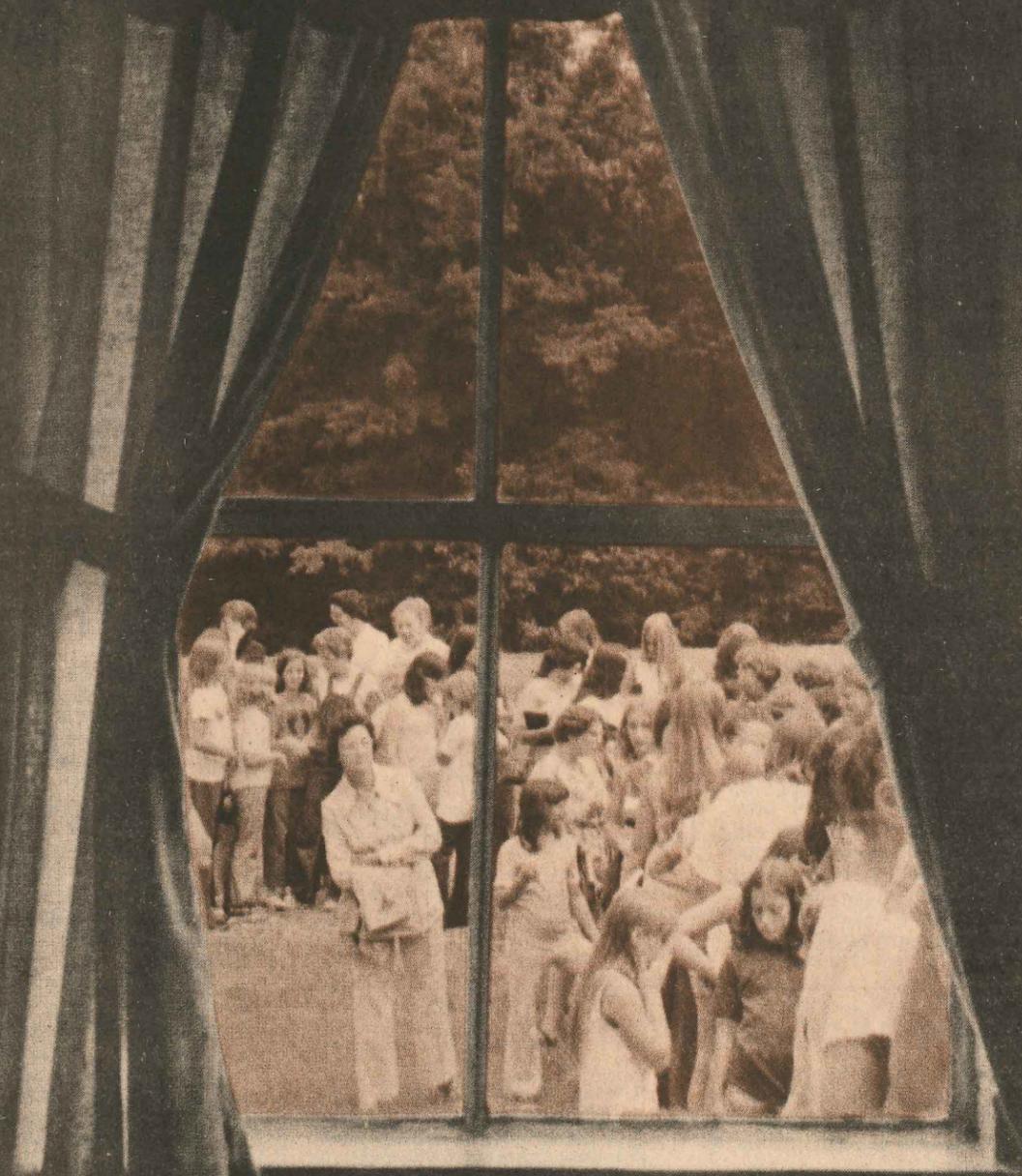


Attendance at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly is up this year.  
Read about the changes at the western Kentucky camp on page 7.



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# McCullough To Lead R. A. March

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, will issue a challenge of mission involvement and then lead a downtown march during the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress, August 14-16, 1973, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The outspoken Baptist leader will deliver a challenge built around "The Great Commission." Following the ad-

## Miss Stokmann Dies

Miss Christina W. Stokmann, well-known for her more than 50 years of service in Baptist book sales, died at a nursing home in Louisville on July 17. She began her services with the Baptist World Publishing Company, was later connected with the Baptist Book Concern and for 33 years was manager of the Baptist Book Store in Louisville. She retired in 1954 but served for the next 10 summers on the bookstore staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. She was one of the most familiar and beloved denominational workers among Kentucky and Southern Baptists.

James Sullivan, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, characterizes Miss Stokmann as one of the finest Christians he ever knew. Recalling his first acquaintance with her during student days in the seminary, Sullivan describes the thrill of Miss Stokmann in putting in young preacher's hands a Bible. He treasures the Bible he purchased from her and from which he preached many years and says how much of her own money Miss Stokmann put into Bible distribution to young Christians is recorded only in heaven.

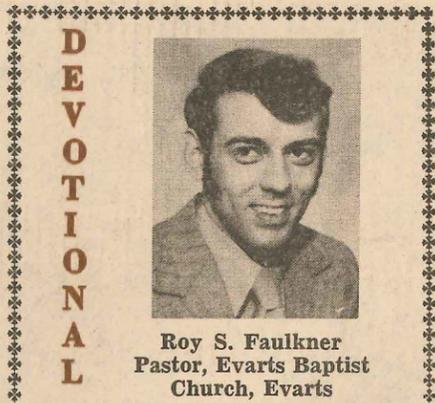
The funeral home was thronged by crowds from all levels, rich and poor, black and white and old and young. These not only were blessed by her book ministry but by her other work as a volunteer at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital and as a teacher in the Walnut Street Baptist Sunday School.

dress McCullough will lead some 5,000 teenagers on a ten block "I Have a Mission" march through downtown St. Louis to the city's Gateway Arch.

A native of Griffin, Georgia, McCullough was local director of the First National Royal Ambassador Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in 1953. He is a former Royal Ambassador director of Georgia and former Personnel Division Director at the SBC Home Mission Board.

McCullough is one of six Baptist personalities who will appear at the Congress. Others include Entertainer Grady Nutt, Humorist Jerry Clower, former Astronaut James Irwin, Singers Claudia and David Wells, and Recording Artists Russ and Helen Cline.

The three-day Royal Ambassador Congress is expected to draw more than 5,000 teenage Royal Ambassadors. They will take part in a march through downtown St. Louis, an afternoon of personal witnessing and mission activities, and special pre-game activities at a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.



Roy S. Faulkner  
Pastor, Everts Baptist  
Church, Evarts

## Can These Bones Live?

Ezekiel 37:3

I heard a sermon preached on the verse "Can these bones live?" The theme was — "Can the church live in our day?" As I remember it, the sermon told of six kind of bones that make up the local church. Let me share these with you.

First, we have the Lazy Bones. These are the people who have placed their membership in the church and that is as far as it goes. They want membership without responsibility.

Second, we have the Jaw Bones. These are the people who are always talking. They will tell you how much they intend to do; yet, they never do anything but work their jaw bones!

Third, we have the Wish Bones. These people are always wishing. They wish everything would improve, every statistic go up. But they never make an effort to see these things accomplished.

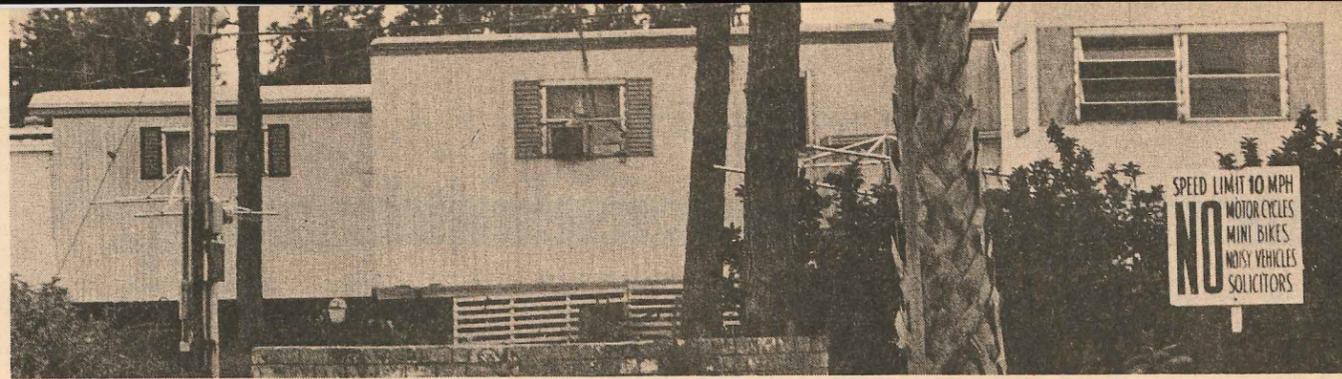
Fourth, we have the Skull Bones. These are the people who are the hard-heads and who cannot and will not be changed. They think that modernism is air-conditioning and electrical lighting in the church. They constantly remember the way things use to be.

Fifth, we have the Knuckle Bones. This group comes in abundance. They are the people who take delight in criticizing the church and all who work for the Lord. You do anything and they stand there ready with knuckles to knock it!

And sixth, we have the Back Bones. Thank God for the Back Bones! These are the nerve center of the church. They work for the Lord and get behind every church program and work until it is done. These are the people who support the church because they know it's the Lord's church, not the preacher's, deacon's nor anyone else's.

Which are you?

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# Churches Searching In Nomad's Land

By Tim Nicholas  
SBC Home Mission Board

Modern Americans appear to be selecting lifestyles which enable them to pull up stakes and move on to greener lawns, so to speak.

But some don't want to bother with lawns, others don't want to bother with neighbors.

And these new nomads — apartment dwellers, mobile home owners, and new town dwellers — pose challenging problems for Southern Baptists concepts of ministry.

The 1970 U.S. census showed more than 25 million families living in rented units responding to the promise of privacy and the implied freedom of apartment dwelling. They can have pretty flowers out front and never have to pull weeds or paint fences.

Even higher mortgages are optional for people wanting home ownership with the mobile home requiring fewer years of indebtedness. Today seven million people live in mobile homes and projections for 1973 sales exceed 650,000 units.

Options now include choosing a totally preplanned environment with nearly 130 "new towns" springing up across America. Some, like Sun City in Arizona, offer residences to a single age group, but others welcome any person or family who is pleased with the prepackaged lifestyle offered. Before the 21st century, experts predict, more than nine million people will live in planned cities from coast to coast.

"We have to get away from the traditions of a church being five acres of land, an auditorium, and educational buildings," says Wendell Belew, missions director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"In Co-op City, a big apartment complex in New York City, we have a full-time chaplain who ministers to the people living there. If he can develop a church, fine. But that's not his major role," says Belew.

Along with individual churches, the Home Mission Board has attempted to develop techniques and approaches for apartment house ministry, but most attempts have met with limited success, reports the board's metropolitan missions strategist, Warren Rust, in the July-August issue of *Home Missions* magazine.

miles northwest of Atlanta, Georgia, is the steeple.

With beginnings as a mission seven years ago after a census revealed that a whopping 80 percent of the inhabitants were Baptists, yet few were members of local churches. Metropolitan church now has 49 members with 13 more to be baptized at the park's swimming pool sometime this summer. But the small size hasn't kept the church members from exceeding their budget every year.

Metropolitan church has assisted families swamped by medical bills, raised money for playground equipment, volunteered a committee to clean up the park and sponsored a Boy Scout and Cub Scout group. About 100 children attend its vacation Bible school, and a community library is planned.

In the planned city the developer replaces the apartment or park manager, making decisions about religious operations within the cities.

State conventions have turned key men to the task of making Baptist witness a reality in new towns, and the Home Mission Board has added a new town consultant, James Hamblen, to serve as a national liaison between developers of new towns and Southern Baptists.

Actually most developers will provide some sort of religious facilities, Jim Hamblen has discovered, ranging from giving a church group land — as was done at Peachtree City, Georgia — to insisting on "interfaith centers," as has been the case at the most successful planned city, Columbia, Maryland, where Hamblen was pastor of a Southern Baptist congregation before his Home Mission Board appointment.

As Tom Draper, a Florida missions superintendent involved in churching several new towns in his area, says, "The idea of a community of 40,000 people with no Southern Baptist witness, man, that just leaves me cold." He's talking about planned cities, but he could just as well be aiming his words toward apartment complexes or mobile home parks, as he continues, "We've got to get our foot in the door." (BP)

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

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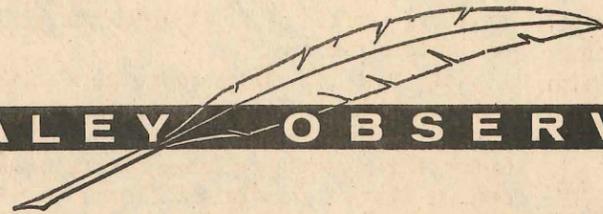
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## To Shave Or Not To Shave

Old issues of the *Western Recorder* offer some of the most fascinating and amusing reading as well as much profound insight. For example, consider an article from the December 24, 1856, issue. The 117 year old article is on the subject of shaving. It was not written by the *Western Recorder* editor but by a contributing correspondent.

At first shaving seemed an unusual subject for a religious magazine article but not upon examination of the rest of the issue. Among other items was a market report from Louisville with prices of such things as hogs, hemp, ginseng, feathers, nails and salt. (Pork shoulders were quoted at 6½ cents a pound and hams at 8 cents a pound.) This would be appropriate material in 1856 when most *Western Recorder* readers would not be receiving any other newspaper or periodical and none had a radio or television or other news media.

The article on shaving has extra interest because of the debate today on long and short hair and the choice by a good many of beards over a clean shaven face. The 1856 writer could be a hero for today's advocates of beards and long hair.

He traces the practice of modern shaving to youthful Louis XIII of France who could not raise a beard no matter how hard he tried. In order to sympathize with the king and not remind him of his want of manly appearance his courtiers shaved their faces. Naturally all of Paris followed suit and eventually the world adopted the Paris style.

The writer said the world had suffered with this mania two or three times before in Greek and Roman history only to recover. But sad to say there was no recovery this time and generation after generation has done homage to this youthful king by shaving which, according to the writer, was a "daily desecration of their manhood" and a "whittling down men's faces to an effeminate similitude."

He continued his argument against shaving by claiming the beard belongs to the face as truly as the eyebrows and lashes and to take away one of them mars the facial expression as much as the other. A long beard, he says, is a comfort both in summer and winter and is unquestionably promotive of health.

The writer especially pans preachers, editors of religious papers and other church functionaries for

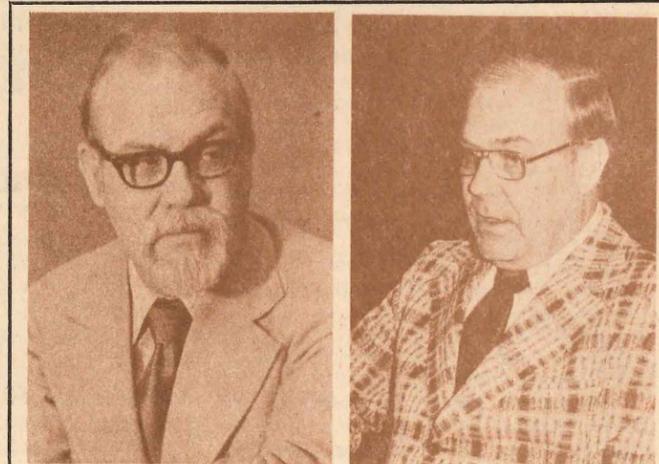
shaving. His supreme appeal to them is the example of Jesus and the apostles who surely wore long beards.

This anti-shaving crusader would not even admit shaving is a harmless custom. It squanders time and money, he says, which are greatly needed by the church and the world and thus is a sin.

Barbers do no good and are worse than useless to the world. The same goes for the multitudes of men employed in the manufacture and sale of "razors, razor strops, shaving soap, shaving cream, etc."

"Sum up the whole and then add to it the suffering inflicted by dull razors and unskillful hands — the haggled cheeks and mangled chins and bleeding lips — . . . and what a tax do you find imposed upon poor fashion-ridden humanity by this barber-ous practice! Come, brethren, let us all give it up together. . . . For I am determined I shall give up shaving, though my wife objects and exclaims *ridiculous*, and my neighbors call me *queer*."

Is there anything to learn from this 117 year old *Western Recorder* article? Maybe nothing profound but it teases the imagination and could evoke some serious questions. Will the viewpoints expressed today in the *Western Recorder* sound as quaint and value-



**THE BEARD: BEFORE AND AFTER** — Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, put the razor to his beard recently after almost two whiskered years. He contended the action demonstrated flexibility and the desire to relate to all groups in the SBC.

less a hundred years from now if the world stands? At least, the 1856 article reminds us that some things we consider basic today and argue for or against with conviction might appear to future generations as not important and even ludicrous.

On the other hand is what this 19th century crusader saying so funny and far out? Could he be right? Apart from custom does shaving make sense? Is a scraped face more attractive, more comfortable and more healthful than a bearded face? Could the

time and expense of about 20,000 shaves in a lifetime be put to better use?

Now that I'm almost converted other questions begin to haunt me. Could I really grow a respectable beard if I tried? And would I have the courage even to try it if my wife exclaimed "ridiculous"? So, dear readers, don't be surprised if you still are greeted each week in the *Western Recorder* by a beardless editor. If we meet in heaven, I'll be anxious to ask this 1856 writer if he really defied tradition and his wife and quit shaving or was he just preaching.

## Gratitude Is An Attitude

A heart warming letter this week from a dear friend has a tremendous insight. It expresses a spiritual attitude which fortifies our hearts and is a guarantee against discouragement and despair.

This friend has reached retirement age and naturally has been looking back over his life. He reads the *Western Recorder* each week and was intrigued by Bob Terry's quote from W. B. Casey's Bible study at the recent Mountain Mission Conference. Casey said, "God has already given you everything He has to give."

My friend's heart was set afire with the realization of the truth of this insight. He regards himself as proof of God's love and gifts. In the letter he enumerated the overwhelming gifts of God to him and his family.

The list of his blessings was not too impressive as the world counts blessings. He has not accumulated much material wealth and faces living on normal retirement income in this time of fearful inflation. His only child has succeeded, is happily married and shows consideration and love for her parents but lives in another state where visits cannot be too frequent. He thanks God for his health though his bouts with

sickness and trips to the hospital have been rather frequent through the years.

The point is this man has blessings to be sure but no more than many people who tend to complain and worry instead of praising and thanking God. The difference is in the attitude and not in the amount one might possess.

The experiences of Bible personalities as well as people we see all around us reveal that true gratitude is due to an attitude toward what we have instead of how much we have. Some of God's choicest saints were the most deprived of their generation while almost every day we hear richly blessed people complain because they don't have more and fear they will lose what they have.

Witness the apostle Paul who was likely physically unattractive, homeless, familyless, often penniless and almost friendless at times. His reward for doing good was criticism, stoning and a striped back. His retirement home was a Roman dungeon and his last trip probably a walk to the executioner's block. Yet all of us could envy the supreme happiness and gratitude which he possessed and which led him to invite us to "rejoice" and "in everything give thanks."

Gratitude is an attitude. What a possession!

### BAPTIST FORUM



#### MADDUX SAYS 'THANK YOU'

Dear Editor:

My family and I want to thank everyone that helped us during our accident and hospital stay while in Portland, Oregon. The many prayers and visits helped make this experience much easier to bear.

Too, thanks to those who aided in arranging for us to fly home on the chartered flight that the *Western Recorder* sponsored. Our hearts were made even more humble, as an anonymous donator paid our fare home.

This is a very unusual report to make concerning Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, but God was able to use the experience to be a blessing to us.

"All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord..."

We love all our fellow Baptist.

Owensboro, Ky.

Buddy Maddux

#### PRAISES BUMPER STICKERS

Dear Editor:

I am writing to reply to Mrs. Barlow's letter of July 14 about bumper stickers. I disagree with her about the bumper stickers being a disgrace.

Yes, it is a public display; not of religion, but of our love for Jesus and our desire for others to find the love, peace and joy in Him that we have found.

Jesus said, "You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." (Mark 16:15, Living Bible). This is one of many ways to spread the gospel of Christ.

People spend much time in their cars traveling from one destination to another. When a person looks at the bumper in front of his car and sees "Smile, God loves you" or "One Way — Jesus," his thoughts are centered on the Lord, if momentarily. Sometimes

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Includes Four Kentuckians—

## FMB Appoints Largest Group Of Journeymen

The largest group of Southern Baptist missionary journeymen since the program was initiated in 1965 was commissioned at Foreign Mission Board headquarters, Richmond, July 27.

The 75 new journeymen, including four Kentuckians, combined with the 39 missionaries appointed earlier in July, make a record increase of missionaries in a single month in the board's 128-year history.

This year's group is the ninth con-

tingent of missionary journeymen sent out by the board, bringing the total number commissioned to 551.

Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who work for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments overseas.

Job assignments include teaching, preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work, agricultural work, business administration, book-keeping and secretarial work.

Of the new journeymen, 19 were commissioned for Eastern and Southern Africa, 17 for East Asia, 16 to South

America, eight to Southeast Asia, eight to Europe and the Middle East, four to West Africa, and three to Middle America and the Caribbean.

Four Kentuckians were among the appointees. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hicks of Georgetown. This couple will serve as teachers at the Nazareth Baptist School in Israel. Miss Harriett Vivian Keller of Mt. Sterling will teach English in Beirut, Lebanon. Stephen M. Terrell (no picture available) is a tutor at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. He will serve as a secondary school teacher in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.



Miss Keller



Mrs. Ray Hicks

**One Opinion**

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Do you ever sit on a committee or in a meeting with an idea that you think is the answer to the problem under discussion but fail to express it for fear you may be wrong? I sometimes have this experience in various settings, wanting to state or write an opinion, but since it isn't particularly in my field, and I might be thought presumptuous, timidity prevails and I remain silent; only to hear or read later, the same idea from someone whose opinion is to be highly respected.

I had this experience when I read "Christian Colleges in Danger," in the *Western Recorder* two weeks ago. Across the years I have spoken many times at the chapel services of a denominational college. Formerly chapel attendance was compulsory and has since been made voluntary. I remember the full auditorium in other years—the "esprit de corps." The full student body heard the announcements and reports of activities about the campus. There was a moment about the upcoming game, some music and participation, a word from the president, something from the faculty and then a speaker — sometimes secular, sometimes religious, or perhaps simply entertainment. But note, the college was a community that met. How else can school spirit be congealed?

I've watched this same thing also at the seminary level and in both types of institutions I sadly observe that voluntary attendance is not very good among students, and not too much better among faculty members. I shamefully confess that I didn't go much more than I had to when I was a student.

I was back at the above college last year before a pitifully small volunteer crowd, I was told that such attendance was normal. I told those present that I feared more was being lost than gained in some instances of our modern "freedoms."

I believe that a Christian school, church affiliated, has a right to require a reasonable measure of chapel attendance. I realize that it would be very difficult to reinstate such custom now where it has been lost. We probably would need to re-build public opinion first. Maybe this one man's testimony can contribute a bit to that.

I have believed this way for a good while, but didn't have the courage to say it until I read the above-mentioned article by educator-philosopher, Elton Trueblood, who, speaking to Christian college educators recently, "warned the educators not to look down on the influence of required chapel attendance, or to fall into the trap of advocating voluntary chapel. Theoretically, voluntary chapel is better, but it doesn't work", he said. Attendance goes down, quality speakers cannot be attracted, and the program dies." (*Western Recorder*, page 3, July 28)

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES—

## George Gray Brought Changes To Jonathan Creek Assembly

It was just over a year ago that George Gray assumed the position of manager at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in Hardin. The past 12 months have witnessed a number of changes at the retreat and conference camp owned and operated by 11 Baptist associations.

Mrs. Mary L. Gholson, West Union Baptist Association WMU director, said, "Brother Gray has literally torn that place apart and cleaned it up. He's done a wonderful job and has made Jonathan Creek an area we are very proud of."

Before assuming his responsibilities at the camp, Gray was assistant director at Spring Meadows, a Baptist children's home in Middletown.

"I would like to see Jonathan Creek grow to the point that all our people in this area of the state will be using the facilities," Gray said. "Our ultimate goal," he added, "is to make the facilities of Jonathan Creek such that through them God will be glorified to lead campers to Christ."

The tall, lanky manager emphasized "we consider Jonathan Creek not just a youth camp but a place for people of all ages."

Changes come slow for a 120 acre spread of woods, meadows and hills but they are evident and the hard work shows at almost every point within its boundaries. The smell of fresh paint startles the nose in the dorm, kitchen, dining room and basement recreation areas.

The new bunk beds and mattresses, purchased from Murray State University, add the final touch to the sparkle of the rooms. Visitors even find themselves trying to keep mud off the smooth, recently poured sidewalks lining the dining hall and Waller dorm.

Physical appearances are not the only changes to have occurred in the last year. Several policy changes have also been instituted by the new head in an effort to maintain the beauty of the area.

Only guests of the Baptist assembly are now permitted to use the camp's shore property to fish in Jonathan Creek. Gray said this action was necessary because of late hours and unsafe driving practices through the camp by uninvited guests.

"No trespassing" signs restrict travel along the shore area by boaters on the creek. "This was done," Gray said, "be-

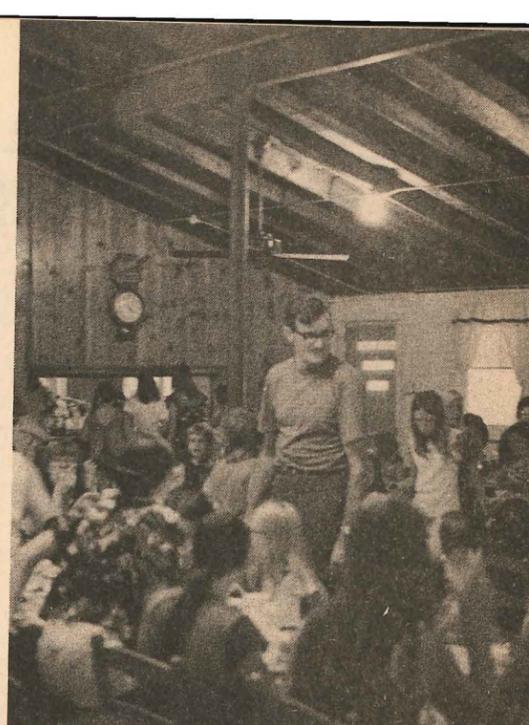
cause people were leaving their litter on our property." He explained that it is particularly essential that this area be kept clean because several area churches use it for baptismal services.

Gray said the help of a newly acquired maintenance man, Bobby Lee Edwards, has aided tremendously in keeping the appearance of the camp in top shape. "The previous manager did all the work himself and that was too much for one man to do," Gray said, "consequently many things went undone."

Mrs. Gray said she often pitches in to help around the camp when she is needed. "I spend most of my time in the kitchen," she said, "but I have mowed the grass before Mr. Edwards was here."

The changes made at Jonathan Creek in the last year are numerous and apparent. Gray has moved in a new direction and he plans more innovations for the camp. He said the camp's board of directors has approved the letting of estimates for installation of heating equipment in the dorm. If this is done, Gray said the camp could carry on its activities year round.

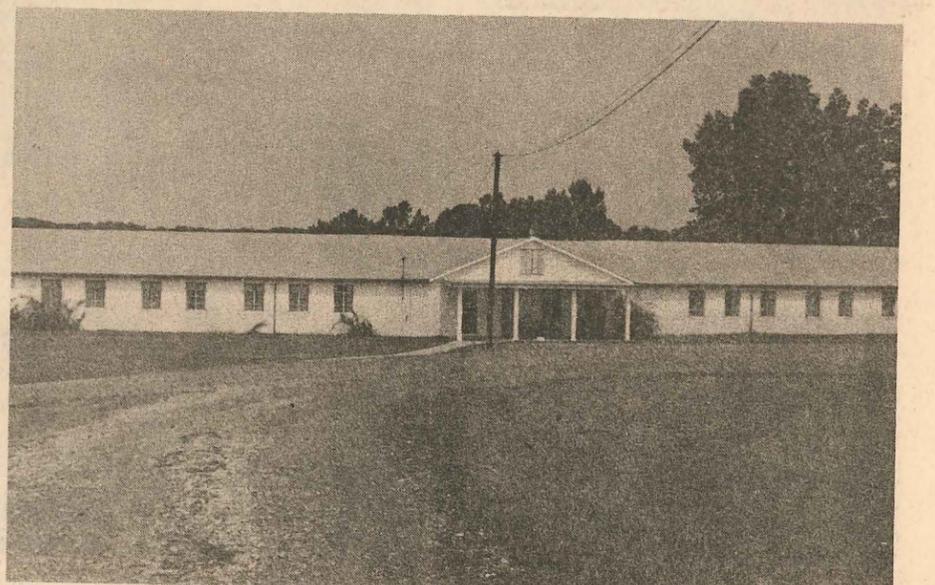
"The dorm is not 'winterized'," Gray said, "however, we had something going on every month last year except January." He added, "There were a number of retreats in the off-season period."



George Gray, center, is right at home among children. He came to Jonathan Creek after serving as assistant superintendent and later as superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown.

Jonathan Creek is coming alive more than ever and the energy of George Gray and his staff are behind the camp's facelifting. The future looks bright for the camp and for Baptists using its facilities.

Story and photos by Larry High, Summer Intern, Western Recorder.



The main dorm at Jonathan Creek Assembly greets the visitor to this western Kentucky camp. The new sidewalks, neatly mowed lawns and fresh paint job are only indications of what awaits the visitor when he goes inside the complex.

## POWS-MIAS Air Special Problems

By Roy Jennings  
SBC, Brotherhood Commission

A group of ex-POW and MIA families who arrived at Snow Mountain Ranch near Granby, Colorado, a week ago, many defensive and withdrawn, left Friday rested, with smiling faces and profuse appreciation and many with new purposes in life.

During the seven-day interval, the 119 members of 39 families, 11 of them ex-prisoners of war, got help from specialists in such fields as psychology, psychiatry, family guidance, law and religion.

They also met old friends, hiked on mountain trails, toured the Rockies, and were entertained by such personalities as Norma Zimmer of the Lawrence Welk show.

The families were the guests of High Flight, a non-profit religious foundation started a year ago by retired Air Force Colonel James Irwin, the Apollo 15 astronaut.

The retreat, a fifth and last in a series High Flight has conducted since the middle of June at its expense, attracted 1,300 members of 310 ex-POW and MIA families from throughout the United States.

A variety of problems surfaced during discussions among the families. They ranged from how to be kind to sympathetic but bumbling neighbors to integrating a husband back into the family.

The problems also included how to accept the fact that a son is missing in action, the removal of bitterness from their lives and the need for a deeper faith to map out a future without a husband.

The ex-POWs sought to help MIA families in a 90 minute discussion of their lives in prison, prisoners' chances for survival, and government efforts to share information about men missing in action.

Navy Commander Eugene B. McDaniel of Virginia Beach, Virginia, told MIA families that all the information he gave during the debriefings was given to appropriate relatives.

Air Force Colonel Joseph Kittinger of Orlando, Florida, supported McDaniel and emphasized that the government's first priority was to gather all information about men missing in action and to share it when the facts were validated.

The red-haired Kittinger, now stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Alabama, had no sympathy for persons supporting U.S. foreign aid to North Vietnam or speaking favorably about that country.

"I think it's ridiculous to even think about giving North Vietnam aid until they account for every person captured," Kittinger told the applauding group.

"And I get angry when people like Ramsey Clark and Jane Fonda tell what kind, compassionate people the North Vietnamese are."

While beaten almost to death by his captors, McDaniel, member of First Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, said he still felt sympathy, not hatred, for them.

During almost six years of his captivity, McDaniel said he told himself many times that he would ultimately go home to a freedom his captors would never know.

"I feel no hatred for the North Viet-

namese," McDaniel said. "Instead, I feel a great deal of sympathy for them, and I pray that they too will see God."

Tracing the various ways God spoke to him as a prisoner, McDaniel, a tall, quiet self-disciplined man, said God made his presence known after "some of the worse and most brutal beatings and physical tortures the human mind can imagine. I came very close to dying, but God made known to me his presence. He was always with me."

Allen, who worked an 18-hour day as a pastoral counselor, opened the retreat with a plea for the ex-POWs and MIA families to get out of their shells of depression and to start helping other people in need.



Navy Cmdr. Eugene McDaniel, center, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, a Southern Baptist POW returnee, talks with Apollo 15 astronaut James Irwin and television personality Norma Zimmer at a Colorado POW-MIA family retreat sponsored by High Flight, a Christian ministry foundation Irwin heads.

"God cares about your body and wants you to fix it up," Allen said. "He wants you to know he doesn't forget you when you're down. He recognizes that your actions create your moods and he wants you to do something. He wants to speak to you in the common places of life, perhaps through a child or a friend. He's got something important for you to do and he trusts you to do it. And he's given you spiritual brothers and sisters to help you."

"I found more need per inch among these people than in any other situation in my ministry of 30 years," he disclosed.

Miss Zimmer, the hit of the retreat, especially with the older members of families, gave two concerts and her Christian testimony.

"I was from a family that was poverty-stricken in many ways," she revealed. "We didn't go to church. I was so shy, so unhappy. I didn't feel anyone loved me."

"But I was invited to join the church choir at 16 and they let me sing those beautiful hymns. It wasn't long before Jesus came into my heart. I constantly thank him for my voice. I take no credit for it. I'll be praying for you."

The retreat project was developed by High Flight when it became apparent that the spiritual lives of the ex-POW and MIA families were getting no attention, William Rittenhouse, vice president of the non-denominational organization, said.

Originally scheduled for two weeks, the project was expanded to five because of the response.

"We felt the POW and MIA families have been wined and dined and given everything materially possible but had received nothing spiritually," Rittenhouse explained.

Specialists providing guidance the final week also included Dr. Charles Lear and Robert Jupe, both from San Francisco, and Dr. Jo Hunter, assistant director of the prisoner of war research center in San Diego.

Rittenhouse said the specialists and program personalities contributed their services.

An MIA wife whose husband has been missing more than eight years wrote after the retreat, "This is the first time anyone has offered us spiritual uplifting as a group."

"My children found out for the first time they are not the only children with a father missing in action," responded a mother. "We need more religion and counseling for our children."

Expressing appreciation for the opportunity of getting away from the outside world to remote 3,000 acre YMCA operated retreat, 87 miles northwest of Denver, an MIA wife added:

"I feel one chapter of my life is completed. Through my contacts with God and through my husband's faith, I am at peace. I know he is with God and he is happy." (BP)

## Enthusiasm, Excitement Are Cures

"There is nothing in the world wrong with Southern Baptists that genuine enthusiasm and a whole lot of excitement wouldn't cure," said A. V. Washburn after four weeks of Sunday School Leadership Conferences at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico. "Instead of looking at our task as a hard chore, it should be a great privilege."

Washburn, Sunday School department secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told 2,800 participants at Glorieta that these are days of joyous opportunity. There is a new joy in our churches that hasn't been felt or observed in a very long time. There is a climate of readiness developing that is encouraging. This is one evidence of the moving spirit of God in our midst.



Washburn

"We feel closer to God," he added. "We are becoming more open to His leadership and more dependent upon the power of the spirit. This is evident in the willingness of the people. There is a new indication that we're ready. Workers in the churches are ready to commit themselves to the Lord in reaching people with the gospel."

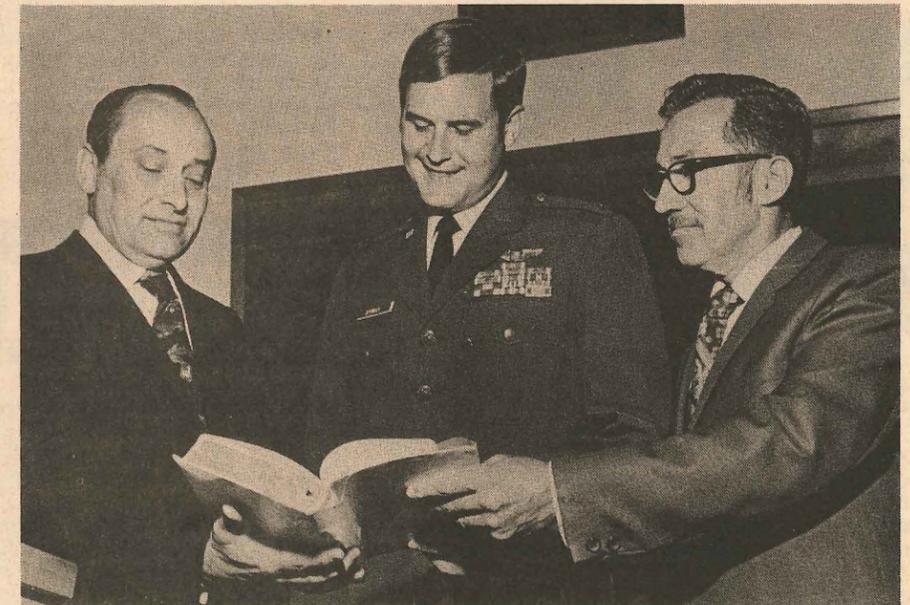
There is a statistical evidence of this growing momentum. For the first time in seven years, Sunday School enrollment showed an increase last year. An additional 37,000 persons were enrolled in Sunday School in Southern Baptist churches.

There was a gain from 1,000 to 6,000 churches reporting Bible study fellowships. This is an enrollment of approximately 26,000 to 175,000 persons.

Vacation Bible School showed average attendance gains of seven children per school. More than 51,000 boys and girls made professions of faith in Bible schools last year.

Concerning the recent Sunday School conferences, Washburn stated, "Our goal at these assemblies is always to develop a thrust, to develop spirit and to encourage people to attempt great things for God and expect great things from God related to the program of growth in their churches. I feel that objective has been measurably accomplished this year."

"I do feel this year the spiritual tone, the expectancy on the part of the people and the optimistic attitude has not been surpassed in the years that I've been associated with these assemblies."



COMMEMORATIVE BIBLE—Air Force Capt. William G. Byrns, center, returned prisoner of war, holds symbolic 42 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, presented to him in Warrenton Baptist Church, Warrenton, Missouri, by Norman Temme, left, ABS information officer. At right is Byrns' pastor, Phillip Tolliver.



**AT WORK**—Kentucky participants in the two-day workshop for admissions officers at Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools, sponsored by the SBC Education Commission in Nashville, recently, were Don De Borde, Steve Cook, Tom Cortis and Robert Mills of Georgetown College; Ralph N. Hopkins and Bill Freeman of Cumberland College; J. Alvin Hardy, Ray England and David Forman of Campbellsville College; Steve Coppock and O. Norman Shands of Southern Seminary.

## Loessner Retires At Seminary

On July 1, Ernest J. Loessner retired as dean of the school of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Now he and his wife Louise are "missionaries at large."

Loessner will teach religious education and church administration at the Baptist seminary in Hong Kong during the next academic year. Following that he is committed to a year with the Northwest Baptist Convention serving as a resource person in religious education for the churches in Oregon and Washington.



The year following there is an invitation from Troy Prince, executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention which Loessner is considering.

The retiring dean concludes his 20 year's residency at Southern Seminary as the only person ever elected to the faculty without first earning a college degree. He had completed the requirements for a master of theology degree from Southern but the degree could not be awarded since Loessner lacked certain college prerequisites.

But his success in religious education ministries caused the trustees to elect him anyway. Since coming to the seminary he has earned the BA, MA

and EdD degrees with honors. He has served as dean for the past four years.

A special contribution of the retiring dean was a year spent as a fund raiser. During 1959 he spent a year helping to secure \$500,000 for the James P. Boyce Centennial Library.

Now a scholarship is being funded in his honor. Interested Alumni and friends wishing to contribute to the Ernest J. Loessner Scholarship in Religious Education may do so by contacting the Southern Seminary Foundation at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 40206.

## Baptist World Alliance Adopts 1975 World Congress Theme

"New Men for a New World Through Christ" will be the theme of the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, in the summer of 1975.

The theme was recommended by the congress program committee, chaired by Gerhard Claas of West Germany, and adopted by the Baptist World Alliance executive committee at its annual meeting in Einsiedeln, Switzerland.

The congress will meet July 8-13, 1975.

An attendance of 11,000 is expected from more than 75 countries.

V. Carney Hargroves, president of the BWA, said that the theme is a logical successor to the theme "Reconciliation Through Christ," used at the 12th congress in Tokyo in 1970.

The Stockholm congress is one of three major world meetings being sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance during the next two years.

The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference will meet July 31-August 4, 1974, at Portland Oregon, with an expected attendance of 8,000 young people.

Karl-Heinz Walter of West Germany, chairman of the BWA youth committee, said that except for the adult leaders of youth, attendance at Portland will be restricted to the 16 to 25 age group.

The first World Conference of Baptist Men will meet in Hong Kong, November 19-25, 1974. It will be sponsored by the Men's Department of BWA, of which David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong is chairman. (BP)



**THREE GENERATIONS** — In the 58 year history of the school of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, three men have been designated as dean of the school. At a recent gathering seminary president Robert E. Naylor (second from right) was pictured with the three generations of deans (from left) Joe Davis Heacock, J. M. Price, and Jack Terry. Price, founder and first dean for 41 years, was succeeded by Heacock who retired in July after having served as dean for 16 years. The 39 year old Terry was named dean this past spring by the seminary's board of trustees.

## Colombia-Vatican Sign New Pact

Secret negotiations between the Colombian government and the Vatican have resulted in a new concordat (treaty between the Vatican and a civil government) which was signed July 13. The new concordat replaces the 1887 concordat presumed to be still in effect. (The 1887 concordat has always been of questionable constitutionality.)

While the new concordat contains some reforms, it continues the policy of "establishment" opposed by most Colombian governments in the 19th century.

Article I of the concordat acknowledges the "Catholic religion" to be a "fundamental element of the common good and of the integral development of the national community."

Article XI requires the Colombian national government to provide tax aid to Catholic private schools.

Article XII requires that the Catholic religion be taught in all public schools and that Catholic clergy have the right to control and censor this religious teaching.

Article XIII maintains the interlocking effort between church and government in the administration of undeveloped areas previously known as "mission territories."

Article XIV allows the government to challenge appointments of bishops and archbishops, while Article XIX exempts bishops and archbishops from civil prosecution. Article XX provides that priests and religious are not to be held in "common jails" in cases of criminal prosecution.

Article XXI requires the state, "when necessary," to "collaborate in the execution of the decisions of the Ecclesiastical Tribunals."

Colombian educators have complained that the new concordat will damage public education and worsen social class differences, already in a bad state. One educator even described tax aid for Catholic private schools as "contrary to Christian principles."

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, described the proposed concordat as "yet another attack upon religious liberty" and "fresh evidence that the top leadership of the Catholic Church has not yet learned that complete separation of church and state is really best for both church and state." Archer added that "the close entanglement of church and state in Colombia since 1887 has made the Catholic Church there very wealthy, but it has seriously weakened the religious faith of the people and gravely interfered with the religious freedom of all Colombians. Colombia would do well to return to the policy of separation of church and state which it championed in the middle of the last century."

## Don McGregor Resigns As California Editor

Donald T. McGregor, editor of the *California Southern Baptist* since October, 1971, has announced his resignation from this post effective September 28.

McGregor recently purchased the *Kemp News* at Kemp, Texas, and will move to that area to assume the responsibilities of editor and publisher of the weekly paper.

Kemp is located 35 miles southeast of Dallas and is at the northern edge of a growing resort area around the recently created Cedar Creek Lake.

Prior to becoming editor of the *California Southern Baptist*, McGregor was associate editor of the *Baptist Standard*, Texas Baptist paper, serving there for 16 years.

He had also worked for the *Dallas Times Herald*, the *Midland (Texas) Reporter-Telegram* and radio station KCRS in Midland.

McGregor is a journalism graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

## Haslam Named Interim Manager At Glorieta

Larry Haslam, program and promotion specialist for Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, has been named interim manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, according to Bob M. Boyd, director, conference center division, Sunday School Board.



Haslam will serve until a new manager is elected by trustees of the Board. Mark Short, Jr., manager for seven years, has resigned to accept a position with South Main Baptist Church, Houston.

Haslam came to the Board from work as assistant manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly in Kentucky. He has also been assistant manager of Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly in Alabama.

A religious education graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., Haslam holds a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been pastor and interim pastor of churches in Alabama and Kentucky.

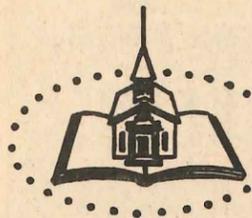
# NEWSGRAM

## Cooperative Program Receipts

JULY, 1973

	1973	1972
Cooperative Program receipts July .....	\$ 393,273.35	343,563.32
To date this convention year .....	4,042,198.99	3,752,558.52
Goal to date for this year .....	3,941,666.74	3,850,000.00
Over goal (under) .....	100,532.25	(97,441.48)
To date this time last year .....	3,752,558.52	3,559,488.61
Increase .....	289,640.47	193,069.91
Percentage increase .....	7.72%	5.4%

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for August 19, 1973)



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# Isaiah: Spokesman For Social Righteousness

Isaiah 5:8-12

Here we have a clear pronouncement of God's judgment upon the social sins of the people of Judah. In a cry of intense grief the prophet pronounced woe upon those greedy and wealthy landowners who possessed an insatiable desire to acquire and possess property. The land-grabbers bent every effort to get possession of all the land around them. The purpose of Isaiah's declaration was to serve notice on all who were greedy and rapacious that nobody has the right to acquire holdings of such dimensions that others cannot have any for themselves. Each is under obligation to recognize the rights of others.

In verse 11 is the pronouncement of a woe that deals with dissipation, which is abhorrent to God and destructive of people. It is pronounced on those who allow their appetite for intoxicants to control them.

The consumption of intoxicating beverages, which is a social problem and a prevailing vice of tremendous proportions today, is a curse to all who imbibe. All who have intelligence enough to learn the lessons of history know that drunkenness leads to ruin. Strong drink is so insidious that it makes some people rise up early to partake and to stay up late to participate. They rise from sleep merely to continue the consumption of that which stupefies the physical senses and dulls the moral sense. This passage pronounces judgment upon those who rise early in order that they may indulge in drinking intoxicants. Drunkenness is costly in money, dignity, decency, honor, and reputation. Poverty, hardship, heartaches, sickness, suffering, and death follow in its train.

It is noteworthy that the Holy Spirit here brings music into the picture along with drunkenness. To aid the inflaming influence of liquor, they add instruments of music. Such prostitution of music has led many an unsuspecting youth into the way of sin.

Music can and should be a wonderful blessing. Nothing is more wholesome and satisfying than great music. It can uplift the soul, expel sadness, and create a desire for the higher and better things of life. Our Lord would

have us to use it for His glory (Psalm 98:5-6).

Liquor is one of the greatest curses of humanity. Very few evils have done more to blight human life. Alcohol has depleted more fortunes, wrecked more homes, blighted more lives, and caused more heartaches than any other one evil. It has been, is now, and ever shall be a financial loss, a social blight, and a political curse. Even though many will contend for it, it has no defense.

Isaiah 5:16

Because God is righteous in character, He demands righteousness from His people. Just as certainly as God revealed His holiness and righteousness in His numerous activities, His children should prove their kinship with Him by doing right.

Isaiah 5:18-23

Isaiah compared the way in which the people were bound by their sinful habits to the manner in which a beast of burden was roped to a cart. They were dragging their sins along with them just as the animal hauled along that which was tied to him.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## The Undisciplined Person

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-35

Perhaps the outstanding descriptive characteristic of strong drink is deceitfulness. The liquor advertisements associate the sparkling products with festivities, social preferment, etc., but none of them ever portray the seamy side — the unhappy home life, the ragged children, and the broken-hearted relatives which they produce. These ads never picture those who have lost their character and jobs through the use of liquor.

This passage portrays in a very impressive manner the miseries that are attached to the life of a drunkard — intense pain, bitter remorse, and wounds which might have been avoided. Intoxicants have an injurious effect upon the well-being of their consumers — broken hearts, lives, and homes. As a father admonishes his son, the writer

God's prophet called attention to the fact that some were so perverse that they were totally blind to moral values. They completely reversed the truth by calling evil good and good evil, darkness light and light darkness, bitter sweet and sweet bitter. To them, right was wrong and wrong was right.

There are those today who are so perverse that they consider the doing of evil a mark of superior intelligence and ability. Some even become so bold in their pursuit of evil that they actually defy God, as if challenging Him to stop them if He can.

The last "woe" pronounced in this lesson was upon those who exercised judicial duties who were the addicts of liquor. Instead of administering the law according to truth and the rules of equity and justice, as they were obligated to do, they were influenced in their decisions by the amount of the bribes which they received. What a pity that our generation is characterized by the mockery of goodness and the glamorizing of wickedness!

here urges his readers to exercise self-control and abstain from the use of strong drink. To aid them in doing so, he advised them to avoid the company of those who indulge in the use of alcoholic beverages.

Imbibing intoxicants impairs the functioning of the brain, dulls the faculty of reason, distorts the vision, loosens the tongue — frequently causing an indulgence in vulgarity and profanity to the embarrassment of respectable and honorable people, and grieves the heart of God.

By advocating the use of alcoholic beverages one encourages the destruction of others. Of course, there are many who will defend the consumption of intoxicants, but there is not a single reasonable or Christian defense to be made in the behalf of their consumption.

I Corinthians 10:12-13

A person who has exercised faith in Christ and been born into the family of God should experience and enjoy a wholesome spiritual growth. To do this he must exercise self-discipline. A Christian cannot measure up to the fulness of his possibilities apart from the yielding of his body, mind, and soul in absolute devotion to Christ. In contrast with the prevalent spirit of self-indulgence, we should consider it both a privilege and a duty to practice self-denial and to exercise self-discipline in order to be effective witnesses and workers for Christ. Mastery of the bodily appetites is always essential to spiritual victory.

Satan does his best to get believers in Christ to act independently of God. Repeatedly he tries to get them to yield to temptation. By temptation is meant the solicitation to do that which is evil. Every temptation comes directly or indirectly from Satan. Every one of God's children is subjected to temptation. In grace and mercy God has provided the means whereby His children may overcome the onslaughts of temptation from the world, the flesh, and the devil. He expects the believer to make use of the means which He makes available to the end that he will be an overcomer.

In writing to the Christians in Corinth Paul gave some very helpful advice. He warned them against the danger of overconfidence in the warfare against Satan. Christians must never underestimate the power of Satan or overestimate their own strength. Those who proudly think that they are able to withstand the temptations of Satan in their own strength are the most likely to fall. Time and again every Christian is tempted to act independently of God.

Frequently, when we are tempted by Satan, we are prone to conclude that no one else has ever been tempted so sorely. But in whatever way we are tempted we have plenty of company. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." The encouraging thing is that in temptation a Christian can always count on the faithfulness and power of God. He will not permit us to be tempted beyond measure. We can take courage from the fact that God will always make a way of escape for us, if we actually want to overcome temptation and are willing to depend on Him for the strength which is needed for doing so. As in every other crises, He has grace sufficient for us when we are tempted. God's help is available in time of temptation to each Christian who is willing to discipline himself and to rely upon God. Without God permits it, Satan cannot overcome a Christian. Regardless of how powerful he may be, Satan can never go beyond the limits which God permits.

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# Gleanings

**Thomas Edwin Carter**, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's personnel development service since 1971 and a board staff member since 1965, has resigned to become a counseling psychologist for the U.S. Public Health Service.

Before accepting that position, Carter was for two years secretary of the department of Christian social ministries for the board. From 1965-68, he was in charge of institutional chaplaincy for the board's chaplaincy division.

Previously, Carter was a staff counselor at Buckner Baptist Family Service Center in Dallas. He also had been a maternity home chaplain, an Army

chaplain, and a pastor and youth director for Baptist churches in Georgia and Florida. (BP)

**Nathan Porter** of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board evangelism staff has resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, effective August 15. Porter has served with the Home Mission Board since 1960 as a liaison between college and university students and the Home Mission Board.

**J. D. Dennis**, editor of *Charity and Children* and publications officer for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., has resigned, effective August 10.

Dennis has served as editor and publications officer since January 1, 1972. He joined the agency staff in November of 1971 after serving for three years as assistant to the director of public relations at the SBC Annuity Board in Dallas, Texas. (BP)

**Charles E. Raley**, director of Sunday School work in the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio since 1967, has resigned to accept an administrative post with the John Wesley College in Owsosso, Michigan. He joined the convention staff in 1965. Raley received the AB degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the BD and MRE degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. A native of Illinois, Raley has held pastorates in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Raley assumed his duties in the Michigan college on July 26, 1973. (BP)

**Miss Ellen Dossett** has been named editor of *Contempo*, monthly magazine for Baptist Young Women, effective June 25. She presently works with the department of juvenile services in Maryland and previously worked on the staff of *The Maryland Baptist* state paper.

Miss Dossett is a graduate of Stamford University, Birmingham. She served two years with the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary journeyman in Kenya, and taught school in Citronelle, Alabama, and Baltimore, Maryland.

Former Kentuckian **Nobel D. Brown**, missionary to Nigeria for 10 years, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of young adult materials in the Sunday School department.

Brown, a native of McHenry, Kentucky, is a graduate of North Texas State University, Denton, Texas, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California. He earned the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board, Brown served six months as visiting professor of preaching at Golden Gate Seminary. He was on the staff as instructor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for one year and has served one semester at Golden Gate Seminary as visiting professor of New Testament and one semester at Baylor University as visiting professor of missions. (BP)

## BAPTIST FORUM

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Lexington Billie Eileen McMillan

### HELP WITH CONSTITUTION

Dear Editor:

We are in the process of composing our church constitution and bylaws. In connection with this we are studying the Church Covenant normally accepted by Baptist churches.

If any of the readers of our state paper have attempted to update the Covenant or rephrase any of it, we would appreciate knowing the results of their work. Also, if there are any churches using a covenant other than the one normally accepted, we would like to hear from these churches.

Write: Jerrell White, pastoral Baptist Church, 906 Main, Murray, Kentucky 42071.

Murray, Kentucky Jerrell White

### INFLUENCING OTHERS

Dear Editor:

Thank God for every Christian who strongly influences others to read the Bible much more.

Dawson Springs Charles B. Dixon

### PERSONAL REPLY TO LETTER REQUESTING WORKERS

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have just finished reading your letter to the editor in the *Western Recorder*, dated June 16, 1973, entitled "Workers Needed."

I feel I must take issue with your contention that there are "very few other evangelical churches of any type in northeast Indiana." Whether you know it or not, the fact is there are many evangelical churches in northeast Indiana. They include both Baptist and non-Baptist churches. Every church, including the one I pastor, affiliated with the Indiana Baptist Convention, is an evangelical church. This is not to mention the GARB churches, especially in Fort Wayne, that have significant ministries.

I submit to you that one of the reasons Southern Baptist churches have had a difficult time of growing in northeast Indiana is the very fact that there are an abundance of evangelical churches to be found, therefore there is really no need for the Southern Baptist Convention to view the area as if it were a "mission field" that has never heard the gospel preached.

I do not challenge your right to make a plea for workers, or even deny that there exists a need for dedicated workers within our churches, because those needs have always been with us and I think they will be with us until Jesus returns. But, I do feel you are mistaken in implying that the need for workers exists because there are few evangelical churches in northeast Indiana.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Joseph L. Baker  
Chairman of Evangelism  
Indiana Baptist Convention

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by C. S. Lovett  
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## Prayer Amendment Gets New Life, Senate Hearings Began In July

Hearings began in late July in the U.S. Senate on proposals for a constitutional amendment providing for prayer in public schools.

Only members of Congress testified at the one-day hearing on July 27, which was conducted by Senator Birch Bayh (Democrat, Indiana), chairman of the subcommittee on constitutional amendments of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Hearings will be resumed in late September or early October, according to a member of Senator Bayh's staff. At that time public witnesses will be scheduled.

In his opening statement as chairman of the subcommittee, Bayh said, "What we are dealing with here is an effort to change the Bill of Rights. We are here to discuss the wisdom of altering the First Amendment to the Constitution — the amendment from which we derive our traditional 'four freedoms' — freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom to peaceably assemble."

Bayh pointed out that the question at issue "is not a question of being for or against prayer; for God or against God." He elaborated, "It is a question involving the propriety of the state, through its schools, mingled in an inti-

mate area generally reserved to the family in the home and in the church."

Specifically, the Indiana senator stated three questions to which the hearings should seek answers. They are:

1. "Exactly what is prohibited and what is permitted in the way of prayer or meditation or religious exercises by the Supreme Court decisions?"

2. "What will be gained by changing the Constitution in the manner suggested by the sponsors of the various proposed amendments?"

3. "What will be lost if we do not make any change and permit the decisions of the court to stand unchallenged?"

Seven Senate joint resolutions proposing constitutional prayer amendments are now before the Senate. Sponsors of these resolutions plus one member of the House of Representatives testified at the opening hearing. They were Senators Richard S. Schweiker (Republican, Pennsylvania), Dewey Bartlett (Republican, Oklahoma), William V. Roth (Republican, Delaware), William L. Scott (Republican, Virginia), Howard H. Baker (Republican, Tennessee), and Representative Chalmers P. Wylie (Republican, Ohio).

The proposed amendments are largely variations of the old "Dirksen A-

ment" and the Wylie Amendment which was defeated in the House of Representatives in the last congress. The text of the main proposal is:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer."

Some of the resolutions add the word "voluntary" in the place of "nondenominational" as the qualification of the prayer that is allowed in public schools.

### BWA Slates '74 Meet In Kentucky

The Baptist World Alliance's executive committee will hold its next annual meeting at Louisville, Kentucky, August 6-10, 1974.

The meeting, which will also include the BWA study commissions, will meet on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

It will be the committee's first meeting in the United States since it met at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1967. It has since met in Monrovia, Liberia; Baden Bei Wien, Austria; Tokyo, Japan; Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada; Kingston, Jamaica. (BP)

## G'town Plans Drama Building

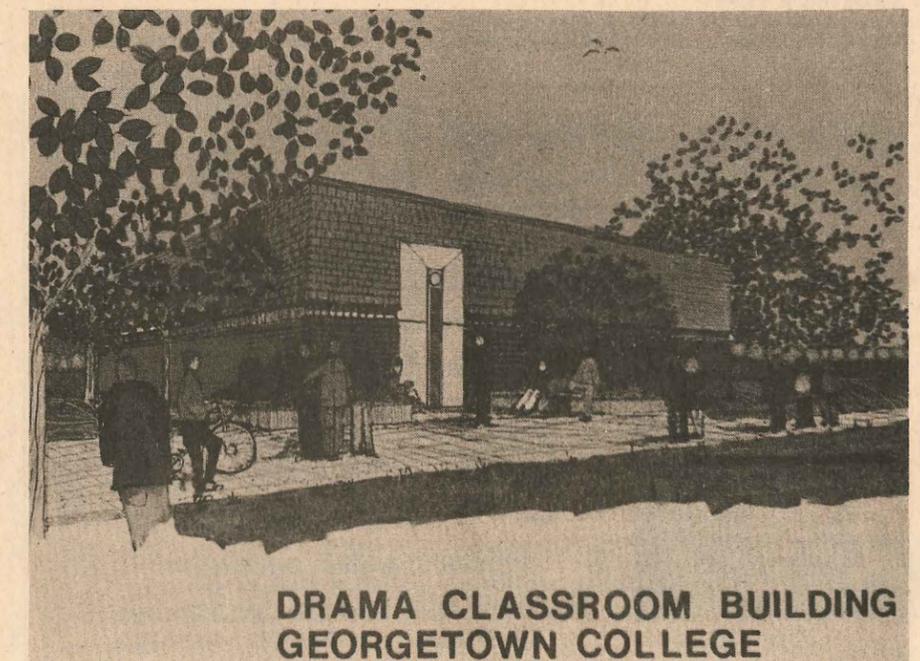
Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the first building of a fine arts complex at Georgetown College, it was announced today. A drama classroom building will be built on the west side of the College Science Center.

"The overall plan calls for five buildings in the complex. These include a recital hall, music center, media center, art center and the drama building," said Hubert Beck, business manager.

Total cost of the building, including construction, equipment, and architect's fees will be approximately \$80,000. It will be 54 feet by 66 feet, with a theatre 54 feet by 54 feet. There will be 12 feet of storage space.

"The building will be completely flexible. It will contain a theatre, classrooms, lobby and rest room facilities. The building will be constructed of concrete block with brick veneer. It will have a mansard roof and designed for performances in the round."

The project is part of the College's Challenge of the Seventies program.



**DRAMA CLASSROOM BUILDING  
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