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Sacred Record Album Sales To Aid Singers

Roland Leath, minister of education and associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Shelby, has recorded a 33 r.p.m., long-playing album of sacred piano selections. These albums are selling for \$5 and are on sale at First Baptist Church Music Department, J & K Music Shop and Bobby's Music Shop. Proceeds from the sales go into the Good News Singers fund to aid their concert tour of Russia.

The hymn interpretations of this recording are Leath's own arrangements with the exception of "Onward Christian Soldiers," which was arranged by James Reed.

Leath, who has been with the local church since 1950, was given his first piano lesson at the age of eight by his mother, Mrs. Pollye Leath. He has studied at Ft. Worth Conservatory of Music; was a pupil of Harry Cooper at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kan., and later studied with W. B. Moore and John Josey at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

He was pianist with the York Evangelistic Party from 1927-29 and pianist for the Gypsy Smith City wide Crusade in Ft. Worth in 1937. In 1963, he participated in the European Evangelistic Crusade sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and served churches in Augsburg and Ludwigsburg, Germany.

He has served as minister of

education and music in First Baptist Church in Temple, Tex.; Travis Avenue Baptist Church and Rosen Heights Baptist Church, both in Ft. Worth; First Baptist Church in Paris, Tex. and First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark. He has served several times at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, both as song leader and pianist.