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"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving . . ." Psalm 100:4a

# BAPTIST VIEWpoll

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## No Consensus Of Baptist Leaders On Reorganizing Annual SBC Meet

By Kenneth Hayes

In the Baptist VIEWpoll's latest survey, a representative panel of pastors and Sunday School teachers failed to agree on suggestions for reorganizing the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting.

Responding to indications that some are dissatisfied with the convention's annual meeting as it is now structured, VIEWpoll posed this question to the representative panel: "The suggestion has been made that the large annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting has become unworkable because of size and complexity. Several suggestions for reorganization have been offered. Please indicate the one suggestion... which seems most practical to you." Six alternatives were listed from which one choice was made.

The largest portion of pastors, 31 percent, felt that "a further limiting of the number of messengers" was the best solution suggested, but only 20.5 percent of the teachers liked this suggestion.

The largest portion of teachers, 32.9 percent, countered that the "election of representatives from various states to conduct convention business" appealed most to them. However, only 8.0 percent of the pastors liked this suggestion.

"A general meeting every other year" was found to be attractive to 12.9 percent of the pastors and 10.7 percent of the teachers.

The suggestion that "a convention of simultaneous state meetings connected by closed circuit television be held" had little appeal for 6.9 percent of pastors and 8.9 percent of teachers.

"None of the above suggestions seem practical" to 17.8 percent of the pastors

and 5.2 percent of the Sunday School teachers.

The fact that 23.4 percent of the pastors and 21.8 percent of the teachers would express no opinion on the matter of reorganization would tend to indicate either a reluctance to reveal their true feelings, a lack of prior consideration of or desire for reorganization or inability to know how to constructively deal with the situation.

Write-in suggestions for reorganization included regional meetings only, regional meetings with periodic general conventions and seating of messengers only.

Current VIEWpoll findings are based on 92 percent response of the panel members.

## Convention Theme Picked For 1971

The theme for the 1971 session of the Southern Baptist Convention has been selected by the denomination's committee on order of business.

The theme for the convention program will be, "The Spirit of Christ," according to Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and chairman of the committee.

The convention will meet at Kiel Auditorium in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, June 1-4, 1971.

The theme for the 1971 convention will be in keeping with the overall denominational program planning themes for the period, 1969-73. (BP)

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## Is God Obsolete?

Ephesians 2:12-16

Someone said recently, "With modern technology and modern education, we not only know what our problems are, but we know how to solve them." A Christian standing close by responded saying, "Do you know how to solve the problem of death, the greatest of all human problems?" To which the gentleman hung his head. He had no answer.

The Psalmist says, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" (Psalm 14:1). Most of us realize that man is a tricotomy. We have a mind that needs to be trained, we have a body that needs to be developed, and we have a spirit that needs fulfillment which can be found only through a personal relationship with a living God.

For the moment, let us defer any spiritual needs with respect to sin and salvation and think in the realm of daily personal needs of our souls. Many people live in physical comfort but they endure personal misery. Can the materialistic and intellectual accomplishments of our day dry the tears from our eyes? Can these things mend a broken heart? Can a light fixture drive away the gloom of loneliness? Can an air conditioner produce an atmosphere of love and understanding? Can the instruments that guide space ships guide our lives until their ultimate destiny in God's plan? I think each of us would say "no."

So then we turn once again to the initial question, "Is God obsolete?" Has science brought us to this advanced place? Even science necessarily deals with cause and effect and regardless of the glorious effects of science, what are the causes? Don't we need to say with the Psalmist of old, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or even thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God." "O Lord, our lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth."

Front page shows assembly hall entrance at Glorieta Assembly.

## Political Manipulations Mix Religion, Politics

In a political maneuver that may give some Senators voter appeal to their constituents, the U.S. Senate finally approved (50 to 20) a constitutional prayer amendment which none of them can reasonably expect to pass the full Congress.

Senator Howard H. Baker (Republican, Tennessee), son-in-law of the late Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, attached the so-called "Dirksen Amendment" to the Women's Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. This was done two days before recess for the election campaign. The vote was taken one day before the recess with almost no debate.

Prior to that the Senate approved another amendment to the women's equal rights proposal which would guarantee that nothing in the women's rights measure would require drafting of women into the armed forces if Congress did not choose to draft them.

Both actions of the Senate virtually killed the women's equal rights amendment, according to many Washington observers. Here is the way it works.

The House of Representatives passed by a two-thirds vote a proposed constitutional amendment that says: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." The proposal then went to the Senate for hearings, debate and vote.

It is important to remember that the women's equal rights amendment is opposed both by Representative Emanuel Celler (Democrat, New York), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and by Senator Sam J. Ervin (Democrat, North Carolina), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional rights. The amendment was bottled up in the House judiciary com-

mittee by its chairman until it was forced to the floor of the House of Representatives by the rarely used discharge petition. This procedure almost always incurs the hostility of the committee chairman involved.

The procedure in the Senate was different. After reaching the Senate floor the women's equal rights amendment was attacked by attaching other amend-

By W. Barry Garrett

ments to it. This forces the revised amendment to a conference committee composed of representatives of both houses of Congress, to iron out differences between versions of similar bills before sending back an identical bill to be voted upon by both houses.

It is inevitable that strong opponents both to the women's equal rights amendment and to the prayer amendment will be appointed to serve on the conference committee. This committee in turn will either keep the entire proposal bottled up until Congress adjourns for the session or until a compromise is reached that is acceptable to all parties.

In the event that the proposal is kept in committee until adjournment, then the entire legislative process must be started over again with the new Congress in 1971. In the event a compromise is reached, it is likely that all extraneous amendments will be shucked off and the original simplified version would prevail, but this is an unlikely event.

In either case the Dirksen Prayer Amendment would most likely be the first victim of the delay or side-tracking procedure and would not see the light of day again in this session of

Congress. At the same time the politicians can appear before the voters and tell how they supported the Prayer Amendment to the Constitution. Politicians always do their best to appear to be on the side of God, of righteousness and of religion so as not to offend the good people who send them back to Congress.

Little does Mr. Average Voter realize that his emotions are being appealed to, rather than his good judgment. Little does he realize that religion is being used as a political tool for political purposes in such maneuverings.

In the process, truth goes out the window and the voter hears what the politician thinks he wants to hear. For instance, Senator Baker in a press release after the Dirksen Amendment was approved said: "A majority of the Supreme Court held in 1961 that voluntary nondenominational prayer in public schools was a violation of the ban against 'the establishment of religion' contained in the First Amendment to the Constitution."

The direct opposite to this is pointed out by Senator Ervin in his speech to the Senate opposing the Dirksen Amendment. Ervin said: "I think the present amendment is wholly unnecessary, because there is nothing in the school prayer cases which holds that the First Amendment outlaws voluntary prayers in the schools; and therefore we are attempting to circumvent a decision of the Supreme Court which has never been rendered."

Ervin further says: "there is no Supreme Court case, and I venture to guess, no case in any American court, which bans prayer in public buildings."

The Dirksen Amendment that was approved by the Senate would provide: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

Senator Ralph Yarborough (Democrat, Texas) opposed the Dirksen Amendment and said that it "poses a major threat to religious freedom in America."

Yarborough said that "this amendment would seemingly limit prayers in public buildings to 'nondenominational prayers.'" He then pointed out that it would be necessary for the government to determine which would be a denominational or nondenominational prayer.

This, Yarborough continued, would put the government in the business of determining what would be acceptable prayer or unacceptable prayer in public schools. Thus, he concluded, the Dirksen Amendment would abridge and limit the broad religious freedom of the Bill of Rights. (BP)

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

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Questions About A Far Reaching Recommendation

The Kentucky Baptist Executive Board and Convention should take a long, careful and hard look before beginning a service for the aged, even on a trial basis, at Pine Crest Children's Home at Morehead. This is the contingent recommendation IV on pages 10 and 11 of the October 10 *Western Recorder* issue.

The Child Care Board is to be commended for its responsiveness and approach to the request of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board in making a feasibility study concerning the use of one of its present facilities to begin a ministry to the aged on a trial basis. Those making the study are able men and obviously took their task seriously and the statement of their proposal and Child Care Superintendent Deusner's explanation in the October 10 issue of the *Western Recorder* are also commendable.

However, there are questions which must be satisfactorily answered and eventualities which must be clearly understood before this recommendation is approved. The purpose of this editorial is to raise some of these questions in order that Executive Board members and convention messengers might have time to think about them and be better prepared to discuss and vote on the proposal.

All the questions and considerations in such a far reaching proposal cannot be raised in the limits of one editorial but here are several.

Is it wise

Is it wise for Kentucky Baptists to expand their institutional ministry at this time? There is no doubt of the need for a program of care for the aged but have we not waited too long? With the growing concern and care of the aged by state and federal governments, and the mushrooming of first class facilities for the aged being built all over Kentucky by private and commercial groups, do we really need to go into this business now any more than we need to build a new college in light of expanding state educational facilities? Isn't the trend among Baptists today to limit rather than increase their institutional ministries?

The report is surely correct in saying there has been a constant plea and almost a ground swell among Kentucky Baptists for the Convention to do something about a program for the aged. This editor in years past has been among those feeling we have neglected this ministry, but now I ask, isn't it too late?

One answer to this question will be that Kentucky

Baptists can render a spiritual ministry in their homes for the aged while the state or private homes have no such concern. This is to be considered and if it ever comes to the point that pastors cannot visit their members in these state or private homes, we should do something about it or build our own. As it now is, however, I know of no home for the aged in Kentucky where a pastor is not allowed to visit his members who are there and, in most of the homes for the aged I have visited, pastors are not only welcome but Sunday School classes or even worship services properly scheduled and conducted are welcomed.

Besides, which gives a pastor in western Kentucky, for example, a better and more frequent opportunity to visit a church member in a home for the aged, a home in his own community or one a few miles away or a Baptist home in Morehead?

Can we provide quality facilities for the aged more economically than commercial institutions? Surely if we are to go into this ministry, our facilities must be of equal or superior quality to the commercial facilities. We already have some staff members in our child care ministry who are qualified to perform in this new ministry, but it would seem the only way we could offer a much more economical price would be for the Kentucky Baptist Convention to subsidize this ministry. In fact, the proposal as presented says if the trial program proves financially feasible, appropriate permanent financial support will be sought from the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

This leads to the next question. Where would this "appropriate financial support" come from? Are we not already loaded, if not overloaded, with Kentucky Baptist institutions, agencies and programs which are inadequately supported financially? At least crying towels are the order of the day when the heads of most of the Kentucky Baptist Building departments, our existing institutions and agencies talk about their financial needs.

Others experience

Another important question is what has been the experience of other Baptist state conventions which have gone into this ministry? Have these states found this ministry self-supporting or has it required a slice of Cooperative Program funds? Surely the committee will be prepared to support this recommendation with verified reports of success in this ministry by other state groups.

Is Pine Crest at Morehead the place to begin this

experiment? In many ways surely it is. If I were aged and without someone else to care for me and were able to walk enough to enjoy the beauty and remoteness of this region, especially if a fish stocked lake were a part of its facilities, I would try to walk from Louisville to Morehead to apply. However, a metropolitan area would seem to offer more advantages for such a project.

Also, 50 is the maximum number that can be cared for at Pine Crest during this trial period and these only after some rather extensive reconversion of existing facilities. Since Baptists all over Kentucky will qualify for application, doubtlessly more than 50 aged Baptists will apply the first month we open for business. More likely hundreds will want to be accepted the first year. Those 50 accepted for the trial period will not necessarily be the first 50 who apply but the qualified staff which the Child Care Board already has will carefully screen the applicants in order to accept those who best fit the program. What will those say who are rejected on really valid grounds and what will the churches from which they come say? The rejection of some will be necessary and the reasons understood by some Baptists but not by the masses of Baptists.

Can it be self-supporting

Could this ministry be self-supporting as the proposal suggests? Surely it could be if we charged what the commercial homes charge but not if we take those who have only what maximum old age assistance provides. And what kind of criticism could we expect if we rejected some who had not funds other than old age government assistance while accepting some who had the funds to pay the extra cost required for first class care?

The above possibilities lead to an all important question? Will this proposed ministry endanger the image which the Child Care Board now has? No Kentucky Baptist agency nor institution comes near having the good will and popular support which the Child Care Board has. A considerable number of churches

in Kentucky which gives nothing to the Cooperative Program nor to any other mission cause supported by Kentucky Baptists participate in the annual Thanksgiving Children's Homes special offering. What will happen to one of these churches or to any church the first time one of their aged members applies and is rejected?

There are other questions which could be asked but likely most readers haven't gotten this far in reading this editorial. Yet two more considerations must be raised which are very important.

One is that Kentucky Baptists, and especially the pastors and not just the Convention leadership, had better be sold on this project and ready to support it solidly before it is attempted. The Child Care Board realizes that without almost solid pastoral support, any project engaged in will have hard, if not impossible, going. Thus, a vote by the Executive Board and the Convention to approve this recommendation must be accompanied by a firm commitment to give it all out support.

The other thing is that such a far reaching step should be openly and thoroughly discussed before action is taken, especially in light of the fact that Baptists always seem to have a hard time stopping anything once started, whether it's successful or unsuccessful.

The editor regrets that the above questions were not raised in the October 17 issue instead of the October 24 issue so more discussion could have been carried on in the state paper prior to the Convention. This issue should be in the hands of our readers by October 21-23. Opinions on this recommendation (pro or con) which reach us by October 30 will be given as much space as possible in the *Western Recorder* issues prior to the Convention.

Finally, every reader need not be reminded that this is but one man's opinion and this editor has no more access to divine wisdom than any other Kentucky Baptist and he has been wrong in his conclusions on more than one occasion.

Guest Editorial

When A Sermon Hasn't A Chance

Sometimes the sermon hasn't a chance. It may have been wrought out of the preacher's deepest conviction, bathed in sweat of brow and brain, steeped in prayer and tears and delivered with holy unction, but with some folks in the congregation, it is a case of "pouring water on a duck." It doesn't penetrate.

No sermon has a chance with a closed mind. If prejudice has priority, or if a week of shady business activity has throttled the conscience the sermon is not likely to get beneath the surface. If a businessman mentally carries his ledger into the pew with him the sermon will have to stay out. Many a sermon is dissipated on encountering a person who comes to church merely as a social diversion. It cannot get into a heart

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that already is filled to overflowing with something else.

The good housewife who sits through a worship service wondering how the

Sunday dinner is coming out is not giving the sermon its full chance and will go on her way when the benediction is pronounced little better for her coming. The hearer is a part of the sermon, and may enhance it or destroy it. If the sermon is to have a real chance there must be preparation for it.

The debris must be cleared from mind and heart and the sermon must be given a sympathetic response. Its need must be felt, and it must be received as God's message. The man in the pew, the man in the pulpit, "Speak for thy servant hearth." It is the duty of the worshipper to give the sermon a chance.

## Heilman Says —

# "Colleges Better Off Than Ever Before"

"Christian Education has been the overwhelming influence in higher education throughout the history of America," E. Bruce Heilman, president of Meredith College in North Carolina, told a seminar of Kentucky Baptists meeting at various Kentucky Baptist schools October 5-9.

He stated, "It has never been inexpensive and has always been controversial with some of its constituents. In many ways Christian education has been in its past what it is today.

"The church-related college is better off today in almost every way than ever before, but that's not easily understood because at the same time weaknesses and shortcomings of these small colleges are more clearly seen by people who are more sophisticated, knowledgeable, concerned and oriented to action."

President Heilman observed that Christian colleges were founded on the premise that education should be a spiritual as well as an intellectual attainment and that moral character as well as culture, knowledge and skill is essential to that making of a truly successful life.

In his concluding remarks, the speaker stated, "True scholarship is based on certain qualities of mind and heart such as integrity, maturity, character,

freedom from bias, concern for others and independent judgment. Such characteristics have been described as the 'effective side of life'."

Denominational leaders, college educators, students and lay leaders from throughout Kentucky participated in the second annual Christian Education Seminar at Georgetown, Cumberland and Campbellsville colleges and Clear Creek Baptist School.

The seminars were developed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's education committee a year ago as a means of better informing supporters and leaders as well as opening up dialogue between the campuses and the sponsoring churches.

The seminarians heard from the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Sydney Maddox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He talked of the traditional ties of the colleges and schools to the Baptist convention, noting the interdependence of one to the other.

School presidents addressed the groups at luncheons. Each one noted steps taken in recent months to develop new resources of support. They called attention to the most recent signs of encouragement provided by gifts through the annual funds and bequests.

## Eastern European Evangelism Confab Features Kentuckian

A former Kentucky Baptist pastor played a prominent role in the first Baptist evangelism conference ever to meet in eastern Europe. The six day meeting, held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, drew 85 Czechoslovakians along with approximately 30 participants from other eastern European countries.

Louis A. Drummond, former pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, now instructor in evangelism at Spurgeon's College (Baptist) in London, England, preached at the public worship services each evening and on Sunday following the conference.



The services, attended by 400 to 500 people, were translated into the Czech language. Most daytime sessions were heard in three languages—Czech, German and English.

Addresses and discussions revolved mainly around the study of the New Testament and examples of evangelism activities under present conditions in eastern European lands.

It was agreed that the churches must accept the social situations found in their countries and seek God's answers for their people under existing conditions, according to conference director and chairman Gunter Wieske as quoted by European Baptist Press Service. Wieske is head of evangelism for the Baptist Union of Norway and the European Baptist Federation.

Several evangelism services open to the public were held in a Baptist church while the conference was underway. Several decisions for Christ were reported in each service.

The largest representation from outside Czechoslovakia came from the DDR (East Germany), which sent 11 pastors. Smaller delegations came from Yugoslavia, Russia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania.



### Retirement ministry

Gaines S. Dobbins was the speaker for the J. B. and Ada Weatherspoon Week of Applied Christianity October 11-14 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville.

The emphasis was on the church's ministry to the aging. The need of senior citizens in sickness and in health received consideration under the direction of this outstanding example of the useful senior citizen. Dobbins retired at 70 as dean of the school of religious education at Southern Seminary, then went to Golden Gate Seminary in California for 10 years to build a school of religious education there; and now, in his 80's, he is chaplain of a rest home in Birmingham — and Mrs. Dobbins is a resident. During his "retirement" he has done some of his most creative and effective work. He was my favorite seminary teacher.

### Facing retirement

Every month someone else in Kentucky Baptist life enters retirement, with its new problems and challenges. For those with good health, the prospect of continued usefulness is good. In fact, some of the best work among us is done by men in retirement with a rich background of successful ministry and work — who can measure the work of Lewis C. Ray, O. W. Yates or William H. Curl — just for three examples of preachers? The same can be said of laymen, teachers, etc.

### Executive board policy

The Executive Board recently adopted a policy of voluntary retirement from 60 on and mandatory retirement on the 65th birthday.

Mrs. George R. Ferguson retired on September 30 as executive secretary of Kentucky WMU and was succeeded by Miss Kathryn Jasper.

Several missionaries, including Reed Rushing of Russellville who served Logan and Bethel Associations through October 5.

Come August 2, 1972, I will come to mandatory retirement as your executive secretary-treasurer, providing the Lord extends the gift of life and the privilege of serving you to that date. Others soon to retire from the board are A. W. Walker and Marvin Byrdwell.

### Best is yet to be

With Robert Browning in Rabbi Ben Ezra, we say "Our times are in His hand who said, 'A Whole I planned'." See all, nor be afraid.

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## Staff Changes

Bob Curtis has resigned as associate minister of the Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, Indiana. He began his duties there October 4.



Curtis

A native of Louisville, Curtis is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Sherry Lynne Basham of Louisville. They have two children, Tanya, age four, and Todd, age two.

Bill Hart, a New York state native, has assumed the duties of minister of music at the Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. Prior to coming to Owensboro, Hart served as interim minister of music at the Central Baptist Church, Corbin. He was also director of the Corbin High School band and choir.

Hart is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music Preparatory Department and the University of Louisville school of music.

Gary K. Sharp, minister of education and youth at Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, has resigned to become pastor of the Northview Baptist Church of that city.



Sharp

Sharp is a 1967 graduate of Southern Seminary. He completed his college education at Cumberland College.

Sharp and his wife are both natives of Whitney County. The couple has one child, a daughter 10 months old.

Donald Lancaster of Campbellsville has been called as pastor of Russell Height Baptist Church in Columbia.

Lancaster is married to the former Geneva Hogan. They have three children, Cynthia, age 8, Debbie, age 6, and Bobby, age 4.

John G. Penick, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, since 1965, has resigned, effective October 4, to become pastor of the Northgate Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. The church is

located adjacent to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Penick, a native of Tennessee, is a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary. He has served churches in Tennessee and Texas and, before accepting the Leitchfield church, was pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Henderson.

Charles G. Simmons accepted the call to the pastorate of the New Palestine Baptist Church near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in Christian County Association. He began his ministry there on September 6, 1970.

Other pastorates Simmons has held include the Baker Baptist Church, Ohio River Association; Grangertown Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association; and Hamlet Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

While serving as pastor of the Hamlet Church, Simmons was president of the Pastors' Conference and treasurer of the Marshall County Baptist hour.

Simmons is married to the former Roma Riley of Melber, Kentucky. The couple has three children: Rickey Dale, 14; Tonya Keenan, 6; and Jerry Swen, 20 months old.

Kentuckian John G. Mitchell has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant in vocational guidance.

Mitchell will be responsible for consultation, counseling and training services in vocation guidance, Bill Clemmons, director of the Southern Baptist program of vocational guidance, said.

Mitchell earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He also holds a bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary.

## Lackey, Clinard Headline 'Briefing'

The recently named leader of the Stewardship Commission for Southern Baptists has been selected to speak to over 400 Kentucky Baptist leaders at the Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Associational Officers' Briefing Meeting, October 30-31.

James V. Lackey, who was recently named the Stewardship Commission's executive director and treasurer, previously served as the chief staff assistant to the Stewardship Commission since 1962. A native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, Lackey will deliver the closing message at the briefing meeting. Gordon Clinard, recently elected professor of evangelism at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, will also speak.

Registration for the two-day meet begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30. The sessions close with a box lunch at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 31.

Besides the general conference peri-

Mitchell has served as pastor of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Auburn; Lafayette and Sanders Baptist churches, all in Kentucky.

Jerry J. Ennis became pastor of the



Ennis

First Baptist Church, Walton, October 4. To accept that post he resigned as pastor of Hillsboro Baptist Church, Versailles. He graduated from Georgetown College in May of this year.

Ennis is married to the former Sherry Wallace, daughter of Burlington Baptist Church pastor Robert Wallace.

Gary Garland began his duties as minister of music and education at Hopewell Baptist Church in Jefferson-town on October 6. Garland came to the Hopewell church from Reidland Baptist Church in Paducah. Garland is a graduate of Murray State University school of music.

James R. Parker, former pastor of Arjay Baptist Church, Bell Association, has accepted the call to be pastor of the South Fork Baptist Church, Owen Association. Parker is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He began his new pastorate October 4.

Euin E. Hall has resigned as pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Caldwell Association to accept the pastorate of the Elk Lick Baptist Church in Logan County Association. He will assume his new duties on November 1, 1970.



Lackey



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ods led by these two guest speakers, there will be two group conference periods for associational moderators, missionaries and clerks, and directors of Sunday School, Training Union, Women's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Music. Also, conferences will be provided for associational committee chairmen of evangelism, stewardship, missions and library.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burkwall



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall

## Three Kentucky Couples Among FMB Appointees

Three Kentucky couples were among 15 persons appointed missionaries during the October 13 meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The commissioning service took place in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham of Cox's Creek were appointed to work in Peru where he will do evangelistic work. A native of Tennessee, Graham has served as pastor of River View Baptist Church in Nelson County for almost two years. He was previously pastor of the Katherwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Graham expects to receive the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary in December.

Mrs. Graham is the former Jean Harrell of Montevallo, Alabama. She attended Alabama College and Samford University.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burkwall were appointed to do evangelistic work in Zambia. A student at Southern Seminary, Burkwall expects to receive his degree at the end of this semester. He currently serves as pastor of a Baptist church in Tobinsport, Indiana.

Mrs. Burkwall is the former Faye Stone of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She and her husband met in Nigeria where both were missionary journeymen for two years. He taught chemistry, general science and Bible to Nigerian students in a Baptist high school and she taught missionary children.

They decided as journeymen that they would continue in missionary vocations. He returned to the States in 1967 and enrolled at Southern Seminary; she returned in 1968 and studied there for a year before they were married.

Last year the Burkwalls were sum-

mer missionaries in Arizona for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hall of Jonesboro, Arkansas, were appointed to do social work in East Africa.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Hall holds the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary. He also holds a master of science in social work from the University of Tennessee school of social work.

While in Louisville, the Halls worked at the Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, a work sponsored by Long Run Association.

Hall has been with the Arkansas Department of Public Welfare for the past four years, first as a caseworker and later as a supervisor. Mrs. Hall (Geraldine) was an elementary teacher in the Louisville school system while her husband attended the seminary.

that meeting.

The trustees, however, defended their earlier decision by saying they "have always sought to act in the best interest of the college and the decision on March 5 to permit dancing as a part of the social program on the campus was considered as such..."

Carson-Newman president John Albert Fincher issued a statement explaining the reasons for the action. In part, his statement read:

"Carson-Newman college believes that most young people in this generation view dancing as a social rather than moral issue. The college does not feel that the principles upon which it was founded or its quality of education have been sacrificed or impaired by permitting social dancing on campus." (BP)

## Tennessee School Scored Over Dancing

Trustees of Carson-Newman College, a Baptist school in Jefferson City, Tennessee, which has been strongly criticized by churches in the state for allowing social dancing on the campus, has asked the Tennessee Baptist Convention "to study the social program" of all Baptist schools in the state.

Trustees at Carson-Newman have been under fire from Baptists in the state ever since they voted seven months ago to approve social dancing "as a part of the total social program scheduled on campus."

Since then, the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has voted to request the Carson-Newman trustees to reconsider their decision,

about 100 churches in the state have requested that their share of Cooperative Program budget funds allocated to Carson-Newman be withheld so long as the dancing policy is in effect.

The resolution adopted by the Carson-Newman trustees requested Tennessee Baptist Convention president Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leewood Baptist Church in Memphis, to appoint a committee "to study the social program of our Baptist school and propose guidelines which would apply to all."

The resolution adopted by the trustees acknowledged that the school had complied with the request of the state Baptist executive board of May 12 by not scheduling dances on campus since

## People And Places

**First Baptist Church, Madisonville**, observed its centennial anniversary with a week long celebration October 4-11. Special speakers included former pastor Harold Tallant, now of Louisville, and Gaye McGlothlin of Nashville on Sunday, October 4. The next Wednesday evening, KBC president Sid Maddox, brought a special message. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC executive committee, and James Hatley of Memphis, Tennessee, delivered special messages on Sunday, October 11. Pastor of the church is Harold Purdy. He first served the church between 1942-46. He returned to Madisonville as pastor of the church in 1964.

**Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, Hazard**, recently presented a 15 year perfect Sunday School attendance pen to Bill Burke. The presentation was made by Sunday School director Jack Nidiffer. Others receiving pens were Miss Donna Edwards and Ishmael Stacey, both for five years.

A resolution of respect has been adopted by the **Woman's Missionary Union of Rock Lick Baptist Church, Somerset**, to the memory of Mrs. Sylvia Fay Taylor, wife of the church pastor Virthel Taylor. Mrs. Taylor died September 11.

Mike Watts, pastor of the **First Baptist Church, Albany**, reports an encouraging response to the mission services sponsored by the Albany church at Cumberland Lake this summer. This is the second summer the Albany church has sponsored services during the summer for vacationers at the lake.

An average of over 43 persons at-

tended each service this year which was an increase over the attendance of last year's services. A total of over 550 persons attended one or more of the services and there were open decisions for the first time.

Worshippers for the services included persons from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Florida.

Pastor Watts says the laymen who helped in the services were inspired and that plans are already on the way to sponsor services next year with an enlarged outreach.

An idea which has been in the thinking of the Brotherhood of the **Watson Lane Baptist Church** for at least seven years has become a reality. This is a basketball court constructed on the church grounds for the youth.

Pastor John A. Cain reports that the delay in construction was fortunate in a way since the basketball court as now constructed can be easily converted for volley ball and tennis.

Funds for the project came from contributions by Brotherhood members and from various projects sponsored by the Brotherhood. Contributions also came from persons outside the church and from at least one leading business concern.

Pastor Cain says he believes these new recreational facilities will mean much to the church and the community.

The **Reynierson-Frenz Scholarship** has been established by the **Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville**, in recognition of many years faithful service in the music ministry of that church by Mrs. Merlyn Reynierson and Mrs. Mary Frenz. Mrs. Reynierson was organist for 39 years, from the constitution of the church until her retirement in 1966. Mrs. Frenz has been church pianist for many years. The church made the initial contribution to the fund which will go to a Lexington Avenue college student who wishes to study music as a full time vocation. It will be administered by special committee appointed for this purpose.

**Livermore Baptist Church** has purchased a bus to begin a bus ministry as of November 1. According to church pastor James H. Mayes, plans call for covering the entire city and outlying areas with a bus ministry. Charles Jarvis will serve as bus pastor. Others working in the bus ministry include Elmo Turner, Douglas Wallace, Doug Lynn, John Hocker and Marshall Hatfield.

Miss Minnie Patterson was recognized Sunday evening, October 11, for nearly 65 years of service as secretary of the Sunday School of **Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown**.

On January 14, 1906, Miss Patterson



**KENTUCKIAN ABROAD** — The SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, is sending Betty Jean Chatham (Mrs. Donald) as one of the concert artists to advertise the upcoming Baptist East African crusades. She will perform in two East African countries, Kenya and Tanzania. Concerts are also scheduled in Rome, Barcelona and Madrid. Also, Broadman Press has recently released a book of piano arrangements by Mrs. Chatham for church use. It is entitled "Gospel Song Favorites for the Piano." The Chathams are members of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

accepted this place of responsibility and through the years has served faithfully. Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor, in presenting a Bible as a gift of appreciation, said, "I know of no other person who has served so long or so well in any position in the church."

The recognition was a part of a Leadership Dedication service in which all elected workers of the church and of the Bible teaching, church training, mission education and music education programs of the church pledged their best to God and to one another as they began a new year of work.

**James Daniel**, pastor of the Fairdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has been promoted to the rank of major as a chaplain in the United States Army Reserves. For the past four years he has been hospital chaplain, 5010th Army Hospital.



Daniel is a graduate of infantry OCS, airborne school, ranger school and the associate infantry officers career course. Southern Seminary awarded him the master of divinity degree in 1968.



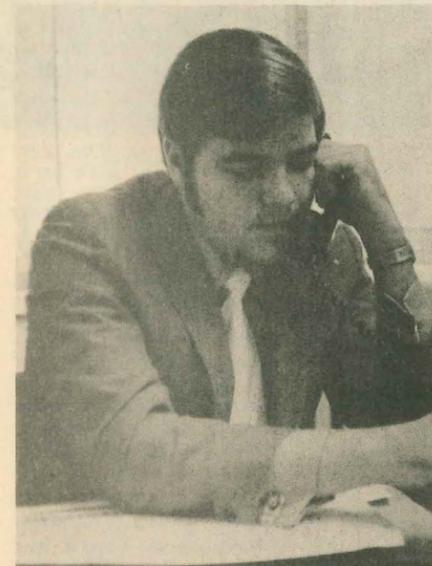
**ATTENDANCE AWARDS** — The **Nolynn Baptist Church, Hodgenville**, recently presented Mrs. Melvin Fieftz and her son, Edward, with a 21 year perfect Sunday School attendance pen. Larry Meadors is pastor of the Nolynn church.

# Campbellsville College Drops "Required" Chapel

Campbellsville College has abolished its long standing required chapel rule for students. Beginning September 23, chapel attendance by students is voluntary.

The first voluntary chapel was attended by 27 professors and administrative staff members along with approximately 70 students, according to the student newspaper, *The College Echo*.

John R. Dorough, recently appointed public information and alumni officer for the college, is credited with leading



John Dorough works at desk

the movement to abolish the compulsory chapel attendance rule.

According to the student paper, Dorough first voiced his opposition to the rule while a junior at the college. The following year, as president of the Student Government Association, Dorough approached various faculty committees and administrative officers about the chapel attendance rule.

"Is it right to require worship of a God who desired free worship," he asked. When some answered "yes," Dorough changed his strategy by asking, "Is it working." He also noted the inconsistency between the college's catalog and the school policy. The catalog states that chapel attendance is an "indication of the student's desire to be a part of the spirit and custom." The rule stated "chapel attendance is required."

The student newspaper attributed to an anonymous source a statement saying discontent with required chapel had festered among some faculty members for several years. Fear of reprisals from the administration or other groups, the paper said, had kept them (faculty members) silent on the issue.

Campbellsville College president

Randy Davenport is reported to have considered abandoning the rule when he assumed the Campbellsville presidency approximately one year ago. However, he decided that a better decision could be made after viewing the situation for a time.

When the final decision was announced, Davenport termed it "a joint decision of the administrative council."

However, not everyone is happy with the decision. "Required chapel is one of the cornerstones on which this institution was founded," the paper quoted one as saying. An unidentified faculty member is quoted as saying, "If required chapel ends, Campbellsville College will die."

Social science professor Jerry Kibbons, who argued in favor of the required chapel rule, stated, "We're go-

ing to be missing something from an educational standpoint. But I'll lend my support and work in the framework we have now."

In another action, president Davenport announced that 19 students had been added to 10 of the 13 college committees. Student committee members will have the right to participate in discussion as well as full voting power.

"It is our desire to involve student thought and leadership in a significant way in the affairs of the college. It is our hope that this may be accomplished through increased participation by students upon official committees of the college," president Davenport said.

Committees without student members are academic affairs, administrative council and teacher education committees.

## At Military Academies

# Compulsory Religion Opposed

Members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in semiannual session, expressed dismay over a recent ruling of a U.S. district court judge in Washington, D.C., upholding the practice of compulsory religion at the nation's military academies.

To register formally their protest, the committee asked the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee to prepare a friend-of-the-court brief to be filed in the court of appeals in which the principles of voluntarism and freedom of conscience would be enunciated.

Judge Howard F. Corcoran on the case, *Anderson v. Laird*, ruled in August that compulsory chapel or church attendance at the nation's three military academies has a "purely secular" purpose and that "its primary effect is purely secular."

The judge's opinion followed the line of Pentagon spokesmen who argued before the court last spring that the practice of compulsory religion at the academies is "an integral and necessary part" of the military's training package for officers.

In a study paper prepared by the staff for the Baptist Joint Committee, certain principles were cited which should be the basis for a stand Baptists might take on the controversial court decision.

Among these premises, spelled out in 1966 by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, are the following:

1. "Religion in the military must be in all respects a voluntary matter. . . ."

2. "The program must respect and provide for the religious plurality in American life, making no attempt to achieve conformity or to mold or mix

distinctive doctrines or worship practices.

3. "There must be recognition of the continuing and residual church responsibility of chaplains exercised by appropriate civilian religious authority.

4. "The religious content of the chaplaincy program is not properly a government responsibility nor is it the responsibility of senior supervisory chaplains who are military appointees in their supervisory capacity. . . ."

In light of the principles of the Baptist public affairs staff, certain questions must be faced by Baptists. These are:

1. Have the churches given permission to have the gospel used by the government for purely secular purposes?

2. Have individual chaplains allowed themselves to be used primarily as morale agents rather than for a religious ministry?

3. Is liturgy the best way to provide training in American religious heritage or would "free exercise" of religion be better?

4. At West Point, how can a Jew learn about Catholicism or Protestantism by attending only Jewish worship services?

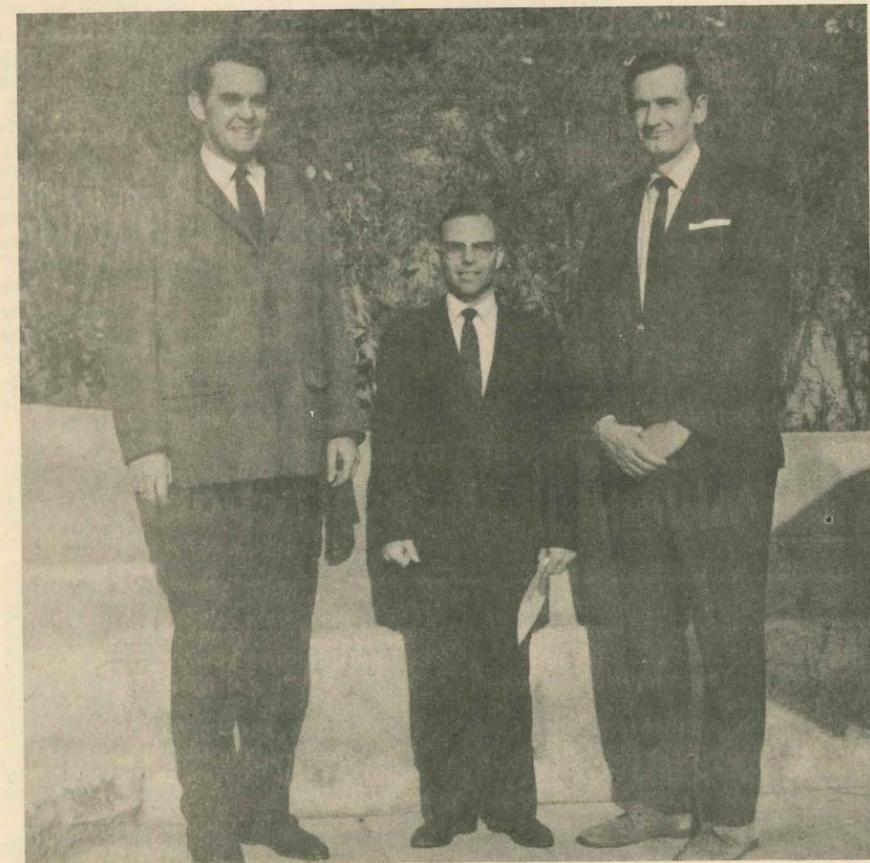
5. Does the military honestly fear that free worship will fragment the cadet corps and feel that compulsory religion will increase solidarity?

6. Can we help the religious climate of the nation at the moment and also educate our people as well as the military leaders on this issue?

7. What precautions should be taken to preserve the appropriate church-state relations which exist within the chaplaincy as an institution? (BP)



**NEW MEMBERS** — Black Baptists are welcomed into membership of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in Washington, D.C. C. Emanuel Carlson is executive director of the committee. Warren G. Magnuson of Chicago, right, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, is the new chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee. He is welcoming S. S. Hodges, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., into full participation in the work of the committee. The Progressive Baptist Convention is the ninth Baptist body in North America to sponsor the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.



**SPIRITUAL GIANTS, TALL AND SHORT** — According to one of their colleagues, these three missionaries to Brazil are all spiritual giants in spite of the contrast in height. R. Perry Ellis, left, 6 feet 10 inches, is currently studying the Portuguese language. Curtis L. Dixon, center, 5 feet 4 inches, is director of men's and boy's work in the state of Goias, Bellevue, Kentucky, native A. Kent Faris stands 6 feet 8 inches. A graduate of University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary, he does evangelistic work in the state of Espirito Santo. Dixon, more nearly the size of the average Brazilian has no trouble buying shoes and clothing in Brazil. The other two can obtain neither there. They suffer other discomforts as well: cars are small, beds in boarding houses and hotels are short and narrow, and the average doorway is 6 feet 4 inches.

## State Convention Begun

Messengers from Southern Baptist churches in Pennsylvania and South Jersey organized the 32nd Baptist state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention during an organizational meeting at Country and Town Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

The new state convention was organized with 60 churches, 15 missions and a total of 8,500 members.

Currently, the churches are affiliated with Ohio and Maryland conventions of Southern Baptists and will continue this relationship until the new Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention begins official operations on January 1, 1971.

Joe Waltz, executive secretary-treasurer of the new convention, said the convention is seeking to have 307 churches with 50,000 members by 1980. Waltz issued a challenge to reach an immediate goal of 30 new mission chapels, 2,200 new members and 1,400 converts (baptisms) in 1971. (BP)

## 84-Year-Old Church Calls Pastor, 84

An 84-year-old Baptist church has called as its pastor an 84-year-old minister and neither is considering retirement.

A. E. Prince, 84, is the new pastor of the Water Tower Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri.

He assumed the pastorate October 4 for the second time in his life. Prince was pastor of the church from 1966-68.

Writing a letter to the editor of the *Illinois Baptist*, a state where Prince has served previously as pastor, the new pastor observed:

"When a dog bites a man, that is not news. When a man bites a dog, that is news. In these days, when churches are seeking pastors under 35 to 40 years of age, it is news when an 84-year-old church calls an 84-year-old man as pastor.

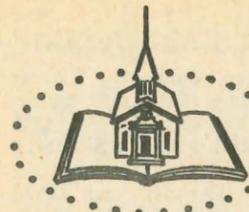
"This is even more interesting when he has been pastor there before," Prince observed.

Prince has had a colorful career as Baptist pastor, evangelist, educator and author. (BP)

## Seminary Official Dies

Wade H. Bryant, minister of visitation for the Northminister Baptist Church and former president of the Virginia Baptist General Association, died October 3 at the age of 72.

Bryant had been pastor of Clemson University Baptist Church, among others. He was a former member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board and chairman of the board of Southern Seminary, Louisville.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for November 1, 1970)

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## Using Our Freedom For Others

(NOTE: Galatians 5:25 - 6:10, 14-16 constitutes the passage for study in the Life and Work Series and Galatians 6:1-10 is the one in the International Series, so the comments below may be studied for either lesson.)

After writing about the ninefold fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is entirely beyond the power of man to produce, Paul challenged his Christian readers to put into practice the things known to be right and which should be done. Whatever is good in the life of any Christian can be traced to the Holy Spirit. Those who truly yield to Him and show due consideration for others are happy in and enriched by their relationships with other Christians.

After dealing with doctrine in a splendid manner, Paul here turns to the matter of Christian duty. He makes it clear that profession and practice should be in hearty agreement. He also shows what the attitude of believers toward one another ought to be.

In the first verse of this chapter Paul sets forth the duty of a Christian toward one who is guilty of a breach of conduct. When a believer yields to temptation and is guilty of wrongdoing, a true Christian has a splendid opportunity to prove the genuineness of his spirituality by his attitude and behavior toward the fallen one. Rather than rejoicing over the fact that he has fallen into sin or displaying an arrogant spirit toward him, it is the duty of the Christian to deal sympathetically, carefully and meekly with him, both for the sake of the offender and lest he find himself in a similar position.

If a believer in Christ falls into sin, he needs to be restored to fellowship with his Lord and with his fellow-Christians. The word "restore" is a sur-

gical term, which means "to reset." The thought is that such a "dislocated" person is spiritually out-of-joint. The process of "resetting" or "restoring" is a delicate one. It requires such skill that only those who are spiritual should attempt the task.

When a believer in Christ falls into some old habit or besetting sin, our Christian duty is to speak to him about it, pointing out the evil of it and emphasizing the provision which God has made whereby forgiveness may be received and the life may be transformed. This should be done in a kind and prayerful manner with a view to leading him to forsake his sin, to renew his fellowship with God and to appropriate unto himself the strength which the Lord offers him to live victoriously.

Sooner or later, every person has burdens. There is an endless variety of burdens — physical, mental, social and spiritual. Recognizing the fact of burdens is not enough. What we really want to know is how to manage them worthily and victoriously. In verse two Paul urges Christians to bear their own burdens, implying that there are some burdens which cannot be transferred. No one can transfer the burden of responsibility, no matter how hard he may try. There is a life for you to live and a service for you to render, that can never be transferred to another. Consider your neighbors' rather than your own burdens. An approving smile, a little sympathy, a kind word, a message of condolence or a gift in need will help.

In forbidding the continuance of an action which was then going on, Paul said, "Stop deceiving yourselves; God is not mocked." "Mocked" means "to turn up the nose," "to ridicule," or "to sneer at." One is a fool if he thinks that he can break God's laws and escape the consequences. It is foolish for

anyone to think that he can outwit God and reap a harvest different from that which he has sown. In view of the fact that you are constantly sowing, you should expect to reap the same kind of seed you sow. You will reap what you sow in your education, in your business, in your children and in your friends. Not only will you reap just what you sow, but you should expect to reap more than you sow.

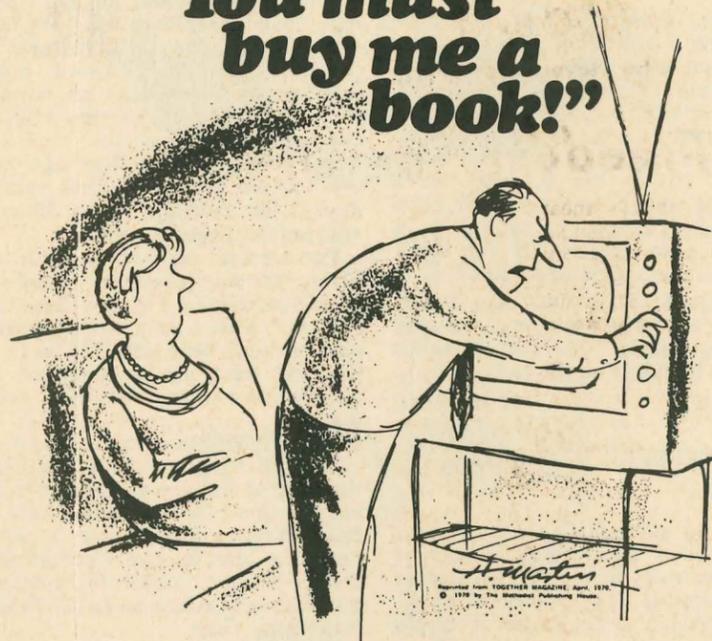
Knowing that we are liable to get tired of doing good, God exhorts us not to grow weary and cease doing good. It is easy to begin to serve the Lord but the real test comes in continuing to do so. The condition of getting tired of doing good is prevalent, distressing, and injurious. There are various causes of weariness in well-doing, some of which are in us and others in our work. Listen to the plea — "Let us not be weary in well-doing." Don't forget the promise — "For in due season we shall reap." The proviso is quite clear — "If we faint not." Let us carry on for the Lord, ever keeping our eyes on the reaping time. God will provide the strength which we need for the task which He has assigned to us.

Concerning our priceless opportunities to do good, I should like to emphasize their source. After all, opportunity is the great stimulant of life. Are you conscious of your opportunities? Unfortunately some miss their golden opportunities. Since priceless opportunities never come again, we should seize them as they pass by and make the most of them. Any longing for a second chance, after a priceless opportunity has been lost, is entirely in vain. In the home, business, society and the church we are afforded opportunities to believe something, to be somebody, to see something, to do something and to leave something.

All glory in somebody or something. Just as the avaricious glory in wealth, the vain in distinction, the ambitious in power, the self-righteous in virtue and the philosophical in wisdom, so obedient Christians glory in the cross of Christ. Paul gloried in the cross because of its position, its purpose and its power. Let us glory in the cross because it cancels punishment, cleanses from sin and enables one to live a victorious Christian life.



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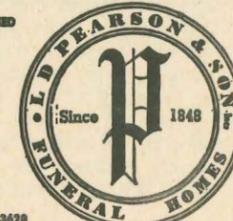
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**RACIST CHURCH**

Dear Editor:

Lest we have too much of a good thing like admiration for pastor Herbert Gilmore's resignation at First Baptist Church in Birmingham (Two Recorder, 300 Walk Out . . . Western Recorder, p. 7, October 10 issue), let me raise a question. However, first of all, I want to say that I agree with Gilmore's understanding of the Christian faith. That is as fine a statement as I have ever read. But I disagree vigorously with his words: "I will not be the pastor of a racist church!" Then, what kind of church would he be willing to pastor, pray tell? Perhaps, where everybody is mature, with no problems, no selfishness, no greed, no egotism, no spiritual snobbery or dishonesty? A young seminarian confided to me recently that he doubted that he would be able to find a church that he could pastor when he finished his studies. I heard him saying: "I have such refined spiritual senses that sinful clods revolt me!" After thirty years down this road have I earned any right at all to say that such thinking is typical of a naive hardly worthy of the servant-minister? This is just not the kind of world we wake up to every morning. Everybody won't believe or behave right. Then, shall we tell them to go to hell?

Sadly, I pastor a "racist church," and so does any other pastor that I know about. What if we all felt like my good friend, Herbert Gilmore? Life is not all moonbeams and roses; it is agony and pain and suffering and sin! I have been called by God to serve in such a place. I haven't ever been called to succeed — only stay and pray, plod and plead, and to be God's agent of change in attitude

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**Seminary Plans Student Missions Conference**

The fifteenth annual Student Missions Conference will be held February 26 through 28 at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Under the general theme, "Revolution, Resistance, Response," the college-student weekend will feature major addresses, an audio-visual program, small-group discussions on current issues, and a worship service with music, choreography and drama.

All college and college-age persons are eligible to attend. Last year more than 1,100 students from 75 colleges and universities attended.

Featured on the program will be the SBC's Foreign Mission Board audio-visual production, "Eyewitness to Revolution." Small group discussions will also be held which center on 1) issues that call for Christian response and 2) geographic regions and their need for ministry.

Special addresses and dialogue sessions will be given by Jesse Fletcher, director of mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, Bill Wakefield, campus minister to 120,000 students in Manila, the Philippines, and James Wright, pastor to a seven-language congregation in Jamaica-Queens, New York City.

The final program will be a special worship service. It will feature music, choreography and drama prepared and directed by Phillip Landgrave, assistant professor of church music at the seminary.

Cost for the conference is \$3.00 per person which includes travel insurance and a buffet supper on February 26.

Inquiries should be addressed to: 1971 Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

and action. I believe that God can change folk, I am not willing to close the book on what God can do or life can become! There is the danger of insidious, shameful capitulation on the part of pastors to the "hate establishment," and so insidious is it that some of us can fall in the pit and never know it. However, I am more disturbed by the other danger of saying to a sinful world or church: "If you don't come up to my standards, I quit!"

With a good bit of scar-tissue building up over disappointment, failures, hostile opposition, I still say it takes more guts to stay than to go.

Mayfield, Ky. John C. Huffman

**APPRECIATES EDITORIAL**

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation for the editorial in the October 10 issue of Western Recorder honoring Mrs. George R. Ferguson as she retires after 21 years of service to Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Ferguson has more than earned this tribute.

I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mrs. Ferguson in the early fifties when I was associated with the General Association.

We are particularly grateful for her interest in and support of Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools. We wish for her much happiness in her retirement.

Nashville, Tennessee Ben C. Fisher  
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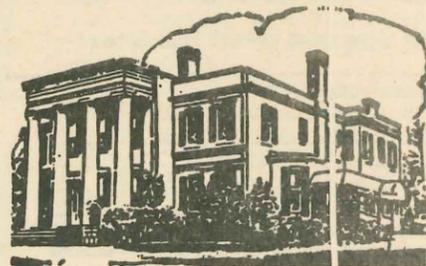
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**FOREIGN MISSIONS RUMOR #43**

"a lot of our missionaries are resigning"

**FACT:**

That would depend on what you mean by "a lot." And "resigning." For instance, from 1940-1969 the annual rate of resignations, on the average, was about 3%. During that same time, however, the number of foreign missionaries grew some 452%. Obviously, many more are going out than coming back. And then, too, you can't work in this kind of task without suffering some casualties. Health and family concerns bring some home. But most who come home come with a sense of God's leadership in a new direction. And most of these still consider themselves as part of the world mission task. They're not resigning their ministry . . . only changing its location.

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**Oregon Ex-Sec. Elected FMB Consultant**

A Baptist state convention executive and former missionary has been named by the Foreign Mission Board as its consultant on laymen overseas, effective January 1.

W. Eugene Grubbs of Portland, Oregon, was elected to the newly created consultant's post by the board during its annual meeting October 12-14.



Grubbs

Grubbs has been executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon - Washington since December, 1968. He previously was secretary of evangelism for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for three and a half years, following pastorates in Fullerton and Downey, California, and missionary service in the Philippines.

As consultant on laymen overseas, his major responsibilities will include assisting Southern Baptists who travel or live abroad to become involved in missions, coordinating the participation of laymen in special projects overseas, and furnishing information about overseas vocational openings on a non-missionary basis.

Officials estimate that as many as 100,000 Southern Baptists are overseas every year for varying lengths of time. (BP)

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