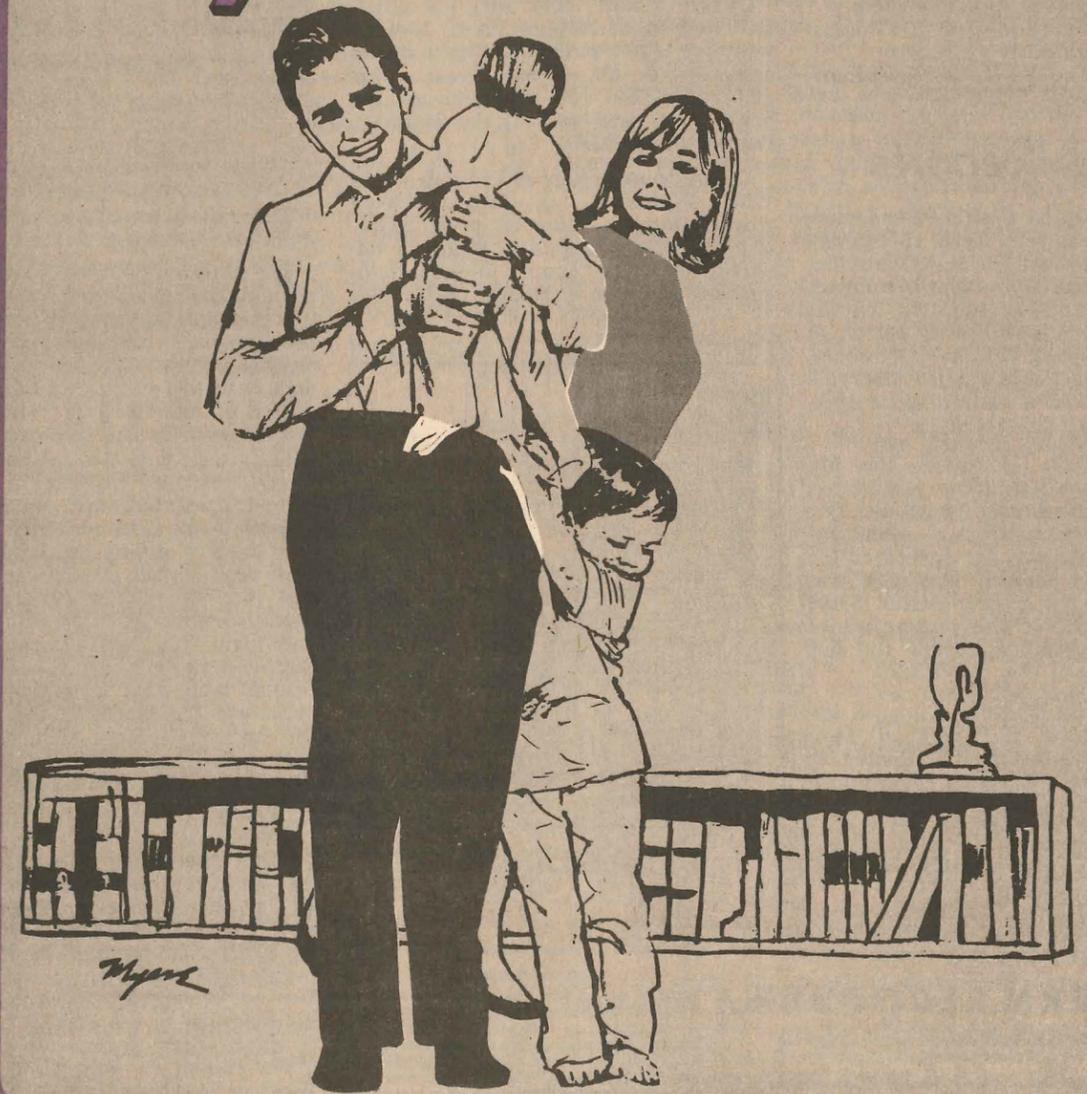


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REAL LIFE **IN CHRISTIAN HOMES**



CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

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Newton, BC Communications Director

Jim Newton, 37 year old assistant director of Baptist Press, national news service of Southern Baptists, will join the Brotherhood Commission as director of communications for the Baptist Men's division beginning June 25. The Commission's Executive Committee approved the employment of Newton at their quarterly meeting upon the recommendation of Glendon McCullough, executive director. McCullough called Newton's appoint-



Newton

ment a major step in his strategy to communicate the vast array of challenging opportunities for Southern Baptist lay people to share their faith through mission support, mission action, lay ministries and lay renewal.

As director of communications, Newton will edit *Baptist Men's Journal*, a monthly missions magazine for Baptist men with a national circulation of 56,000; supervise the publication of special materials; and design and direct the implementation of a division communications program.

During almost eight years as assistant director of Baptist Press, Newton wrote or edited more than 1,000 stories annually for almost 500 news outlets and supervised the operation of the press room each year at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Before joining Baptist Press in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1965, Newton worked for six years as press representative for the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas. (BP)

Revival Reports

Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, held revival services April 15 through April 22. Mrs. Paul Price, Owensboro, was the soloist; Gary Clark, minister of music at Audubon church, led the music; and Louis Rideout, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro, was the evangelist. Calvin T. Harvell, pastor at Audubon church since 1968, reports 70 personal decisions.

Pastor Roy L. Sears of the **Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**, Lewisburg, reports 33 professions of faith and two additions by letter from a recent revival. Homer Laster, Jr., served as the evangelist and Morton Mayhugh was in charge of the music. Pastor Sears says about half of the professions of faith was a direct result of the bus ministry.

Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, experienced revival the week of April 16-22 with evangelist Bill Penley of Candler, North Carolina, doing the preaching. There were 27 professions of faith in Christ, with all but two of these coming for baptism and membership in the church. Ira McMillen, Jr., is pastor of Unity church.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Hey, Pop, did you know this Bible is three days overdue at the library?"

DEVOTIONAL



Calvin Fields
Associate Brotherhood
Director, KBC, Middletown

Grasshoppers And Giants

Numbers 13:32-33

Grasshoppers against Giants!
Little People against the
Power Structure!
Poor People against Red Tape!
Poverty against Wealth!
David against Goliath!
Church against World!

The children of Israel sent 12 men of good report to look over the land God had promised to give them. All 12 men brought back the same report of the quality of the land, its strong people and its walled cities. But then the committee of men of good report divided into a majority and minority report of recommendations for action. The majority reported, because of the high walled cities and the giants who defended them, God certainly had made a mistake in giving the land to such a little grasshopper people who were out-cast from Egypt. The minority brought the optimistic plan of action that God had given this land to them and all they had to do was just move in. God would help the grasshopper people overcome the giants in the land. Alas the majority report against God was believed. Rebellion against God resulted in 18 years of further travail for the "little" people who would not believe God.

Jesus commanded that as we go into the world to disciple, baptize and teach all nations. The men of good report have brought their report of the quality of the world, the strength of its people and the greatness of its cities. There is a majority report and a minority report as to the plan of action. One is death and destruction while the other choice is dedication and life. What is your response?

Western Recorder:
a necessity for mission-
minded churches

Baptist Hospitals Meet Change

By H. L. Dobbs
President, Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

Time does not stand still, but continuously moves on and with it comes changes that are inevitable. Change may be rated as good or bad depending on the measure of progress or growth that is evidenced by the change. Institutions and individuals will be affected by the changes surrounding them or the enterprising ones will seek to influence such changes as to give new directions to establish life styles.

It is interesting to note that many changes that have taken place as we look back through 48 years of history of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital program. Some of these changes have been modest and some far reaching, but out of these efforts has come progress and growth. From a small beginning of 130 beds and 20 bassinets the hospital facilities have expanded to 1,260 beds and 85 bassinets when present construction programs have been completed.

There have also been many changes in the organizational structure. The hospitals are now operated by a Board of Directors consisting of 24 members. Each hospital has an administrative board consisting of 12 members which is responsible to the Board of Directors. There is a president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc. who is responsible to the Board of Directors for the daily operation of the four hospitals. Under his direction are four Executive Vice Presidents, a Director of Public Relations, and a Director of Data Processing. Each of the Executive Vice Presidents is in charge of one of the hospitals. The Director of Public Relations represents all hospitals as does the Director of Data Processing. Those in administration are committed to change as it concerns rendering the best possible care at the lowest possible cost.

The following statistics and information set forth some of the activities of our hospitals for the past year.

Construction

Areas in which growth and development are indicated are the expansion programs that have enlarged the physical facilities of our hospitals. Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, completed a \$6 million building addition which was opened in September, while Western Baptist, Paducah, completed an addition valued at \$6.5 million.

In May, 1972, ground was broken for Baptist Hospital, East in St. Matthews with construction progressing very satisfactorily. This much needed, modern health care facility in eastern Jefferson County is located on a campus of 52.3 acres, providing capacity for 253 beds, and services in medicine, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, emergency, comprehensive ambulatory care and minimal care beds.

This medical complex will cost a total of \$15 million with an additional amount of \$1.5 million being used for a physicians' building to house 30-35 doctors. The radial concept puts the nurses within steps of their patients and the general design of the new hospital will provide for the most modern equipment and efficiency in patient care.

Educational programs

Our Baptist Hospitals have always sought to heed Christ's three-fold commission to teach, preach, and heal. The heal-

ing ministry aspect is, of course, why we exist, but at the same time we do not underestimate the importance of the preaching and teaching ministries for they are so closely entwined with the Christian healing ministry philosophy.

The increased and recently expanded facilities at each hospital can best be utilized to their maximum efficiency only when there are trained personnel to operate them. When many professional schools of nursing are closing, Kentucky Baptist Hospital feels it is necessary to continue its School of Nursing to help provide trained personnel. It operates the largest school of professional nursing in Kentucky and its graduates serve not only in Kentucky, but around the world.

Our Baptist Hospitals also provide clinical facilities and are affiliated with many institutions for training health personnel. School of Practical Nursing use the clinical facilities of all of our hospitals in the education of these vocationally trained nurses. Laboratory and Radiologic Technologists are also provided education in our hospitals.

Spiritual ministry

Baptist hospitals share with Baptist churches Christ's commission to provide a ministry of spiritual healing. Under the direction of the hospital boards and administration, your Baptist hospitals are seeking to continue to be good stewards

of all that has been invested, both materially and spiritually, by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Hospitals, through their chaplaincy programs and the general emphasis of the spiritual care among all staff and employees maintains a constant witness to the vital importance of the Christian faith in healing the whole person.

The future

This last year a total of \$482,835.00 was charged off by the three hospitals to charity, bad debts, and allowances not including the Sunday School Charity Fund or the amount charged off for medicare patients. The Sunday School Charity Fund received this year from the special offering \$36,034.00 excluding publicity expenses. During the year the hospitals charged to the Sunday School Charity Fund \$39,451.00. Ways and means of expanding services rendered under this program are being considered.

Because we are rapidly approaching drastic changes in the delivery of health services it may be well to repeat that the Board of Directors of Baptist Hospitals, Inc. is concerned with the accessibility of health services, the suitability of services of needs, the quality of services, and the economy with which the services are delivered to the patient. They know the purpose of Baptist Hospitals and respect the philosophies of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. However, with the tremendous impetus and growth of the Health Care System and the many millions of dollars being spent by the federal government in the interest and welfare of the individual, change of policy and attitude toward government sponsored programs seems to be inevitable.

STATISTICS

	Central Baptist	Kentucky Baptist	Western Baptist	Total
Number of Beds	269	409	214	892
Number of Bassinets	31	33	20	84
Medical Staff	271	570	100	941
Hospital Staff	285	1,150	245	1,680
Employees	611	940	620	2,171
Schools:		239		239
* Diploma Nursing				54
* Associate Degree	54			35
* Collegiate Nursing	35			114
* Practical Nursing	60	36	18	13
* Laboratory Assistant	9	4		25
* X-ray Technology	10	15		8
* Pastoral Care				
Affiliation				
Total Students	168	302	18	488
Admissions Total	14,069	18,640	11,648	44,357
Baptist (Included)	4,606	5,837	5,719	16,161
All Others (Included)	9,464	10,744	4,347	24,555
Medicare (Included)	2,381	3,860	2,114	8,355
Newborns (Included)	1,908	2,059	1,582	5,549
Days of Care	84,092	146,097	81,960	312,149
Operations	7,378	8,287	6,015	21,680
Laboratory Procedures	284,875	262,109	200,607	747,591
X-ray Procedures	38,778	38,391	29,488	106,653
Meals Served	278,842	753,160	295,146	1,327,148

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

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There Is A Way To Be There

In keeping with the example of Jesus, Baptists have always been concerned for the sick. Before the days of modern medical facilities, care and concern were expressed by praying for the sick, visiting them, waiting upon them with willing hands and giving whatever relief from suffering was available. Such healing ministry was limited by the absence of modern drugs and medical facilities but it was very personal and meaningful to both those receiving and giving it.

This concern for relieving suffering and healing expressed itself eventually in the building of hospitals by Baptists. In Kentucky the first recorded mention of a Baptist hospital was in the *Western Recorder* by a lady in 1892. In 1897 the idea was presented in a pastors' conference by Louisville pastor M. P. Hunt who became known as the leading crusader and champion for a Baptist hospital.

The work of Dr. Hunt and others was successful but required more than a quarter of a century. The Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville was chartered in 1918 and opened in 1924. From then until now Kentucky Baptists have contributed greatly to the healing services for all of Kentucky by opening quality hospitals in Paducah and Lexington as well as having another under construction in St. Matthews.

When Parting Is Sweet Sorrow

Through the years there have been many fruitful and happy relationships between Baptist congregations and pastors in Kentucky. Among these is one which formally ended last Sunday. Lloyd Mahanes has resigned after serving with the Boone's Creek Church near Lexington for 33 years.

Lloyd is not resigning because he is retirement age. He has some of his best years ahead but he is convinced he should open the way for other pastoral leadership at Boone's Creek and look to the Lord for his own future ministry. Few, if any, of the Boone's Creek members agree. Their hearts are broken but they respect their life long pastor too much to question seriously his decision. They are expressing their

With all of the advances in treatment of the sick there is one loss from earlier days. This is the absence of the personal touch and involvement except for the family members and close friends of the sick. We are fortunate to have skilled doctors and trained nurses to care for our sick but it's not near as easy to care when we are not there in person.

To perpetuate and nourish our historic concern for the sick we have used one Sunday each year to remind Kentucky Baptists of our healing ministry and our opportunity to have a personal part in it. The choice of Mother's Day for this emphasis is a happy one since motherhood has the tenderest association with love and care. Cecil Lea of the Baptist Hospitals' staff has come up with a most appropriate theme for this year's emphasis and offering. "You are there if you share" is a way of saying we can do today through our gifts what Baptists did with their own hands before the days of modern hospitals and medicine.

Take the time to learn the extent and success of our Baptist hospitals' ministry today by reading on page 3 of this issue the article written by H. L. Dobbs, the architect of our Kentucky Baptist healing ministry today.

Our pride and appreciation for such a ministry coupled with our compassion for the suffering should lead us to be there by sharing.

love and appreciation with extension of his salary beyond his resignation date and by presenting him with a new automobile.

The statistical record of Boone's Creek under Mahanes' leadership includes among other things the construction of all new facilities, a ten fold increase in attendance and a six fold increase in contributions. But statistics is the poorest way to judge this pastor's ministry since influence, spirituality, commitment and the love of God's word and work cannot be measured in figures. One indication of the influence of such a ministry is the twelve young men ordained to the gospel ministry from the Boone's Creek membership.

The Boone's Creek - Mahanes story is a refreshing contrast to many Baptist situations where the church and pastor grow tired and discontent with one another after several years and either mark time or part ways only to go through the same thing a few years later. Mahanes is a worthy example of a servant of God who declined invitations to accept larger

pastorates in order to invest most of his life in one congregation. He is also a model of faith and confidence in God in resigning when he feels it is God's will instead of waiting until he is ready to announce his next ministry. No one who knows him has any doubt that he will continue to be used by the Lord in an effective way.

Thank God For Baptist Women

With or without the liberation as interpreted by modern women's lib crusaders, Baptist women have used their God given emancipation to herald the gospel. With rare exception they are not worried about serving as ordained ministers or deacons. They know in their redemption they were commissioned to spread the good news to the uttermost parts of the earth.

From New Testament days women have had an important part in the total life of the church. They rightly expected men to take the initiative and they did not seek ordination nor aspire to hold offices but they have always put in more than their part of the toil and sweat involved in the tasks of the church.

Especially in the missionary ministry have women been along with or often ahead of men. It is most appropriate that our two special mission offerings for work abroad and home are named for two exemplary Baptist women. Lottie Moon literally gave her life as a pioneer missionary to China and before dying shared her burning heart with Baptist women back home. Annie Armstrong gave Lottie Moon's dream reality in molding a missionary organization among Baptist women and this organization has stood the test of time better than any other in Southern Baptist life.

Those who interpret some New Testament passages as assigning to women a secondary role in the

gospel enterprise tend to overlook other passages. It was to a woman God first announced that the time had come for the birth of the Savior. According to Matthew it was godly women who first were told Jesus had risen and to them was given the first command to spread the good news. Moreover, they obeyed quickly and joyously that first morning and ever since have been in the forefront of the gospel proclamation.

A frightening thought is where Baptists would be today without the services of women. Not only in missionary education, prayer and giving but in the teaching and training programs of our churches have women borne the brunt of the load. An ironic thought is sermons women have had to listen to from Baptist pulpits in which they were relegated to silence and acquiescence in the church. It's really hard to believe in light of the place Christ gave to them that the Baptist women have been accorded second class status by many churches and that until recent years the names of those women selected messengers to the state convention by their own churches were thrown away without even being mentioned.

No, I am not making a pitch to be selected man of the year by Baptist women. These are rambling reflections resulting from the inspiring experience of attending the annual WMU convention last week in Elizabethtown. Watch for the report of this meeting in next week's issue.

BAPTIST FORUM



SICKNESS DEMANDS ACTION

Dear Editor:

I have been following your articles about X-rated movies on TV and have two general observations. One. The local stations are responsive to public opinion. I have confidence that the local officials at WKYT-TV in Lexington exercise good moral judgment, but they do like to know what the people think.

Your report from WHAS-TV and the apparent apathy there about Virginia Woolf was not true here. I was at

WKYT-TV the day that Virginia was scheduled (they were not showing it). That one day they logged more than 400 phone calls. More than 300 of these calls criticized them for not showing the film. I suppose it is always easier to criticize the media than it is to compliment.

My second general observation. On April 7, about a dozen deacons and I attended an X-rated double feature at a local drive-in theatre. At least a half dozen other local pastors and some of their laymen were there too. We had been asked to go by some of our local officials, who later that evening raided

the theatre. Arrested the employees. Confiscated the film.

This was a shocking, disgusting experience. These films were unspeakably distorted, perverted, and immoral. They were sick. People who produce them, sell them, and watch them must be sick. There is no way to describe the vulgar, obscene, indecent, and untrue sex scenes in these films.

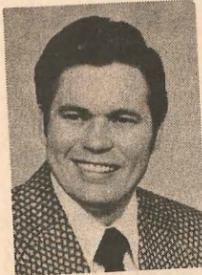
I am not much on censorship of any kind. But anyone who struggles as a counselor with kids and adults who have sick sex hang ups would be a fool to remain silent when this kind of sex sickness is being sold as normal and right.

Anything that is untrue is immoral. The X-rated films that I saw are immoral. I think that Christians with integrity can demand and secure some legal action against the promoters of X movies.

Lexington, Kentucky Bob W. Brown

Staff Changes

Roy Carlton is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Middletown. He is a native of Daytona Beach, Florida, a graduate of Carson-Newman College and completes his seminary training on June 1 of this year. Former pastors include West Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Forks of Elkhorn Church, Midway, Kentucky. He is married to the former Pat Simpson of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the couple has four children: Bruce, 15; Karen, 13; Ryan, 12; and Allison, 6.



Carlton The Middletown church has recently installed new pews and carpet in the sanctuary and renovated the office space. Byrd Ison, Kentucky Baptist annuity secretary, has been serving as interim pastor.

Lloyd Mahanes has resigned as pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church at Athens after 33 years. Under Mahanes' leadership Boone's Creek has become one of the largest and most active rural churches in the state. More than 1,300 people have come into the membership of the church during this time and the church has constructed new educational space, a new auditorium and a new parsonage. From the church 12 men have been ordained to the Gospel ministry.



Mahanes Mahanes has also been a leader in the Boones' Creek Baptist Association and has served on various committees of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. His resignation was effective April 29 and he has not announced future plans for his ministry.

Miss Helen Cunningham has resigned as organist in the St. Matthews Baptist Church after 29 years. Miss Cunningham is widely known in Louisville Baptist circles having begun her music ministry in the Broadway Baptist Church while Duke McCall was pastor. She also was a teacher of mathematics in the Louisville public school system, at Kentucky Southern College and is now affiliated with the school of education at the University of Louisville.

C. H. Gordon has been called to the pastorate of Clear Creek Baptist Church, located three miles from Ver-

sailles on route 33. Prior to this call, Gordon was pastor of a church in Scott County. He and his wife, Ruth, will continue to reside in Lexington.

B. R. Winchester has resigned the pastorate of Hazel Baptist Church in Blood River Baptist Association, effective April 30, 1973. He will retire from the active pastorate and make his home in Murray. As time and strength permit, he will be available for supply work and revivals.

Jennings West, a senior and May, 1973, graduate at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, has been called as pastor of the Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pikeville. For the past 18 months he has served as pastor of the Jeff Baptist Church in Perry County, near Hazard, Kentucky.



West West is a 1955 graduate of Belfry High School, Belfry, Kentucky. He is married to the former Arlene Ball of Rainelle, West Virginia. The couple has three children: Christopher, 17; Barbara Sue, 14; and Elizabeth, 6.

Doyce Mullins, a student at Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield, resigned the pastorate of Enon Baptist Church of Graves County Association and has accepted the pastorate of Beulah Baptist church of Union City, Tennessee, effective May 6.

The 30 year old Kentucky native will move to Union City along with his wife, Margaret, and two sons, Antony and Brian.

Charles Howard Ham is the pastor of the Campton Baptist Church. He resigned the Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, after serving the church for eight years. Prior to his Indiana pastorate, he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morgantown; associate state training union secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; and associational missionary of the Salem Association of Baptists.

Ham Ham is a native of Louisville and attended the Louisville Institute of Technology, Campbellsville College, extension; and the University of Louisville. He was ordained by the Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, in 1952.

Mrs. Ham is the former Ruth J. Jeffries. The couple has two daughters: Mrs. Cluster Ray Belcher and Mrs. Larry Van Arnold.



Baptist Reserves



FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

The above term was the name officially given themselves by the annuitants of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at their luncheon last year at Walnut Street Church. We are grateful for the strong leadership of H. B. Kuhnle, James B. Sawyer and Keevil Judy, the successive presidents of this group which is now in its third year. It is Kuhnle's thinking and our conferring together that inspires a renewed effort to register all these men capable of strong reserve duty. We would like to know where they are, what are their particular interests, and capacities for occasional service.

I'm sending out a questionnaire to all the retired men (not just annuitants) of our ready knowledge, asking that the questionnaire be filled out and mailed to Byrd Ison. As director of our annuity department he can probably best keep us in touch with retired men.

I'm writing this to get word out to any who may not be on our list, or whose addresses we do not have, or who have in any way been overlooked in this mail-out. If you are a retired Baptist minister in Kentucky and do not receive a letter from me by next week, with questionnaire enclosed, would you please drop me a note and give me your name and address so that we may get a questionnaire to you?

We hope by the data that we thus collect, to perhaps be of some assistance in keeping retired, yet strong, vigorous men, useful in their best capacities. Of course we can make no promises. It is simply our desire to get the data together, to find ways to keep these men's names before the people more often, and serve somewhat as a clearinghouse of information.

We have a good many special plans for retired men. The annual luncheon seems to have become a regular thing at Convention time and there will be other "icing for the cake," we hope.

Meanwhile, let me say a word to all our church people. Do you know any capable, retired ministers in your area? Use them. My father is 85 and begins a revival in Missouri next week. It means much to these retirees to be called on and it enriches our people to drink from the deep wells of wisdom that have been dug through long experience and faithfulness.

—Frank Owen

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THE NEW LOOK — Laurella Owens, left, is the new editor of Royal Service, monthly magazine for Baptist Women. Aline Fuselier, right, has been named Baptist Women consultant. Miss Owens and Miss Fuselier moved into their new roles from Woman's Missionary Union staff positions with Baptist Young Women. Miss Owens has been editor of the young adult magazine, Contempo, and Miss Fuselier a BYW consultant.

Study Finds Baptist Women Deacons In 1770

Ordination of women as deacons, a topic much in Baptist news during the last few years, is hardly a new thing, a Virginia Baptist pastor related during an address to the Southern Baptist Historical Society meeting in Birmingham, Alabama.

William L. Lumpkin, pastor of Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, told the Baptist historians that as early as 1770, Bedford Baptist Church, oldest congregation in the Strawberry Baptist Association of Virginia, had deaconesses, and women were upon occasion credited with prophetic gifts.

Tracing the "Role of Women in 18th Century Virginia," Lumpkin said that while women were victims of the 18th century culture, their influence in church matters was quite significant.

Women were prominent in helping to introduce Baptist preaching in new areas, and were "in the forefront as promoters of revivals and helpers of churches," Lumpkin said.

The wives of Baptist preachers of the state played an important role in the spread of the gospel, he said, by both entertaining itinerant evangelists in their homes, and by carrying on "heroically, often with the slightest of resources" while their own husbands were travelling about to preach the gospel.

Elected as the new president of the

Aid Offered Students In Communications

College students planning careers in radio, television or films are eligible for one of four scholarships, each carrying a \$500 cash value, to be awarded by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Commission, described the scholarships. "We give them in honor of recipients of the Distinguished Communications Medal (DCM), which is awarded by the Radio and Television Commission to individuals who have distinguished themselves in some facet of communication," he said. "The scholarship is an integral feature of each award."

The first scholarship bears the name of Robert W. Sarnoff, chairman of the board of Radio Corporation of America, who received the DCM in 1964, while president of the National Broadcasting Company.

Bill D. Moyers, for whom the second scholarship is named, received the DCM in 1966 while serving as press secretary for the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. The other scholarships

honor Elmer W. Lower, president of American Broadcasting Company News, who received the DCM in February, 1972, and Julian Goodman, president of the National Broadcasting Company, who was awarded the medal at the recent fourth national Abe Lincoln Awards ceremonies in Fort Worth.

Stevens said applicants must rank scholastically between juniors and graduate students, be preparing for a career in radio, television or films, be a Baptist, have a "B" average and supply references.

Winners will be given summer employment at the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth if such employment is desired.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by writing the Radio and Television Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. They must be completed and returned on or before June 15.

A special committee from the staff of the Radio and Television Commission and members of the Commission's board of trustees, will make the final decision.

Southern Baptist Historical Society, an organization of individuals interested in Baptist history, was R. A. McLemore, retired president of Mississippi

College, Clinton, Mississippi, who now is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. (BP)



HISTORIANS MEET — Historical Commission, SBC, officers pause between sessions of the annual meeting held April 16-18, at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama — the first session to be held outside Nashville, Tennessee, since 1956. The officers are (left to right): John S. Moore, vice-chairman, Lexington, Virginia; Lynn E. May, Jr., executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee; Robert A. Baker, chairman, Fort Worth, Texas. Not pictured is Mrs. Roy Babb, recording secretary, Nashville, Tennessee. More than 100 persons attended the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society joint two-day meeting which featured several papers on state Baptist history themes and a workshop session of the state Baptist historical agency.

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Clear Creek School Expands Facilities

A record enrollment, a new administration building, additional student housing, and a new childrens' building are highlights of current expansion at the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, according to the president, D. M. Aldridge.

Aldridge said "Our enrollment this year is 187, a 11.6 percent increase over past years and as of April 15 we reserved all available student housing for our fall term which begins August 14. However, we expect to complete 12

new student family units, so we are still processing student applications for 1973-74."

Clear Creek's new administration-classroom building is in final stages of completion and will house classrooms, chapel, library, and offices. A small cottage, located directly in front of the new administration building, will house the school's extensive radio recording facilities.

Speaking of the continued growth of the school, Aldridge said, "Because we

are a Bible school whose students are adults, we make provision for students' preschool children while their parents attend classes. A new childrens' building that will accommodate 75 preschool children will be ready when school opens in late summer."

Franklin Owen, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is slated to bring the commencement address to 43 Clear Creek seniors in graduation exercises scheduled at Pineville's First Baptist Church on May 25.

Annual Youth Week Plans Announced

Youth Week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, July 2-6, will provide opportunities for young persons to learn new ways of expressing their Christian faith.

Using innovative approaches as well as some conventional methods, many of the group sessions will allow time for self-discovery as participants examine themselves in light of what God expects of them. The young people will also have opportunities to discover things about others that will be helpful in communicating the Christian faith.

Those who attend will have various experiences. Worship and praise services, creative learning sessions, fellowship and Bible study will fill the week.

The faculty will consist of proven youth leaders. Bill Turner, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Lexington, will serve as the preacher of the week. Bill Keith will be in charge of music.

Turner will also lead group sessions for the adults who are at Cedarmore for Youth Week.

Others leading group sessions will be: Wanda Carpenter, state YWA director; Tom Smoot, Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Glenn Davenport, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville; Derle Underwood, First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington; and Rick Chaffin, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.

The week is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. This year the church training department is in charge.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on July 2 at Cedarmore. The week will conclude with lunch on Friday, July 6.

Reservations can be made by sending names and \$3.00 per person to Cedarmore. An adult counselor is to accompany each ten youth, or portion thereof. Counselors must be of the same sex as their group.

Bill Glass answers the Sport World Swingers in DON'T BLAME THE GAME

A penetrating look at the new sport morality by former all-pro defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, Bill Glass.

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'Recorder' Initiates Summer Intern Program

Western Recorder will initiate a summer internship in religious journalism, according to an announcement made recently by editor C. R. Daley.

The position, according to the announcement, will provide the intern with experience in the field of editing, writing and page make up.

The individual will work for a ten week period during June, July and August. A minimum salary and travel expenses will be provided.

"We are trying to expose competent people to the opportunities in religious journalism," Daley said. "We hope to attract students who are considering religious journalism as a vocational expression of their commitment to Jesus."

Any person interested in applying for the 10 week intern program may write Summer Intern, Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Each applicant should include a resume of his or her experience and indicate the reasons for inquiring about the position.

Baptists Join List Asking Court To Hear Hargis Case

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined with several religious groups in petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to hear a case involving the tax exempt status of Billy James Hargis' Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.

At issue are some key church-state questions: Can the government legally define the nature and scope of the mission of the church? Can government use its power to tax as a threat to the free exercise of religion guaranteed in the First Amendment? Is it the prerogative of government to judge which moral or political issues a church may speak to without losing its tax exemption?

The Baptist agency was one of several religious groups sponsoring an "amicus curiae" (friend of the court) brief in behalf of the Hargis organization. Chief sponsor of the petition was the National Council of Churches, a frequent target of criticism from Hargis, a minister from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In the petition, the religious groups said they do not necessarily agree with all, or even most, of Hargis' views on public questions, the expression of which has cost him his tax exemption. The religious petitioners maintained, however, that the issues at stake are sufficiently fundamental to threaten the religious freedom of all church bodies.

The Hargis case concerns the interpretation of Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code which grants tax exemption to churches and other religious organizations which qualify under its terms, namely:

"Corporations . . . organized and operated exclusively for religious . . . purposes . . . no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

The above section of the Internal Revenue Code has been interpreted differently by the IRS and two lower courts.

In 1964 the IRS notified Hargis that Christian Echoes did not qualify for tax exemption. In June, 1971, Judge Allen E. Barrow of the Federal District Court in Tulsa ruled that the exemption was protected by the First Amendment and ordered the government to return \$103,493 that had been collected in taxes with interests.

Last December the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th circuit in Denver, Colorado, reversed the district court decision. This court said that Christian Echoes had engaged in "substantial and continuous" political activity and that some of its statements and programs were "activities which

Congress intended shouldn't be carried on by exempt organizations."

Hargis appealed to the Supreme Court claiming that the government does not have the constitutional right to "censor" the statements and activities of religious organizations.

Sponsors of the amicus brief contend that the limitations on tax exemption as applied to religious organizations in the Internal Revenue Code upheld by the court below "have the potential of seriously weakening if not destroying the wall between church and state."

"These restraints elevate to a preferred status those religions which refrain from participation in moral issues of public concern, and represent a value judgment by the government on what the true function of a religion and its ministry should be.

"The prospect of the government deciding what should or should not be legitimate areas for religious concern and activity cannot be reconciled with the First Amendment requirement of government neutrality," declared the amicus petitioners.

If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, the Baptist agency will participate further as a "friend of the court" in support of Hargis, in keeping with action of the Baptist Joint Committee in its meeting in March of this year. If the court accepts the case, it will be argued sometime next fall or winter, with a decision expected by spring or summer 1974. (BP)

People And Places

J. E. Stevens, a 101 year old member of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was among the 22 from the church participating in a senior adult workshop cruise to the Bahamas, April 9-13. Stevens was by far the oldest member on the cruise and was the object of much attention by fellow passengers and was given special recognition by the ship's captain.

He is one of the most active members of the church in spite of his 101 years and still drives his car and his tractor as well as spends time visiting the sick.

Seventeen churches were represented by 54 people in the **Muhlenberg Associational Music School** held March 26-29 at First Baptist Church of Greenville. This school consisted of four classes including a leadership class for youth and children's choir leaders, a hymn-playing class, a song leading class, and a class in beginning music theory.

Cox's Creek Baptist Church north of Bardstown enrolled 39 in a beginning music reading class for adults and youth April 16-18. State music director Eugene F. Quinn was teacher.

Executive secretary **Frank Owen** and Baptist Foundation director **Grady Randolph** are authors of articles appearing in the May, 1973, issue of the *Baptist Program*, a Southern Baptist publication for pastors and church staff members. Randolph's article is on the work of Baptist foundations and Owen's article originally appeared in his column in the *Western Recorder*.

The **WMU of North Cheyenne Baptist Church**, Cheyenne, Wyoming, has invited all travelers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland to spend a night at the Cheyenne church or in the homes of members. The offered hospitality includes a light evening meal and a continental breakfast. Some sleeping bags and cots will be available but visitors may use their own if available. Those interested should write to Mrs. Mary Purcella, Route 2, Box 460, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

Grady Nutt of Louisville, nationally known Southern Baptist entertainer, will participate in a multi-media drama on August 16 at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress in St. Louis, Missouri.

A former pastor and youth minister, Nutt is booked for more than 100 after-dinner addresses annually. He has appeared 11 times on the Mike Douglas Show and is author of *Being Me: Or Self, You Bug Me*.

Response Forces Change In Sunday School Week

The annual Sunday School Conference at Cedarmore scheduled for August 13-19 will be divided into two sections. The first section of the Sunday School week (Monday through Wednesday, August 13-15) will be for associational Sunday School officers and age-group workers.

Ten hours of conference time is being planned to give specialized help to these persons in age-group work in their associations. The sessions will include every phase of planning, administration, teaching and outreach in each division. There will also be a conference for the associational general officers and superintendent of missions.

Each association is asked to send a basic team of at least 7 workers who will be willing to work in the local associational Sunday School program.

The second section of the Sunday School week (Thursday through Saturday, August 16-19) will be designed for all church Sunday School workers, pastors and staff members. Age group conferences and general conferences are being planned to provide the best possible help. An excellent faculty has been secured to provide effective leadership.

Missionary News

Death

Mrs. Lula Murfin, mother of Mrs. S. D. Sprinkle, Jr., missionary to Costa Rica, died March 5 in Fairhope, Alabama. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, Sprinkle was pastor of Slaty Creek Baptist Church, Prentiss. Currently on furlough, the Sprinkles may be addressed at 196 Cedarwood Drive, Mabank, Texas 75147.

John R. Graham, father of Mrs. William Hickman, Jr., died February 16 in Orlando, Florida. The Hickmans are missionaries to Paraguay. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1950, Hickman was pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, Spiro. They may be addressed at 1021 Chichester, Orlando, Florida 32803.

Furlough

Miss Rebekah Lambert, missionary to Korea, may be addressed at 212 Russell Street, Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760. She was appointed by the FMB in 1957. Previously she has worked as a medical technologist for hospitals in Kentucky and Tennessee.

On the field

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey may now be addressed at 2229 Mistletoe Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Before the Lindseys were appointed by the FMB in 1944, he was pastor of a mission in Oklahoma and rural churches in Kentucky.

Thai Government Welcomes Future Missionary Work

Missionaries will get first priority for residence visas under Thailand's new Alien Occupation Law.

Anond Arkhubutra, chief of immigration at Bangkok airport, said that the restriction of 58 occupations to Thai nationals did not apply to teachers of religion, and that the government considered the work done by missionaries beneficial to the country.

Anond reminded the group that the quota of 200 immigrants per year from each country still held. Some 2,000 Americans apply for residence visas annually, so American missionaries may still have to wait for visas. But, Anond continued, "If you are a missionary we take your application first."

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Others

John Timothy Mitchell, son of missionaries to Chile, was married January 13 to Miss Betty Gonzalez in the First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile, with the groom's father officiating. The couple returned to the states on January 24 to resume studies at Georgetown College. Frank Mitchell, father of the groom, was pastor of a

church in Skylight, Kentucky, before being appointed by the FMB in 1943.

Mrs. Robert E. Beddoe, emeritus missionary who served almost 40 years in China, may now be addressed at 24 Adler Circle, Galveston, Texas 77550. She is the former Louella Houston of Calloway County, Kentucky, and was appointed by the FMB in 1909 and retired in 1948.

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God Confronting Us

Genesis 3:8-10

Ashamed and fearful because of their disobedience which marred their fellowship with God, Adam and Eve tried to hide from Him. Adam's folly was revealed in his attempt to flee from the only One Who could help him. The patient and gracious God calmly approached him in the garden and asked him the first recorded question, "Where art thou?" This action and inquiry proved that God takes the initiative and seeks the sinner and makes the contact with him for whom He cares. Adam's fear was due to his sin against God as expressed by his disobedience.

John 14:5-9

When Christ Jesus announced that He was going to take His departure from their midst, Thomas remarked, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Christ replied, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

From what is Christ the way? He is the way from the guilt of sin, the wrath of God, and the power of sin. To what is Christ the way? He is the way to God the Father, and to heaven. Christ is the only connecting link between earth and heaven. Fellowship with God is impossible apart from Christ.

Not understanding clearly Christ's claim as to the unity of the Father and the Son, Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us." Doubtless Philip was sincere in making that bold request. He was also acknowledging his faith in Christ's ability to reveal God to the human heart. Even though Philip had listened to the teachings of Christ, and had witnessed numerous demonstrations of His miraculous power, he had not realized the unique relationship and inseparable unity which existed between God and his Saviour. Surely no one could ask for any clearer or stronger claim to deity than is involved in our Lord's answer to Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." He was a perfect revelation of the Father.

II Corinthians 5:19

When one receives Christ he comes into possession of eternal life. He is transferred into the state of grace and transformed into a new kind of person.

He has a new faith, joy, affection, allegiance, hope, song, and outlook on life. Former thoughts, principles, and practices have passed away and, because he is a new creature in Christ, he acts from new principles, has new rules, and acts with new purposes. He sees, thinks, feels, and acts differently from what he did before he became a Christian and began living for Christ.

Inasmuch as God is reconciling men to Himself through the gospel, every believer is commissioned to bear the word of reconciliation to lost men everywhere and to beseech them to be reconciled to God and to assume the right attitude toward Him in all things. We are to urge men to accept Christ personally, to confess Him publicly, and to serve Him openly. We are to entreat them to accept the friendship and love of God, which He offers freely, and to enter into the peace which God provides.

Hebrews 1:1-3

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Christ Makes Men Brothers

God intended for people to live together in harmony and with a spirit of goodwill. Unfortunately some are influenced by Satan and create barriers between others, and sometimes between themselves and others.

Ephesians 2:11-16

Paul reminded his Christian readers that before they had received Christ as their Saviour, they were dead in trespasses and sins, disobedient to God, deserving of wrath, without Christ, without a place among God's people, without a share in God's covenants, without hope, and without God.

The blood of Christ does away with the barrier between Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles. The unsaved Jews were exceedingly suspicious, scornful, and disdainful of the Gentiles, and the

and mercy. In addition to speaking through His work of creation and human conscience, God has spoken through various messengers whom He commissioned to be the bearers of His will to men. Through His Son Jesus Christ, God revealed Himself and His perfect will.

Certain contrasts between the revelations in the Old Testament era and the new revelation by His Son are set forth clearly in these verses. The earlier revelations were fragmentary, but the new one was complete. The former came at intervals, but the latter was once for all. The old one was incomplete, for the One Whose coming had been predicted and anticipated had actually arrived.

When one sees Christ through faith, he beholds the very attributes of God, because the Son is the express image of the Father. He is the exact representative of His being. Christ is the upholder of all God's universe and the preserver of all things.

Christ is the divine spokesman, the heir of all things, the creator of the world, the revealer of God, the redeemer of man, and the enthroned Lord. ■

latter naturally had a contempt for and a bitter hatred toward the former. After Christ had saved them, their attitude toward each other was changed completely. This great change in them proved that Christ does abolish alienation, remove bitterness, and unite contending forces in Christian love. Whether a Jew or a Gentile, every spiritual blessing any believer receives comes through Christ.

The good news is that Christ has made peace with God for both Jews and Gentiles through the shedding of His precious blood on the cross at Calvary. Through the gospel of Christ salvation is offered to Jews and Gentiles alike. When people are right in their relationship with God they enjoy a harmonious relationship and have a delightful fellowship with one another.



I John 4:7-12

Whatever other graces or qualities a Christian may have, he must possess and manifest genuine love or his profession and testimony will not be effective. Of all the virtues with which a child of God should be adorned, love is the greatest and best.

John dwelt upon the love of God more than any other writer in the New Testament. If anyone knew the measure of God's love, it was the beloved disciple. He learned and understood the basic fact that "God is love." Being God, He is love, and that love is not a passive but an active quality. It is His very nature to love. Love has never been absent from His being and never can be.

God is the source or fountain of love. His love is righteous and just, but also compassionate and sacrificial. To be born of God is to possess His nature. All that is good and beautiful in our lives is but the very life of God flowing through us. We must not think of man as creating love, for it is the gift of God to man. Love is not native to the world, but comes down from above. There cannot be any practical experience and knowledge of the love of God except through the Son of God in Whom that love is revealed and the Word of God in which the message of His love is recorded.

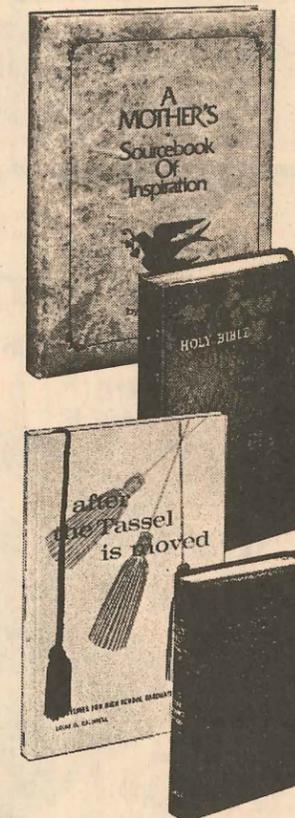
In exercising Christian love towards the children of God, the human will is an important factor. "Let us love one another." As Christians love one another they give evidence of their likeness to God. If one does not love others, he has never known God personally and experimentally. Love is the test whereby it can be determined whether or not a person has been saved. The absence of love is conclusive proof of the lack of a knowledge of God. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

God's marvelous love has been revealed to men in numerous ways, but never so clearly and so fully as when He sent His only begotten Son into this world to suffer and to die on the cross as the propitiation for our sins. Christ expressed His love for us by dying in our stead, in order that we might have life through Him. By means of His blood our guilt is covered.

Having become the recipients of His love, we should not only love Him supremely, but also, for His sake, love one another. Such love as these verses call for is an assurance that we have become new creatures. It is also a badge of discipleship whereby others may know that we belong to Christ. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." ■

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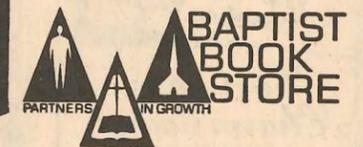
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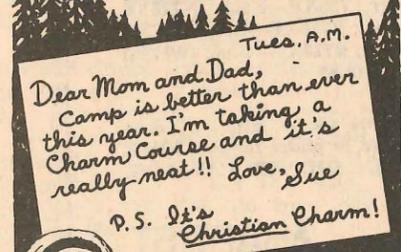
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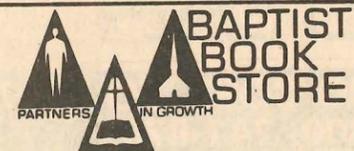
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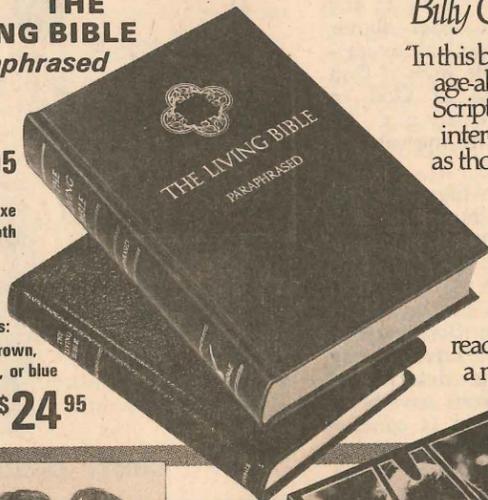
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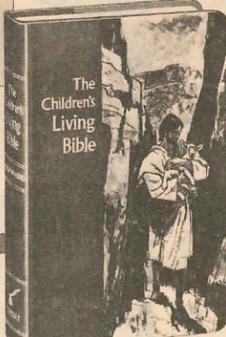
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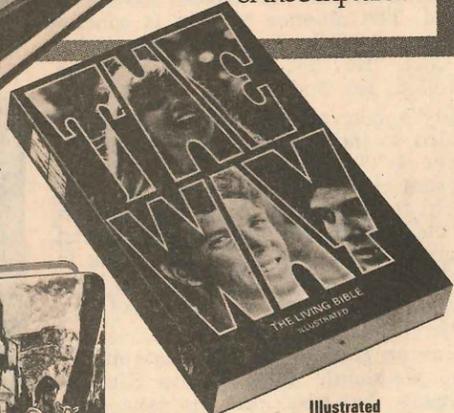
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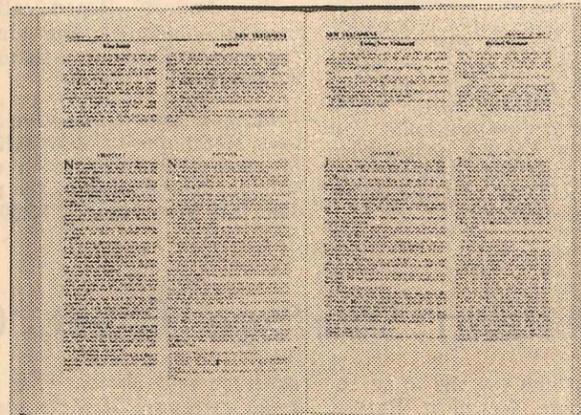
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SBC Annuity Board Reopens Church Insurance Programs

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Darold H. Morgan, president, said there have been more than 5,000 inquiries concerning participation in the new insurance plans, which are underwritten by Aetna Life and Casualty.

The Annuity Board calls the new medical-disability-life insurance a "package concept of designed insurance protection."

Morgan said prospective participants may select one of four different plans of medical benefits with costs scaled to meet the benefits of the plan chosen. For the first time, a \$5,000 term life

insurance is included in the coverage for medical or disability insurance.

All applicants enrolling are required to provide information on current personal health conditions.

Morgan said more than 9,000 participants in the previous Health Benefit Plan, underwritten by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, transferred to the new Plan with Aetna before the deadline for enrolling without having to show proof of insurability.

He said any Kentucky minister or church employe interested in the new program may secure information by writing the state annuity department, Byrd Ison director. The address is Box 43433, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

SBC Housing Shortage Eases, Camping Facilities Help

A housing shortage for the June 12-14 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been relieved somewhat by arrangements for 550 camping spaces, according to Portland Baptist leaders.

A Seventh Day Adventist campground on Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Oregon, a suburb of Portland, will now accept reservations for tent and recreational vehicle space.

Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary for the Northwest Baptist Convention and local arrangements chairman for the June gathering of Baptists from throughout the United States, said that 200 trailer spaces are available with full hook-ups for electricity, water and sewer for \$2.50 per day.

Another 200 spaces for trailers with all but sewer connections are available for \$2.00 per day.

Sites for 150 tents are also open to Baptists at the same campground. Some tents may be rented on the premises, Stringer said. Per day costs were not known at press time.

Persons interested in securing these facilities for the time of the Southern Baptist Convention are asked to write or call Roland C. Hood, Northwest Baptist Convention, 811 N.W. 20th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209.

More than 5200 hotel and motel rooms have been assigned by the SBC Housing Bureau, Stringer said.

Cancellation of some hotel and motel reservations and a growing list of homes opened to Baptist visitors have now alleviated the previous room

shortage and currently is meeting all room requests, Stringer stated.

Regarding the campground, Stringer said, "It is a very beautiful spot on the Clackamas River about eight miles

south of the Portland Memorial Coliseum."

More than 10,000 Southern Baptists are expected to register for the Southern Baptist Convention sessions. (BP)

Witness Found 'Not Guilty'

The charge was "disorderly conduct" against a Baptist layman who went visiting at a trailer camp in Crowley, Texas, but the verdict was "not guilty."

When the jury announced its verdict, there was a loud, unison response from the crowd at Crowley City Hall. "Amen," shouted the audience.

Willie G. Rutledge, volunteer youth director and choir leader at Rendon Baptist Church, had been arrested and charged with "disorderly conduct" after a February 27 incident over a visitation program at a mobile home park at Crowley, located about 20 miles south of Fort Worth.

During testimony at the trial at Crowley Municipal Court, Rutledge told of the events leading to his arrest, explaining it all started when he had taken a church bus with several members of the church to the mobile home park to visit for the church and share their faith.

The manager of the trailer park and his wife objected to their presence, saying the group could not solicit door-to-door at the park and ordering them to leave. When they did not, they called police.

Crowley policeman Del Duckworth told the court that when he first spoke to Rutledge, the independent Baptist church leader agreed to leave and got on the bus with other members of the Rendon church.

Then, the policeman testified, the bus stopped and Rutledge told the officer he was willing to leave the trailer park and get a permit to "solicit," but that no one could stop him from "witnessing for the Lord." Rutledge reportedly told the officer, "the only way you can stop me from witnessing is to lock me up."

Rutledge told the court that the policeman then handcuffed him, put him on the back seat of the patrol car, and took him to Crowley city jail where he stayed for an hour before being released.

"It irritates me when I can't witness for the Lord," Rutledge testified. "... I asked officer Duckworth if he was saved, and that's when he got real mad." (BP)