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Kentuckians Injured In Portland

A Kentucky Baptist pastor and a former Kentucky Baptist pastor were hospitalized in Portland, Oregon, as a result of an automobile accident and a heart attack. J. E. (Buddy) Maddux, II, pastor of Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church in Owensboro, his wife and two sons were struck by another car while driving in Portland. The auto was totally demolished and Maddux was hospitalized with a punctured spleen and other injuries. Mrs. Maddux re-

ceived a head injury but was not hospitalized. The boys were unhurt.

Maddux was released from the hospital after three days and was able with his family to fly back to Louisville on Friday on the chartered Kentucky Baptist flight. He is continuing to recover at home.

James W. Abernathy, former pastor of Carlisle Avenue in Louisville and the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, suffered a serious heart attack during a convention session on Thursday and at last report was still in intensive care in a Portland hospital. He recently left the pastorate of the Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, to become district superintendent of missions in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. He was attending the convention without his family and Mrs. Abernathy flew to Portland on Friday to be with him.

It was reported Abernathy was found by Dr. David McClure, a Louisville eye surgeon, in a hall outside the auditorium suffering severe pain. Dr. McClure, a convention messenger from Walnut Street Baptist Church, arranged for his immediate hospitalization.

Better Bible Teaching Is Goal Of Sunday School Conference

Better Bible teaching will be the goal of Sunday School workers who gather at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly July 20-21 for a state Sunday School department sponsored conference.

Roy Boatwright, state Sunday School director and coordinator of the event, said, "We have secured a faculty of trained workers that will help any church, large or small. These people will review effective teaching methods and share innovative outreach methods.

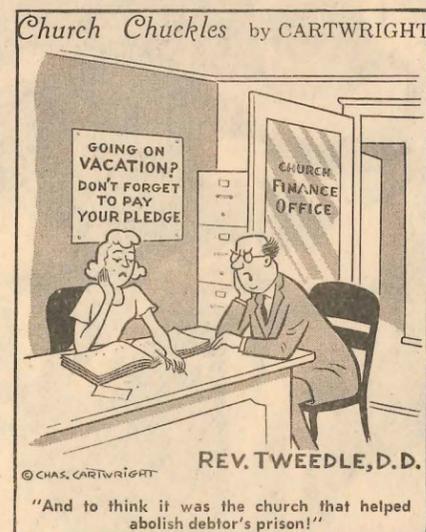
"We certainly hope we can have a good number of participants," he added.

The conference begins at 2:00 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday about noon. Teaching sessions are planned Friday afternoon and evening as well as Saturday morning.

Those desiring reservations should contact George Gray, manager, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Hardin, Kentucky 42048.



Boatwright



DEVOTIONAL



Tom Perkins, Director of Development, Mid-Century Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Kentucky

Acts 16:30-31

"What must I do to be saved," the Philippean jailer was heard to cry. Now, at this point, it would appear the answer would be given in easy to understand language. Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." True, the language seems simple enough: "Believe on Jesus." But it is precisely at this point that the complication sets in. What complication? Only the most idealistic could ask.

It is dangerous to add anything to the Word of God (Revelation 22:19), or for that matter to take anything away from His Word. Few would take much away from the Word at this point. To do so would eliminate either belief or the Lord Jesus. Christianity, in any form, cannot exist without these two.

Not everyone believes the same regarding Paul's somewhat simple explanation. Would there then be something wrong with his explanation? I hope not. If there is, then nothing we hold for certain is trustworthy. Rather than believe there is something wrong with Paul's theology, the divergent view is seen as just that, a divergent view.

Nearly every doctrine may be tested against belief in Jesus for its validity. If a doctrine contains belief in Jesus plus any other single thing, that belief may be classed as divergent from the simplicity of Paul's message; no matter how holy it sounds.

A few (really a few more than that) years ago when I entered the ministry the first thing I learned was how little I really knew. The second discovery was that I had great difficulty understanding all the involved doctrines linked with Christianity. The Bible spoke of its simplicity which gave me some peace of mind. If the Bible said of itself that it was so simple that even the weaker ones could find salvation surely the difficulty must be from some source outside the Bible. Looking for the "outside" source I discovered church groups. Eliminating down to the most simple I became and remain a contented Baptist.

Changes In SBC Structure Suggested At Portland

Ten Southern Baptists with suggestions for improving the Southern Baptist Convention structure and services presented their views to the SBC Committee of Fifteen during the Portland SBC convention.

The Committee of Fifteen was appointed by the SBC Executive Committee in 1970 to study the structure of the SBC and recommend any changes in organization it felt were needed.

Robert Witty, president of Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, said his school, which receives no Southern Baptist funds, should have recognition as a Southern Baptist school because its faculty, administration and staff are Southern Baptists.

Witty suggested that Southern Baptists compile a list of independently operated Baptist schools in the category of his school to give them a Southern Baptist identity but no Southern Baptist funds.

Two persons expressed concern about finances of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California.

Jack Johnson, a pastor from Del Monte, California, commented that the present formula for distribution of funds to the seminary doesn't provide enough money for the faculty in an area where the cost of living is higher than in other parts of the country.

Jack Flanders, chairman of the Golden Gate board of trustees, said the high cost of living makes it hard for seminaries to attract faculty.

Flanders, a professor at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, said better financed colleges draw away good seminary professors.

Johnson, the Del Monte pastor, and Glen Paden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairfield, California, suggested the possibility of forming one administrative board to govern the six Southern Baptist seminaries, rather than individual boards.

Paden said an advantage of a central board would be the possibility of central application for admittance and assigning the students on a geographical basis.

George Euting of Nashville, Tennessee, Southern Baptist coordinated program promotion specialist, asked that a more exact method be determined for listing evangelists in the SBC annual to make sure that all are Southern Baptists.

Charles Harvey, a pastor from Shreveport, Louisiana, suggested that the makeup of the SBC committee on committees and committee on boards be changed so members would rotate and provide better continuity. Current

procedure calls for a completely new slate of members each year.

Guy Webb of Newport News, Virginia, suggested that the SBC has too many publications, mailings and organizational meetings and suggested they be better coordinated.

Ernie White of St. Joseph, Missouri, suggested that the work of the SBC Stewardship Commission and the Southern Baptist Foundation be more closely related since both are involved in fund raising.

Another observer, Bob Davis, a pastor from Seaford, Delaware, suggested that the multiplicity of Southern Baptist youth programs be correlated by the various agencies.

Gordon James, a pastor from Frankston, Texas, felt that Southern Baptist gifts to the Baptist World Alliance should be made more visible in the convention budget so more people could understand its purpose and benefit.

Currently, the convention contributes \$125,000 to the Baptist World Alliance through the SBC's operating budget, not as a separately listed item. (BP)

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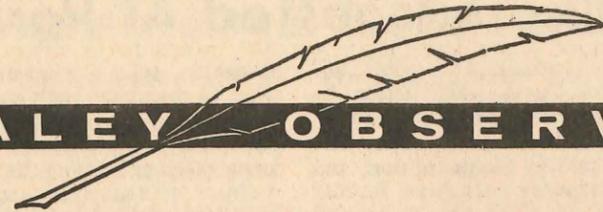
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Another Welcome Supreme Court Decision

Two welcome decisions recently came from the U.S. Supreme Court within one week. The decision curbing pornography was followed by a group of decisions striking down state aid to parochial schools. Specifically parochial school aid plans in New York and Pennsylvania were declared unconstitutional but the practical effect should be the killing of similar plans already enacted in other states and plans under consideration in still other states.

The Supreme Court action not only disappointed Roman Catholic educational leaders but it also repudiated President Nixon who has been a very vocal advocate of granting tax money to church related schools. The president already has submitted recommendations to Congress for tax credits to parochial pupils' parents.

On the other hand there is rejoicing among champions of separation of church and state. There is now reason to hope some of us could be wrong who have predicted that public funds to parochial schools were ultimately inevitable. In spite of the never-say-die attitude and actions of parochial advocates and the encouragement lent by the president, the Supreme Court is holding the line. The six to three majority in two cases and the eight to one majority in another case along with the strong wording of the majority decisions give hope that other proposals which are certain to come might be struck down.

It is significant that in the court's parochial aid consideration there was not one decision on one plan in one state but a series of decisions on several plans in two states. Two of these decisions related to educational grants, tuition reimbursements, tax credits and payment for testing and record keeping services in church related schools in New York. A third deci-

sion invalidated a Pennsylvania law providing tuition reimbursement by the state to parents of parochial pupils. It would also appear these decisions would be the death knell for similar plans already enacted in Ohio, California and Minnesota and for various other plans under consideration in other state and local communities.

In spite of another setback parochial champions are not about to give up. Their heads are bloody but unbowed. It would seem every possible idea for circumventing the constitutional prohibition against state aid to religion has already been put forth and put down but not so. In response to these latest decisions Mr. Roy Ruffo, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, expressed disappointment but said, "We intend to seek ways to work within the constitution to affirm the rights of parents in the choice of education for their children."

The determination of Mr. Ruffo is admirable but his reasoning is ridiculous. No one has ever tried to abridge the rights of any parents in their choice of education for their children. The vast Roman Catholic school system attests to the freedom of parents in this respect. But to claim the state is obligated to pay for the church controlled schools chosen in place of the public schools provided by the state is another matter. Those who turn down what they are offered should expect to pay for what they choose.

For success in this struggle we are indebted among others to Americans United. While we talk a good case, Americans United goes to the courts and fights our cause. It's fearful to think where we might be today were it not for stalwarts like Glenn Archer and the organization built with his convictions and sweat.

A Worship Experience In The Mountains

There is a delightful variety of outdoor drama in the summertime in Kentucky. Each has its own special attraction with several drawing upon the rich history and beautiful natural setting of the area. These provide wholesome entertainment for the entire family in contrast to much entertainment today

on stage, screen and television which is unfit to watch.

By far the most unique outdoor drama in Kentucky is "The Book of Job," which opened its 15th season June 28 in Pine Mountain State Park in Pineville. For our family it lived up to its reputation in

providing something new and different every time it is seen. The 1973 version proved the most meaningful of the half dozen or more times I have seen the drama since its beginning over 20 years ago.

The production is actually a miracle. No one would have predicted that when Orlin and Irene Corey adapted the ancient story of Job for a student production at Georgetown College in the early 1950's that it would be a moving experience for thousands on four continents and be acclaimed and given the highest rating by drama critics in America and other countries. It has an indefinable quality which captivates viewers and brings many of them back over and over.

The indescribable setting for Job in Laurel Cove Amphitheater adds to its impact. The surrounding rocks and trees seem as ancient as the problem of suffering with which Job struggles and yet as alive as modern man's struggle with the same perplexity. Only the Creator himself could devise such a theater. The solid rock palisade in the background appears to reach all the way to the heavens and the soul of the viewer follows his eyes into infinity. Man devised lights play among the luxuriant trees and undergrowth surrounding the stage and one has to think twice to be sure he is awake and not dreaming. The players descending and ascending concealed steps along the wall of rock and trees seem to be coming from and returning to another world.

The early 17th century King James language used by the players, the mosaic costumes that go back to the Byzantine era, the ram's horn introduction and the ancient music all fit the story of Job whose date in antiquity no man knows. The whole experience is a refreshing contrast to the modern paraphrases of the scripture and the contemporary religious music.

Job is not entertainment though it is very fascinating. At its best it is worship. It requires not relaxation but intense listening and thought if one is to get its impact. Before attending one should read the book of Job carefully and also study any available commentary or Bible dictionary material on the book. The drama would make a wonderful trip for youth and other church groups but not without some such preparation. Another must is warm clothing and even a blanket. It gets cold in those hills at night.

Job is but one attraction of the Kentucky mountains in the summer. The copious rainfall this year has dressed the Cumberlands in their richest green with the savage slashes of strip mining hardly visible and only the blood of the earth in the laden streams revealing man's inhumanity to nature. Only the physically blind could not be awed by the wealth of natural beauty of the Kentucky mountains; only the spiritually blind could not be moved by the poverty in spirit of many who live there. This is our challenge.

ABUSING MISSIONARIES

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that many of our fine associational missionaries throughout the state are being victimized either wittingly or unwittingly by our local pastors. My point of concern is the practice of using associational missionaries as supply pastors without any remuneration, let alone expenses, while the local pastor is on vacation or away from the home church holding a revival.

I am fully aware that at times the missionaries may have associational reasons to fill a pulpit, but I sincerely believe that a local pastor conducting a revival should "share the wealth" with the one filling his place.

Many of our churches may be ignorant of this practice; I therefore urge the local congregations to make themselves aware of practices in their churches.

Louisville, Ky. Rex D. Slechter

CONVENTION ISSUE

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the paper for June 23. I have never read a better, more informative report of our convention. It was certainly well planned and most interesting.

Louisville, Ky. Miss Ruth Hunt
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BAPTIST FORUM



'WOMEN' IN BIBLE

Dear Editor:

Your report on the vote of the Southern Baptist Convention's action in favor of women's submission to man sent me to the Scriptures in protest against their limited viewpoint, which echoed the speech by Mrs. Jessie Sappington, who said, "Man was not made for the woman, but the woman for the man."

If anyone cares to do so, I would refer you to the Biblical concordance of the King James' version, which states, "Hebrew women cared for the household, Genesis 18:6, carried water, Genesis 24:15; tended flocks, Genesis 29:6; spun, Exodus 35:26; made clothes, I Samuel 2:19; acted as hostess and guest on social occasions, Job 1:4; John 2:3 and 12:2; prophesied, composed, sang and danced, Exodus 15:20, 21; Judges 11:34 and 21:21; feted, I Samuel 18:6-7; HELD PUBLIC POSITIONS, Judges 4:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, also Judges

4:18-24, and the entire 5th chapter, II Kings 22:14, Nehemiah 6:14, Luke 2:36; acted as workers and officials in the early Christian church, Acts 18:18, 26; Romans 16:1."

In God's eyes, we are neither male nor female, but all children of Him Who created us. Of course, people say one can prove anything by quoting the Bible; but Mrs. Jessie Sappington and the entire Southern Baptist Convention need to become aware of this self-evident truth. When the word "man" is used, it includes the entire human race in books of history, philosophy, theology. It is time that such narrow creeds as those espoused by the Southern Baptist Convention be examined, by people everywhere who are aware of the plight of women in our society both today and long ago. Why has the admonition, "Love one another" been overlooked as the way to handle all relationships?

Louisville, Ky. Edith G. Oldham



Four Generations Of One Family Enrolled In VBS

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church near Tatumsville recently enrolled four generations of one family in Vacation Bible School.

The unusual feat was accomplished when the church added an adult division to its regular Vacation Bible School program. Great-grandmother Mrs. Eureka Pace, age 89, enrolled in the adult division along with her daughter Mrs. Gola Holland. Mrs. Pace's great-grandson Brad Howell attended the preschool department and his mother, Mrs. Jan Howell, taught in grades five and six.

Bethel pastor Eugene Meadows commented that the adult department, led by retired pastor Garlon Sills, was "a real blessing to the church.

"We would encourage any church to try an adult division," he added.

Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Gola Holland, grandmother; Mrs. Jan Howell, mother; Brad Howell, great-grandson; Mrs. Eureka Pace, great-grandmother.

Atkinson Named Dean At Seminary

Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., vice president of Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, has been elected dean of the school of religious education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, effective July 1.

He will succeed Ernest J. Loessner, who retires this summer after 20 years on the faculty of the seminary and four years as dean.

Atkinson, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton. He holds the bachelor of divinity degree and completed residence studies toward the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the

Center for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The new dean is former director of field services for the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, and academic dean of Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Texas. He has also been assistant to the president of Mississippi College and assistant director of public relations for New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He is the fourth dean in the history of the seminary's school of religious education, succeeding Gaines S. Dobbins, Allen W. Graves, and Loessner. (BP)

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts

JUNE 1973

| | 1973 | 1972 |
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| Cooperative Program Receipts | \$ 351,369.29 | \$ 336,673.13 |
| To date this convention year | 3,648,925.64 | 3,408,995.20 |
| Goal to date for this year | 3,583,333.34 | 3,500,000.00 |
| | | under |
| Over goal | 65,592.30 | (91,004.80) |
| Increase | 239,930.44 | 184,725.48 |
| Percentage increase | 7.04% | 5.7% |
| NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL | | \$358,333.33 |

Where's Home?



FRANKLIN OWEN

Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

I've served in the pastoral ministry in four states. I have loved them all. I was a preacher's son before that and we moved rather often. Several places on earth feel much like home to me and my nostalgic memory turns to them with warm sentiments.

Yet when I revisit these places, I realize that they are not home. Everything has changed, and the people most of all. New faces have replaced so many who have gone and the few that are left, whom I knew, have changed as much as I have, and sometimes more.

There is a deep insecurity in the soul of one who has lived his life from place to place; who has never known a homestead in the sense that long-term or life-long residents do. Such a resident hasn't any doubt where he and his family will be buried. The vagabond finds such decision very hard. I suppose many ministers are like this. ("I am a stranger here, within a foreign land.")

When I get west of Paducah, headed toward Southeast Missouri where I grew, something deep in my bones begins to relax. I have told Mrs. Owen as I cross the Mississippi bridge that "my bones are beginning to feel at home." But when I get there I'm not at home; it's all different. I have much of the same feeling when I return to north Georgia where I served so happily when my boys were babies. I suppose I shall feel this way about Lexington, Kentucky, as the years go by.

But none of these places is home. Middletown, where I now dwell, is not home; nor will it ever be. You life-long homestead residents may build up a greater measure of sentimental feeling toward a single place than we vagabonds, but no place on earth is home. The world is neither the Christian's home, nor is it where we are going to spend most of our time. In the parlance of the street, "this is not where it's at." ("My home is far away upon a golden strand.")

Early Christianity was sometimes called "The Way." (Acts 9:2, 19:23 etc.) Basic doctrine to the Christian religion is the recognition that we are not residents, but sojourners. We are pilgrims traveling in the steps of Jesus, whose footprints lead to the Father's house, and that is home.

—Frank Owen

Staff Changes

James R. Doyel has assumed the duties as pastor of Roland Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville.

He resigned the pastorate of the New Union Baptist Church, Russellville, where he had served for the past six years.

Doyel was ordained at South Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville. He received his BA degree from Campbellsville College. He and his wife, Sylvia, have two children: Scott, 8, and Rhonda, 1.



Doyel

Tommy P. Camp has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Barlow, Kentucky, to accept the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Before serving the Barlow church, he served as associate pastor and youth coordinator at the Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville. He assumed his duties in Lawrenceburg on July 8, 1973.



Camp

Clarence L. Duvall has been called as pastor of the Belmont Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, on July 19, 1970.



Duvall

Duvall is married to the former Frances J. Solomon of Stonefort, Illinois. The couple has two children: Debra, 19; and Gail, 16.

Bill Vincent is the new pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Larue County. A native of Central City, he is a former Air Force veteran and studied at Air University Extension. Vincent is already serving and living in the church parsonage.

Elbert Lee James, a native of Centertown, Kentucky, in Ohio County, has been called as pastor of Kevill Baptist Church. He resigned the pastorate of the Sherman Baptist Church in Grant County to accept the new post. Other churches he has served are: Independence Baptist in McHenry, Kentucky, Ohio County Association; and Robards Baptist in Green Valley Association.

James is a graduate of Campbellsville College. He has also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He has been active in denominational life, serving as moderator of the Crittenden Association and on the state executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Mrs. James, Georgetta, is a native of Ohio County. The couple has two children: LeEtta, 7, and Timothy Lee, 3.

Greg Saylor, former associate pastor of Woodland Baptist Church, Middletown, began his new duties on July 8, 1973, as pastor of Willow Baptist Church of Bracken County, Kentucky. Previous denominational service of Saylor includes staff positions in the Alabama churches of Aldrich, Ashland, Ensley and Alberta and a camp counselor at the Alabama state RA camp. He was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 13, 1972, by the Ridgecrest Baptist Church of Dothan, Alabama.



Saylor

Saylor, a 1970 graduate of the University of Montevallo, is a third year student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Saylor, the former Dianne Dennis of Maplesville, Alabama, is a 1971 graduate of the University of Alabama.

Jerry D. Johnson resigned the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church in Frankfort to accept the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia. He began his duties with the Mt. Zion Church on July 1.

Johnson, a native of Georgia, received an AB degree in 1968 from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and the master of divinity degree in 1972 from Southern Seminary, Louisville. Prior to coming to the seminary he served the Draketown Baptist Church, Temple, Georgia; Harmony Baptist Church, Eatonton, Georgia; and Calvary Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Georgia. He and his wife, the former Lauree Smith of Marietta, Georgia, both worked for *Western Recorder* during 1970. The couple has two girls: Jana Lynne, 3, and Vikki Leigh, 1½.

Jerry Burke, a native of Mouthcard in Pike County, Kentucky, is the new minister of music for the Lancaster Baptist Church. He assumed his duties there on Sunday, June 17.



Burke

Burke is a junior at Eastern Kentucky University where currently he is majoring in music with emphasis in voice and piano. He served as a summer missionary on the mountain youth team in 1969 through the state BSU program. He has served as choir director for the Eastern BSU for two years and church music director at Union City Baptist Church for the past three years.

Burke and his wife, the former Linda Kindoll of Carrollton, Kentucky, have one daughter, Deana Marie, 19 months old.

Robert William Langdon, the new pastor of Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, began his pastoral duties on July 1, 1973.

Langdon, a Louisville native, graduated with a BA merger degree in 1969 (summa cum laude) from University of Louisville after having attended Kentucky Southern and the master of divinity degree in 1970 from Southern Seminary. He is currently working on his doctor of theology degree at Southern Seminary. He and Mrs. Langdon, Jean, have two children: Nathan Christopher and Melissa Lynn.

South Elkhorn Church Pastor J. G. Floyd Killed In Accident

J. G. Floyd, pastor of the South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Versailles Road, Lexington, was killed instantly in an automobile accident on June 27. The accident was a head-on collision which occurred on the Versailles Road between South Elkhorn and Lexington.

Ben McNess, South Elkhorn music minister, was riding with Floyd and was seriously injured. He is reported to be making satisfactory recovery and has been dismissed from the hospital.

Floyd was a native of Eubank, Kentucky, and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He came to the South Elkhorn pastorate from the Hustonville Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Lou Tarter, and two sons: Joey, 14; and John, 9.

Orientation Plans Announced At G'town

Orientation 1973-74 for new Georgetown College students and their parents will be held July 27-28, and August 3-4, according to Catherine Bates, dean of women.

"New students and parents are invited to the orientation on one of the two separate weekends in order to personalize the program. There will be periods of testing, a conference with a faculty advisor in which the student's curriculum is planned, information about campus living and discussions related to student life," Dean Bates said.

Orientation begins with registration Friday 2-5 p.m. in Lee E. Cralle Student Center.

Cost per parent for the one night's lodging and linens, dinner-theatre, breakfast, and a picnic lunch is \$12. Student cost (without the dinner-theatre) is \$10.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — First Baptist Church, Loyall, recently observed its 50th anniversary with a two-day celebration. Saturday evening a reception was held for all former pastors, members and friends of the church. Sunday morning featured addresses by four former pastors, a minister who grew up in the Loyall church and present pastor Bill Messer. Those pictured above are, left to right, former pastor A. J. Hensley, now serving as pastor of Salem Baptist Church, near Shelbyville; former pastor Mack Pressley, Tuckasee Baptist Church, Mount Holly, North Carolina; Messer; Loyall native Benny Bissell, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee; former pastor Paul Godsey, Burlington; and R. F. Jasper, a medical doctor who was the church's first pastor.



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BUS TO RA CONGRESS

Dear Editor:

We are running a chartered Trailway bus from Danville to St. Louis for the Southwide Royal Ambassador Congress in August. We would like to extend an invitation to all boys or men in your church to make the trip with us. The cost for the trip is \$44.00 per person which will include round-trip transportation and overnight accommodations at the Mid-Town Holiday Inn in St. Louis. This also covers the transportation while there since the bus and driver will stay with us. Each boy or man will be responsible for his own eating and spending money above the \$44.00.

We will leave from the First Baptist Church parking lot at 8:00 o'clock on Monday morning, August 13, and will return home late Thursday night, August 16. The congress will be in session from Tuesday through Thursday noon.

A couple of the side highlights of the trip will be attending the St. Louis Cardinal-Houston Astro baseball game on Monday night and also spending the afternoon Thursday at Six Flags Over Mid-America.

Boys must be 12 years old or older unless they are directly accompanied by their father or another adult. We have one father who is going and take his eight year old son. We also have three other men at the present time planning to go. We would definitely like to have a few additional men or older boys—17, 18 or 19.

Boys do not have to be Royal Ambassadors to make the trip.

If any boy or man is interested, I would appreciate hearing soon and I will be glad to answer any question. My phone at home is 236-4944 and my phone at work is 236-2551.

Danville, Kentucky

Bill Vaught

BUMPER STICKERS

Dear Editor:

After reading the article (Jesus and the bumper stickers) by Rev. Lewis Rhodes, I want to say a big "Amen". The way our people are making a public display of religion is a disgrace. I am thankful we still have some people who feel the way I do.

I was brought up to respect Christ and His church and now there is very little reverence in the church, some-

time it is more like some kind of "frolic".

I do not approve of running around broadcasting that you are a Christian and love God, if you do, your actions will show it.

Stanford, Ky. Mrs. Thomas Barlow

CONVENTION SERMON

Dear Editor:

I used to say that, while I had no illusions about my own preaching, I recognized good preaching when I heard it.

While I did not have the privilege of hearing Dotson Nelson's Convention sermon, when I read it (in the *Western Recorder*) I found myself in complete agreement with my previous statement. To speak of it as good is really an understatement. I fairly reveled in it. It was excellent, may I say, in every particular.

More power to this dynamic minister whose preaching ministry must be a joy to his church fellowship.

Greensburg, Ky. Louis Ward Stanger

A PLAGUE ON HIMSELF

Dear Editor:

Walter McNeil pronounces a plague on Moody and me for being what he calls "Gnostics," and then admits to being a Gnostic himself. So, he is pronouncing the same plague on himself. I just wonder if McNeil knows what he is trying to prove.

Bowling Green, Ky. Paul Rutledge

Youth Week 73

By Larry High

On the first Monday in July young people throughout the state left their homes in search of a place where they could meet with others their age for the sake of Christian fellowship and study. From 20 different churches 175 young people converged on Cedarmore Baptist Assembly for the annual Youth week sponsored this year by the church training department.

The purpose of Youth Week, according to James H. Whaley, director of the KBC church training department, was "to help the kids express themselves in their particular area, whether it be in the crafts, arts or in the spoken word. It also helps them to express their faith and share it with other people they meet," he added.

Helen Matthews, a student from Valley View Baptist Church in Louisville, said, "The week was fantastic. I gained a lot spiritually-wise. It has helped me in my witnessing because before I didn't know how to talk with people about Christ, now I know," she said.

Pat Webster, Vine Run Baptist Church, Dry Ridge, said, "All the people are just so nice, it's strange that kids coming from the city and others from the country can both mix together and get along so well. You are able to feel right at home here. I've learned how to go out and talk to others about Christ more than I ever had before," he added.

For three and a half hours each day these young people met under the



FELLOWSHIP — The Thursday night fellowship, led by Glenn Davenport, resulted in a paper throwing battle of skill. Never losing control Davenport was able to restore the old dining hall to its previous condition.

guidance of an adult leader as they studied the avenues through which they could share their faith.

Webster said the labs were a "blessing to me because we were able to just sit and express our views. It was like a big discussion and our leader was there to help if we got stuck," he said.

Adult leaders included Wanda Carpenter, Baptist Young Women's director, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union; Rick Chaffin, minister of education, Highland Baptist, Louisville; Glenn Davenport, Bethlehem Baptist, Louisville; Tom Smoot, minister of education and youth, Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green; and Derle Underwood, minister of education and youth, First Baptist, Mount Washington.

As the youth met in their labs each day other sessions were being conducted for counselors by the pastor of the week, Bill Turner, pastor of Central Baptist, Lexington. "In these labs we basically do what the youth are doing in theirs," he said. "This way when the counselors meet with the youth they have some idea of what the kids have been through," he added.

Each afternoon the youth were of-

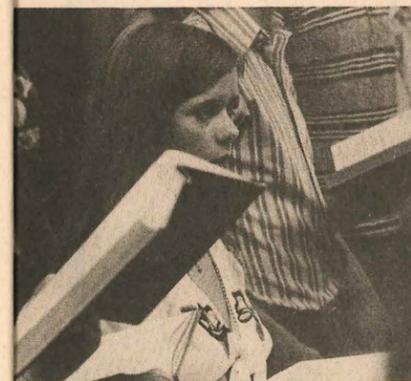
fered the opportunity to use the facilities of Cedarmore in free recreation time. Swimming, tennis, basketball, softball and canoeing were several of the activities they engaged in during this time.

After dinner each day the youth were involved in a worship service together. The message was delivered by the pastor of the week and featured a dedication service on Thursday night.

Helen Matthews said the services were "very meaningful to me, especially the one Thursday night. It means a lot to be able to get together with people your own age and worship the Lord," she said.

A time for fellowship was provided each evening after the worship. The Antiphonettes, a female singing youth group from First Baptist, Frankfort, brought special entertainment one night. Camp fires and a coffee house completed the evening fellowships for the week.

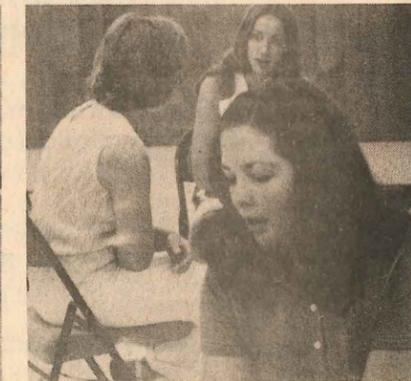
When the week was over and plans being made for returning home an exhausted James Whaley was heard to say, "As much as I enjoy this I'm glad it only comes once a year."



The evening worship featured a song service each night led by Bill Keith.



Wanda Carpenter led her group in a discussion while they met in their lab at Ferguson-Jaegle.

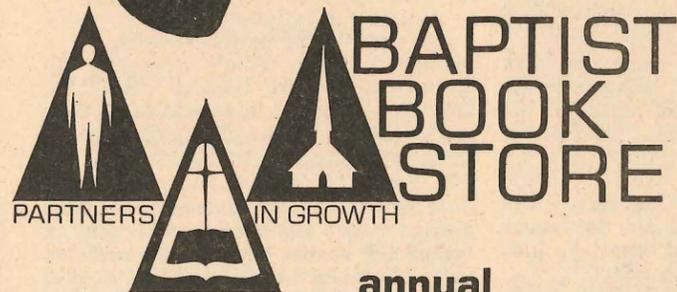


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People And Places

Pastor and Mrs. Jesse S. Bell were recently honored by the First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, on the occasion of Bell's 20th anniversary as pastor. Sunday, June 24, was proclaimed "the Rev. Jesse S. Bell Day" by the church and more than 200 members and friends attended an open house for the Bells. In addition to the tributes from many friends the Bells were presented \$400 as a gift from the church. In expressing his appreciation, Bell said, "Never has a pastor had finer people with whom to work."

The **Allensville Baptist Church** has broken ground for the construction of a new church building. The old church building was destroyed by fire on February 14 of this year. A 3.25 acre site for the new building has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McKinney. Kenneth Slagle is the Allensville pastor.

Bobby Reeder, senior at Murray State University, will lead a summer music and youth program at the Morganfield First Baptist Church.

Roger Skipworth was ordained to the gospel ministry on May 13 by the Mt. Pleasant Church. He is pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Butler County.

Bill Motsinger was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church, Russellville, in Bethel Baptist Association, on May 20. He preached the evening worship sermon for the congregation.

Raymond Rich, former pastor of Spring Valley Church in Bethel Association, died on June 19. Funeral services were conducted on June 21 at the Morgan Funeral parlor with burial in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Princeton. Mrs. Raymond Rich resides at 206 Ratliff Street, Princeton, Kentucky 42445.

Chester Swor, long-time lay speaker throughout the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, reports that, beginning with the summer of 1974 he will resume full-time appointments in churches. He will be assisted by a splendid young chalk-talk artist who will work, also, with youth. Prior to the summer of 1974, Swor will be filling special assignments in high schools and colleges in addition to a few church weeks. He maintains his home and office at 902 Whitworth Street in Jackson, Mississippi.

The **Ohio County Baptist Association** Executive Board voted at the May board meeting to give \$500 to the Hospital Charity Offering. Previously this year, the board gave a \$500 gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. D. L. Barnett is director of missions for the Ohio County Baptist Association.

Hargus Shackelford, 70, died June 6 in Lexington after three months hospitalization with a heart condition. In 1972 he retired from the pastorate of the Lily Baptist Church in Laurel River Association after 20 years of service. Other pastorates included West London Baptist Church and the Macedonia Baptist Church in Clay County.

Shackelford is survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons. The funeral was conducted on June 9 at West London Baptist Church with interment in Cumberland Memorial Gardens at Lily.

D. E. Meade, former member of the Foreign Mission Board and a former pastor of the Forest Hills' First Baptist Church, died June 20 at Forest Hills, Kentucky. The funeral was June 22 at First Baptist Church, Forest Hills, with burial at Mountain View Memorial Garden.

Meade was elected to the board in 1964 and had rotated off the board in June. While a member, he served on several committees including the committee on West Africa and the committee on missionary education.

Miss Pamela Ann Phillips, daughter of former missionaries to East Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Phillips, is now married to Paul Tirey. Phillips was born in Franklin County and

reared in Shelby County. Mrs. Phillips is the former Dorsie Murphy of Shelbyville. When the Phillips were appointed by the FMB in 1961, he was pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Shelbyville. He is now pastor of Woodland Baptist Church in Middletown, Kentucky.

L. D. Kennedy, a Campbellsville College professor, gave a report to a group of about 40 educators from the United States and Canada at a Consultation on Teacher Preparation Programs in Religious Studies in the Public Schools held at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, on June 15-16. He informed the participants about the objectives and success of the recent conference on teaching the Bible in public schools which he directed at Campbellsville College. Also, he reported on his workshop on the Bible as literature which he is now conducting and furnished copies of his syllabus to all the educators.

Revival Reports

Epley Baptist Church reported an early June revival with Clyde Gordon as evangelist. There were 14 professions of faith, 3 came by letter and many rededications. Two visitors made commitments for full-time Christian service. Mr. and Mrs. Milford Martin led the music. Floyd Cox is pastor of the Epley Baptist Church, Logan County Association.

Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, reported a May revival in which John Huffman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, was the evangelist. Bill Keith, also of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, led the music. Archie W. Allison is pastor of Buena Vista Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church in Covington, Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, held revival services May 6-12. Bob W. Brown, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, was the evangelist. Walter Isley is pastor of Immanuel Church in Covington.

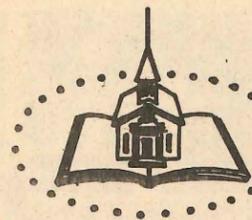
Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, was in revival recently. Harold Tallant was the evangelist. Pastor Jerry D. Oakley reported 23 professions of faith, two received by letter, 20 rededications and 63 young people made a dedication for purity in their life.

Charles E. Stewart, pastor of the Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church at Ashland and pastor advisor for the Greenup Association Baptist Youth, reports an **Associational Youth Revival**, June 10-17, resulting in 110 decisions, 65 of which were professions of faith. Evangelist for the revival was Lee Castro of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Kentuckians Serve Ridgecrest

Kentuckians serving this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, are Teri Winkler, Fort Thomas, waitress; Pam Collins, Georgetown, reservation desk; Billy Genet, Greenville, staff recreation director; Mary Karr, Jefferson, waitress; Sharon Brandle, Owensboro, waitress; Rozanna Dalton, Sturgis, receptionist; and Linda Cheryl Lee, Winchester, waitress.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, located 18 miles east of Asheville, North Carolina, is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. It is a year-round religious retreat dedicated to the Christian development and growth of those who choose to invest time in training.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for July 22, 1973)

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Micaiah: Peril Of False Security

I Kings 22:1-3, 6, 16-17, 28-29, 34-35
A period of peace — Verses 1-3

Arriving when Ahab was meeting with the members of his cabinet who had much to do with the policy of their nation, Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab to engage in an attempt to restore Ramoth-gilead and the surrounding territory to the rule of Israel.

Knowing that success would be impossible without divine aid, Jehoshaphat wanted to learn about God's will in this matter before venturing into the actual conflict. How much better it would have been for him to have ascertained God's will before deciding to enter that alliance with Ahab!

A prophecy that pleased — Verse 6

Fully aware of what the king wanted them to say, the assembled 400 false prophets assured him of success in his undertaking. Dissatisfied with the declaration of these prophets, Jehoshaphat insisted on hearing a messenger of Jehovah before entering upon another Syrian campaign. Although Ahab hated Micaiah, the "prophet of the Lord," because he had pronounced an impending doom upon the king, he was invited to express an opinion as to what was the will of the Lord with reference to this proposed campaign. Anxious to say what they knew that Ahab wanted to hear, these 400 false prophets kept on insisting that the campaign had the sanction of God.

A prediction of tragic defeat — Verses 16-17

Ahab sent for Micaiah. The messenger who went to bring Micaiah informed him as to what the other "prophets" had declared and then advised and urged him to speak favorably of the project also. When Micaiah received the suggestion that he would be expected to give a pleasing prophecy, he refused to be swayed by any such worldly considerations. The emoluments of the king, the bribery of courtiers, and the patronage of those who hated God were powerless to win him over. Micaiah courageously declared to the king's messenger that his message would be exactly what God directed him to say, even though

it might result in his own imprisonment and starvation. He intended to listen to God and then speak for Him regardless of the consequences. This lone prophet of the Lord boldly declared that the pursuit of such a course would end in Ahab's defeat and death, and his prediction was correct.

A prophecy fulfilled — Verses 28-29, 34-35

Ahab's attitude toward Micaiah revealed a universal trait of fallen human nature. People simply will not take the advice of those whom they dislike. Ahab's anger was so great that he ordered Micaiah taken back to his city, imprisoned, and fed with the bread and water of affliction until the victory was won and the king returned triumphantly. Thus, abuse, imprisonment, persecution, and suffering were the immediate results of his faithfulness and devotion to God. Upon the issuing of this order for Micaiah's imprisonment and starvation diet, Micaiah remarked that if Ahab won the battle

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Exodus 20:15

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Stealing may be practiced in various ways, such as robbery, which is taking property by force or violence; theft, which is the taking of another's possessions without his knowledge or consent; fraudulent practices, among which are loafing on one's job, "bor-

rowing" money from the cash register, using short weights and measures, deceptive advertising, the adulteration of goods, the concealment of defects, the misrepresentation of quality, taking advantage of others through extortionate interest, exorbitant rent, extravagant prices for commodities, refusing fair wages, etc.

Amos 8:4-6

Without hesitation Amos, God's fearless prophet, here turned the fire of righteous indignation against those outwardly respectable and professedly religious, but greedy, proud, idolatrous, self-indulgent, and dishonest schemers and hypocrites, and denounced them because of their injustice and wrong treatment of others. Amos emphasized the great truth that outwardly perfunctory religion is not sufficient.

In their desire for greater riches many of the rich actually and indignantly begrudged the new moon and



the sabbath because it was necessary to suspend business transactions on those days, thus depriving them of the privilege of exploiting, oppressing, and robbing others.

Amos told the people that God would not ignore the evil works of the impenitent. He warned them that a day of judgment was awaiting all those who deceived the people for their own personal gain; also, that God's woe would rest upon them. Both individuals and nations will receive what they deserve from God. Amos taught that God wants people to love Him supremely and to love others dearly.

Luke 19:1-10

On His way to Jerusalem for the last time Christ passed through Jericho. Among the masses of curious spectators was a well-known and well-to-do man named Zacchaeus, about whom we shall note four things.

1. His character. Zacchaeus was a Jew by nationality and a publican in position. He had a passion for money. He thought more of money than he did his nation, the respect of his fellowmen, his soul, or God. He was an extortionist, levying the taxes to the limit, paying Rome her demands and adding the balance to his personal savings.

2. His condition. Zacchaeus was small in stature. He was a social outcast. Sitting in his booth one day, he observed a crowd of people down the street. Being curious, he inquired as to what it meant, and was informed that Jesus Christ had come to town.

Zacchaeus resolved that he would go to see Christ Jesus, which desire was most commendable. However, it was not at all easy for him to accomplish his purpose because of the multitude surrounding the Saviour and his own smallness of stature. Undaunted by these handicaps, he went on ahead of the crowd and climbed the famous sycamore tree. That was a very undignified thing for a public official to do, but Zacchaeus was out for something far better than dignity, namely, to see Christ.

3. His call. When the Saviour arrived at the tree, which Zacchaeus had ascended, He looked up at him and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." The Master knew his name, nature, position, and thoughts, so the call was quite personal. This call startled him. It proved to be effective for "he made haste and came down."

4. His conversion. Zacchaeus' conviction of sin, unfeigned repentance, reception of Christ, confession of Him, restitution of possessions, joy of heart, and reformation of life were excellent evidences of his genuine conversion. ■

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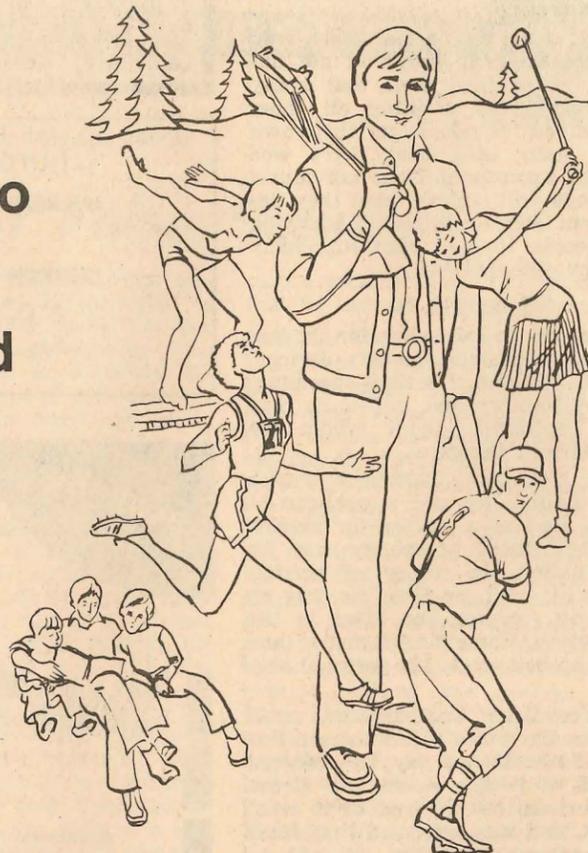
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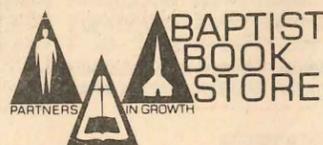


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Featured speakers will be W. C. Fields, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations of the SBC Executive Committee, and Wesley M. Pattillo, vice president for development at Southern Seminary.
Two special features of the workshop will be a materials evaluation and equipment demonstration.
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Offerings Set Record, WMU Board Hears

Kentucky Baptists gave more than \$1,000,000 to designated mission offerings during the current fiscal year. This announcement was part of the report of Woman's Missionary Union treasurer Mrs. W. H. Jaegle at the recent WMU executive board meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Other items of business included the dedication of the Cedar Crest sign for the girls' camp and a new provision allowing state WMU workers to accept assignments in local churches.

Mrs. Jaegle, state treasurer for 25 years, told the board members that 1972-73 offerings topped all previous records for Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and state mission offerings. Lottie Moon offerings totaled \$608,722.50 at the end of June. This compared with a previous high of \$564,006.69 for all of 1970-71, the previous high.

Annie Armstrong receipts stood at \$249,801.75 as of June 30. Figures for all last year, the previous high, totaled \$234,680.17.

State mission offering receipts stand at \$147,543. This compares to the previous high figure of \$139,010.43.

Adding in two other small designated offerings, the total received through June is \$1,015,074.44.

WMU executive director Miss Kathryn Jasper said, "We are pleased, to say the least, at achieving such a significant goal in our mission offerings. We thank God that He has blessed us so."

Participating in the unveiling and dedication of the Cedar Crest sign was Miss Evelyn Tully, Acteens consultant from the WMU national office in Bir-



THE NEW SIGN — Miss Nancy Jo Watson, left, state GA director, and Mrs. Anna Mary Byrdwell, Kentucky Acteens director, examine the new sign marking the entrance to the camping area where the two state workers conduct much of their mission education program each summer.

mingham, Alabama, and a leading camping authority. Frank Owen, executive secretary of the KBC, also participated.

The new sign gives the first official name to the facility previously referred to as "the girls' camp." It was designed by Whitie Gray of Shelbyville.

The change in staff policy was reached after much consideration, ac-

ording to Miss Jasper. Previously, state workers could only attend associational WMU functions to train local church workers. It was decided, Miss Jasper explained, that the staff could better serve the needs of Kentucky WMU by accepting engagements in local churches to help with local programs.

Such engagements will still have to be approved by Miss Jasper.



FOR NEW BUILDING — Maytown Baptist Chapel near Langley broke ground June 17 for a new building. Pictured with shovels are, left to right, Earl Waugh, pastor of First Baptist Church of Allen, sponsor of the chapel; Glenn Noe, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mousie, and chapel pastor; Miles Gibson, general chairman of the building committees; and E. R. May. Other chapel members watch.

Gifts Continue Up

Gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes increased substantially in June bringing the total Cooperative Program contributions to \$25,379,441.88 for the first nine months of the fiscal year, an increase of 7.4 percent.

Cooperative Program receipts for the month of June amounted to \$2,995,143.54, a 12.06 percent increase. The Cooperative Program is the denomination's unified budget.

Designated giving for Southern Baptist national causes was up 57.48 percent to \$2,534,390.02 during June.

Porter Routh, SBC Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, commented, "The spirit of compassion and cooperation expressed in the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, is reflected in the receipts from the states in June." (BP)