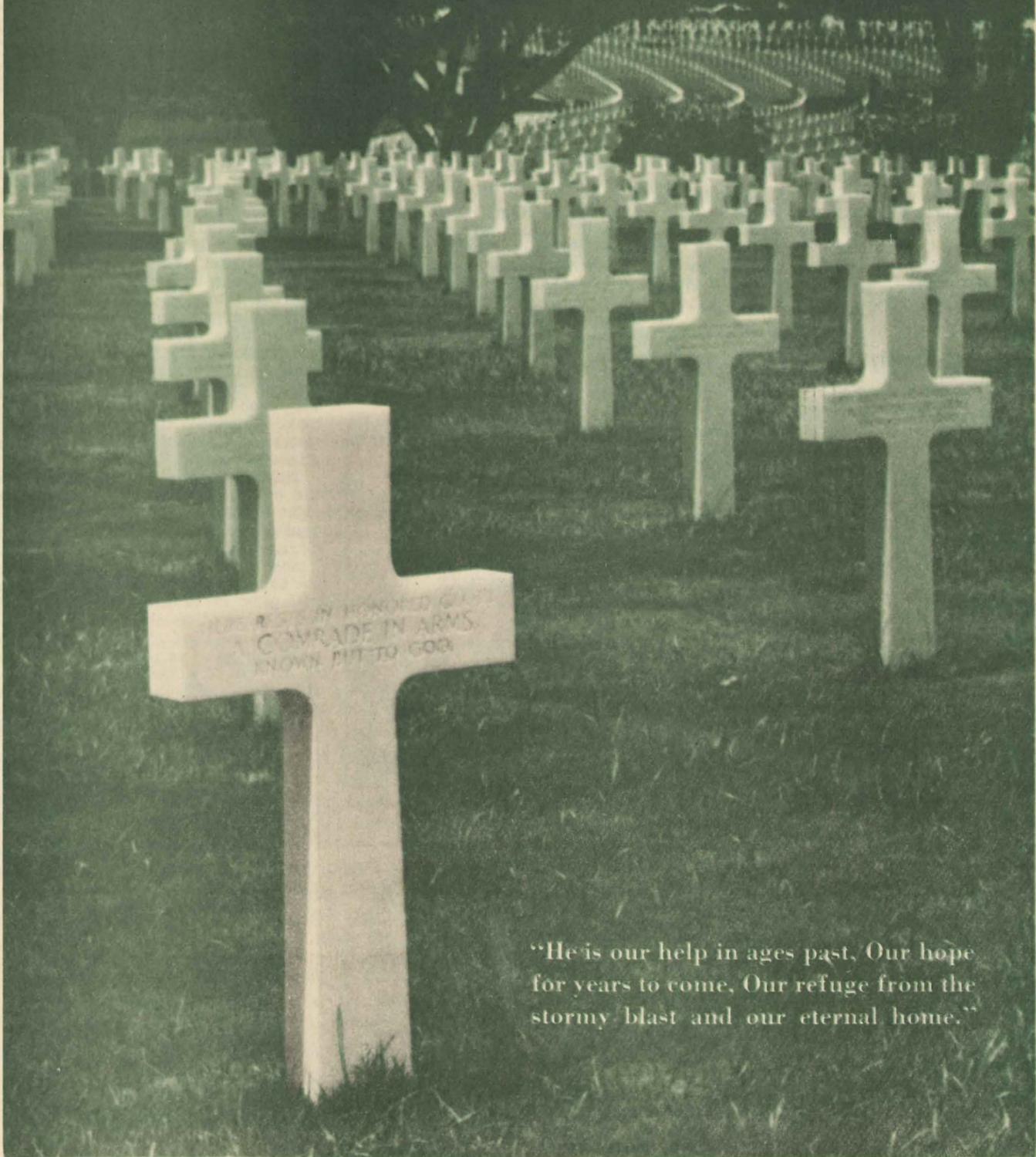


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MAY 29, 1971



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OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME,
OUR REFUGE FROM THE STORMY BLAST
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME.

“He is our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our refuge from the stormy blast and our eternal home.”

Staff Changes

John L. Bledsoe, who served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Calhoun, Georgia, for the past seven and one-half years, has resigned to accept the Trinity Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia. Bledsoe attended Berry Schools, Rome, Georgia, is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He served the Long Ridge and Greenup Fork churches in Owenton, Kentucky, and the First Baptist Church, Clay, Kentucky. Mrs. Bledsoe, nee Joann Coulter, is a native of Springfield, Kentucky.

Robert N. Thompson resigned as minister of education, Glasgow Baptist Church, effective May 31, 1971. On June 1, he joined the staff of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon, Arlington, Virginia, as minister of education. Thompson served churches in Springfield and Carlinville, Illinois, and at First Baptist Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois, before going to Glasgow Baptist Church.

Missionary News

Dr. Nobel D. Brown, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, may now be addressed at Rt. 2, Box 2484, Oroville, California 95965. A native of McHenry, Kentucky, he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell D. Cruse were scheduled to leave Brazil in mid-April and return to the States. Their address will be: c/o Dan Brame, 790 Wilson Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431. Cruse is a native of Sonora, Kentucky, and Mrs. Cruse, the former Elizabeth Louise Brame, was born in Madisonville and lived in Salisbury, Maryland, and Morehead and Henderson, Kentucky, while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Jones have been evacuated from East Pakistan to Iran where they will prepare for a short furlough in the States (address: c/o M. A. Brandon, Box 102, Woodbury,

Tennessee 37190). Jones is a native of Delaware, Ohio, and Mrs. Jones, nee Helen Brandon, was born in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Leeper, missionaries to Turkey, may now be addressed at Tumpane Co., APO New York, 09254. Leeper was born in Houston, Texas, but reared in Dayton, Kentucky. Mrs. Leeper, the former Jean Davis, is a native of Battle Creek, Michigan. They were appointed by the Board in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley, Jr., missionaries to East Pakistan, may temporarily be addressed at Box 99, Ramna, Dacca 2, East Pakistan. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKinley are Kentuckians. He is a native of Nora. Mrs. McKinley, the former Betty Cecil, is a native of Louisville. They were appointed by the Board in 1958.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Young, missionaries to Japan, have moved from Tokyo to Fukuoka. Their address is: 4-go, 15 ban; 1-chome, Momochi; Fukuoka 814, Japan. Young was born in Cartersville, Georgia, but spent much of his childhood in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Young, the former Norma Lucas, was born in Meade County, Kentucky, and reared in Louisville. They were appointed by the Board in 1968.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"And now a word from our Finance Chairman concerning this special offering."

DEVOTIONAL



Glenn Sullivan
Pastor, First Baptist
Church, Russellville

Button Up

My oldest son came in the other Sunday morning quite frustrated because he couldn't get his coat buttoned properly. The cause of the problem was that he had started wrong. He experienced what Copernicus was talking about when he said, "If the first button of your coat is buttoned wrong, all the rest will be out of place."

This simple illustration can be applied to our lives. Sometimes we make a wrong start in our lives and, if we continue to button down to the end, all the rest will be wrong also. The best way is not to continue to button but to make a new start. To get the correct matchup, we need to get both sides aligned.

This is why it is so important to get the proper start, if we want it to be right at the end. A few weeks ago a youngster made a profession of faith in Christ and asked for baptism at the hands of our church. The next Sunday the family went fishing and took this youngster away from church. This is not getting off to the right start.

In the physical, mental and spiritual development of an individual, the proper start is of utmost importance. The right start makes the goal so much easier to reach.

We all make wrong starts throughout our lives. We find times when in haste or confusion we have begun to button improperly. Yet these mistakes that we make do not have to be final. We can and should correct them as soon as possible.

Don't come to the end of life and find you are buttoned wrong because you refused to make a new start.

Jesus always gave the opportunity for a new start to those who sought it in repentance and forgiveness. Like the publican (Luke 18:13-14) a new start is possible for you and me.

A Time Of Sacred Memory

Memorial Day is a time for remembering, and remembering is good for all of us. God never forgets. The Bible tells us that the Lord has "a book of remembrance written before Him, for them that feared the Lord and thought on His name." (Malachi 3:16) Inscribed on the pages of that book are the names of the heroic and faithful — those who walk uprightly, about whom the Word of God says, "no good thing will He withhold."

Remember what the Lord has done for you in the past. It will strengthen you for the present. It will inspire you for the future. "Remember the

By Samuel A. Jeanes
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
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words of Jesus Christ!" This is what Paul told the Christians at Ephesus. He said the same thing to Timothy, but added the words "...risen from the dead." He wanted Timothy not to forget the Saviour who died on the cross and was buried and was alive forevermore.

And the Lord Jesus, Himself, called upon His followers then and in all ages, to exercise the power of memory. He told them that whenever they observed the Lord's Supper they should "do this in remembrance of Me." Use the power of memory to recall what Christ did for you. Focus intently your heart and mind upon His death for your sins, for by such an act of believing faith, the life-giving power of His shed blood on the cross will become a purifying flame within you. Never forget what God has done for you! The same God who has helped you in the past is with you today, and will be with you forever. Never forget it, for:

"He is our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our refuge from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

Memorial Day is a patriotic day, too! The turning wheels of business and industry will come to a halt. The flags will fly. The taps of the buglers will sound across the land. Americans should stop to recall the rich memories of the past that have been marked by the sacrifices of brave men. Such memories can give us every confidence for the future.

The present may be fraught with difficulties but with God's help we can surmount them. Those who are the purveyors of hate and unrest would have us doubt our future by making us forget our glorious past. America has been uniquely blessed materially. The total goods and services of our nation totalled \$932 billion last year — ten times more than that of the United Kingdom, and almost \$300 billion more than all the Communist nations together.

At the end of World War II, United States possessed sufficient resources, including the deadly atomic bomb to conquer the world. But America was not an aggressor. Our nation did not want to master the world, but it did want the people of earth to enjoy those spiritual blessings of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

To this end, America poured \$50 billion into a prostrate Europe where nearly 200 million people were living on the borderline of starvation and, through the Marshall Plan, enabled nation after nation to stand on their feet once more. What nation in history has ever written such a noble page of humanitarian accomplishments? We must never forget it. That memory will help us keep the flag of our faith flying high.

When the Communists took over China, there was a battle near an American Christian Mission being used as an orphanage. The place was so crowded with deserted babies that the nuns had run out of clothes with which to cover them. In the midst of the barking guns, the nuns heard a baby crying outside the door. They ran out, and brought in a little naked baby, but they had nothing to wrap him in. Just then, an American flag was shot down off the flagpole. One nun ran out, brought back the flag, and wrapped the shivering baby in it. That act was a demonstration of the heart of Christian America. And so must it ever be with the help of the Lord. And side by side with that flag, we must keep flying the flag of faith — the blood-stained banner of the Cross of Christ.

Do not neglect the book of glorious and sacred memories. It will give you strength for today and hope for a future that is in the hands of our God.

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

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Editor C. R. Daley Recuperating In Hospital

Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley is currently in Baptist Hospital, Louisville, recuperating from what his doctor termed "depression." This is similar to the condition that required his hospitalization in August of last year.

Dr. Daley entered the hospital on May 5 after informing Western Recorder directors that he had taken the initiative for this hospital stay. He said he felt himself slipping into depression similar to that which

caused his first hospitalization. "I want to nip this one in the bud," he told the directors.

Those wishing to express concern to the Daley's may address him at Baptist Hospital, 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville 40204.

Until Dr. Daley resumes his editorial responsibilities, Western Recorder subscribers will be reading articles prepared by other editors in Southern Baptist life.

Guest Editorials

Penny Wise -- Pound Foolish

Most every Sunday School class and Training Union in a Baptist Church use postcards to communicate with class or union members.

One of the chief mediums of church committees and organizations for informing members and prospects of special meetings or to remind them of things to happen in the life of the group is the five-cent postcard.

Postcards are used profusely because those engaged in planning are interested in their people knowing what is taking place.

Next to a personal visit or telephone call the postcard is a good medium for committees, etc. Yet you can't tell much of a message on a postcard—can you?

One thought that would be amusing — if it were not so tragic — is that some churches, pastors and lay leaders are penny wise and pound foolish when it comes to the principle of keeping their people informed.

Encouragement, without any thought of the cost, is given to the use of a five-cent postcard to tell about a party or class meeting, etc., we want the people to know what is happening at the church. But many of this same group are unconcerned, even indifferent about their members knowing about Baptist work away from their community. They will not spend three-cents a week, less than the cost of a postcard, to send the state Baptist paper to church families. One pastor asked that their church subscriptions

By D. L. Bayless, Editor, Rocky Mountain Baptist

(a total of eight papers representing a total cost of twenty-four cents a week) be dropped because they could not afford the expense.

The state Baptist paper is not an expense to a church. It is an investment in providing an informed membership. An informed church member, one who knows what Baptists are doing around the world; what missionaries are experiencing; what theological changes are taking place; what methods are being tried and found fruitful in Kingdom work; what our mission thrust is doing in America and the world; is the member who is most faithful in attendance and stewardship in a local church.

Without equivocation we say the only medium by which a church member becomes a denominationally informed member is the state Baptist paper.

Satan the enemy of God and adversary of man endeavors to keep a membership in ignorance. It is through an un-informed church membership that he can best accomplish his purpose of thwarting efforts to extend the Kingdom of God. Failure to desire and provide for an informed church membership through the state Baptist paper must be satan inspired.

A church must be penny wise and pound foolish when for less than the cost of a five-cent postcard they can tell all their members about the Baptist work, program and accomplishments for Christ — and yet they say 'we can not afford the cost.'

What Will We Say To The World In St. Louis?

A national critic of Southern Baptists recently wrote that the Southern Baptist Convention is not really a convention, or even a church body in the normal sense of the term. He said "The Southern Baptist Convention is an event — the annual meeting."

Whether our critic was right is debatable. One fact is patently clear: The annual "event" called the yearly SBC meeting is the best picture to the non-SBC world of what we Southern Baptists are like. Whether it is accurate or not, the image we project at our annual meeting is what the rest of the world thinks of us.

Now, another annual "event" is coming up in just a few weeks, at St. Louis, June 1-4. Pray to God the St. Louis convention won't project us in the same light as we have been cast for the past two annual meetings. After last year's Denver sessions, a national magazine of international stature headlined its wrapup story about the SBC — "Those Bickering Baptists."

It's high time for a moratorium on all this silly bickering within the family of America's largest non-Catholic religious denomination. We have had enough squabbles to last us awhile.

The New Testament said of the early Christians that they were best known by how much they loved another. Could that be said of Southern Baptists to-

By Jack Harwell, Editor, Christian Index

day? If our annual "events" indicate our spiritual tenderness, we love almost nobody—least of all our fellow Southern

Baptists.

Among the many traits that have made Southern Baptists as strong as they are has been our constant emphasis on freedom and democracy; on the priesthood of every believer before his God and his fellows. That precious freedom has been lambasted in the last two conventions, as pressure groups on varied extremes of the theological spectrum have tried to force all other Southern Baptists into their own special concept of what it takes to be a Baptist.

It's past time to cease all this bickering and theological name-calling. The lordship of Jesus Christ is all the criterion we need to encompass many shades of "liberal" and "conservative" doctrine. He is our rallying point, and He should be our sole stackpole for unity.

Let's go to St. Louis determined to rally around Jesus — not around any of His self-appointed saviors of orthodoxy. Let's give the world a renewed reminder that Southern Baptists are more than just an "event" and more than just a creed. Let's love one another and in that Christlike love reach out to embrace a love-starved world that has had all the hate and factionalism it needs.

Rewards Of Dedication

Travel around the world, visit with the missionaries in their homes and at work, and you have a new appreciation for these servants of Christ who labor under the Foreign Mission Board.

Some have the thrill of a responsive people who are eager to learn more about Christ. Others work under restrictions or in a culture where a single convert may be the only visible trophy for months of labor. Some fight the traffic of a vibrant city. Others endure the loneliness of a secluded assignment where nationals merely exist — and existence is a daily struggle.

Kill this chatter, occasionally heard, about a bit of luxury in some living conditions. Most of the homes do have guest rooms. Most also have guests every week and most of the guests are there on mission business. True, most of the missionaries have servants. Some even have two. Remember that the wife also is a missionary with duties and a servant in the undeveloped countries costs \$25 a month or less. Remember, too, that nobody ever leaves a house in these countries unattended. Robbery is a way of life.

We, too, have had a question or two about the cost of this institution or that as balanced against other mission needs. It is difficult to explain why we will build a hospital in India when we are closing a clinic

By John J. Hurt Baptist Standard

in Indonesia for lack of a doctor. But you must remember that evangelists cannot get visas for India; only such specialists as doctors, some teachers and a few others. Already the three doctors in Bangalore are in the center of what may become the layman-led revival of this century.

Questions? There were others. We asked them and got the answers. There is instant agreement with some. There still are questions in an instance or two. But we will surrender an amateur's judgment to the wisdom of those on the field and to those of the Foreign Mission Board who from long experience are far better qualified than we, the tourist.

There is not a missionary pastor or evangelist, insofar as we know, who by education and talents could not command a more rewarding church, humanly speaking, in the homeland. There is not a missionary nurse or doctor who would not enjoy an income several times his or her salary in practice at home.

We are back, writing these lines, in the luxury of an air-conditioned office. There is no personal sacrifice connected with our work, such as for the missionaries. But, somehow, we don't feel sorry for them. Instead, we envy a dedication with such rewards for service in this world — and more especially, the world to come.

People And Places

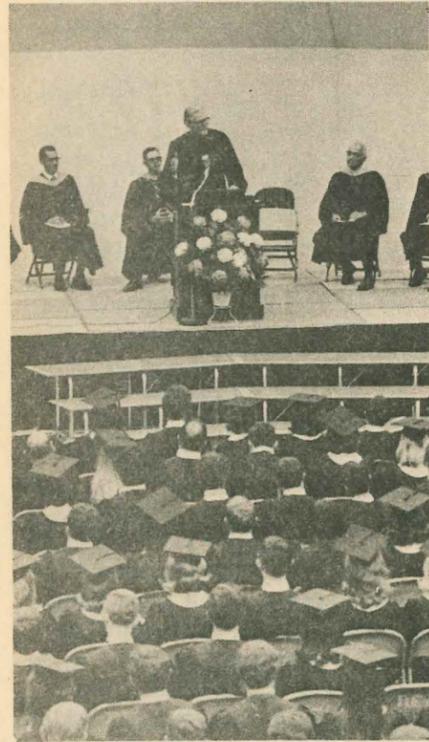
Western Recorder associate editor **Bob Terry** has been selected to appear in the 1971 edition of *Outstanding Young Men in America*. His nomination for this honor was made by Southern Seminary in Louisville.

William Jewell College of Missouri conferred the Doctor of Laws Degree on President **Robert L. Mills** of Georgetown College on May 17, 1971, when he delivered the Spring Commencement address to that institution. He has been Georgetown's chief executive since the spring of 1959. Before coming to Georgetown, he was in the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas. Prior to that time, he served as Dean of Admissions and Registrar at the University of Kentucky, his Alma Mater for a number of years.



Mills

Mills has been honored twice in recent years by his Alma Mater. In 1963 he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. A year later U. of K.



BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS — Sidney Maddox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and immediate past president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, addressed the graduating seniors of Campbellsville College May 16.

named him recipient of the Centennial Award.

Mills was chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance one term. He has served as chairman of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges; chairman of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Independent College Foundation.

Patricia Ann Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis R. Perry, Providence, Kentucky, has been awarded a \$250 music scholarship at Belmont (Baptist) College, Nashville, according to Jerry Lee Warren, chairman of the department of fine arts. Miss Perry will enter Belmont this fall as a freshman. She was chosen as the winner in competitive auditions by the department of fine arts.

Larry B. Putman, formerly of Mortons Gap, Kentucky, is serving as minister of music of the First Baptist Church, Belton, Texas. He began his services in Belton April 6, coming from the First Baptist Church, New Braunfels, Texas, having served there five years.



Putman

Putman, licensed by Suthards Baptist Church near Earlinton, Kentucky, in 1954, served the Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff, Kentucky, in 1965-66. He was ordained as minister of music by First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1963.

Mixon Cowart of Gibsonton, Florida, was recently elected Kentucky Baptist Student Union President on the Cumberland College campus in Williamsburg, Kentucky.



Cowart

Cowart is a senior majoring in religion and minoring in history. He is presently the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Albany, Kentucky, where he has been youth director over a year.

Following graduation in May, 1971, Cowart plans to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

First Baptist Church, Hazard, recently ordained **Herbert Haynes** to the gospel ministry. The service took place on Sunday, May 2, 1971. Haynes is now serving the Blue Grass Mission and Hardburly Baptist Church in Three Forks Baptist Association.



Edith L. Dority fund

A beautiful tribute to the memory of a beautiful life is wrapped up in the creation of the Edith L. Dority Fund at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. It is proposed that the fund go to the cost of the Prayer Room in the proposed Wing to the Boone Lodge, as a memorial to this lady from the Latonia Baptist Church in Covington.

Friends have already contributed \$2,198.50 toward the estimated cost of \$5,000 for the Prayer Room, according to Marvin Byrdwell, manager at Cedarmore. Gifts from others to this fund would be welcome, send designated.

Former secretary-realtor

Miss Dority died recently in Covington at the age of 52. For 33 years she was secretary-realtor for the Robert A. Cline Realty Company of Cincinnati. She held many offices in the Latonia Baptist Church, was past president of the Baptist Women's Association, Covington. Marvin Byrdwell recalls that she was a past state president of the Business Women's Circles when it was first organized nearly a quarter of a century earlier while he was business manager at Clear Creek Baptist School. She was a strong and faithful worker in the WMU. "She was active in the work of her church and was loved by everyone. Her Christian Life was a real testimony."

Rime 'n reason

Alice Kennedy Roberts, a friend, wrote the following in memory of Miss Roberts:

*"Her life was built with courage...
For an illness that she knew...
Had threatened her for many months...
And still, her courage grew...
She took a day last springtime...
To write a little note...
To thank friends for their thoughts of her...
And for the 'Rime' we wrote...
Her thoughts were for her mother...
This was her great concern...
And her smile was always cheerful...
How much we here might learn!...
From this lovely, kindly person...
Who in life's shortened span...
Made brighter all the paths she walked...
For God and fellow man."*

She lived with her mother, Mrs. Adie Dority, at 224 E. Second Street, Covington. Her only other survivor is a brother, Edgar Dority, Jr., of Covington.

—Harold G. Sanders

Youth Conference Asks 'Renewal In Religion'

The religion discussion group at the White House Conference on Youth issued a statement at the conclusion of the four-day meeting calling upon leadership at all levels to seek vigorously "a renewal of compassionate, practical, living religion in American life."

The plea was directed to "the President, the Congress, the leaders of religious organizations, decision-makers at all levels in government, business and education as well as individual citizens."

The renewal of religion, the 1500-word statement said, "should include a keener respect for individual conscience, a strengthening of the worship of God and stronger adherence to the original ideas set forth for this nation."

The predominantly youth workshop defined religion as "the patterns of thought and the way stemming from faith and belief in a transcendent being or beings." Such religion, the statement continued, "tends to nurture, enrich and strengthen ethical values, and

therefore is urgently necessary to social progress and national welfare."

The workshop acknowledged the commitments of individuals and single churches to improve the quality of human life. But, the delegates stated, "We... believe this effort is minimal in view of the vast resources, financial and personnel, of the institutional church."

The religion workshop listed the following values in religion which youth are looking for "but so often finds them lacking in our religious institutions and teachings:

► "Leadership and guidance in coping with the problems youth faces, such as the draft, drugs, destruction of the environment, racism and a sense of identity.

► "Relevance of religious teachings to the problems of present-day society.

► "Realism in religious teachings, so as to provide teachings freed of meaningless dogma and credible for the individual in the modern world.

► "An influence that brings men together instead of separating them; fosters unity and brotherhood instead of division and prejudice.

► "Action that really offers solutions to our national problems and a clear sense of national priorities, instead of adherence to outworn parochialism." (BP)

Puerto Rican Baptists Move To Indigenous Bible Training

In a move toward indigenous theological education Baptists in Puerto Rico have begun a four-region coordinated Bible institute under the supervision of the Puerto Rican Baptist Association.

Four Bible training centers located in San Juan, in Aricebo, Ponce and Mayaguez train about 30 Baptist pastors in three-month sessions under the new system.

The training centers, located in churches in the different regions, have a core curriculum which includes Bible, preaching, religious education, music and pastoral ministry.

Classes are taught by the four regional missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The move toward indigenous training is part of the SBC Home Mission Board's efforts to make all language work that is operated and supported by local churches indigenous, according to Oscar Romo, secretary of the board's language missions department.

Romo explained that the school makes possible the training of Puerto Rico leadership in a natural setting, in the area in which students plan to serve and is designed "to help them put into practice the things they are learning.

"It makes possible the development of the work while the leadership is being trained," Romo said. This same educational concept has been applied in other mission areas including the Navajo reservation in Arizona.

Future plans for the Bible institute include a central library, to be located preferably in San Juan near the university. Books would be loaned out to the regional centers according to the courses being offered at each period. This would remove the necessity for separate libraries, Romo said.

Eventually, Puerto Rican Baptists would like to have a seminary in the university complex so that Baptist students attending the university could simultaneously take courses at the seminary which would apply toward their baccalaureate degree, he added.

New Sunday School Board Leadership



Reynolds



Bradley



Crowder



Simpson



Ross



Turner



Trotter

ELECTED — the members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have approved new department heads for the agency. They are William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department; Martin B. Bradley, secretary, research services department; Rowland Crowder, secretary, church architecture department; H. S. Simpson, manager, materials services (previously church literature) department; Jerry Ross, managing art director, art services department; and Robert Turner, manager, budget and accounting staff. Also, Donald Trotter was named manager of the Sunday School department. All are now currently on the staff of the Sunday School Board. Each appointment becomes effective June 1.

Give Baptists Facts
And They Will Usually
Make Right Decisions

Gleaning around the world

The Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Baptist Association in Arkansas voted 25 to 13 to disband and encourage the churches of its membership to affiliate with other associations.

Reasons for the action, according to association moderator Dorsey L. Crow, pastor of First Baptist Church in Marshall, Arkansas, were financial difficulties and lack of active support from the association's churches.

Eleven churches were listed as members of the association, which was organized in 1923.

Hampton Place Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, which has added 782 new Sunday School members in six months, has been named winner in the National Sunday School Association's 1971 attendance growth campaign.

The award is both international and interdenominational in scope.

The Hampton Place Church, located in a declining area of Dallas' Oak Cliff section enrolled 173 new Sunday School members during the judging period consisting of four Sundays in March. Its Sunday School has a cross section of Anglos, Mexican-Americans, Negroes and Orientals.

Also during March, said the church's pastor, James D. Springfield, there were 58 candidates for baptism and 114 additions through church membership. (BP)

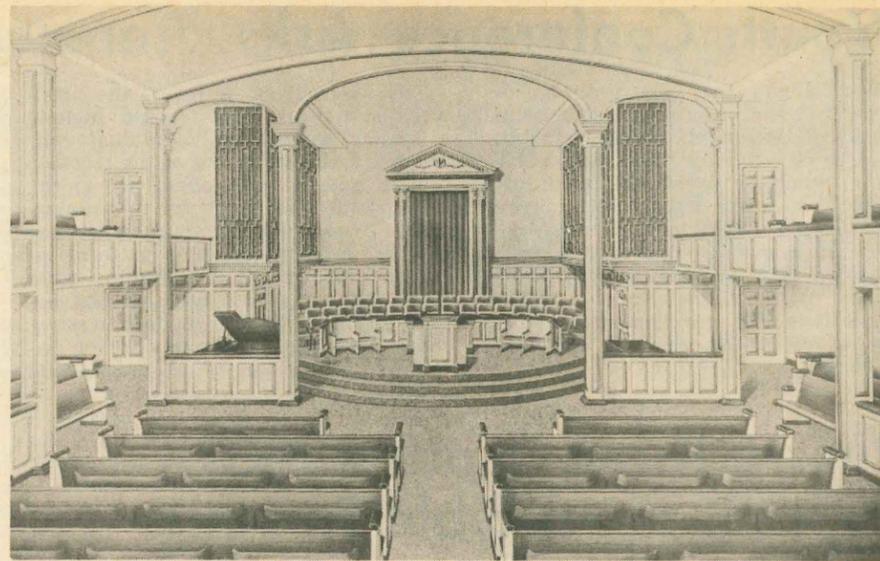
The National Broadcasting Company announced recently that three speakers from the recent **Christian Life Commission Seminar** on "National Priorities and Christian Responsibility" were featured on their "Faith in Action" radio network series.

The address, "Black Fulfillment and Christian Responsibility" by Gardner Taylor was broadcast May 16. Taylor is pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn.

Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association, addressed the Seminar on "Our Responsibility to the Rule of Law." The address was used May 23.

Grady C. Cohen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, spoke on "Christian Responsibility: New Persons—New Priorities" and his address is scheduled for May 30.

Wayne W. and Joanna Jump of Wapakoneta, Ohio, welcome the arrival of a new baby daughter. She was born April 24, 1971, and her name is Jane Elizabeth Jump. She joins two brothers, Don, 17, and David, 16, and one sister, Mary Ann, 8. Jump is pastor of the Wapakoneta Baptist Fellowship. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Jump and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roaden of Corbin, Kentucky.



RICHMOND RENOVATION — Shown is an artist's conception of the interior of the new sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Richmond. The \$400,000.00 renovation and enlargement is to be completed by June 18. Dedication and open house has been set by the congregation for 2:00 P.M. on June 20. The renovation will include a completely new interior that will double the seating capacity to 825 permanent seats. The sanctuary will be air-conditioned, as well as the new Sunday School departments beneath it. There will be eight colonial chandeliers from the ceiling. New stained glass windows have been placed all around the building and the church has been cleaned by sand blasting. A new pipe organ is being built and a new sound system is being installed. On May 30 the congregation will place in a wall a time capsule filled with historical data and interesting artifacts.

"Objector's" Conviction Upheld

Refusal to cooperate with the Selective Service system to determine his draft status cost a conscientious objector his 1-O classification and resulted in a two-year prison sentence, according to an 8-1 decision by the United States Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Vincent F. McGee, executive director of the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace, who refused to pursue and exhaust administrative remedies to clarify his draft status.

The impact of McGee's conviction is that a person who claims to be a conscientious objector may forfeit his right to be classified as such if he refuses to cooperate with the Selective Service system to determine his classification.

According to the Supreme Court record, McGee applied in 1966 for conscientious objector status to his local Selective Service board, which advised him that his claim would be passed on when his student deferment expired. Later, McGee refused to fill out a current information questionnaire sent to him on his graduation from college. He announced, moreover, that he would not cooperate with the Selective Service system.

He did not appear for a physical examination ordered to take place in October 1967. He did respond to an order to appear for induction in January

1968, and took a physical examination at that time. However, he refused to submit to induction.

In April 1967 McGee wrote to President Lyndon B. Johnson, enclosing the charred remnants of his draft card and declaring his conviction that he must "sever every link with violence and war." A copy of the letter was forwarded to his local draft board.

McGee was prosecuted and convicted on four counts: (1) for failing to submit to induction, (2) failing to report for pre-induction physical examination, (3) failing to keep possession of a valid classification notice, and (4) failing to submit requested information relevant to his draft status. He was sentenced two years imprisonment on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, who delivered the opinion of the court, pointed out that conscientious objector claims turn on three points: (1) the resolution of factual questions relating to the nature of a registrant's beliefs concerning war, (2) the basis of the objection in conscience and religion, and (3) the registrant's sincerity.

The court concluded that McGee's failure to clarify these three points by pursuing administrative remedies "was deliberate and without excuse." Therefore the court upheld his conviction and sentencing to imprisonment.

Nine Kentuckians Among Journeyman Appointees

Nine Kentuckians were among the 74 persons recently approved for missionary journeymen training during 1971.

The intensive seven-week course prepares Baptist men and women no older than 26 for two years of service overseas with career missionaries.

They will train at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. The job assignments include teaching, youth work, publishing, nursing, filming and television production, bookkeeping and secretarial work.

This is the seventh contingent of journeymen employed since the program began in 1965.

Lexingtonian John Clements will spend his two years teaching English and history in Nassau, Bahamas. He will also give direction to a camping program in that area.

A graduate of Morehead State University, Clements recently received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Currently, he is a member of First

Baptist Church, Dallas, and is the son of Mrs. Anne P. Clements of Lexington.

Appointed as international student workers in Paris, France, were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fewell.

The Fewells, currently members of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, are students at University of Kentucky. He received a master of arts degree at the May commencement. Both are graduates of Howard Payne (Baptist) College in Texas.

Mrs. Fewell (Shelia) is a native of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Princeton native Miss Edna Hughes was employed to teach secondary social studies at Good Shepherd School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

A recent graduate of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, she is a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Miss Hughes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Hughes of Rt. 4 Cadiz.

Miss Dixie Johnson was employed to teach missionary children in Petrolina, Brazil. She is a recent graduate of Murray State University and a member of Immanuel Baptist Temple in Henderson.

This new missionary is the daughter of Mrs. Ben Johnson of Henderson.

Louisvillian Miss Barbara Jones will do secretarial work in mission offices in Recife, Brazil.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Miss Jones currently does office work in Louisville where she is a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Employed to do secretarial work in Tokyo, Japan, was Miss Christine Morgan. A native of Hyden, Miss Morgan holds a diploma from Spencerian Business College and received a bachelor of science degree from Cumberland College in 1969.

Currently she is an elementary school teacher in Orleans, Indiana. Miss Morgan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Morgan of Wendover.

Hong Kong is the assignment for Miss Becky Tarry. She will teach secondary English at Henrietta School.

A native of Murray, Miss Tarry currently serves as youth director for First Baptist Church of that city. She is also a recent graduate of Murray State University.

Miss Tarry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Tarry of Murray.

A second Princeton native will work in Turrialba and San Ramon, Costa Rica. She is Miss Linda Wilson, a member of Second Baptist Church of that city.

Miss Wilson will teach missionary children in elementary and secondary grades.

This recent Murray State graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson of Rt. 2, Princeton.

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Bates Reflects On Year As SBC President

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an interview with Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. The interview was conducted by Toby Druin, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder, Baptist state weekly newspaper in North Carolina. Bates reviews his first year as president of the SBC, and reflects on the upcoming annual SBC session in St. Louis.

QUESTION: How would you describe your first year as president of the largest Protestant-evangelical religious group in the nation?

ANSWER: Busy! And demanding. But I would be untrue to the experience to fail to add that it also has been deeply satisfying. I have found myself at times really assured that somebody somewhere is praying for the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. There has been liberty and freedom that I could not have had any other way. At times I had speaking assignments under fatigue and found myself literally carried away in the spirit. I know this is because my own church has kept its promise to pray for its pastor while he attempts to carry this responsibility. Many close, personal friends across the convention have prayed for me.

Q. You were elected president at what was labeled by some observers as a "bitter" convention, and at that time you announced that you hoped to be a peacemaker. Do you feel that you have accomplished your task in bringing a measure of healing to the SBC?

A. That remains to be seen. I have tried to speak kindly of any person or persons whose point of view is different from my own. I have granted him the right to differ without shutting him out or marking him off, and I have tried to be fair and considerate and Christian toward the various viewpoints around which people have polarized. But I have done this not because I have felt that it would issue in a "cooling down" of the situation, but because it is the way I live. I have lived here in North Carolina with people with whom I have differed almost diametrically, but we have been warm friends and brothers in Christ. We have tried to promote a great program to the glory of our Lord, and we have succeeded.

Q. Are there other factors that have led to the more peaceful atmosphere that seems to prevail?

A. There has been a wide concern for a greater spirit of harmony that may turn out to be as important a concern as the things that caused the bitterness at Denver. Whatever happened there happened because people were concerned. This same concern now seems to express itself and direct itself toward harmony because I think we



SBC President Carl Bates looks on as a flower is pinned on his wife at the conclusion of the Denver Convention. Bates and his wife Myra were married while he was pastor of Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Daviess-McLean Association.

saw what could conceivably happen if we did not assume the vital marks of a true Christian believer. Our Lord said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." And he gave the critical and unbelieving world the right to examine the genuineness of our profession. I think our concern now is that the world shall know that we really are true followers of Jesus Christ. It is my personal hope that in St. Louis this will be the dominant thought in our minds and hearts — that we shall all pray the report goes out from our meeting that these people truly love one another, and love God.

Q. There continues to be some discussion and criticism of the handling of the withdrawal of Volume One of the Broadman Bible Commentary as ordered by the Denver Convention. How do you feel about it?

A. I feel we are obligated by the action in Denver to give the Sunday School Board a real chance to resolve the matter.

Q. Have you found any particular issues that seem to be uppermost in the minds of Southern Baptists?

A. There seems to me to be as much concern expressed about the various colleges in the Southern Baptist Convention as any other individual part of Southern Baptist life. And there is the normal discussion of what is taking place in our seminaries. There is as much concern about our approach to education as about any other phase of Southern Baptist life.

Q. Do you see any significant trends in Southern Baptist life?

A. I think I see evidence of a real revival among Southern Baptists. This is not just a surface thing; it is a deep

searching for the presence and power of God.

Q. What is your appraisal of the apparent spiritual awakening among the nation's youth?

A. These young people have finally realized that they cannot build their lives on man-made systems. They have begun to sense that they have been the victims of manipulators and persons with vested interests. They are all at sea and are in a great search for meaning and a foundation on which to build their lives. It could be the start of the greatest turn to God this world has ever seen if we could get the message to them in language they can understand. This is one of the greatest challenges we face. There has always been a generation gap, but there never has been a credibility gap such as they see in the church. Now that these young people have recognized the credibility gaps in other approaches, we must find ways to present to them the New Testament. If we don't do this we are going to miss an opportunity that may never come again.

Q. What are some of the questions you are most often asked?

A. It depends on who I am having dialogue with. If it is college-age or teen-age young people, they want to know what the New Testament teaches. Surprisingly enough, they are not interested in the various philosophical and theological expressions of the Christian faith. They ask me, "Tell us in understandable terms what the New Testament teaches about the Christian faith." Pastors usually want to know what impressions I have gathered about Southern Baptist life and most are grasping for some encouraging signs.

Q. Do they have reason for encour-

agement?

A. Yes! If they could see as I have seen, Southern Baptists and their commitment to world outreach, they would be greatly encouraged. I believe Southern Baptists have the greatest opportunity to speak to the world in our history, provided we speak out of one of our basic principles — the New Testament as the only and all-sufficient source of faith and practice. If we will stand on that and speak with courage and boldness in this hour we will claim our greatest opportunity. I am convinced of this.

Q. Southern Baptist support of the Cooperative Program appears to have leveled off somewhat, although the first quarter of 1971 showed a healthy increase. What do we as Southern Baptists need to do in the area of stewardship?

A. We must improve our per capita giving and the various states must find ways to increase the percentage of the Cooperative Program dollar going to worldwide causes. Then, too, it is the first and primary concern of every Southern Baptist agency to promote the Cooperative Program because it is the lifeline of all that we are trying to do.

Q. You have kept a rigorous schedule as SBC president. How many miles have you traveled and how many states have you visited? Do you know how many speeches you have made?

A. I don't have any idea how many miles I have traveled. I have limited my travel to between Sundays. I promised my church I would be at home on Sundays and Wednesday nights, and it is a good thing I made the promise. I have received more than 150 invitations to speak on various programs and a quick calculation will show that I could spend the next three years away from home. I don't know how many speeches I have made, but I have spoken to many state conventions, evangelism conferences and associations and to the various boards and agencies of the convention. This constitutes a part of the pressure on the president, having to prepare an address that may not be at all like a sermon. But I am like most pastors who have come to this place — I give the same speech and make different applications and put in new illustrations. But someone said that sooner or later if I were permitted to preach I would make a straight line to the ministry of the Holy Spirit and spend most of my message there.

Q. How have your presidential duties and responsibilities affected your church?

A. During the year the church has paid off its indebtedness on two city blocks of downtown Charlotte. The church has put \$150,000 cash in the bank and the men under my associate, Joe Burnette's direction have let a contract for new buildings (\$1.8 million). I have no hesitation in saying that this

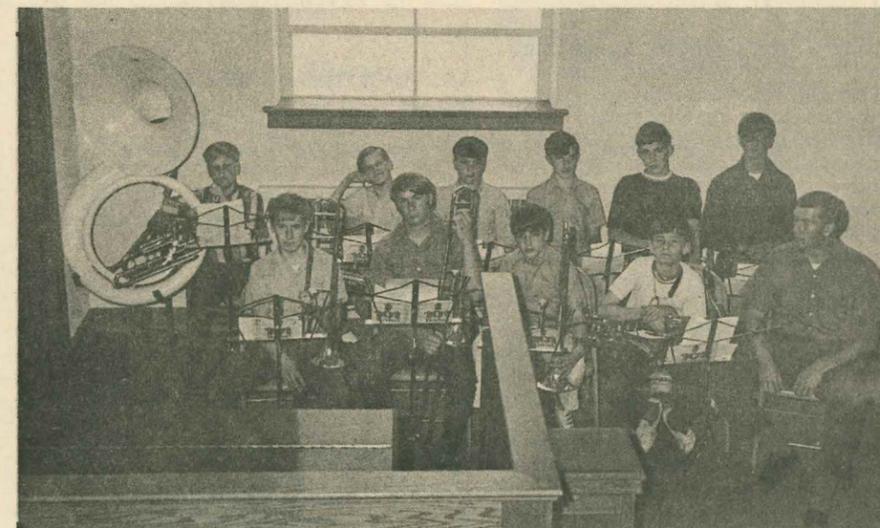


President Bates answers questions at press conference during 1970 KBC.

church would go on if I were gone every Sunday. This is true for two reasons — I have had the finest assistant that any pastor ever had in Joe Burnette, and we have the finest leadership in our young men and the ones who were here under the former pastor when he was president. (C. C. Warren, whom Bates succeeded at FBC, Charlotte, was SBC president in 1956-57). The church has taken it in magnificent fashion. Our attendance is up, our offerings are up and the membership has shown some gain.

Q. Has there been any single incident during the year that you would consider a highlight of the year?

A. There have been many thrilling and exciting and gratifying experiences.



A FIRST — Greensburg Baptist Church in Russell Creek Association has organized what Kentucky Borderhood officials called "the first Royal Ambassador band in the state." The 12 junior high school boys who compose the band are under the direction of Forrest Kelly, front right. The group has already performed several times and, according to Kelly, "do an outstanding job."

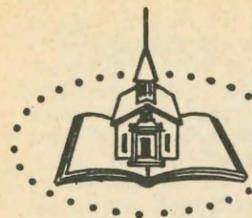
I will never forget the closing night of the North Carolina evangelism conference when nearly 20,000 young people attended a youth rally. Another highlight was my opportunity to participate in the Foreign Mission appointment service for 27 missionaries in Louisville. I suppose it was as moving an experience as I have had all year. Close to this was the experience in New Orleans when J. D. Grey gave me the mementoes from my old hotel room where I had my conversion experience.

Q. What are a few of the things you would most like to see Southern Baptists accomplish?

A. There are two or three things we must do: 1. Southern Baptists must not only increase their activity but must deepen their commitment. I think if we let people chide us for being activists and let them hinder our efforts, we ought to bow our heads in shame. 2. We have got to find a way to combine personal and social aspects of the gospel. We must not become divided in this hour in our nation on whether we will "do" the gospel or "preach" the gospel. 3. We must find new ways to say as well as live the same old truth which has not changed in this generation and will not change in the next. If we can find ways to speak to the great vacuum that exists in the present generation the wonderful truth of the gospel of God, and if we can show that it makes a difference in our life, it could issue in a great turning to Christ.

Q. Will you allow your name to be placed in nomination for a second term as president?

A. If Southern Baptists want me and if I can help in some way by accepting an additional term, I will do my best if re-elected.



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(These Lessons for June 6, 1971)



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Jeremiah 27:12-17

God revealed to Jeremiah that His judgment would befall Judah through conquest and captivity by the Babylonians. In the light of this divine revelation, the prophet knew that the resistance of the people of Judah would be futile. He was convinced that they would never be able to thwart the purpose and judgment of God. Resistance on their part would be of no avail. When God pronounces judgment upon any people, they will not escape it.

At the time of national peril, it became the responsibility of Jeremiah to counsel his king and his allies what course to pursue. Knowing that King Zedekiah and the emissaries of the surrounding nations of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon were contemplating and planning the formation of an alliance with Egypt to oppose Babylon, and realizing the utter futility of such a coalition, due to the message which he had received from God, Jeremiah placed a yoke on his neck as a symbol and approached this official group and advised them to bring their necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon. Inasmuch as God had already assigned all of these nations to the great conqueror, Nebuchadnezzar, the prophet urged that they voluntarily surrender their independence and submit to the shame of captivity.

Jeremiah was thoroughly convinced that a cheerful acknowledgment of the authority of the king of Babylon and a courageous submission to him, along with the consequent payment of homage and tribute, would result in their being permitted to continue living in their own land and enjoying many of their former civil and religious privileges. He knew that the only alternative to their submission would be the destruction of their property and the loss of their lives. He declared that submission to the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar was far more desirable than death.

Although the king of Babylon was not aware of the fact that he was to be used as an instrument in the hand of God, Jeremiah knew that to be the case and unhesitatingly informed those in authority in Judah.

Jeremiah 37:6-10

While Nebuchadnezzar was laying siege to Jerusalem, an army of Pha-

raoh-Hophra came up from Egypt to fight against the enemies of Judah. As soon as the Egyptian army entered Judah, there was a brief cessation of the hostilities and the Chaldeans withdrew from the city. Their retreat encouraged Zedekiah and his people to the extent that they hastily concluded that the revolt was going to be successful in spite of all that the prophet of God had said.

Thinking that the enemy would not fight their combined forces and for that reason had fled, and believing that they would not return, the grateful and unduly optimistic king sent messengers to request Jeremiah to thank God for their apparent victory. The prophet hastened to warn the king not to be deceived by mere appearances or to entertain any false hopes.

Fully aware that the king and his people had much preferred to believe what the false prophets had said, rather than to accept his declarations, he did not find it easy or enjoyable to deliver God's message which none of them wanted to hear. However, he warned them against deceiving themselves by thinking that the Chaldeans had departed for good and by being elated with false hopes. He told them frankly that the Egyptian army would not be

dependable, but that it would withdraw, and that in due time the Chaldeans would return with strong determination and fresh energy and complete the siege, even burning the city of Jerusalem.

After Jeremiah had demonstrated his courage and faithfulness in delivering God's Message, he was arrested and imprisoned.

Jeremiah 38:2-6

The princes approached the king, charged Jeremiah with treason and urged that he be put to death. The weak monarch gave them the authority to do with Jeremiah whatever they pleased, no matter how unjust or cruel it might be. With cords the princes lowered him into a miry dungeon, thinking that he would soon die from exposure and starvation. Jeremiah's crime was that he refused to say what they wanted him to say.

Because God had other plans for Jeremiah, He refused to permit his martyrdom. Ebed-melech rescued the prophet, saved a precious life, perpetuated a noble ministry, and laid the ages under obligation to him. For every difficult situation God has His representative.

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Isaiah 30:15

When they were threatened by the terrible menace of the conquering armies of Assyria, the leaders of Judah unwisely decided that the best way for them to meet the threat was to form an alliance with the Egyptians. Instead of seeking counsel from God, in their desperation they resorted to the expedient of sending emissaries to Egypt, bearing rich gifts, and hoping to obtain help. This mission, which had been undertaken without consulting God was contrary to His wishes. Concerning the Egyptians God told His people, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them" (Exodus 23:32).

God is never pleased when people depend on the arm of flesh rather than place their trust in Him. Foolish indeed are those who pursue that course. As it was in the case of Judah so it will be with any nation, misplaced trust will bring confusion instead of security, and shame rather than glory. Through His prophet God rebuked the rebellious people for their attempt to obtain help from Egypt. The help which they needed was available from Him on the condition of their repentance and faith.

Instead of pleasing God by returning to Him and depending on Him, they decided that they would flee upon horses. Regardless of whom they may be, people wreck their lives when they ignore the will of God and put their

trust in the arm of flesh.

Isaiah 30:18

What a joyous privilege it is to trust in the righteous, wise, and patient God and wait upon Him. Through grace He profusely bestows the blessings which we do not deserve. Then in mercy He withholds from us those things which would be injurious to us. When we trust in God and wait patiently upon Him we become the recipients of so many wonderful and invaluable blessings. We discover that He supplies the strength which we need for every emergency that may arise in our lives. The most desirable alliance that we shall ever know is the one between God and us. Instead of seeking help elsewhere and being disappointed in the end, enter upon an alliance with God and let Him have His way with you.

Isaiah 31:1-3, 6

The putting of their trust in Egyptian horses and chariots was a very foolish thing, in view of the fact that they might have placed their trust in God and have been the recipients of His help and power instead. Those who influenced Judah to seek help from this source forgot that all human power was helpless against the decrees of God.

Sent forth by God as His prophet, Isaiah counseled, warned and pleaded with the different rulers and their people, urging them to forsake sin and their evil ways and to return to the God of their fathers. He tried to show them that, instead of looking to God for help in their time of trouble, they had insulted God by turning their backs on Him and seeking the aid of a heathen nation. Isaiah warned them against that sort of thing and admonished them to trust in God rather than in men. Happy indeed are those who can say, "Our help cometh from the Lord."

Isaiah 32:16-17

Any soul that struggles against Satan in his own strength is doomed to suffer the bitterness of defeat, sooner or later. But the soul that relies on God is kept by the power of God, and walks victoriously in the midst of the most determined and ferocious assaults of the enemy. God is waiting for and wanting His people to walk by faith and not by sight, and if they will thus follow Him, they will find Him ever ready and wholly able to deliver them from all enemies. Let us, therefore, trust in God Who is able to provide the protection and the help which we sorely need.

Isaiah 37:5-7

When Sennacherib's messenger tauntingly and contemptuously demanded the surrender of Jerusalem, Hezekiah through a duly appointed messenger sought help from God through Isaiah. With God's direction and through His strength the victory was won and Sennacherib was slain by his own sons. God is always able to protect His people when they depend on Him and remain faithful to Him.

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Vietnam, Woman Pres. Are Major ABC Items

The election of a woman president and struggle with the issue of withdrawal of troops from Vietnam were the major items dealt with by American Baptists in their 64th annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 12-16, with the theme "Let Us Break Bread Together."

Approximately 4000 persons, 2800 delegates and 1200 visitors, met in a spirit of celebration and thanksgiving, with a communion service at the opening session using elements grown and processed by American Baptists. Representatives of all Twin Cities churches, Protestant and Catholic, were invited to participate in the ordinance.

Mrs. Marcus Rohlf of Seattle, Washington, was elected president, being the fifth woman president in the 64 year history of the Convention. Other officers elected were Woodrow W. Clark, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, first vice president; Warner B. Ragsdale, Washington, D.C. newspaperman,

second vice president; and, Milton W. Bennett, Toledo, Ohio, businessman, re-elected to his third term as treasurer.

A key resolution adopted by the convention calls for the withdrawal from Vietnam of all U.S. military personnel except those in diplomatic service, "hopefully by December 31." The resolution, carried by a margin of 1451 to 199, also directs all U.S. forces in Southeast Asia "to refrain from taking the initiative in the dropping of bombs and the firing of weapons."

Other resolutions dealt with criminal justice, re-registration in Mississippi, fragmented society, family life patterns, peace and the Middle East. The section on criminal justice calls for reform of the penal system and puts Baptists on record as "willing to accept our share of the tax burden to pay for implementation of these goals." The convention expressed "grave concern over the role of the U.S. Department of Justice in approving new re-registra-

tion procedures adopted this year by a number of Mississippi counties," contending that the procedures will work to the detriment of black voters.

Throughout the five days of meetings, delegates and visitors were urged by several speakers to take action calling for the termination of American military participation in Southeast Asia, some calling for withdrawal by December 31, 1971.

Among the other speakers who emphasized this were Senator Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota; Rev. Dr. Joseph Duffey, immediate past national chairman of Americans for Democratic Action; and William Stringfellow, Episcopal layman and theologian, all speakers at special meal functions.

Evening addresses were given by James McCracken, who heads Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches; Keith Miller, well known author of the 1965 best-seller "The Taste of New Wine;" black evangelist Tom Skinner of Brooklyn, New York; and Miss Elizabeth Walter, superintendent of Murrow Indian Children's Home, Bacone, Oklahoma. These speakers met in "Talk-Back" sessions with delegates and visitors at the close of the day's program. (ABNS)



DISLIKES VBS MATERIAL

Dear Editor:

I am writing because I am a concerned member of the Southern Baptist program. I have been more and more displeased with some of the material that is presented in our convention literature.

I am a pastor of a Baptist church and have in times past served as a missionary to the people of extreme Eastern Kentucky. Having an intent interest in the mission program of our state, I have read the new Vacation Bible School material that is published for the mission Bible Schools. I have a very strong objection to one lesson that is found in the mission series material for older children.

This lesson is in the teacher's and pupil's book under the title "The Life of Christ" and is listed as session four written by; Oeita Turner (Mrs. James) Bottorff and the session title is; "HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?"

This lesson is proposed for youth in the mission fields. The mission material is published to allow teaching by some of the older youth from our churches. This lesson is degrading, and is not worthy of being presented in any of our Bible Schools by those who have no formal training as counselors or med-

ical training. The proposed way in which the session is to be taught; role-play... this is to say that a boy or girl will take the part of a friend to some other youngster who has a serious problem. The youth playing the part will present the problem and the group will give time to discussion of a way to help. I believe the material is much too suggestive and is more in accord with that which we have fought against in other publications that are considered unfit to place on news stands and in news magazines. The plot and the discussion in my opinion would be more in place in an X rated movie than in a Baptist Vacation Bible School literature.

I believe in sex education for our youth. I believe that under proper age and sex groupings and under the leadership of trained competent doctors or nurses who will be objective and will limit the information presented to the needs of the group according to their age, sex and needs, the educational program will be effective. I fear that our convention will be coming under much critical observation from some who would like to put us out of business... I further believe the material as proposed in the VBS literature listed above is just adding fuel to the fires of discontent among some of our people. Nebo, Ky. William W. Pierce, Sr.

Home Mission Board Elects Staff Member

John H. Allen of Richmond, Virginia, was elected by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to lead in starting new churches in states west of the Mississippi River, effective June 15.

In its May meeting the board also appointed seven missionaries to career service.

Allen, pastor of the Southampton Baptist Church in Richmond, was named an assistant secretary of the department of church extension, the board's department for helping churches, associations and state conventions in planning techniques of church extension for maximum use of multiple ministries.

Allen will be chiefly responsible for determining needs for new churches in states west of the Mississippi River. He will consult with state and area personnel as well as Southern Baptist Convention leaders.

In other action the board appointed seven missionaries to career service: Charles and Margaret Clayton will work in the Lake Tahoe area; Mrs. May Lynne Gurney, Air Force Academy; Eugene and Wanda Holman, Sells, Arizona; and David and Barbara McCall, West Virginia. (BP)



Arrival time is hectic as attested to by Ronald Sholar, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, as he arrives with his choir, instrumental group, robes, music and instruments. Finding proper rehearsal rooms sometimes adds to the confusion.



While groups "warm up" pianists and song leaders perform individually before adjudicators at rear.



First Baptist Churches of Princeton and Hopkinsville combined talents to produce this instrumental group pictured as they prepare to perform.



Each group is introduced by its director, as Sholar does above, and a brief explanation of the music is given. This group is the Hopkinsville Children's Choir accompanied by some from the instrumental group.



Bob Kersey, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Paducah, host for this event, introduces his Adult Choir. Judges make helpful comments on paper for the directors to share with their choirs at later practice sessions.

What Goes On At A Music Festival?

Scenes from the Southwestern Regional Festival as captured by the camera of state music secretary Eugene Quinn.

Bowling Green Woman Named State Young Women Director

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union has added Logan County native Miss Wanda Carpenter as Baptist Young Women director. She replaces Miss Sydney Portis who resigned to become WMU secretary for Colorado Baptists.

Miss Carpenter, who graduates from Southern Seminary May 28, is a former missionary journeyman having spent two years in Ghana, West Africa, working in a community center.

Prior to that time she served as a Baptist Summer Missionary to Jamaica and earlier, to New Mexico. Miss Carpenter has also served as a so-



Miss Carpenter

cial worker for the city-county welfare agency in Bowling Green.

Currently the new WMU worker is assistant director of weekday activities at 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville.

At Western Kentucky University, where she received the bachelor of arts degree, Miss Carpenter was chosen for *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, selected as outstanding Spanish and sociology student in the college and served on the Baptist Student Union executive council. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Western.

Speaking of her new responsibilities as state Baptist Young Women director, Miss Carpenter said, "I'm excited about this position because I'm excited about missions. That's what being a Christian is all about."

"I've seen Christians come alive as they experience the joy and the pain that results from getting involved with people."

She continued, "I like to think of BYW as providing a means through which Baptist young women can experience missions first hand by becoming involved in mission action in their own community."

"Baptist Young Women also provides opportunities to become more aware of how people are coming to know Christ in other parts of the world."

Miss Carpenter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter of Bowling Green. He is pastor of Concord Baptist Church near Russellville.

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