church engaged in a youth revival.

Meridian Baptist Church, Knox County, is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. An interesting history of the church has been prepared by R. H. Hamby, pastor. Construction on a new church building will start soon.

C. A. McKenzie, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fountain City, has just closed a very fine meeting at Strawberry Plains, O. M. Drinnen, pastor.

Jesse H. Clay reports a very fine meeting in the Riverdale Baptist Church, P. B. Baldridge, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Maryville, was the evangelist. There were 14 additions, 10 by baptism.

C. V. McCoig, assisted by I. C. Petree has just closed a good revival at Second Baptist Church, Newport.

W. D. Hutton, pastor of Maynardville Baptist Church, has returned to his home after spending nine days in the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Maryville, P. B. Baldridge, pastor, is conducting a very successful Training Union school. More than 100 have enrolled.

During the simultaneous revival West of the Mississippi James M. Windham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Maryville, assisted Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. There were 64 additions. Dr. C. W. Pope supplied the pulpit of First Church, Maryville, on Sunday night, April 16.

Sunday, April 23, E. N. Delzell, Brotherhood secretary, supplied the pulpit of Immanuel Baptist Church, Knoxville, A. R. Pedigo, pastor.

After twenty-three years of very fine work, W. E. Wauford has resigned as pastor of Island Home Baptist Church, Knoxville. He plans to continue to preach and teach wherever opportunity presents itself. A man of his ability ought not to be idle very long at a time.

H. E. Canatser, pastor of the church at New Tazewell, was assisted by Henry Johnson in a stewardship revival recently. Bro. Canatser reports that the church was greatly strengthened on account of these services.

Sunday afternoon, April 23, Broadway Baptist Church, Maryville, broke ground for a new building. The message was delivered by C. D. Martin, associational missionary, who had a great deal to do with the organization of the church eight years ago. The first spade of dirt was turned by Mrs. H. Cupp, the oldest living charter member of the church. Plans call for the conversion of the present building into an educational building and the erection of a new auditorium. Work on the auditorium is expected to be completed by late Summer, and the other work is to follow.

At its Annual Commencement in May Carson-Newman College will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Frank W. Wood, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, and Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville. K. O. White of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., will preach the Baccalaureate sermon.

John Edmund Haggai, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Lancaster, S. C., recently conducted a revival at East Lake Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Hugh R. Horne, pastor. Robert Post, music director in the South Carolina Church, directed the music. There were more than forty additions to the church. Since October 1 the East Lake Church has received 210 members.

Minister Ordained

Sunday afternoon, April 23, Lupton City Baptist Church, Chattanooga, ordained John G. Smith, Jr., to the ministry.

The ordaining council was composed of Pastor H. L. Lewis of the Lupton City church; W. C. Tallant, retired minister; Ralph Norton, pastor Red Bank Baptist Church; Carl Walker, ministerial member of the Lupton City Church; and Deacons O. A. De Lashmitt, J. H. Roper and G. C. Ballard of the Lupton City Church.

Bro. Smith served in the army in World War II and is now a student in Carson-Newman College and was recently called as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Jefferson City.

In the five years that Truett Cox, native of Tennessee and formerly pastor in Bristol, has been pastor of the Yates Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., the membership has grown from 358 to 585; the budget from \$8,000 to \$32,000 (\$40,000 during two years of a building program). The former building having burned in 1946, a new educational building has been constructed, with a temporary auditorium. The debt is now only \$30,000.

A. C. Hutson, long a faithful preacher in Kentucky and East Tennessee, has accepted the pastorate of Rockford Baptist Church, Chilhowee Association.

Ralph Murray, pastor of Smithwood Baptist Church, Fountain City, is assisting Pastor E. L. Edens in a revival at Powells Station.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CATE, Lexington, Tennessee

First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, has purchased a new bus for use in carrying people to Sunday school and church.

Robertson County Association conducted a very successful Simultaneous Stewardship Revival the week of March 27. Every Church in the association except two participated in this most worth-while cause. Vern Powers and Associational Missionary J. T. Carter, led the churches in this fine campaign.

J. Victor Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Petersburg, did the preaching in a recent revival at the First Baptist Church, Dresden, Fred Wood, pastor. Good results from the meeting were reported.

W. E. Richardson, president of Cumberland University, was recently elected to be President of the Rotary Club, Lebanon.

Howard P. Colson, editorial associate of the Baptist Sunday School Board, supplied the pulpit of the Magness Memorial Baptist Church, McMinnville, April 16, in the absence of Pastor E. L. Smothers, who was in Grove, Okla., helping in the Simultaneous Revival campaign in the West.

The Middle Tennessee Sunday School Convention had a very fine meeting in the First Baptist Church, Columbia, April 20, 21. Every speaker seemed to be filled with fresh endowment of God's power as they spoke.

C. D. Tabor, associational missionary, New Duck River Association, supplied the pulpit of Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, April 16, while Pastor Wendell Price was preaching in a revival meeting at Sweetwater, Gordon Greenwell, pastor.

Leslie H. Coleman, pastor of Saturn Drive Baptist Church, did the preaching in a revival meeting at Rosedale Baptist Church, April 23-May 9. Z. L. Walker is pastor at Rosedale Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, has just concluded one of the best revivals in the history of the Church. Dr. Norris Gilliam, did the preaching—some of the most forceful, straight-forward, Scriptural messages the Church has ever heard. Forty-five additions were received; 32 of these for baptism during the ten days. There have been 79 additions to the church since January 1. Shelbyville Baptists thank God for Dr. Gilliam's type of New Testament Evangelism.

Baptists in the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, are happily looking forward to the work of their new Pastor, Dr. Robert Leland Palmer, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Baldwyn, Miss., who began active work in Murfreesboro, April 30. Dr. Palmer is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. James C. Furman, Nashville, Richard Clement Furman, who is a great, great grandson and namesake of Dr. Richard Furman, for 38 years pastor of First Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C.; President of First Tri-ennial Baptist Convention, Philadelphia in 1814, First President of South Carolina Baptist Convention, and for whom Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was named.

When Baptists received Cumberland University four years ago, the boys' dormitory was in bad condition. Furniture and mattresses were worn out and the rooms had not been painted for 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Barnes, members of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, have just refurnished and repainted one of these rooms. The Woodmont Brotherhood is raising the money for a second room. That leaves 73 rooms to go. \$325.00 will paint a room and buy the following new furnishings (wholesale prices): two new twin beds (with box springs and innerspring mattresses), double study desk, two chairs, four-drawer chest, large dresser and mirror, night stand, bookshelves and wardrobe. Are there 73 other individuals, Brotherhoods, and Sunday school classes in Middle Tennessee, who will raise \$325.00 each for one room? A plaque will be placed in each room in recognition of the donor. This seems to the writer to be a worthy challenge to interested Middle Tennessee Baptists and organizations!

First Baptist Church of Nashville launched its campaign for the Second Century Program of Cumberland University, Sunday, April 23. Pastor Dr. W. F. Powell preached on Christian Education at the two morning worship services and at the Evening Worship service. The Church committee is composed of Duke K. McCall, Chairman, Clifton J. Allen and Russell Brothers. Two members of the Church, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin and W. Maxey Jarman, are members of the Cumberland University Board of Trustees. Dr. John L. Hill is chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the Baptist Campaign for the University.

In the absence of the Pastor Bunyan Smith, Dr. John L. Hill supplied the pulpit of Third Baptist Church April 16 and Rev. C. D. Creasman, on April 23.

Splendid progress has been noted by the new Highland Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Roy C. McGill, Pastor, since its inception. On Jan. 11, the church voted to buy lots; Jan. 12, lots purchased; Jan. 26, first \$2000.00 note paid; Mar. 10, started grading on lot; Mar. 13, last \$2000.00 note paid; Mar. 19, groundbreaking service; Mar. 25, grading on lot completed. To Highland Baptists it seems that "the work of the Lord demandeth haste."

Mr. Fred Noe, business manager of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, April 9, while Pastor Frank Collins was preaching in the Simultaneous Revival West of the River, in Crowell, Texas.

John Huffman of Owensboro, Ky., has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Gallatin. Bro. Huffman is a native of Paris, Tenn., and has his Master's Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Paul J. Harting, pastor, has called Wallace McGill to be their new Music Director.

P. F. Langston, pastor Shelby Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, will do the preaching in a revival meeting at Saturn Drive Baptist Church, Nashville, and G. D. Miller, will lead the singing, May 7-21.

Deacons Ordained

Recently, Gum Springs Baptist Church in Judson Association ordained Brethren G. L. Black and T. B. Underwood as deacons. George Hyler, pastor of Gracey Avenue Baptist Church, Clarksville, preached the sermon and Garner Smith, of Lone Oak, prayed the ordination prayer. Pastor Fred W. Dies, of the Gum Springs Church, examined the candidates and gave the charge to the deacons and the church. In addition to the ministers already mentioned, others in the prebytery were as follows: Roy Seay, J. P. Hayes, _____ Swift, J. C. Ferrell, Charles Binkley, S. F. Black, C. A. Stewart and W. J. Weatherford.

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WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

By EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington, Tennessee

Sympathy is extended to Pastor W. E. Bailey, of the Gravel Hill Church in McNairy Association, because of the death of his wife on April 14 at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Bro. Bailey makes his home at Ramer, Tennessee.

Bro. C. E. Azbill, a veteran minister in this area, has retired from the pastorate. It seems that the brethren are keeping him busy as he has supplied pulpits almost every Sunday since he announced his retirement. Bro. Azbill makes his home at 226 Hamilton Street, Jackson.

In a letter to the column Pastor T. L. Alexander Brighton tells of the splendid revival recently experienced on his field. There were 31 additions with 27 of these coming by baptism. Two young men surrendered to the ministry, three others volunteered for mission service, and seven dedicated their lives to whatever Christian work the Lord leads them to do. Prof. Cal Guy of Southwestern Seminary was the visiting preacher.

Ira Singleton has been employed by Beulah Association as a special missionary in Lake County and has already entered upon his duties. He supplied the pulpit of the First Church, Union City, on April 16.

Prof. William H. Morton of Southern Seminary supplied for Pastor W. Fred Kendall at the First Church, Jackson, on April 16. Pastor Kendall was in a revival at Butler, Mo.

Prof. R. H. Ward of Union University supplied the pulpit of Calvary Church, Jackson, James Canaday, pastor, on April 16, and at Huntingdon on the night of April 23.

First Church, Union City, W. A. Boston, pastor, was assisted in a Training Union Emphasis Week, April 24-28, by Pastor Curry Simpson, Clinton, Ky; Don Reynolds of Dresden; Miss Margaret Duncan of Martin; and Miss Mellie Ruth Harrison of Union City. While Bro. Boston was at Nowata, Okla. in a revival the Union City pulpit was supplied by Dean S. S. Sargent of Union University.

Levi Church, Memphis, R. O. Pittman, pastor, has purchased a house and lot adjoining their present property in order to enlarge their over-taxed facilities.

Among the retired pastors supplying in this area on April 16 were: J. H. Turner at Alamo; J. E. Dillard at Huntingdon; and T. N. Hale at Bradford.

Pastor H. A. Turner of Salem Church, Trenton, reports a splendid meeting at Marked Tree, Ark., W. F. Carlton, pastor. Bro. Turner did the preaching during the revival and 9 were added to the church. Bro. Turner has a busy summer ahead of him beginning June 19 when he will go to Obion to assist Pastor L. P. Fleming in a ten-day meeting.

Singer Jimmy T. Williams, Jackson, did the preaching in a revival at Merced, Calif., recently in which there were 18 additions.

Prof. R. C. Briggs of Union University supplied at Humboldt on April 16 while Pastor Hayward Highfill was engaged in a revival at Mercedes, Texas.

Your scribe feels a sense of loss in the home-going of his good friend, Pastor V. Floyd Starke of Chattanooga. I have been with him in a number of revival meetings in all sections of the State. We both served the Church at Carthage, Tennessee,—he for seven years, I for four years. He was a fearless preacher, a great soul-winner, a loyal worker for the denomination, and a Christian gentleman. We will miss him.

The West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference held its last meeting until October on May 1 at Union University. Pastor Morris Prince, Ridgely, delivered a sermon. Others taking part were W. Fred Kendall and Robert L. Newman.

W. C. Skinner, Friendship, informs us that there were 64 additions to the churches during the recent simultaneous revivals in Crockett County Association.

Vernon Sisco, Caruthersville, Mo., supplied the pulpit of the First Church, Memphis, R. Paul Caudill, pastor, on April 16.

While Pastor R. G. Lee was in a revival at the First Church, Dallas, W. A. Criswell, pastor, the Bellevue pulpit was filled by the Assistant to the Pastor, J. Ralph McIntyre.

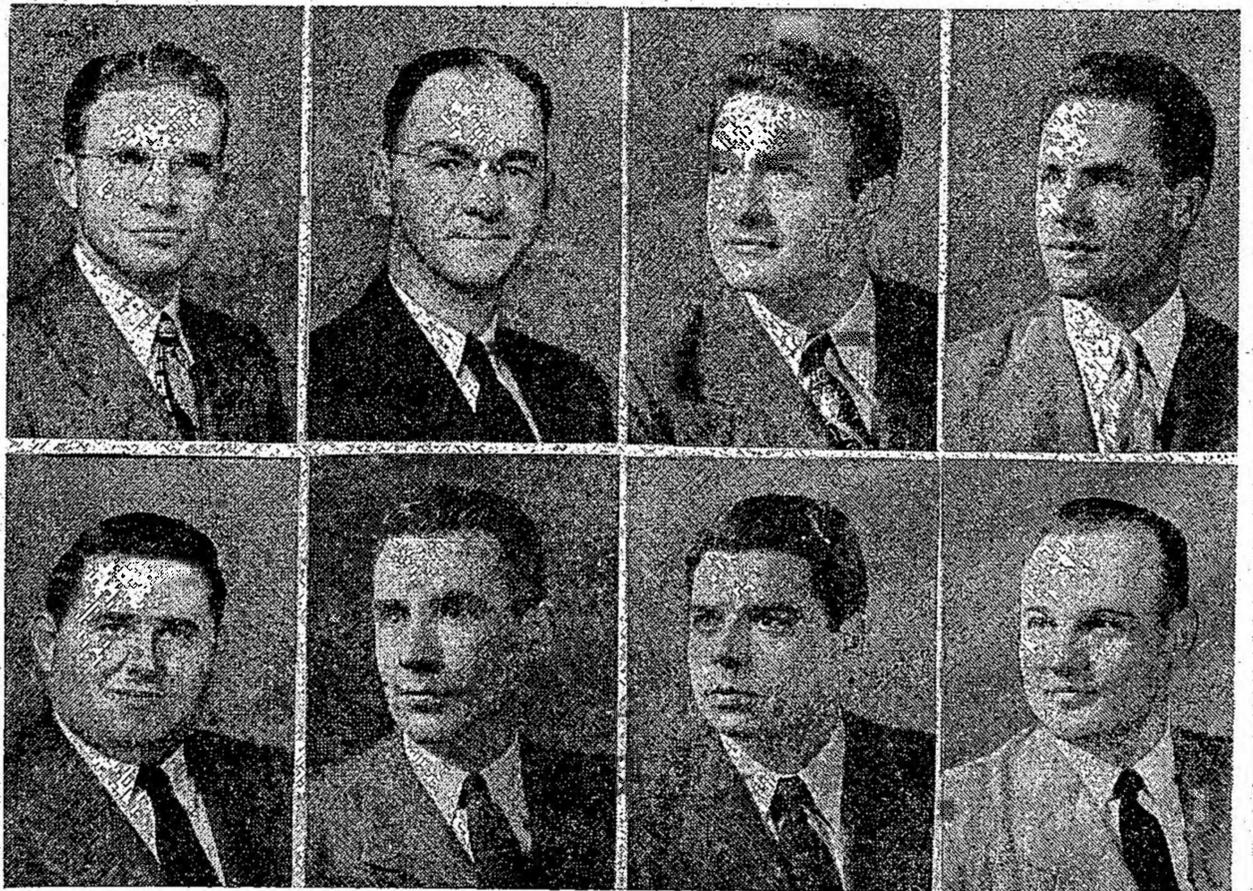
Howard S. Kolb, Selmer, assisted the First Baptist Church, Megargel, Texas, during the Western Revival. The Selmer pulpit was supplied on April 16 by Robert Brown, Sr., Chairman of the Deacons of Raleigh Baptist Church.

First Church, Humboldt, recently experienced a gracious Revival. Pastor Hayward Highfill did the preaching and Pastor Floyd Cates of Popular Heights Church, Jackson, was the singer. There were 23 additions. The church reached an all-time high attendance in Sunday school on Easter—939 being present. As a tribute to Bro. Highfill the bulletin of April 16 was dedicated to him and in it were testimonies from Carey S. Hill, Chm. of the Deacons; Lofton Robertson, Sunday school Supt.; Tony Currier, B. T. U. Director; Mary Margaret Boggs, Educational Director; and Lillie Willard, Secretary.

Supt. W. C. Creasman of the Orphans' Home supplied for Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, on April 16.

First Church, Lexington, set a new record in Sunday school on Easter, 478 present.

Tennessee Graduates of Southern Seminary



Twelve Tennesseans were candidates for degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the commencement exercises May 5. Those in the picture (top row, left to right) are James Herbert Gilmore, Knoxville; Carl E. Epperson, Knoxville; Glenn Vancy Manis, Lenoir City; Eldridge V. Cullum, III, Knoxville; (bottom row) Charles Thomas Drake, Cedar Hill; Jesse Houston King, Jr., Fordtown; Hugh George James, Jr., Chattanooga; and Herman Edmond Jacobs, Memphis.

Candidates not pictured are: Samuel Gardner Hill, Knoxville; Victor Adair Greene, Chattanooga; William Forrest Wagner, Nashville; and Hugh Lawson Smith, Maryville.

FOREIGN MISSION ADVANCE

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FOREIGN BOARD APPOINTS NINE MORE MISSIONARIES

Nine new missionaries appointed April 13 brought to 753 the total number now under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Compton, Jr., of Telephone, Tex., were appointed for Brazil; Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae of Winston-Salem, N. C., for Arabia; Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lee Oliver of Louisville, Ky., for Japan; Rev. and Mrs. James O. Watson of Louisville, Ky., for Latin America, and Miss Georgia Alice Miller, contract nurse for Nigeria.

Four missionary resignations were accepted at the April meeting: Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Turlington of China and Rev. and Mrs. Herman Sandford of Nigeria.

CHINA MISSIONARIES "DETAINED"

Three China missionaries are scheduled to leave China, one transferring from Shanghai to Hong Kong, one going on furlough and the other returning to the States for medical treatment. Their departure is delayed by complications with the Communist government preventing evacuation ships from picking up passengers at Shanghai.

Drought, floods and military activities have combined to produce a food shortage in eleven provinces of China. Dr. Cauthen said missionaries personally are in no danger of starvation.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper are in Hong Kong waiting to get back into China if their application for re-entry is granted. Only a few doctors and women rejoining their husbands have been permitted to re-enter the country.

Several missionaries completing their period of language study in Baguio, Philippine Islands, will go to Manila to work with the 150,000 Chinese in that city. Most of the China missionaries studying now at Yale will be transferred to Baguio during the summer to continue their study and work among the Chinese population.

VENEZUELA STAFF INCREASED

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Moss are transferring from Colombia to Barquisimeto to open a second Baptist mission station in Venezuela. A new church building is under construction in Caracas where Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Neely are located.

SEMINARY TRUSTEES NAMED

The Board named Missionaries Erhardt Swenson and J. C. Quarles of Argentina, John A. Parker of Chile, Franklin Fowler of Paraguay and J. D. McMurray of Uruguay to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Spanish American seminary in Buenos Aires. Other trustees will include four nationals elected by the Baptist conventions of the four countries and two local members to be named by the Foreign Mission Board and the Argentina Convention.

CONVENTION PROGRAM OUTLINED

Secretary M. Theron Rankin outlined the foreign mission program to be presented at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago on May 12. Included on the program will be addresses by Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma Baptist secretary, and Dr. B. J. Cauthen, secretary for the Orient; a motion picture on Southern Baptist mission work in Nigeria made on the African field

last fall by Mr. Fon Scofield, visual aids director for the Board; and a presentation of missionaries with a dedication service led by President R. G. Lee of the Convention.

AMONG THE MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy are living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ahn, a Korean family in Seoul who have invited a number of leading Korean Baptists and others to meet the missionaries. Among these was Dr. Louise Yim, member of the National Assembly and president of the Industrial Press in southern Korea, who invited the missionaries to teach English classes in Korea's only coeducational university, a privately owned school. A mine owner has promised to build a church for his employees if the missionaries will lead services for them.

Other missionaries who have arrived in the States on furlough are: Miss Bertie Lee Kendrick, Hawaii, at Spindale, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Harris, China, at 118 College Avenue, Pineville, La.; Miss Pauline White, Brazil, at 320 S. Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. A. R. Dailey, Colombia, at 117 Johnson Blvd., Lexington, Ky.

ADVANCE PROGRAM PAMPHLETS

The Foreign Mission Board has for free distribution a new pamphlet by Secretary Baker J. Cauthen on Advance in the Orient. This is the third of a series on Advance. The other two are "Consider Our Mission Centers" by Secretary M. Theron Rankin and "Advance in Latin America" by Secretary Everett Gill. A later pamphlet on "Advance in Africa, Europe and the Near East" by Secretary George W. Sadler will complete the series.

Bledsoe Baptist Association, under the leadership of Henry B. Stokes, Hartsville, superintendent of evangelism, and Carmack S. Penuel, associational missionary, had a successful Simultaneous Revival campaign, April 16 through 23. A fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the churches was manifested in this cooperative effort.

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