

C. R. Daley celebrates 15 years as editor of *Western Recorder* with this issue. In honor of that occasion this issue is dedicated to him. For information about this Baptist leader and tributes paid him by his fellow Baptists, see editorial, page 4, and story page 8.



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Staff Changes

Bill L. Roper, minister of music at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, for over nine years, resigned to accept a similar position on the staff of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama. He began his duties there July 15.



Roper

In addition to his duties at Lyndon Baptist Church, Roper has served as music therapist for the Indiana Mental Health and Guidance Center and as advisor in the music field work program at Southern Seminary. Before coming to Louisville, he served as minister of music at Guthrie Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville.

Roper is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, and holds a master of church music degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Roper, who is a native of Christian County, is married to the former Patricia Phillips of Bremen, Kentucky. They have two daughters.

J. V. Carlisle has been called as interim pastor of the Kento-boo Church, Florence, Kentucky. Since retirement from the staff of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, he has served as interim or supply pastor in several churches in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area.

Carlisle formerly served the First Baptist Church, Rolla, Missouri, and is a graduate of William Jewell College and Southern Seminary.

Earl Hacker is now serving as pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Mercer County. Mr. and Mrs. Hacker are natives of Lincoln County. They came to Hopewell from Woodford County where he held a pastorate. The couple has two children: a son, Richard, who lives in Hamilton, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Clinton Sims, Stanford, Kentucky.

Charles M. Woodward, a bachelor of divinity graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a management consultant.

A native of Kentucky, Woodward holds the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kentucky and the master of education degree from the University of Louisville. He has also studied at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

Prior to joining the board's staff in June, he served as community liaison for the Crisis and Information Center, Mental Retardation Board, Louisville. Earlier, he was director of information and referral service for the Louisville Health and Welfare Council.

Charles E. Daniel, former superintendent of missions for Nelson Association, is returning to Kentucky after spending the last five years in Florida. While in Florida, Daniel has served as interim and supply pastor and will be available for the same services upon returning. His address is 114 Blue Grass Court, Bardstown, Kentucky 40004.

Joe Carl, pastor of the Spears Mill Baptist Church for the past six years, has resigned to assume the full pastorate of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Jessamine County.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I pray constantly for his soul to be saved and for his golf game to fall apart!"

DEVOTIONAL



Harold Skaggs
Pastor, Calhoun Baptist Church

Truth That Liberates

John 8:36

Jesus spoke of the truth which makes men free. He discounted his Jewish friends' contention that they had inherited all the freedom they needed. Said he, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

No matter what our heritage may be or what freedoms may have been secured for us, our own personal freedom is in jeopardy when we "miss the mark" by failing to live responsibly to God.

The truth that liberates us from our real hang ups, sins and failures is to be discovered in the Son himself. "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

Jesus brings us personal freedom when he makes us face candidly who we really are. He exposes our sin and self-centeredness and in a unique moment we are honest with God.

Our freedom is then secured by the love of God. Facing who we really are would force us in greater trauma were it not for the forgiveness of the Son. His death on the cross proves his love. If the Son of God loves and accepts us, we can accept ourselves. That brings liberation — the real thing.

Liberation is characterized by a new life style. The Christian is free from old preoccupations. His anxieties are met with new help. His distrust of his fellowman takes a new optimistic turn. He is no longer reluctant to live — live the real life.

The truth that liberates is experienced when we truly encounter Christ. "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Give Baptists Facts
And They Will Usually
Make Right Decisions

How Southern Baptists spend their money is of keenest interest to every Southern Baptist church member. In the churches, associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention there is some direct voice in the adoption of budgets allocating and identifying expenditures. Through the election of board members and trustees, there is a less direct voice among Southern Baptists in the disbursements of boards, institutions and commissions. Again, the budgeted items may be obvious to those closely associ-

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ated with the agency, but more remote to the masses.

What about the way our agencies invest the funds they hold in reserve? Someone said to me, "Did you know that the Southern Baptist Convention is the major stockholder in R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company?" That set off an investigation by this writer to see if these things be so.

A letter of inquiry was sent to each Board, Institution and Commission listed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual, and a reply was received from each. This is a report of those replies.

Two basic questions were asked in the inquiry. 1. Does your Board, Institution, Commission own stock in Reynolds Tobacco Company? 2. What types of investments does your Board, Institution, Commission make, and what are some of the guiding principles for investments?

The question of Reynolds Tobacco Company stock was answered in the negative by all, with the exception of the Home Mission Board, which received 18 shares of R. J. Reynolds Industries common stock as a gift. The Home Mission Board is in the process of disposing of this stock, according to Curtis L. Johnston, Secretary of Internal Audit Services for the Home Mission Board. He has been with the Home Mission Board since 1953, and "during these twenty years the Home Mission Board has made no investments in fields related to the tobacco industry, the liquor industry, or the entertainment field, including radio, television, motion pictures, etc.," he confirms.

If the first question is of interest, the second should be of even greater interest. Southern Baptists can be proud of the guiding principles employed by our agencies. We can also be grateful that there are open channels for communicating and inquiring with regards to the business practices of our Convention. It is commendable that all of the

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Boards, Institutions and Commissions replied to the inquiry.

My first inquiry went to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC. "There may be some case where some agency would have received some stock in Reynolds Tobacco Company, but I do not know of any and I am sure that it would not be kept for any period of time," he declared. The survey proved this true.

All of us are aware of the fact that the Annuity Board probably administers more money than perhaps any other of our agencies. Frank Durham, senior vice president and director of the Annuity Board, affirms "We do not invest in liquor, tobacco, or motion picture industries, nor do we invest in companies that show any indication of being non-cooperative with the betterment of environment and other social issues." The Annuity Board will list its investments on a sheet inserted in its annual report, *The Years Ahead* informs in its January, February, March, 1972, issue.

"By policy the Sunday School Board does not knowingly invest either in whiskey or tobacco stocks, and we are conscientious in implementing this pol-

Baptist

By Harrison Johns*

icy," advises James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board. "When conglomerates in which we have stock proceed to buy into whiskey or tobacco concerns . . . we move out of those stocks as soon as we can appropriately do so." We try to make the type of investments that will not be discrediting to our Christian witness," he concludes.

Many of our agencies commit their investments to the Southern Baptist Foundation and to the Foundation of respective states in which the agency may be located. "Southern Baptist Foundation does not own any stock of Reynolds Tobacco Company nor do we ever invest in any tobacco or liquor stocks," emphasizes Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation. "Southern Baptist Foundation is run by dedicated Christian Baptist men who guard the integrity of this agency zealously, always concerned about the Christian image of every transaction. Safety and Christian ethics are foremost and consideration of return is secondary whenever morality becomes involved," Berry asserts.

The question may be raised as to why some of our agencies, if not most of them, have such large sums of funds or investments on hand? Some remember difficulties encountered in 1929. "The emergency reserve fund was created by the Foreign Mission Board

growing out of its terrible experience in the depression, which nearly put the Board into bankruptcy," reports Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. "Intensive studies show that it will take an amount equivalent to a three-month operation to carry us through such a crisis at the present time, and we were authorized by the Convention to set that as our financial reserve objective," Dr. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board states. Of course, the Annuity Board holds funds contributed toward retirement, disability, etc., thus accounting for their reserves. Similar considerations are given by all of our agencies. Good planning, don't you think?

The manner in which these agencies replied is inspiring. "The Baptist Foundation of Texas has never invested in tobacco or liquor stocks of any kind," replies J. C. Cantrell, executive secretary.

We can rest in confidence that our six seminaries are being discreet in their investments. Grady C. Cothen of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary declares it well, "We are making an honest effort to see to it that our policies coincide with our beliefs." Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has a policy of investing in "income-producing properties as may in the best judgment of the Financial Board be considered prudent," responds Badgett Dillard, director of administration for this seminary.

Faith in our agencies may be elevated when we consider that we have some well-trained people employed, and other experts who serve on boards of our agencies. In addition to this, our agencies consult professionals in banks and other financial institutions in the determination of investments, but always made under the careful scrutiny of the agency.

Another result of this report should be pointed out. This writer is obscure among the 12 million Southern Bap-

Investments

tists, yet the response to his inquiry was 100%. What Southern Baptists do is open and above board. We can be thankful for this, and pool our prayers and thoughts and efforts to make it always to be so. We have a denomination worth supporting because it is dedicated to the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The personnel of our agencies have come from churches like yours and mine. They need our prayerful support. They welcome our comments and observations. They are people who love the Lord, and are dedicated to His cause above service to themselves. This survey has made me a better Southern Baptist. It may serve a similar purpose for you.

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

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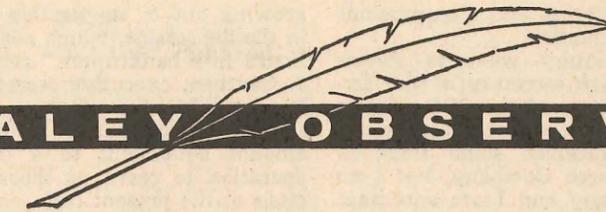
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C. R. Daley Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary As Editor

"Western Disturber" is a half-humorous, half-serious nickname for Kentucky's state Baptist paper, *Western Recorder*. But, as in most cases, this nickname is based in shreds of fact and reveals much about the history of this second oldest journal among Southern Baptists.

Those familiar with Kentucky Baptist history know that *Western Recorder* has been in the midst of practically every fight Kentucky Baptists have staged. In times past, the paper even started or at least led many of the frays.

When C. R. Daley left Harrodsburg to assume the paper's editorship 15 years ago, one goal he set for himself was to change the "Disturber" image. He wanted the magazine to be trusted by Baptists of every stripe. He wanted factual reporting and balanced presentation of all material.

With these as guiding principles, Daley has attempted to be faithful to his commitment to Kentucky Baptists to report the information about the churches and their state and national conventions. At the same time, he has continually resisted pressures to practice "muckraking" journalism or to needlessly fan flames of division. He has determinately fought to keep *Western Recorder* an instrument of the people, not just a promotion sheet for programs or a tool to be used by one segment of Baptists. Working with him for the past four years, this writer knows as intimately as any colleague can, of the editor's commitment to honest, constructive journalism.

But this commitment is self-evident to readers of *Western Recorder*. Southern Baptists in Kentucky and across the convention have come to expect factual reporting and candid evaluations.

It doesn't matter if the topic be dancing on Georgetown campus, a home for the aged, an Executive Board action or a report of the SBC Committee of Fifteen, Daley presents the picture as clearly as he can determine it and offers his evaluation.

NOTICE

This issue is a surprise anniversary issue for Editor C. R. Daley. He saw it for the first time as it came from the press. Knowing the editor's hesitancy to feature himself in the pages of *Western Recorder*, the staff and others joined together to honor and surprise him with this edition.

Bob Terry
Associate Editor,
Western Recorder

But taking a stand is a costly thing. People disagree with editorial stands and the responses are not always kind. Yet Daley has demonstrated a personal "big-ness" by publishing these replies, usually without comment. He has his say, allows others their say and then trusts Kentucky Baptists to determine the truth for themselves. He does not hide behind editorial privileges to stifle disagreements.

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At a critical time in the convention, Daley had been able to analyse the situation and act quickly and constructively while most people were still in shock. Daley provided leadership as he is expected to do.

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One Who Walked With God

With the death of G. R. Pendergraph there is not only an empty office in the Baptist Building but also an empty place in the hearts of all who knew him. He was one of the easiest persons to know and to know him was to love him.

Penn was a holy man in the best sense of the word. His was an inner holiness more than a demonstrative kind. In the more than 20 years of our friendship and fellowship I never heard him speak an unkind word about anyone. Nor did I ever know him to say, no, to any request for services he could render.

He was close to the earth. He had a profound appreciation for all the creation of God and his hands were familiar with the soil. During the summertime a common sight in the halls of the Baptist Building were boxes of squash, tomatoes and other vegetables from his garden for fellow workers on a first come first have basis. Honey from his bees was a delicacy he shared with many of us. My last conversation with him several days before his death concerned the difficulty this spring in getting a garden started.

Penn was close to people. He probably was the widest known and best loved of all Kentucky Baptist denominational workers. During his 26 years of denominational service he was in more churches and more homes than any person in the Baptist Building.

He did not pick the churches and homes where he ministered. He was equally at home in a remote one room church at the head of the hollow as in the city church with excellent facilities. Of the many nights he spent away from home, few were in motels compared with those spent in humble homes many of which did not have the comforts of central heat or even indoor plumbing.

His ministry helped the image of every other Kentucky denominational worker. As long as Penn was in the Baptist Building, grass roots Baptists knew all denominational workers were not "high and mighty".

Penn was also close to God. It was his relationship to God through Jesus Christ that motivated his love for the earth and for people. He could be compared with many Bible characters. The most fitting one, in my mind, is Enoch and the little girl's version of the relationship of Enoch and God describes Penn.

"Enoch and God walked together every day. At the end of each day Enoch would go to his home and God would return to heaven. At the end of one day Enoch and God were so close to heaven that Enoch upon His invitation went home with God instead of returning to his home on earth."

When Penn said goodbye to this earth he didn't have far to go to be at home with God.

Different Reactions To The Same Article

Readers are urged to read in the Baptist Forum the reply of my friend, Wallace Morris, to a guest editorial used in the June 10 issue of the *Western Recorder*. The editorial was written by Roy W. Hinchey who serves Georgia Baptists as counselor for churches and pastors upon their request.

My choice of the article for a guest editorial and the reaction of Pastor Morris are an illustration of how differently two persons can be impressed by the same article. When I read Hinchey's suggestions on dismissing a pastor I thought they made good sense.

I thought immediately of too many pastors who have had the rug jerked from under them by thoughtless and merciless action of the membership.

The article was used not to suggest that a pastor take flight with the first sign of opposition nor to suggest a way that a church might dismiss a pastor for no good reason. It was used to suggest an honorable way to do what a church is determined to do honorably or dishonorably. To be as concerned, considerate and prayerful when letting a pastor go as when calling him seems proper.



DISMISSING A PASTOR

Dear Editor:

I read the *Western Recorder* regularly and usually find that I am most appreciative of the articles, especially the editorials. However, the guest editorial on "Dismissing a Pastor" by Roy W.

Hinchey in the June 10, 1972, issue is one to which I take strong exception, and I feel compelled to respond to it. It is in the spirit of love — love for the pastorate, the Kingdom, the churches, and for my colleagues — that I offer these remarks.

In the second paragraph of Bro. Hinchey's editorial he states, "Most of

us will agree there comes a time in every pastor's life when for the best interest of the church, the kingdom of God and himself, he should move on." In the next paragraph he refers to this as a "time" which is coming to all of God's pastors. The statement "most of us" is doubtless a supposition on the part of Bro. Hinchey and not a product of research. Neither the Bible nor experience support the position of Bro. Hinchey. If such is true then great men such as George W. Truett, R. G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, W. R. Pettigrew, and countless others who labored faithfully in some small church somewhere must be considered as being and having been

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Chafin Leaves HMB, Accepts Pastorate

Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for the past 2 1/2 years, will become pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, effective August 6.



Chafin

Chafin, 45, will succeed E. Hermond Westmoreland, who retired as pastor last year to become minister-at-large for the South Main church. Westmoreland preached the annual sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia on June 6.

Under Chafin's leadership, the SBC Home Mission Board's evangelism division has developed lay evangelism schools which have already trained more than 100,000 laymen in evangelistic efforts across the country.

The division has also initiated production of a half-hour television program, using a format featuring music by a group called the Spring Street Singers, a guest soloist or personality who would be interviewed, and closing with a 10 minute message by Chafin. The television series, to be produced by the division and the SBC Radio-Television Commission, is tentatively scheduled to start next spring.

In accepting the pastorate of the 5,700 member church, Chafin said here that it was "a radical decision."

He added that he knew of no other church in the Southern Baptist Convention which he would want to serve as pastor, explaining it this way: "Houston, the sixth largest city in the country, is the last great city in the nation that Baptists can win for Christ."

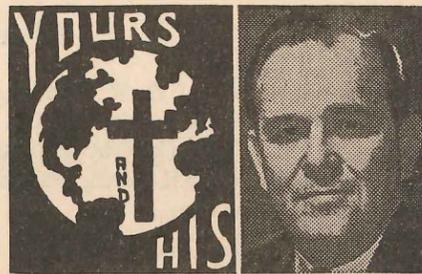
Chafin said the pastorate was "not a step down," but a move to the "front line of activity" in winning a great city to Christ through the efforts of a local church.

Chafin was the Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for four years, before going to head nationwide evangelism efforts of the SBC Home Mission Board in 1969. (BP)

GA-Acteen Camp Set At Oneida

Oneida Baptist Institute will be the scene of its annual GA and Acteens camp. Activities will begin with registration at 2 p.m. on July 24 and will continue through July 28. Girls, ages 9-16, should send reservations to David C. Jackson, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Kentucky 40972. A one dollar registration fee should accompany each camper's registration. The total cost will be \$15. This includes the \$1 registration fee and medical insurance.

James E. Clark of Martin, Kentucky, will be serving as camp pastor.



Baptist college scholarships

Something new under the Baptist college "sun" is coming about by the recommendation of the convention and the action of the Executive Board May 2. Kentucky Baptists are setting up the "Kentucky Baptist College Scholarship Fund" to assist young people who are members of Baptist churches in attending one of our three Baptist colleges.

The idea is for the local church, the convention and the college to grant \$100 each semester to an approved first-year, full-time student at Georgetown, Cumberland or Campbellsville. This means \$200 from his local church, \$200 from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and \$200 from the Baptist college—a total of \$600 a year toward his tuition expense. It would be for entering freshmen. The local church must vote to give \$200, the college must approve him for admission and then the Convention will provide the \$200 as funds are available.

Original plan 1973

Since the convention is just setting this up, funds will begin to trickle in this fall, so it is not effective until the fall of 1973 from this source. Applications can be made from October 1 through February 1, 1973, for the fall 1973 semester. But, there is help right now!

Colleges will help now!

Word has just come from the presidents of Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown Baptist Colleges that each will enter into this scholarship fund this fall. If the local church will agree to pay \$100 per semester for each Baptist member who is accepted by the college of his choice, that Baptist college will also provide a \$100 per semester scholarship for each. (The convention will not join in this plan now, but for 1973.)

So, if you have a Baptist student who wishes to go to one of our three splendid Baptist colleges, have him or her apply for admission to the college, have the church approve the student and agree to give \$100 per semester as part of the tuition and the college will grant a matching \$100 per semester!

Write the financial aid officer of the college about this now.

Harold G. Sanders

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People And Places

H. A. Cocanougher, Danville, well-known Baptist leader in the South District Baptist Association, died Saturday, June 24, 1972. Funeral services were on June 26 at the Beech Grove Baptist Church. Cocanougher served a number of years as moderator of the South District association and at the time of his death was the Kentucky Baptist executive board member from that association.

David E. Leyerle, a native of Louisville, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, June 4, at Briarlake Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia.



Leyerle

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Indiana University. Before joining the Briarlake staff last year as minister of activities, Leyerle was a teacher and coach in Jefferson County public schools. During the summers he served as director of recreation at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

Leyerle is married to the former Sharon Higdon of Louisville. She served as music assistant at the Walnut Street Baptist Church for seven years.

On June 12, 1972, the executive board of Little Bethel Association adopted resolutions concerning William Thigpen, deceased, and William W. Pierce, two former pastors in their association.

Thigpen was the pastor of Hanson Baptist Church, Hanson, Kentucky, at the time of his death on March 29, 1972. He answered the call to preach at the age of 25 and was ordained in 1969 by the Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville, when he was 26 years old.

Pierce resigned the Nebo Baptist Church in March, 1972, to become pastor of Gettysburg Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. Before coming to the Nebo church, he served as a pioneer missionary in Eastern Kentucky.

Mike Champoulion, Lawton, Oklahoma, brought the message for Eastern-Maytown Baptist Chapel, Langley, Kentucky, on its second Sunday of existence. He is working with Lawrence Baldrige of Pippa Passes during the summer. Attendance was 75, of whom 39 were adults, in the 20 by 32 foot chapel.

Robert J. Hastings, editor of the state Baptist paper in Illinois, is the author of another book which will be published by Southern Illinois University on September 1. The book is entitled, "A Nickel's Worth Of Skim Milk," and is an account of the author's experiences as a boy in the great depression.

Hastings, stewardship secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention during the years 1960-65, says he has chosen in this book to relive eight years (1930-1938) on the printed page and to share the struggles and triumphs of an unemployed miner's home.

Southside Baptist Church in Princeton had a homecoming-note burning service on June 4, 1972. The church recently paid off debts totaling \$48,000, incurred when a new church auditorium was built in 1963 and a church parsonage was purchased in 1968. All former church pastors were present for the all day service. These pastors were: H. G. M. Hatler, Don Moore, Deward Hurst, Gates Bowman and Wallis Gray. Don Mathis is pastor of Southside.

Lucien E. Coleman, Louisville, participated recently in a week of training designed to equip him for leading deacon conferences for Southern Baptist churches and association. The training was part of the Deacon Conference conducted at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Allen F. Harrod, pastor of the Bellepoint Baptist Church, Frankfort, held open house for the new church parsonage Sunday, July 2. The church recently purchased the property next door to the church and completely renovated the house.

Four Campbellsville College faculty members have been chosen Outstanding Educators of America for 1972. Selected for the honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements were L. D. Kennedy, chairman of literature and languages; Ruby Cur-

ry, assistant professor of literature and library science; Foster Eldredge, assistant professor of languages; and Robert Clark, associate professor of social studies.

John D. Segree was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, June 11, by the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He is a native of Hopkinsville and grew up in the First Baptist Church. He is going to Calvary Baptist Church in Tipp City, Ohio, to serve.

Segree is a 1969 graduate of Murray State University with a BS degree and is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary with a master of divinity degree. He is married to the former Alice Heaton of Princeton, who taught school during the last two years.

John R. Holzman, a Georgetown College senior, has been named the Lambda Chi Alpha's outstanding student member for 1971-72. He received the Cyril F. "Duke" Flad Award denoting his selection. As the award winner, he will receive full expenses to the general assembly in Portland, Oregon, August 27-30, and will deliver an address at the awards luncheon August 29, 1972.

The first Commissioning Service for missionary appointees ever held in a local church took place on June 25 at the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. In the service 27 US-2 missionaries were appointed while another 35 were qualified and approved but not sent due to lack of funds. Home Mission Board officials taking part in the service were Wendell Belew, Ed Seabough, E. Warren Woolf and Arthur B. Rutledge. Al McEachern is the St. Matthews pastor.

Bullard Takes Exec.-Sec. Slot

G. W. Bullard of Philadelphia, newly elected second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected as executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey with headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Bullard

Bullard, currently executive director of the Delaware Valley Baptist Association comprising Baptists in the Philadelphia area, will assume the state-wide position effective August 1.

He succeeds the late Joe Waltz a former Kentuckian, who died last December of a heart attack while on a hunting trip in Bedford County, Penn. Waltz, 46, was the first executive secretary of the convention.

Bullard, 61, has been in charge of one of the three associations affiliated with the state convention for the past seven years.

Previously, he was pastor of Gregory Memorial Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., and Temple Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. Prior to that he was state superintendent of missions for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, and associate state Sunday School secretary for the North Carolina convention.

Active in denominational affairs, he has been president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, and president of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He has been a trustee or board member for the SBC Home Mission Board, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and chairman or member of numerous Southern Baptist Convention committees and state convention committees. (BP)



100 YEARS OF LIFE — T. L. Bunch, seated, celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday, June 29. In honor of the occasion, his fellow deacons at Ephesus Baptist Church in Clark County took him a birthday cake. With the deacons was their pastor, Sam Hatton, pictured second from right. Bunch's grandson, Malcolm Stokely, also a deacon, is shown at far left. Bunch became a Christian in 1913 and was ordained as deacon in 1915. He served as an active deacon until 1964.

A Glimpse Of Chauncey Daley—

From Farmer To Teacher To Pastor To Editor

On June 13, 1957, *Western Recorder* carried the announcement that Harrodsburg pastor C. R. Daley would succeed R. T. Skinner as editor of the Kentucky Baptist state paper effective July 1 of that year.

Since the July 4 issue is traditionally not printed in Kentucky, the first issue produced by the new editor was dated July 11, fifteen years ago this issue.

Daley was widely known as an effective pastor and outstanding speaker when he took the editorship. Since that time he has distinguished himself among Southern Baptists as an editorialist.

Born on a small farm in southern Georgia, Daley is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Daley, Sr. As a youth he worked feverishly to finish the farm chores so he could get away to the local creek bank and fish or go hunting.

Sitting alone by the water or walking through the woods with his dog, the young boy learned to think deeply about God, about himself and about nature. He learned to appreciate the beauty God placed in the wilds. This love for the wilds is still reflected in the descriptive essays he writes about drives in the country or hunting and fishing trips.

When the Screven County High School burned as Daley began his senior year, the young man came face to face with his "father-in-the-ministry." Walter Price, a former pastor in Daley's home town, offered to let the teenager

live in his home in Waynesboro, about 50 miles away, while he completed his high school training.

The Waynesboro pastor became a life long friend and counselor. When Daley was later married to the former Christine Rachels, it was Price who officiated at the ceremony.

With the aid of a scholarship, help from relatives and lots of hard work, Daley enrolled at Brewton-Parker Junior College near Valdosta. Two years later he transferred to Mercer University where he earned a reputation as a prankster as well as a bachelor of arts degree.

It was also during these years that Daley felt called to the ministry. Although he surrendered to the call, he did not publish the fact that he was a ministerial student and few people knew it.

Upon graduation in 1939, he accepted a position as principal and coach at

**By Bob Terry
Associate Editor
Western Recorder**

Hiltonia High School in Hiltonia, Georgia. There he met Miss Rachels, a teacher in the school, and a year later they were married.

Although not ordained, Daley spoke in several area churches as a "lay speaker." In fact, he became much in demand. Then a letter came. A nearby church, McDonald Baptist Church, was without a pastor. In the letter the church requested Daley to be ordained and become its pastor. He accepted. For the next two years Daley served as pastor of three rural churches, McDonald, Green Fork and St. Clair.

But a move to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville was inevitable. The couple had even bought furniture with the move in mind.

In the fall of 1943, at the suggestion of seminary president Ellis Fuller, the husband and expectant father was off to Louisville, leaving behind his year old son Gilroy and wife.

The following February a second son, Mike, was born. Daley secured housing on the seminary campus and that spring his family joined him.

To pay the rent, his wife Christine answered the telephone for Judson Hall. Daley worked in the kitchen and delivered milk for Plainview Dairy.

About a month after the family arrived, two half-time pastorates in Simpson Association were offered the young father. Daley accepted the calls of Woodburn Baptist Church and Providence Baptist Church. Two years later,



Editor and Mrs. C. R. Daley relax in their living room on Sunday afternoon.

Providence went fulltime and Daley resigned the Woodburn church to stay at Providence until 1949.

Meanwhile, at the seminary Daley had distinguished himself as a student. He became a "teaching fellow" for professor Harold W. Tribble in Old Testament and what originated as a three

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Western Recorder's "wide awake" editor.

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Mr. Bob Terry
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Dear Bob:

The honor that has been extended to me as the president of the Baptist Press Association in writing a letter honoring Dr. Daley is one that would be cherished by every editor of our Southern Baptist Convention state papers.

No man stands taller among the editors than Chauncey. No man has a keener knowledge of Baptist life and thought, and no man has a greater love for his denomination. He approaches his denomination with a real appreciation of what it has done for him and for the opportunities it has afforded him. Yet at the same time, he articulates with constructive criticism at the points where he sees that it needs to be improved.

His humility is an example for each one of us. He sets a standard of excellence before his peers that is unparalleled by any editor in our time. We are grateful unto God for his ministry, for his leadership, for his friendship, and for the common touch that he brings with his own personal life.

As fellow editors and brothers in Christ, the words are not adequate to express our feeling other than to say we love him.

Sincerely yours,

James O. Duncan
James O. Duncan, President
Baptist Press Association

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June 23, 1972

Dr. C. R. Daley, Editor
WESTERN RECORDER
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Middletown, Kentucky

Dear Chauncey:

Fifteen years ago you became Editor of the WESTERN RECORDER and it is a happy privilege to offer my congratulations for your dedicated service to Kentucky Baptists and to the fellowship of Baptists throughout the world.

Kentucky Baptists are proud of the WESTERN RECORDER. Among the Baptist state papers, the WESTERN RECORDER is widely recognized as one of the top publications, and your ability and forthright editorial policy have won for the paper respect and admiration.

Upon the occasion of your Fifteenth Anniversary as Editor, on behalf of a grateful Board of Directors, I offer our best wishes and affectionate respect. We are proud of our Editor and assure you of our continuing support in this wonderful ministry with which your name has become synonymous.

Our prayer and hopes are for at least fifteen more glorious years.

Affectionately yours,
John C. Huffman
John C. Huffman, Chairman
Board of Directors

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Dr. C. R. Daley, Editor
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Dear Dr. Daley:

Fifteen years go by in a big hurry, but you have built on the tradition of Masters and Skinner to make the *Western Recorder* a meaningful force not only in the life of Kentucky Baptists, but in the Southern Baptist Convention as well.

On the trip to South America with Dr. Boone in 1960, I felt that I really got to know something of the deep and unpretentious spiritual qualities which direct your life and to share some of the heart of missionary concern which was reflected on that trip and which has been a keynote of your editorial ministry.

When the denominational storms roll to the right or the left, I have always enjoyed reading the *Western Recorder* editorials as a guide to sanity and sensible understanding and yet sound from the theological perspective. One significant thing about your ministry, Chauncey, has been the tremendous peer approval. I have never found an editor of a Southern Baptist paper who would not be willing to let you represent them and to express their concern for freedom and yet a freedom that understands and considers responsibility.

Let me join with your many friends in wishing you the best of health and continued strength for the unfolding years ahead.

Sincerely yours,
Porter Ruth
Porter Ruth

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Dr. C. R. Daley, Editor
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Dear Dr. Daley:

Several years ago, when there were strong efforts at positioning the editorial writings of the *Western Recorder*, the Board of Directors, after a thorough discussion of the matter, reaffirmed the freedom of the editor. The directors were well aware that the editorials would not always be pleasing to everyone. To hope that they would only be wistful thinking. However, the Board felt that there should be some place where the Baptists of Kentucky, their work and decisions, could be objectively reflected. The editorial page of the *Western Recorder* seemed to be the logical place.

Through these fifteen years, Dr. Daley, you have faithfully sought to fulfill this role as editor. Sometimes, it has meant a position in company with a few, sometimes with many, sometimes alone; but always vulnerable to mistakes, and open to both criticism and praise, but not often one hundred percent either way. An objective editorial view is like a mirror. We don't always like what we see, but if we are to improve our image, we must see ourselves; and to do so, we need such a reflector. This is the contribution the editorial page of the *Western Recorder* has made to Kentucky Baptists. It has helped keep us alert and sensitive to our Baptist principle of the competency of the individual soul, and the priesthood of all believers. This principle of competency and responsibility has been extended the editor as an extension of our own Baptist faith. I personally believe that you have sought to accept and discharge this responsibility with true faithfulness to conscience and principle.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Waincott
Harold Waincott, President
Kentucky Baptist Convention

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year stay was extended. Daley earned the bachelor of divinity, master of theology and doctor of theology degrees.

In 1949, two Baptist colleges approached the graduate with teaching positions. Choosing to remain in Kentucky, Daley became professor of Greek and Latin at Georgetown College. A year later he was offered and accepted the position of professor of Old Testament and philosophy. In 1952 the administration asked him to also assume the chores of dean of men, which he did for two years.

Twice during his five year stay at Georgetown, Daley was elected "Most Popular Professor" by the students.

But preaching remained a part of the professor's life. For almost two years he was interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris. Other interims served include Great Crossing and Gano Avenue in Georgetown, Cynthiana and Nicholasville.

Once Daley was supplying for the pastor of a Winchester church and a pulpit committee showed up. Although they intended to hear the pastor, they listened attentively to the supply preacher. That same day the committee talked with Daley and the wheels were in motion that took the professor from the college campus to the pastorate of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church in Mercer County.

For three years Daley preached and taught the Bible in this 2,000 plus member church. And the church grew in membership, financial support and Christian fellowship. In the spring of 1957, Daley reportedly told his sometimes fishing partner "Prof" Inman Johnson, of Southern Seminary, "I have

the ideal situation. I have good people, a good church and it's so close to Herrington Lake. A man could spend his whole life right here and be completely happy."

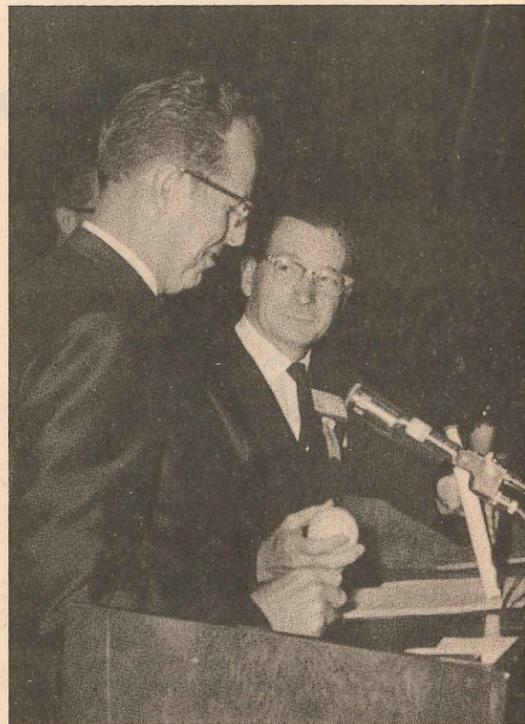
But in May of that year Daley resigned to become editor of *Western Recorder*. He refers to that decision as "the hardest thing I ever had to do," but adds that he made the decision on the basis of where he could do the most good for the most people.

Scarcely had the new editor been introduced to his Southern Baptist cohorts when he found himself in the middle of a denominational crisis. A split between the faculty and administration at Southern Seminary became public knowledge. The new editor interviewed spokesmen for both sides to report first hand information. When the SBC appointed a committee to investigate the situation, the Kentucky editor was asked to meet with the committee as the representative for Baptist Press.

His accurate reporting of facts and insightful interpretations won him immediate respect across the convention. Reflecting on this event, Daley says, "Today I might not have been so bold but then I didn't know any better. That is where I really cut my teeth as an editor."

During his 15 years as Kentucky's editor, Daley has distinguished himself for the forthright way he has approached controversial topics. A typical comment often heard by this writer is "I don't always agree with Dr. Daley, but I always read his editorials to find out where he stands."

In Philadelphia this year, an Alabama pastor who receives *Western Recorder* sought out the editor and said, "You



Wayne Dehoney, left, then president of the SBC, presented Daley an autographed Detroit Tiger baseball during the 1966 session at Detroit. Daley received it as representative of the editors.

are one of the two editors who isn't afraid to handle controversial topics. I appreciate that." These comments reflect Daley's reputation among Southern Baptists and especially among his Baptist brethren in Kentucky.

In the early 60's, Daley traveled to South America to participate in the Baptist World Alliance in Brazil. As the decade closed he traveled through the Holy Land as a guest of the Israeli government.

Among his many honors is a doctor of laws degree (honorary) presented him in 1970 by his alma mater, Mercer University. In 1966, he was tapped by his fellow editors to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association. He has been a trustee for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and currently is serving as chairman of the Southern Baptist delegation to the Baptist Joint Committee.

Daley is the father of four sons, Gil, a physician serving with the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox; Mike, a social worker in Louisville; Dale, a senior at Georgetown College; and Philip, an entering freshman at Georgetown.

For additional insights about this prominent Kentucky Baptist leader, see editorial appearing on page 4.



Daley, right center, presides over meeting of Southern Baptist Press Association.

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J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr., Ch. B.
Minister

June 16, 1972

Mr. Bob Terry
Associate Editor
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Dear Bob:

I take great delight in writing you concerning my dear friend, Chauncey Daley, on the occasion of his fifteenth anniversary as the editor of the *Western Recorder*.

As chairman of the committee that selected Dr. Daley to be the editor of the *Western Recorder*, I am sure that Kentucky Baptists will concur that this was a good judgment.

It was my pleasure to serve as chairman of the Board of Managers for eight years while Dr. Daley was the editor. These years were very eventful, testing the metal of an editor. At all times Dr. Daley was the soul of integrity. Through his keen insight and utter fairness he served to inform and mitigate hostility. Even those who disagreed with him could never fault him for lack of honesty and fairness.

I am grateful for the friendship of Chauncey Daley and for what he means to the larger Baptist family. It is a privilege for me to join with his many other friends in saluting him for fifteen years of splendid service.

Sincerely yours,
J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr.
J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr.

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Dr. C. R. Daley, Editor
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Dear Dr. Daley:

Congratulations upon the completion of fifteen years as editor of the *Western Recorder*. You have done a magnificent job in editing and publishing one of the finest state papers in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your editorials have been superior communications to our people and to leaders throughout the south. Your ability to communicate the programs and messages of Southern Baptists through all the pages of the *Recorder* is most unusual. You have a rare call of expression and a deep insight into Kentucky Baptist life and movements. Our people have read you with great interest and profit.

We are all indebted to you for the splendid leadership you have given us in this agency of our Convention.

Gratefully yours and His,
Harold G. Sanders
Harold G. Sanders
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June 29, 1972

FRANKLIN OWEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER, ELECT

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Dear Dr. Daley:

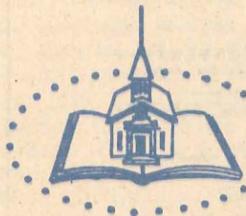
Let me add my hearty congratulations and best wishes upon your fifteenth anniversary as our Editor in Chief. Your editorial service has borne the mark of Christian charity and journalistic excellence which has enabled our *Western Recorder* to still further increase the high esteem in which it is held among our denominational papers.

You and I have been associated in a number of relationships. I was on the *Western Recorder* Board of Managers when we engaged you, and you have certainly confirmed our judgment. I have enjoyed the best of relationships with you and your staff as a pastor during all of your years. Our friendship had a head start through our common Georgia connections.

Now I look forward to the same happy relationship in our neighborly offices in the same building where we shall have more frequent opportunity to exchange ideas and share each other's minds.

May God give you health and strength and many more happy fruitful years as our Editor.

Yours in Christ,
Franklin Owen
Franklin Owen



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for July 23, 1972)



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Much of Paul's life was a patch-work of revised plans because of divine intervention. What he wanted to do was not always what God wanted him to do. In spite of his disappointments, Paul maintained the conviction that God had a plan for his life, a pattern for his character, and an ideal for his soul. He fully believed that God would lead him in the way that was best for him. Anxious to learn where not to go and where to go, Paul discovered that a closed door could be an expression of the will of God as certainly as an open one. He resolved to make the most of the opportunities which came to him, whether unsought or sought.

Very few people have an opportunity to live their lives on the basis of their first choices. Most of us know something of broken plans, frustrated ambitions and promising doors being closed just when we were about to pass through them. But, when God closes one door, He opens another.

Acts 16:8-10

When he and his colleagues landed in Troas, it would have been easy for Paul to have felt sorry for himself but he did not. On his first night there, he had a vision of an European, standing with outstretched arms, begging: "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." This vision made clear to him the meaning of the closed doors. When morning came, he told his companions what he had seen the night before. Before noon Paul and his party, in which Luke was then included, were on the water sailing to Europe. Paul's unhesitating obedience brought prompt prosperity and the voyage was accomplished in two days. God always does His part when His children do their part.

Acts 16:13-15

When Paul and Silas arrived in Philippi they attended a prayer meeting by the riverside on the Sabbath. There they found some God-fearing women, who were dissatisfied and longing for the pardon of their sins. Among them was Lydia, a successful businesswoman, a seller of purple and a sinner who needed salvation through Christ. As Paul preached the gospel to Lydia and

the other women, the Lord opened her heart, and enabled her to understand the message of the Apostle and to yield her will to the will of the Lord.

When Lydia was saved, she immediately followed her Saviour in baptism. Her life was transformed and she became a faithful witness for Christ. As a result of her Christian influence the members of her family and household were saved. She also graciously extended cordial hospitality to the missionaries and they rejoiced to abide in her house.

Acts 16:25, 29-32

In Philippi, Paul and Silas also encountered a slave girl who possessed an evil spirit by which she charmed and astounded people. Repeatedly this poor fortune-teller followed the missionaries crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Grieved at commendation from such an undesirable source, Paul turned and said to the evil spirit in her, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."

After the evil spirit left the afflicted girl, her owners influenced the rulers

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Psalms 51:1-12

This Psalm, which is the plaintive wail of a bleeding heart and a broken spirit, reveals that David was a very unhappy man. He had plunged into horrible sin and had committed a terrible crime. He was guilty of wrecking the home of a faithful and loyal soldier and then causing the loss of his life. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." Don't forget that!

God does not ignore the sins of His children. In one way or another He deals with them in order that they may be restored to fellowship with Him and again be able to render effective and useful service for Him. Approximately a year after David had sinned so grievously, God sent His faithful prophet,

to arrest Paul and Silas, drag them before the magistrates, subject them to an unfair trial, severe and merciless beatings, and then imprisonment.

Instead of spending those hours of physical torture in bitter imprecations on their enemies, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns of praise unto God. Their singing awakened the other prisoners who listened to them with wonder and amazement. Not only did the prisoners hear but God heard and He answered. Suddenly God's power came down and an earthquake, of such severity that even the foundations of the jail were shaken, startled all who were in the prison.

When the jailer dashed out and saw the prison doors wide open, he at once concluded that all his prisoners had escaped. Terror and despair gripped him and he decided to commit suicide. Paul cried, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." The tenderness and love of that cry touched him deeply, causing him to ask, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" He was told just what to do, nothing more nor less. Nothing could be plainer than the answer he received, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Nathan, to declare unto him His intense displeasure with his dastardly conduct in committing two of the worst sins, namely, adultery and murder. David listened attentively to Nathan's sermon without applying any of it to himself, and in this he is typical of most church members today.

When David was told bluntly that he was the man whose terrible sins the prophet was describing, he fell on his face in genuine repentance, freely acknowledged that his sins were acts of rebellion against God and sobbed out his prayer to God in which he asked for forgiveness and restoration.

Pardon, Psalm 51:1-4

David's plea for pardon founds its

basis in the following:

1. His consciousness of sin. David could not hide his sins from his view or erase them from his memory. His realization that they had grieved God, injured others and hurt himself caused him to be miserable.

2. His confession of sin. David said: "I acknowledge my transgressions," meaning his deliberate and willful violation of the expressed will of God. The sins which he confessed included adultery, treachery and murder.

3. His confidence that God would forgive him. David asked God to have mercy upon and be gracious unto him. He requested God to "blot out" or expunge completely his sinful record. He did not have any doubt about his need of a thorough cleansing. Unfortunately many today fail to recognize the necessity of their being washed and made clean in the sight of God.

Purity, Psalm 51:5-11

1. David prayed that God would purge him. He confessed his sinful nature and his sinful deeds and asked that he might be purged of them.

2. David prayed that God would purify him. With an intense desire to be purified, David asked God to cleanse his heart of all known and unforgiven sin.

3. David prayed that God would protect him from danger, wrath, distress and despair.

Pleasurableness, Psalm 51:12

David prayed for the restoration of joy saying, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." He wanted a full restoration to the happy consciousness of God's favor. This request implies three truths:

1. There is joy in salvation. One cannot become a child of God and not become the recipient and possessor of joy.

2. The joy of salvation may be lost. David had known that joy which results from being saved but in his prayer he acknowledged that he had lost that joy through indulgence in sin. He had not lost his salvation and never said anything about losing it. He was simply praying for the restoration of that which had gone out of his heart, which was joy. Many others have lost the joy of their salvation through the neglect of prayer, Bible study and public worship, as well as through carelessness, worldliness and indulgence in sin. One cannot indulge in sin without forfeiting his joy. God will not give joy to anybody while he is living in sin. To do so would be to put a premium on disobedience.

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outside God's will, doing a disservice to the church, the Kingdom, and themselves. It is not denied that there are occasions when it is best and doubtless the will of God for a pastor to move, but to say this is true in every pastor's life is everything but true. The will of God for every servant of God cannot be categorically stated by a fellow pastor or denominational servant.

As one reads the editorial another question comes to mind, "Does Bro. Hinchey's reasoning apply only to pastors?" Should it not also include other staff members and denominational workers considering that their's is a work of calling? It is thrilling to say and hear it said of denominational servants, "He served long and well at his post." Is this commendation to be denied God's servants in the pastorate?

The position taken by Bro. Hinchey presents a problem to those pastors who have the distinction of serving a number of years in their present pastorate. Let us hope and pray that no one shall assume this position authoritative and use it as yet another tool to make the role of such pastors even more difficult. Many pastors who positively lead their people encounter opposition who often seek to "get rid" of him. Perhaps it would be well for the *Western Recorder* to clarify to its readers that no such injustice was intended to faithful servants of God within our state.

Another fact emerges if Bro. Hinchey's position is correct — which is that pastors are denied the blessed privilege of becoming firmly rooted in a community. The lawyer, physician, storekeeper, factory workers and others enjoy living a lifetime in a given area, becoming a part of the continuing community. Is this denied to the minister, or must he be a nomad all the days of his life?

The first paragraph is also defective. It reads as follows: "Sometimes a layman or a group of laymen approach a neighboring pastor or denominational worker and say, 'Our church is losing ground; Our preacher has lost his effectiveness. How do we make a change?'"

The implication here is that any ineffectiveness of the church is the responsibility of the pastor. Such is unfair and unchristian, yet frequently is a prevailing attitude. This puts a great burden upon the man of God and perhaps is one of the reasons why there is a greater degree of frustration within the ministry than in other comparable professions. When laymen, individually or collectively, go to other pastors and denominational workers, it is evidence

of the absence of an ethical code within the ministry itself. Surely no pastor would ever consent to serve in an advisory capacity to a layman or a group of laymen who came without any church authority, as to how they might "get rid" of one of his God called colleagues. It would be advisable not to offer any encouragement or advice.

This article seems to suggest the minister must achieve an undefined standard of success or face the only alternative which is pastoral change. This concept has caused many good pastors to move each time they have encountered stiff opposition. It can also be the will of God for God's man to stand his ground and refuse to surrender to the murmurs of the people.

Now to the final paragraph which says the way to get rid of the pastor is to pray for him and support him. Bro. Hinchey states that then someone else will want him and take him off their hands. This is not the way to get rid of a pastor, it is the way to keep him. Should the pastor be prayed for and supported by those who would otherwise criticize him, they would fall in love with him and be broken hearted should the Lord lead him elsewhere.

Bowling Green Wallace Morris

LIKES 'DISMISSING' ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your publication of the article dealing with dismissing a pastor. I have just gone through such a process which I now know is not unique. I have found that other church-

es are suspect of me, and for this reason have given up hope of ever pastoring another church that will pay enough salary to enable me to live without also being employed in a secular job. I have also found it impossible thus far to secure secular employment since the secular world is also suspect of a minister.

I was asked unofficially to resign by a vocal minority who already knew I was seeking to find another church. Something is drastically, spiritually wrong with any church that allows a vocal minority to not only seek to manipulate the Holy Spirit, but also to blame their unchristian actions on that same Holy Spirit.

Paducah, Kentucky Deryl G. Watson

TRIBUTE TO A GENTLE MAN

Dear Editor:

A kindly gentle man, will well describe G. R. Pendergraph. He was a well known Baptist leader loved by Baptist and non-Baptist alike. Many glowing words shall be said of him, but none will impress me more than my own experience with him.

Two years ago he happened to overhear me say that, even though I was not a member of the Kentucky Baptist

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Convention Executive Committee, I wanted to attend as an observer. I had never been to one before. He stepped aside from the group with which he had been talking and said, "Tom, if you want to go, go right ahead and I'll make certain you have a place to stay. He had known that Cedarmore would be filled to capacity, and that it would be nearly impossible for me to get a room. But he said, "Come ahead. Don't worry. I'll take care of it." Take care of it he did.

As the evening conferences came to a close he ushered me to his car. "Come on, you're going home with me." I had no idea he had a home nearby, but he did. A lovely country home with gates, and flowers, and a garden.

I took the tour of his home, fashioned just as he wanted it. I heard the story behind each relic he and his wife had saved to remind them of their children, now grown and married.

That night, as we sat in the home he had built for his and his wife's retirement years, sipping cups of coffee he had fixed, he listened as I read my poetry to him. He would smile at some thought or phrase that pleased him. He told me to continue to write. "Yes, use your beautiful gift for God," he said.

With Kentucky I will remember him, for this young minister found a grace and wisdom in the mature years of G. R. Pendergraph. He was one of God's finest gentlemen.

Mayfield, Kentucky Tom Perkins

OWENSBORO FIRST

Dear Editor:

Why should Louisville get the second Baptist Hospital before Owensboro can even have the first one.

It seems that Owensboro Baptists have been asked to contribute — contribute — without giving Owensboro any consideration.

Let us begin to consider Owensboro before Louisville has the second hospital.

Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. Paul M. Ferguson

JESUS ABUSE CENTERS

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the article by Ron Brown, "Do We Need Jesus Abuse Centers?" From all I have heard of the Jesus Movement, it is made up of very consecrated young Christians, many of whom have been on the brink of despair and suicide, but are now joyous, effective children of God and filled with a zeal that I wish many of our own church members had. I think especially of Rick Carreno who gave his testimony on one of Billy Graham's TV crusades, and who spoke at our church one recent weekend.

From what he has said, those of the Jesus Movement look eagerly toward the

second coming of Christ and, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in their lives, are witnessing to others of the power and the peace and the joy that only Christ can give.

When any person or any group become well-known, there are always bound to be detractors and unless there is a real basis for derogatory statements made against the Jesus Movement, those making such statements may be doing far more harm than good. It grieves me to have any group of dedicated, born-again believers in our Lord looked down upon and spoken against. There is such a thing as the wrath of God, you know.

Covington, Ky. Mrs. E. R. Loomis

MINISTRY AT NAVAL ACADEMY

Dear Editor:

The parents of the incoming Baptist midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy are urged to notify the local Baptist church which ministers to them. Midshipmen are permitted to attend local churches and to participate in student activities, but any notification of religious possibilities must come from outside. The Academy does not notify the midshipmen of this option.

Since 1904, the ministry to Baptist midshipmen has been directed by the Heritage Baptist Church (formerly College Avenue) in Annapolis. The church provides a full program of Sunday School and worship, plus an "adopt-a-mid" family for each plebe. The denomination also provides a full-time BSU program. Together, David P. Haney, "the midshipmen's pastor," and BSU director, Dick Bumpass, provide an unusual ministry for the young men.

All parents of incoming midshipmen are asked to notify the church or BSU of names and company numbers. Address: 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Annapolis, Md. David P. Haney

DEMO. CONVENTION

Dear Editor:

The Miami Baptist Association will be engaged in a ministry to delegates and non-delegates to the Democratic Convention in Miami Beach through a ministry identified as "DEMO '72."

Sunday afternoon, July 9, we will conduct a special prayer meeting on Miami Beach in support of our ministry there to the Convention. We would like to ask our people to pray for us as we enter into this ministry.

There will be several approaches used, but our primary approach will be saturation evangelism, and we are reminded that the first parable that Jesus gave us was the parable of the Sower.

And, again, we ask you to pray for us.

Miami, Florida Richard G. Bryant,
Director, "DEMO '72"

'UNJUSTIFIED ATTACK'

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the *Western Recorder*, July 1, was an unjustified attack on a fellow Baptist, Gray Allison, and a caricatured misrepresentation of his efforts to build an institution of theological education that is not sold out to liberalism and humanism; that will give Southern Baptist divinity students an alternative route to their goal of preparing for the ministry. Your statements to the effect that only one viewpoint will be taught is both erroneous and naive. It would have been so much more objective to wait until the school is in operation, then visit the campus, as well as audit some of the classes, before openly attacking a good man and his honest efforts to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish that we could all get it straight as to who our enemy is instead of turning our guns on each other. Of course, we all cannot help but observe that no editorial guns are ever turned upon those who openly and blatantly deny the inerrancy of God's Holy Word in our schools. They seem to rest under some kind of sacrosanct umbrella of protection.

Please, just one more plea. Next year, when the time comes for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, spare us the yearly blast at preaching in the Pastor's Conference. One would assume by these annual digs that the *Western Recorder* is against good, solid and inspiring Bible preaching. The preaching of the Word of God by some of our anointed preachers is one of the strongest reasons why I, and a great many others, go to the annual gathering. God uses it in my life.

Aside from these criticisms I want to affirm that I appreciate the *Western Recorder* and its fine staff. It would take a much longer letter to relate the blessings that it brings to my life. I just felt the need to speak up on these matters. Thank you and God bless you!

Danville, Kentucky J. W. Hall

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