

New Building of Spring Bayou Baptist Church, West Paducah

THE 124-YEAR-OLD Spring Bayou Baptist Church near West Paducah, Kentucky, recently dedicated this new sanctuary, valued at \$100,000. The dedication sermon for the special services was preached by Paul Joseph Harting, former pastor who now serves the First Baptist Church of Bristol, Virginia. This new building brings the total value of Spring Bayou's church property to approximately \$150,000. Wayne C. Newby is pastor of the congregation, which is located on a rural route near the Paducah Atomic Energy Plant.



Financial Support for Our Baptist Schools

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST SEMINARY began its 50th anniversary year October 3, with a special founders' week program. Addressing the seminary during the week were Gov. John McKeithen of Louisiana and Sen. Sam Ervin of North Carolina; Albert McClellan and Porter Routh of the SBC Executive Committee; and James L. Sullivan of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

JOSEPH A. ADEGBITE, principal of the Baptist Academy, Lagos, Nigeria, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, is spending the 1967-68 school year at Georgetown College in Kentucky as a curriculum specialist and consultant.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Greenville, Kentucky, recently ordained four men as deacons. They are W. W. Blair, J. C. Hill, Jim Sloan and Louis Villines. Curtis Erwin is pastor of the congregation.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS from at least nine institutions will attend the first International Festival at Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, on Saturday, October 14. Proceeds from the sale of tickets to an international banquet will help establish an international student program at Kentucky Southern.

MRS. LEONORA HERNDON, 89, oldest living member of the Russellville, Kentucky, Baptist Church, died recently in that city. Funeral services were held at the Russellville church with burial following at Dripping Springs Baptist Church near Russellville, her home church. She was the widow of P. E. Herndon, one of the early Baptist preachers of the Russellville area. Surviving are two sons, J. D. Herndon, superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, and M. R. Herndon of Logan, West Virginia; and a daughter, Christine Meade of Russellville.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE to be named by the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will soon assume the management and responsibility of the convention's church loan division.

LEW REYNOLDS of Memphis, Tennessee, has been named Sunday School secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He was minister of education at Frayser Baptist Church in Memphis.

ZONDERVAN PUBLISHERS has just released a new piano and organ record,



Mrs. Chatham

"This House is Mine," featuring religious music arranged and played by Mrs. Betty Chatham of Shelbyville. A former member of the board of trustees of Georgetown College, she is on the music faculty of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville. For the past several years she has been organist and pianist for several evangelistic crusades. During November she will serve for her third year as pianist and organist for the annual meeting of the Ohio Baptist Convention.

GEORGE L. EUTING, program development director at the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, for the past several years, has been named assistant executive secretary of the Baptist agency in a major staff reorganization.



Euting

Euting will assume certain Commission-wide administrative duties and assist executive secretary George W. Schroeder in the development of the missionary education program of the Commission.

VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY said at Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, South Carolina, that he believed in separation of church and state but also favored federal aid to church-related colleges. "I don't think this violates our principles of that separation," he stated.

STEPHEN NEILL, professor of missions and ecumenical theology at the University of Hamburg, Germany, delivered a series of missionary addresses at Southern Seminary, Louisville, October 10-13. Other missionary speakers throughout the year will include William Crook, Paul Caudill, Hermond Westmoreland and Hugo Culpepper.

A TOTAL OF 53 PERSONS made decisions of various types during a recent revival at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington. William Sanders, pastor of the Fern Creek, Kentucky, Baptist Church, was the evangelist. The Porter Memorial pastor is Charles W. Holland.

MARY FRANCES COOPER, financial secretary at Great Crossing Baptist Church near Georgetown, was featured in a recent article in the Louisville *Courier-Journal and Times*. An employee of the state parole division at Frankfort for the past 22 years, she was recently named an honorary probation and parole officer and given an award for outstanding service to the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

FRANK KELLOGG, pastor of Maplewood Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, preached during revival services at First Baptist Church of Scottsville, Kentucky. A total of 23 persons made professions of faith. Bill R. Tichenor is pastor of the congregation.

GEORGE STRICKLER, who recently became pastor of the Chardon Baptist Chapel of Chardon, Ohio, has been elected Training Union director for the Cuyahoga Baptist Association. Strickler, a graduate of Southern Seminary, served as pastor in Indiana and Kentucky prior to going to the greater Cleveland area. Mrs. Strickler is the former Norma Bruce of Jeffersontown, Kentucky.

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A question of paramount interest to participants in the Baptist Education Study Task was that of the adequate financing of Christian colleges. This interest was stimulated by the fact that Baptist colleges are in distress because their current financial support is not sufficient to provide an educational program of acceptable quality. Special interest was engendered by widespread controversy over the question of the acceptance of funds from public tax sources, and specifically, the acceptance of federal educational funds by Baptist institutions.

Too Many Schools

In some of the states Baptists have yielded to the temptation to establish more colleges than they are able or willing to support adequately. Establishing a new privately-supported college under present day conditions requires financial support far different from what was required a few generations ago. It was generally agreed that at least \$20,000,000 would be required to establish a four-year liberal arts college and bring it into full operation as an institution of acceptable academic excellence. Furthermore, there should be assurance of continued financial support of any new institutions.

In view of these considerations there was general consensus that the proliferation of colleges without adequate support is unwise, and is a betrayal of our youth.

Although the question of adequate financial support for existing Baptist institutions was colored at times by the controversy over federal aid to higher education, it was generally agreed that such aid, if accepted, would not solve all the financial problems of our colleges, but that it is the responsibility of sponsors and trustees of Christian colleges to secure adequate support regardless of whether or not federal aid in any form is utilized.

More Convention Support

Because of the greatly increased cost of operating higher institutions, the supporting constituency will need to provide substantially larger funds than they are providing at the present time. This is not to say that they will necessarily provide a greater percentage of the operating income than some of the conventions now provide. However, the total amount will be larger. There is sound basis for the recommendation by accrediting agencies that not more than 50% of the operating income (excluding auxiliary services) be derived from tuition and fees. It is also recommended that approximately 10% be derived from endowment earnings. It should be noted

that many of our colleges do not receive as much as the recommended 60% of their operating costs from tuition, fees, and endowment income. This places an even greater responsibility on the conventions. The remaining 40% must be secured from grants and gifts, from the conventions, and other sources. Since Southern Baptist colleges now receive on the average 16% of their educational operating budgets from state conventions it is suggested that the conventions re-examine their responsibility for their share of the 40% of the operating costs of the colleges which they sponsor.

The necessary funds cannot be secured by ordinary means. Special efforts will be required to stimulate the customary sources and to discover and cultivate new sources. This will require that an adequate college development staff be trained and maintained, and may call for special studies by the Education Commission. The activities of college development programs should be fully coordinated with other denominational efforts.

If Baptists through the churches do

This is the second in a series of articles on the findings of the Baptist Education Study Task, which recently completed its two-year study.

not provide adequate financial support for their colleges and universities the conventions or their trustees must face certain alternatives:

1. Decide that certain colleges cease to exist.
2. Discover new sources of revenue.
3. Limit the scope of operation in curriculum and enrollment.
4. Consolidate with other Baptist colleges or effect functional affiliation with a university or cluster college center.
5. Release certain colleges from denominational affiliation with freedom to seek other sources of financial support and sponsorship.

There are, of course, other alternatives which are unthinkable, such as operating substandard institutions, or getting out of the business of providing Christian higher education.

There is a definite divergence of opinion, with varying views conscientiously held, as to whether denominational schools and colleges should accept federal aid, and if they do, as to the types of aid that are acceptable. Some guidelines for consideration of this problem are as follows:

(a) It must be recognized that there are areas of cooperation as well as separation

between church and state. The Baptist concept of the separation of church and state grew out of the traditional Baptist emphasis on freedom of conscience and religious liberty. However, Christians through the years have recognized the importance of varying measures of cooperation between church and state to serve the interests of each and the common ends of both, with care lest either seek to dominate or control the other.

Trustees Should Decide

(b) It is the responsibility of the trustees and their sponsoring bodies, operating under their charters, to investigate and decide such matters for each institution.

(c) Each program of available federal aid should be investigated and studied carefully. Some institutions may refuse any type of state or federal funds. Others will decide that some types of aid can be accepted conscientiously and legally, and some refused. For example, many believe that there is a legitimate distinction between direct federal grants to colleges on the one hand, and amounts available as loans to students and faculty members, research and other grants given for services rendered, and self-liquidating loans where there is no interest subsidy, on the other.

(d) Those facing the question of the acceptance of federal aid should give careful consideration to

- (1) our historic principles of freedom of conscience and religious liberty and their important meaning in American life,
- (2) the preservation of the basic nature and purpose of the Christian college,
- (3) the maintenance of a broad basis of financial support to avoid disproportionate dependence on federal aid.

(e) Those who accept federal aid should face all of the possible hazards and consequences before taking it. Those who refuse federal aid must realistically devise and carry through the possible and necessary alternatives if the institution is to be properly financed.

We Must Support Our Schools

In conclusion, regardless of differences in convictions or in policies on the acceptance of federal aid, all Baptists must continue to strive to uphold and defend our historic principles of freedom of conscience and religious liberty. Determined to continue in the business of Christian higher education, Baptists must give wholehearted support to their boards of trustees, the presidents, and faculties.



BEST Doesn't Have All Answers

Two groups will be disappointed with the BEST report: one group is those who wanted the report to provide a proof text for taking federal funds for Baptist schools; the other is those who looked to the report for a proof text against the use of federal funds by Baptist schools.

The report does not solve for the state conventions and the schools the knotty problem of federal aid. This was too much to expect. Such a representative group from all the state conventions and all the schools could not decide policy for the individual schools.

This does not mean the study did not seriously concern itself with the question of federal aid to Baptist schools. Indeed, this was the overriding interest of participants and tended to overshadow other important areas of study.

BEST, with the assistance of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, sought to discover what kind of government aid was available and what kind had been utilized by Baptist institutions. It was learned that the list of church-related programs eligible for government assistance is almost inexhaustible, and many of these have been used by Baptists.

BEST is right in urging that all forms of government aid available to Baptist schools and students not be lumped together and judged good or bad. Some government programs apparently pose no threat to the Baptist principle of religious liberty and separation of church and state. Among these are the many available funds for students and teachers. These are arrangements between the government and individuals, and therefore should not concern the schools. Methods of administering these funds, which involve college participation and college funds, must be carefully considered before participation.

The report wisely warns colleges and conventions facing the question of using federal funds to consider the possible consequences. There are more possible consequences than unwanted government control of schools. In fact, this danger is not as likely as some other consequences listed in the report (see article on page 3).

BEST also is fair in saying to Baptists that the rejection of federal aid imposes upon them the obligation of finding other sources of necessary financial support for Baptist schools.

The report is helpful in many other ways in addition to its discussion of federal aid. Its frank picture of the past and present level of denominational support

for Baptist colleges is revealing. The story here is simple but sad. The denomination has increased support substantially over the last decade, but this increase of support from the denomination has not been nearly equal to the phenomenal rise in the costs of operating colleges. For example, in the last ten years there has been an average of 300% increase in denominational funds to Baptist schools. At the same time, the costs of operating these schools has risen much more than 300%. The sad picture is that ten years ago the denomination was providing more than 26c of every dollar used by the colleges, while last year denominational contributions to colleges amounted to only 15c of each dollar required to operate.

According to the recognized acceptable division of costs, the denomination is failing miserably. Tuition should provide 50%, and endowment income should contribute 10% of the costs. The other 40% must come from the denomination, from private gifts and other sources. On the average the denomination is now providing only about 16% of the 40%. Where will the college find the remaining 23%? Tuition is already so high that there is a danger of pricing Baptist schools out of business.

The BEST report recommends that the sponsoring denominations try to assume more of the costs of Baptist schools' operation. But the sponsoring state conventions are hard put to find much more for education without seriously hampering other important commitments.

And so BEST doesn't have all the answers. It does, however, offer help for denominational and college leaders upon whom the final responsibility for finding the necessary funds rests.

A Special Appeal for a Special Need

Only very rarely on this page is there an appeal for contributions beyond those received by the local churches and those sponsored by the denomination. Without apology here is one appeal for help in an unusual emergency for which there appears to be no other source of help.

The emergency is in connection with the devastating flood in Fairbanks, Alaska, in mid-August. All the Baptist churches were damaged and several were tragically hit. A magnificent response by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and by Baptists from many parts of the nation has resulted in repair and

restoration of most of the church damage. The Home Mission Board emergency fund has also helped Baptist pastors and their families in replacing clothes and some household belongings lost in the flood. Altogether the story of help for these fellow Baptists is heart-warming.

But as always there were some tragic losses for which so far there has been no restoration. One of these is the concern of this appeal.

J. T. Burdine, Jr., pastor of the University Baptist Church in Fairbanks, was a Kentucky Baptist pastor and denominational leader when he and his family responded to the missionary call of the far north. The Burdine family had a harrowing experience in the flood (see forum letter in this issue). Among Burdine's losses was his personal library, one of the finest among Southern Baptist pastors.

J. T. is a Th.D. graduate from Southern Seminary. He majored in church history and accumulated an unusually complete and an extremely valuable library. He is a lover of books and uses them for the glory of God. Now most of his prized volumes are victims of the flooding Chena that flows not far from his study.

A Home Mission Board official reports that there will be no relief funds for replacing J. T.'s library. Presently his only hope will be the long, slow and expensive route of replacing lost books by using personal funds. And this will be extremely difficult on a limited salary in a part of the world where the cost

of living is extremely high. Besides, he has four children to educate, one of whom is already in college.

It has occurred to some of us that many pastors, laymen, Brotherhoods and maybe some Sunday School classes in Kentucky would want to help in rebuilding the library of Pastor Burdine. Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood secretary, Forrest Sawyer, has agreed to serve with this editor as co-chairman of a committee for raising funds and buying books for J. T.'s library. Key pastors and laymen in several parts of the state will be added to the committee.

We are suggesting cash contributions instead of giving books. The books needed by J. T. are the same ones present owners don't need to give away, and to leave it to donors to buy and send books would result in too much duplication. The committee in consultation with Burdine would purchase the books and send them to Fairbanks.

Let it be emphasized that this is no appeal for church offerings or for contributions already going to other mission causes. This is an opportunity to make a personal investment in a missionary's ministry in Alaska.

We are not even setting a goal. The amount of \$5,000 would be required for a somewhat modest library for a minister, but any amount would be very helpful in this case. Contributions should be made to Burdine Library Fund, and sent to Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

BAPTIST FORUM



Starting Over in Alaska

Dear Editor:

The question in Fairbanks is not how do you start a church, but how do you start a church over. We met tonight to see what we have and what we need to have for Sunday School and Training Union next Sunday for the first time since the flood.

Since the flood water rose August 13 and 14, we have been working for a comeback. The town lost its only hospital on Monday night before midnight. We opened our church for those who had to leave their homes about 10:00 p.m. By 2:00 a.m. of Tuesday morning we were fighting to save the church building. At 5:00 a.m. the waters came in anyway and we all waded out. Our home was on higher ground, but by 9:30 a.m. the brown water rushed in there. We grabbed a few clothes, sleeping bags, a few other necessities and again waded out to the hill of the campus of the University of Alaska.

Wednesday a friend took me over to the church to find a few dry hymn books for a service planned for that

night on campus. I found about eight inches of water on the main floor of our new sanctuary. Records, equipment, furniture, four pianos and two organs were damaged beyond repair. We must start over.

Help from fellow Baptists was quick in coming. Emergency funds were sent immediately by the Home Mission Board. As moderator, I requested that pastors' salaries be paid by the Home Mission Board for the next three months at least and that mortgage payments not be asked for the same period. Review may make this advisable throughout the winter.

Operation Rehab began with the arrival of the first of more than 100 men who came to rebuild our churches and our homes. They were more than welcome, because our people were too busy with their own homes to do much. Personal expressions began to arrive from many other friends.

Next Sunday we will have Sunday School in our rebuilt building, thanks to our fellow Baptists. They have done

for us what we could not do for ourselves.

The blessings have been far more than material. They have been spiritual. We who were flooded and burned out have been revived and those who came have been revived also. Such is the real New Testament fellowship of Christians.

College, Alaska J. T. Burdine

Ward's Views in Conflict

Dear Editor:

As I follow the articles written by Wayne E. Ward, in recent issues of the *Western Recorder*, concerning how Baptists through the ages have been so wrong on their "narrow" views on baptism and the Lord's supper, I find myself wondering if we have also been narrow on such things as salvation by grace, the security of the believer, the second coming of Christ... *ad infinitum*.

The above mentioned articles are in direct opposition to the views of Joe T. Odle in *Church Members' Handbook* sold in Baptist book stores for members of Baptist churches. Again they are in conflict with the book *What We Believe* by W. C. Boone, which is a course for credit under church study course.

The time has long since passed that we should listen more carefully to Jude 3.

Dover, Kentucky Bert Gibson

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SBC Church Vocations Volunteers Appear Adequate through 1975

A two-year study surveying the prospects for church vocations volunteers projected through 1975 in the Southern Baptist Convention looks encouraging, the staff project director for the study said in a report to the SEC Executive Committee at Nashville.

Lloyd Householder, director of the program of vocational guidance for the SBC Sunday School Board Training Union department, told the Executive Committee he was optimistic about the number of church vocations volunteers in relation to SBC vacancies through 1975.

"We wish we could have given you X-number of vacancies and X-number of people to fill these vacancies, but we could not get it down to that fine a point," Householder said.

He indicated, however, that the projected needs for pastors, religious education, music, and other church staff positions, plus home and foreign missions volunteers and denominational workers, indicated a total of about 20,000 persons desired between now and 1975.

At present, the total number of semi-

nary students, church vocations, volunteers in colleges and universities, and high school students who have indicated a decision for church vocations total about 29,000.

Thus, he said, we have actually more volunteers than we anticipate vacancies, but it is not really that simple. "But we are encouraged," he said.

The study was made because of a growing concern about an apparent decline in the number of young people entering church vocations, and a decline in seminary enrollments.

"The natural and warrantable assumption has been that if the decline increases or even remains at the present rate, there will be shortages of personnel for the churches and convention agencies," Householder's report said. "However, this assumption has been made without benefit of a comprehensive study of the total picture of supply and demand within the convention."

On the basis of the just-completed study, Householder observed that the SEC is in better shape with regards to the number of church vocations volunteers than it has been in several years. (BP)



New Church In Lexington

W. E. Miller (center), pastor of Lexington's Gardenside Baptist Church, presents a pulpit Bible to Henry Downing, pastor of Eastland Park Baptist Church following the constitution of Eastland Park into a Baptist congregation on Sunday afternoon, September 24. Gardenside had sponsored the new Baptist work in Lexington for the past several years. Looking on are (left) Dan C. Moore, pastor of the Georgetown, Kentucky, Baptist Church, who preached the dedication sermon at the constituting service, and O. W. Yates (right) of Lexington, former pastor of the Gardenside congregation.

Texas Baptist Churches Damaged By Hurricane and Flood Waters

by AL MORGAN

BAPTIST PRESS STAFF WRITER

Although most Texas Baptist churches suffered light damage in the wake of Hurricane Beulah's devastation, Rio Grande floodwaters promised to add untold costs to already damaged facilities.

A week after Beulah's devastating 160-m.p.h. blow, floodwaters from a broken division dam on the Arroyo Colorado swirled into Harlingen, Texas, sweeping homes off foundations and sending thousands fleeing to higher ground.

A second dam break in two days sent tons of water running uncontrolled through the Rio Grande River Valley.

Language Missionary Jerry Johnson of the Lower Rio Grande Baptist Association in Harlingen was forced from his office by rising water. He reported "at least 15 churches underwater," in his association and adjoining Magic Valley Baptist Association.

Johnson said "families have been wiped out in this latest disaster" which sent 10,000 persons fleeing Harlingen, which apparently has been the hardest hit by floodwaters. Johnson said the greatest need appears to be bedding for men, women and children who lost their own in the flood.

"Money, too, will become a great need as families return to pick up where they were before the flooding," added



Overlooking Patmos

Wiley Hance, John Stevens and Truett Myers of the SBC Radio-TV Commission staff look over the Isle of Patmos from a roof-top in the little town of Scala. They spent two weeks on the island, to which the Apostle John was exiled in New Testament days, assisting an ABC television crew in developing two special features on the Book of Revelation. The ABC specials will be shown on October 8 and 15.

Johnson who feels the economy will be effected as a result.

Efforts to determine damage and financial loss to Baptists from Beulah were hampered by the new flooding, according to T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, who said, "it will be sometime now before final reports can be made and assessment of damages ascertained."

He also pointed out that there "is a need for churches to adopt churches, families to adopt families and cities to adopt cities."

Executive Board members going to the scene earlier to aid churches and families were forced to leave the Valley in the face of the new flooding.

The three men representing the convention's disaster relief committee were Darwin Farmer, secretary of the direct missions department; and Taylor Pendley, secretary, and Ed L. Clark, consultant, in the church building department.

Farmer said "drastic steps will be necessary to aid flood victims."

"God is providing Baptist churches and Baptist church members with an unprecedented opportunity to become personally involved as Christians" added Farmer. "We need to search our homes and see if we have anything of value that someone else can use."

Pendley said that emergency relief funds initially sent with the team to meet physical needs has already been placed with special committees in the Lower Rio Grande, Magic Valley, Coastal Bend and Blanco Baptist Associations.

Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen opened its doors to anyone needing assistance. No attempt was made to make changes to patients seeking emergency help, reported a spokesman.

And, before flood waters once again closed roads, hospital administrator Henry Morrison took a team of five nurses to Port Isabel, Tex., where national guardsmen and residents were inoculated against typhoid and tetanus.

Clear Creek Students Hold Open-air Services

Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville has instituted a program of open-air services, designed to reach persons of the mountain regions for Christ.

Teams of students hold services on streets, courthouse squares, church parking lots, community parks and up remote valleys several times each week. Services are conducted from a specially-designed panel truck.

Singing, ventriloquism, chalk-draw-



Picnic Scene

The slight chill in the late September air didn't keep this group from having a good time at the annual WESTERN RECORDER employees' picnic. The fall outing is an annual affair for the RECORDER'S 23 employees and their families, held at the home of Editor and Mrs. C. R. Daley near Middletown. Shown here are (front) William H. Miller, pressman, and Mrs. Miller; and (back-ground) Mrs. Ann Tatum, subscription clerk, and Mrs. Henry Miller, wife of a linotype operator at the RECORDER.

Southern Seminary Woman's Committee Meets October 18

The Woman's Committee of Southern Seminary at Louisville will hold its annual fall meeting October 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Alumni Memorial Chapel on the seminary campus.

A panel discussion led by several students will highlight the day's program. Miss Janice Robinson of Ellisville, Mississippi, a returning missionary journeyman from Nigeria and the most recent winner of the Woman's Committee scholarship, will be presented to the group.

A tour of the seminary and a noon coffee hour will climax the day's activities.

ings, testimonies and a brief gospel message or Bible story make up a service. Then opportunity is given for commitment to Christ. At the end of the services tracts are distributed, inquiries are invited, and the local church in the area is given the results of the meeting for their follow-up ministry.

So far in the program, 21 students in teams of three to six have held 12 services that reached 89 adults and 123 young people.



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Appreciation for Kentucky Baptist Schools

Dear Editor:
As we approach our annual Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions in Louisville this year, I would like to express my pleasure at several related happenings or portions of our program. After having served for over ten years as chaplain of Kentucky State Reformatory at LaGrange, it has been most rewarding to be in the pastorate again and to serve on the Executive Board and the Christian education committee of our Convention.

It was refreshing to see Kentucky Baptists act in such unified fashion at last year's Bowling Green Convention

to undergird our several Baptist schools and colleges by voting overwhelmingly to endorse and support the trustee administration principle for these institutions. This was a most important step in insuring the ongoing development of some of the finest Christian schools in the country.

In this day when so many of our colleges and universities are saying they can and/or will not fulfill anything of the role or responsibility of parental substitute, we very much need these excellent denominational schools offering quality education in a Christian atmosphere.

As a member of the Christian education committee, I have found it gratifying to observe first hand the dedication and excellence of the administrators of these schools. We can know that these are men concerned for the total development of our students and for not only the building of the finest schools possible, but also for the preservation and enhancement of Christian principles.

Carrollton, Ky. Thomas A. Steele

Southside, Louisville, Calls Bill Weedman as Pastor

William L. Weedman, a native of Evansville, Indiana, who will receive the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary in January, is the new pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville.



Weedman

Weedman has served several student pastorates in Indiana and Kentucky. Most recently he was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Beech Grove, Kentucky, and interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Rushville, Indiana.

The new Southside pastor received the B.A. degree from Evansville College in 1960 and the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1963. Since 1963 he has served as a professor's assistant at the seminary, while studying for the Th.D. degree in the field of Christian ethics.

Weedman's thesis, which was sponsored by the Home Mission Board, is a study of the ministry of city churches to various minority and racial groups. It focuses upon Louisville and Miami.

He is married to the former Judith Nell Mielke of Evansville.

South Carolina Baptists Face Federal Aid Issue--Again

by JIM NEWTON

When the South Carolina Baptist Convention meets at Columbia, November 14-16, it will consider a two-year study of a special committee which recommends that, in effect, the door be left open for South Carolina Baptist institutions to accept federal aid.

The Federal Aid Study Committee, however, did not endorse federal loans or grants for building purposes or any other type of federal aid. It made it clear, however, that it would not forbid them.

Each School Would Decide

In the final analysis, the committee's report leaves the decision as to what type of federal aid would be acceptable in the hands of the boards of trustees for each institution, something which the nation-wide Baptist Education Study Committee had advocated only one week earlier in its final report.

The committee recommended five "safeguards" for the trustees to use in deciding what types of aid to accept, and also asked the institutions to make an annual report to the convention on the types of government assistance it is receiving.

"Since our administrators have enjoyed a healthy relationship with the government, we do not feel that we should intensify their crisis by requesting them to forfeit or curtail this form of assistance," said the committee report concerning federal aid.

"... Every institution could, in the light of its purposes, decide which programs would be in its best interest. Also, due to the multiplicity of types, it is virtually impossible for this committee to decide which ones might be acceptable or objectionable.

We firmly believe that, in meeting the needs of our citizens, a cooperative ministry of church and state in which neither attempts to control the other is possible without an infringement upon our traditional beliefs. Cooperation need

not destroy separation," the committee report stated.

The 17-member committee will make its report to the South Carolina Baptist Convention as the final item of business. It also reports on its findings to the convention's General Board as a matter of information on October 9-10. Final approval must come from the convention.

The committee was appointed in 1965 after a storm of controversy raged in South Carolina when Furman University in Greenville accepted a \$611,898 federal grant for construction of a science building. The state convention ordered Furman to return the money, pledging to raise the amount from Baptist sources instead. Since then, only about half of the money has been raised.

The convention also declared a moratorium on federal aid to South Carolina Baptist institution until after the 17-member study committee has completed its report to the convention.

The study committee, in its four-page printed report, listed specific ways that South Carolina Baptist institutions receive tax support and benefits, pointing out "that there is not now—nor has there ever been—a complete separation (of church and state)."

Citing a "great financial crisis" in Baptist schools in South Carolina, the committee said that contributions from South Carolina through the Cooperative Program budget have not kept up proportionately with the mounting costs of the operation.

"It seems an incontrovertible fact that the financial support today is insufficient," said the committee. "The years ahead will demand radical revision upward of our Baptist dollars or our institutions will become second or third-rate.

The committee then made a case for allowing the boards of trustees for each institution to decide for itself what types of federal aid it is to accept. (BP)

BWA Names Observer-Consultants To Roman Catholic Lay Congress

Two Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee members have been named to serve as observer-consultants at the forthcoming Third Congress of the Lay Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Congress will meet November 11-18, at the Vatican City in Rome.

It is believed to be the first time that the Baptist World Alliance has named representatives to attend a meeting at the Vatican.

Alliance representatives will be Claus Meister, a layman and professor of languages at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland; and C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with offices in London.

They were asked to represent the Alliance by Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance with offices at Washington, D. C.

The two men will attend the sessions in Rome and "report back to the general secretary of the Alliance any information which may be of help in understanding the religious world scene of today," Nordenhaug said.

The Alliance general secretary also announced appointment of Goulding and Rudolf Thaut of Hamburg, Germany, to represent the Alliance at the 450th anniversary celebration of the Reformation at Wittenburg, East Germany, October 28 - November 5.

This celebration, marking the anni-

versary of the date Martin Luther nailed his famed 95 theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg, is sponsored by the Lutheran Church.

Thaut is president of the Baptist Theological School at Hamburg and is former general secretary of the union of Baptist churches in Germany.

Nordenhaug made the appointments to both meetings in keeping with authorization given him by the Alliance Executive Committee meeting in Nashville to name such representatives as he thinks wise to meetings of other denominational groups.

An inquiry from the Vatican asking if the Alliance would consider an invitation to send observers to Vatican Council II was discussed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Oslo, Norway, in 1962, but the committee decided not to encourage an invitation. (BP)

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October 10, 1957**

Southern Baptists in Indiana voted unanimously to proceed with plans to organize a state convention in the fall of 1958. The organizational meeting was scheduled for October 3 and 4, 1958, at First Southern Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

Paul S. James, pastor of Tabernacle

Baptist Church, Atlanta, was named director of SBC work in the greater New York area by the Home Mission Board.

**25 YEARS AGO
October 8, 1942**

It was announced that the 1942 session of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky would meet November 9-12 at the First Baptist Church of Princeton. Rates at the Princeton and Henrietta Hotels were \$3.00 and \$2.75 per night, respectively.

**50 YEARS AGO
October 11, 1917**

Isham Enlow, a student reporter for Southern Seminary at Louisville, reported that the seminary enrolment was about 25 lower than last year because several students had entered the armed forces to serve their country during World War I. "They have gone as Y.M.C.A. secretaries, chaplains, officers and privates," he said.

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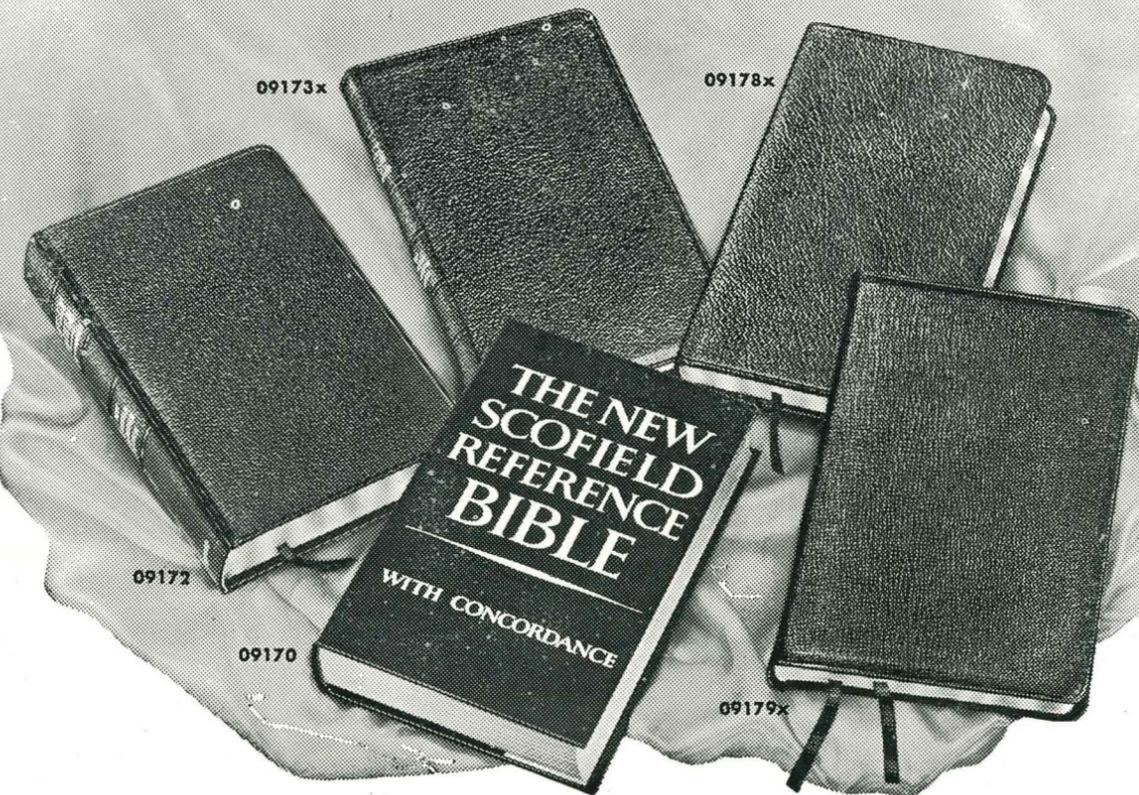
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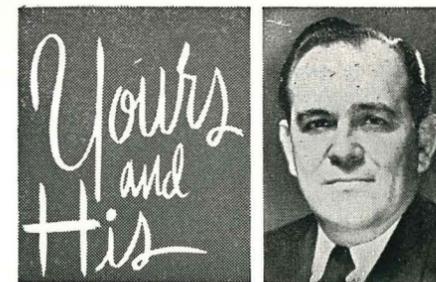
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Now, we begin the long pull of a new year—which, because we fell short this past year, is a steep climb in dollar-goal again—\$305,000 more than last year.

Yes, had we raised our full goal last year, it was planned to be \$250,000 more—but we must add the \$55,000 now, and confidently pray and plan and share from our church budgets from this minute on in order to have complete victory come next August 31.

We will do it this time. When this bold plan was being prayed down, we felt that it would take at least two years to really achieve it—and it looks like we may be correct in this guess.

Increase Your Giving

Every Baptist should increase his giving through his church. Most are making more. Therefore, if you give as God commands—"the tithe," or "as God has prospered you"—then you will give more. You earn more. You should give more—even if you have been a faithful tither all the time! But if you have never obeyed the Lord in tithing, start giving 10% of your income now—right into your local church!

Increase Your Sharing

Each church should increase its giving, too. God's people bring the tithes into "the storehouse," but the church must prayerfully decide what percent, what worthy part of the total gifts of the people shall be given through its denomination for winning 2,000,000,000 lost persons to life in Christ.

So, pray, think, decide to give at least 5% more of the total budget this year to the Cooperative Program.

Federal Funds for Church-related Schools Challenged in Law Suit

A top administration official has asked the Supreme Court to dismiss the appeal of a group of New York taxpayers who are challenging the constitutionality of certain expenditures under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Acting Solicitor General Ralph S. Spritzer moved to dismiss the appeal on grounds that the lawsuit challenged the ESEA "in the abstract" rather than on the local level as it specifically applies to a particular program.

The taxpayers, representing the American Jewish Congress, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the United Federation of Teachers and the United Parents Association, are seeking a ruling against the use of any public funds to aid church-related schools under the ESEA.

The appellants claim that federal funds have been used to finance guidance service and instruction in reading, writing and other subjects in religiously-operated schools.

They allege that if these expenditures are authorized by the ESEA then the statute to that extent constitutes a "law respecting an establishment of religion" and a law "prohibiting the free exercise thereof" in violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In a two to one decision, the District Court in New York dismissed the citizens' complaint, citing a 1923 Supreme Court ruling that federal taxpayers lack the legal standing to bring such court actions.

In dismissing the lawsuit, the lower court said that although the 1923 rule has been criticized, the case has never been overruled or limited by the Supreme Court.

The citizens claim that their appeal to the high court presents a single question: Do citizens and taxpayers of the U.S. have standing to challenge in the federal courts an expenditure of federal funds on the ground that it is in violation of the establishment and free exercise provisions of the First Amendment?

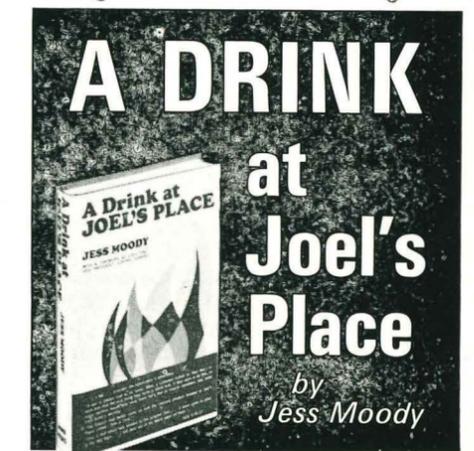
The lawsuit has significance, the appeal states, partly because it could be a key to the judicial resolution of a question of national importance—the constitutional application of certain parts of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Title I of the ESEA authorizes federal financial support for special educational programs for educationally-deprived children in areas where low income families are concentrated.

A section of the act includes the provision of special educational services (such as dual enrollment, educational radio and TV and mobile education services) for children enrolled in non-public schools.

U.S. Commissioner of Education Harold Howe, II, has said that the courts would have to clarify what federally-financed services could be given to students in church-related schools.

"Without court rulings," Howe said "federal and state education agencies will continue to have problems." (BP)



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(These Lessons for October 22, 1967)

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GOD DEMANDS RIGHTEOUS RELATIONSHIPS

The Israelites had been the recipients of God's providential care and blessings through the centuries, but because of their sins of disobedience their doom was sealed, unless they responded favorably to God's call to repentance.

Amos 5:12-15

Amos lived in a day when there was great prosperity, but also many evidences of moral and spiritual deterioration. There is such a surprising similarity between the shocking picture which Amos painted of his day and the conditions in our world today that one is prone to think that the prophet was describing the age in which we live. Amos denounced their sins of hating judgment, accepting bribes, oppressing the poor, perverting justice, and practicing idolatry, and then he foretold the inevitable and approaching judgment which was coming upon them.

Amos earnestly and urgently admonished the Israelites to repent, to turn away from the evil which they had cultivated with such assiduity, to turn to the good, to be zealous in seeking and doing good, and to establish righteousness in the hope that "it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious."

God will not manifest His presence and power in the midst of His people, nor in their behalf, when they are living in open sin. To do so would make Him a partner in their sins, and that He has always refused to be. God was longing for true righteousness in the daily lives of His people, and He still longs for the same. He will not accept prayers, church attendance or contributions of money as a substitute for obedience to Him. He is the God of absolute consistency.

Amos 6:1

A false sense of well-being characterized the Israelites because they thought they were secure behind the mountains of Samaria, much as we think we are safe because our country has atomic weapons. Those who had money and power gave themselves to selfish indulgence and dissipation, as many do today.

There was widespread unconcern in the days of Amos. Many suffered ill treatment, but no one seemed to care

about it. They were "at ease in Zion" while injustice and oppression stalked through the land. But it is never right for any people to be at ease when great needs exist. Satan magnifies the things which tend to encourage man to take his ease. But God through His prophet faithfully warned all men about the danger of drifting from God and the tragedy of being indifferent to the things of the Lord.

Amos 6:4-8

An inexcusable idleness prevailed in the land in the days of Amos (verse 4). Many were idle and living in luxury, forgetting that their blessings were given them for the welfare and service of others rather than for self-gratification. Prosperity never licenses extravagant living.

There was an impious use of music (verse 5). They used some of the in-

struments which David had devised for the praise of God for the gratification of their carnal nature. There was much disgraceful drunkenness (verse 6). In their debauchery they seized the large bowls from which the wine was served and drank out of them in order to get drunk quicker, thereby degrading themselves mentally and physically. They were blind to the afflictions of others (verse 6). When men turn away from God, they inevitably become self-centered and ignore the needs of others.

The consequences of their sins are enumerated in verses 7-8. One of them was the loss of their freedom. The ring-leaders in their transgressions were the first to be punished. Another consequence of their wickedness was that of being deprived of the provisions which they would need. Nobody could live as they did and expect to retain self-respect, the esteem of right-thinking people, and the blessing of God. God's holiness and justice made it necessary for them to be punished for their sins and their city to be destroyed.

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GOD'S WORSHIPER MUST BE GRATEFUL

The truths of God's ownership and man's stewardship are stamped indelibly on the pages of the Bible. As God's honored steward, man was to have dominion over God's creation and to develop it. From today's lesson we learn the value, importance and privilege of demonstrating our love for God through our faithfulness in using our substance in the support of His work.

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

Having been reminded that God is the source and the sustainer of life, the Israelites were taught that a real consciousness of God in their lives should give them an accompanying sense of their stewardship. They were instructed that their faithfulness in their stewardship would cause them to become the recipients of numerous blessings, but unfaithfulness on their part would deprive them of the blessings which they needed. One of the important elements

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in worship was the expression of their gratitude to God through the presentation and dedication of their gifts from hearts of true love.

On the part of the Israelites there was to be a grateful recognition of God as the source of all their mercies, under whose care their land produced bountifully. Also, they were to recognize themselves as His devoted servants who were obligated to worship Him faithfully, by bringing to Him the first tenth of their produce for use in His service.

Those who lived a considerable distance from Jerusalem were instructed to turn their produce into cash, which could be taken easily to the central place of worship and there be used appropriately in the light of the existing needs.

This second tithe was peculiarly the Lord's. Its first use was to provide a banquet for the offerers themselves. The guests might select such as pleased their taste. To this feast, in which the entire household shared, they were to invite the Levite, the stranger, the widow and the orphan, who were objects of charity. The occasion was to be characterized by joy.

II Corinthians 9:6-7

In teaching the Corinthians how they should support the work of the Lord, Paul likened the method of Christian giving to a farmer sowing his seed. If the farmer sows little, he can only expect to receive a little in return. If he sows much, he may rightfully expect to receive much in return. The harvest is determined by the measure of sowing.

God's children should give generously. If any Christian expects to enjoy God's favor and blessing, he must be faithful in the realm of his stewardship, and sow bountifully. God's children should give purposefully. They should not give in order to receive the praise of men, but because they love the Lord and are anxious to advance His work. Always

give with an eye singly to the glory of God.

God's children should give cheerfully, and not regretfully as though their gifts were being wrung from them. There is a real joy in the hearts of Christians who love Christ enough to give spontaneously and hilariously for the propagation of His gospel. Unfortunately, many have never experienced this.

Downtown Churches Not Serving Downtown, Study Says

A two-year study of 114 Southern Baptist churches in downtown areas of cities with 100,000 population or more has disclosed that the vast majority are not ministering to the needs of the people in the downtown area.

Results of the study, conducted jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board metropolitan missions department and the Baptist Sunday School Board church administration department, were released to the annual Southern Baptist Communications Conference, meeting at Nashville.

"The present church programs are not adequate in reaching and ministering to the people in the present inner-city area," declared the 259 page book reporting data of the study.

Challenges Not Met

"The downtown church is not meeting the challenge of the problems of poverty, mobility of members, loss of neighborhood pride, crime and delinquency, health conditions, and personal maladjustment," said the printed report.

Statistical data supporting this conclusion included such facts as: 82.8% of the churches answering the survey offer no ministry to Negro Baptists, 78.4% do not offer family counseling; 88.2% do not offer a child care clinic; 95.6% offer no medical care; 96.7% offer no pediatric counseling; and 82.4% offer no psychological counseling.

"The church is reaching those who do not fall under the description of economic difficulties," the report stated. "This would indicate 'selective evangelism'."

"It would seem that the local geographic community is being neglected while the church's evangelistic thrust is extended to other areas and people," the report said.

Other sections of the report indicated statistically that the churches surveyed are not reaching people who live in high

rise apartments, or senior adults.

The survey also disclosed that the downtown churches are "heavily dependent on secular agencies" to meet social needs of the people in the downtown area, especially on such groups as welfare, education, social clubs and other community activities.

"A few churches are cooperatively and effectively pooling their resources in providing community services, but the avenue of ministry through such comparative efforts is wide open.

"More of the churches are learning of the availability of community resources provided by various agencies and institutions and are engaging in a program of referral," the report added.

Downtown Baptist churches have used long-range planning only sparingly, the report also concluded on the basis of data compiled.

The problems of the downtown church are complicated because, said the report "the heavy work load of the pastor and staff is a major factor in its ability to minister effectively to the needs of its immediate environment."

Although the study discloses that 47 per cent of the pastors surveyed felt that the downtown church was "standing still," more than 72 per cent said that they definitely did not see reloca-

tion as a likely topic for discussion in the foreseeable future.

"Since the downtown church expects to remain a permanent ministry in the central business district, with only a small minority choosing to relocate, the downtown church will continue to conduct inadequate programs unless adjustments are made," the study stated.

On the basis of the data, it appears that "survival is a major concern of the downtown church," said the study.

The downtown church pastors felt that the major problem of the downtown church was "church members moving away from the community." (BP)

Minor's Lane Pioneers Win Baseball Tournament

The pioneer Royal Ambassadors of Minor's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, were first-place winners in this year's pioneer division baseball league of Long Run Association.

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Church Development

Vance Vernon to Lead Administration Conference

by G. R. Pendergraph

Vance Vernon, consultant, church administration department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be leading one of the conferences to be held on church administration at Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, on Monday, October 23; the Central Baptist Church, Lexington, Tuesday, October 24; First Baptist Church, Henderson, Thursday, October 26, and the Eddyville Baptist Church on Friday, October 27.



Vernon

Before coming to the church administration department at the Sunday School Board, Vernon had served as a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil since 1946.

The emphasis during the conferences will be on the church council. There will be one session in the afternoon for pastors and any others who wish to attend and a session at night for members of the church council. So, please bear this in mind as you make your calendar for the month of October.

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by Eugene F. Quinn

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Lloyd Cornell Named Murray Campus Minister

by J. Chester Durham

We are pleased to announce that Lloyd Cornell has assumed the position as Baptist campus minister at Murray State University. Cornell will direct the Baptist student program for the more than 2,000 Baptist students on this campus. There are over 7,000 students enrolled at this university.



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excellent service.

A native of Georgia, he received the BA degree from Stetson University in 1954 and graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1960. He did his major work in pastoral psychology and New Testament. From 1954 to 1956 he was pastor of the church at Ferndale, Florida. During 1958-59 he served as executive director of the Interracial Fellowship of Baptist Students throughout the South and East. During 1959 and 1960, he served as a youth director.

In 1960 Cornell was appointed to the U.S. Naval chaplaincy. He served in this capacity until 1966. His last duty while in the Navy was assignment to the Officers Training School (Marine) in Quantico, Virginia. While there his work was with young men in training to become officers.

During 1966 and until September 1, 1967, he served as a social worker at Wesley House. He also served a mission of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

The new Murray campus minister is married to Masako Kogachi of Hawaii. They met and were married while they were both attending Southern Seminary. The Cornells have one son, Michael Shawn, age four.

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