

And whosoever will, let him take the
water of life freely. Revelation 22:17 h

Alton H. McEachern, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, has been appointed adjunct professor of Christian preaching by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees. McEachern will teach a two-hour course in preaching at the seminary. The course will be entitled "Pastoral Preaching" and will meet two hours each Wednesday.

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, combined homecoming activities and the celebration of the 15th anniversary of pastor Dallas Vincent on Sunday, August 26. A basket dinner was planned along with special speakers including Allen West, executive director of the Long Run Association. The Roy Loney Singers gave a gospel concert at 2 p.m.



Vincent

Vincent became pastor of Ormsby Avenue, the mother church, while a third year student at Southern Seminary. In the 15 years the average Sunday School attendance has risen from 70 to approximately 450. Vincent is a native of Central City, Kentucky, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and Southern Seminary.

B. Carlisle Driggers, chairman of the Baptist Student Union Committee for Southern Baptists in West Virginia, is requesting help in locating Southern Baptist students from other states in West Virginia schools. Pastors and churches in Kentucky are requested to send the names of Kentucky Baptist students in West Virginia to either of the following addresses: Campus Ministries, 801 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, West Virginia 25177, or B. Carlisle Driggers, 519 Burroughs Street, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.

The Campton Baptist Church will observe the 125th anniversary of the church on Sunday, September 9, with an annual homecoming celebration. In addition to the regular 10 a.m. Sunday School and 11 a.m. worship service, they will have a special anniversary service at 2 p.m. At noon dinner will be served by the ladies. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend.

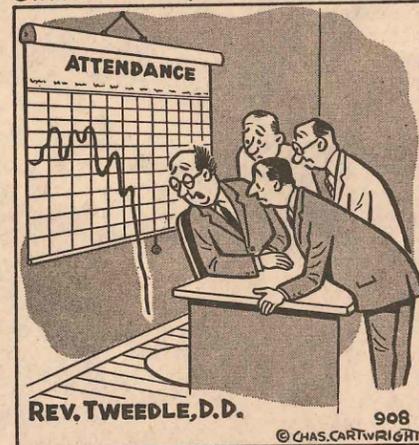
Jerry C. Davis has been named vice president of Cumberland College, Williamsburg. His responsibilities will be in the area of implementing the new school of nursing and other college-hospital programs. He will also direct the college's development programs.

Davis attended Truett McConnell College and received the BS degree from Mars Hill College, the MS from the University of Tennessee and the PhD from the Ohio State University.

Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, will participate in the cornerstone laying and dedication of their new \$208,000 E. H. Riggs Activity Building, September 9, 1973, at 2 p.m.

Ronald L. Roberson has retired from the United States Navy after more than 20 years as a chaplain. He is now living in Campbellsville and may be addressed at 706 N. Columbia Square.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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Forget Not
"His Benefits"

Psalm 103:2

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

The last thing the Psalmist would ever do would be to forget God. Modern day man in his busy world often forgets God and His many blessings. The writer of this Psalm is saying, "Don't forget the One who forgives and heals you. Don't forget the One who keeps you from destruction and death. Don't forget the One who is merciful and gracious to you."

Our great nation has been blessed as no other nation ever has been with material wealth. Nevertheless, in the face of these great blessings from God, our nation has largely forgot God and "His benefits." Will it take a terrible drought to bring us to remembrance? Will it take another destructive war to bring us to remembrance? What will it take to bring America to her knees? What will it take to make men remember God and give thanks to him?

The nation or individual that forgets God and all of "His benefits" is the nation or individual that is on a collision course and headed for certain destruction.

Each person living might well pause for a moment and reflect on the Creator and all of His benefits to us. Do not forget God nor His benefits!

Let every truly grateful soul join with the Psalmist and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Informed Baptists
are the
Best Baptists

An Interim Pastor Psychology

By Ray K. Hodge
Pastor, Yates Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina

"I'm preaching more now and dreading it less." Such sentiment seems to express the attitude of many retired pastors who are continuing to serve churches as interim pastors.

In a day of increasing demands and pressures on pastors, when large numbers of men are leaving the pastoral ministry, and when more churches are without pastors for longer periods, it would improve the contribution made by active pastors if they had some of the "interim pastor psychology," so as to reflect more joy in their work. A pastor need not wait until he retires to enjoy his preaching and overall ministry.

The interim pastor relationship seems to be a wise development, both for pastors and churches. A pastor who steps aside to retire frees the church and himself at a critical period for both. Once retired, however, and with his experience, he can still offer wise and prophetic leadership to a church. Use of retired men as interim pastors conserves valuable leadership, it adds great usefulness to the lives of these men, and it provides stable leadership to churches in the transition periods. There are things an interim pastor may help a church to see and do that a pastor could not.

Perhaps having an "interim psychology," both as pastor and church, is an unrealistic one for both and beyond the realm of possibility for either under a pastor-church relationship. It is a kind of paradoxical relationship, for because of its detached and temporal nature it can be unusually pointed and relevant. Both interim pastor and church know the arrangement is temporary and, therefore, the interim pastor can speak quite freely and prophetically without fear of losing his future, his income, or his pulpit. And the congregation will tolerate and rather enjoy the kind of pointed preaching the interim pastor may offer, while the same emphases by the pastor may be less acceptable.

A regular pastor is more likely to follow a course of greater restraint. This is because of several reasons: 1. He may fear for his future and the security of his family. 2. He may be younger and have less experience and wisdom than the retired man. 3. He may want to give dosages in such measures as not to kill the patient, but to help him little by little. That is, he takes an approach which will allow him to continue to have a hearing from his people. 4. His people look upon him, not as an outsider, but increasingly as one of them. Out of fear and kindness he may be more reluctant to be outspoken with his own people. The interim pastor, on the other hand, may be more direct, knowing well that his stay will not last anyway.

Still, the interim pastors I have known have reflected a joy and contribution that are desirable for all pastors. Somehow the regular pastors need to "get on top of" their jobs, so they can "preach more now and dread it less." Fewer men would leave the pastoral ministry if they had less fear of people, less fear of economic and career failure, and could preach with the abandonment of the interim pastor.

It may be impossible to be attached as a pastor and detached as a prophet. A church cannot progress on a

succession of interim pastors; instead, someone must closely identify with the people if much is to be gained. It would be wonderful, however, if pastors could feel the freedom and joy and acceptance of the interim pastors.

Perhaps it is similar to the grandparent-grandchildren relationship. Grandparents seem to enjoy their grandchildren more than their own children. This is so true that some way needs to be devised whereby people could be grandparents first and have their children later. Part of their joy is because they are detached; they can be kind and generous to the grandchildren and then walk away and leave the discipline to the parents. Consequently, the grandchildren love the grandparents in a way different from their parents.

It may be impossible to have both, but pastors and churches need this grandparent relationship, often found in an interim pastor-congregation relationship. Then both church and pastor would experience "preaching more and dreading it less."

Vote Of Confidence '73

By Billie Pate

The leaders of Southern Baptist Convention agencies have constantly reevaluated plans, processes, and methods which significantly affect the life of the Convention. The Cooperative Program is one of these plans. Set in operation in 1925, the Cooperative Program has become the mainline plan for channeling funds for missions, and educational and benevolent causes. Although the Cooperative Program was begun nearly fifty years ago, in 1973 Southern Baptist leaders still believe in this channel as an effective and vital tool for binding the hurts of mankind and channeling the gospels to the ends of the earth.

The comments of Southern Baptist leaders reassure church members as to the soundness, the relevance, and the opportunities for giving through the Cooperative Program in this decade.

"The Cooperative Program has been the mainline of support for the Home Mission Board across the years. We appreciate the fact that the denomination has been increasing its giving because we have shared in its growth. We project our budget needs, then meet with the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Along with other agencies, we request funds to meet our needs and goals... The Cooperative Program has become a channel of real growth and expansion because we Southern Baptists have seen what we can do together." — Fred Moseley, assistant executive secretary, Home Mission Board

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

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Dear Son,

As you know your Dad tries to hide his emotions. This was the case day before yesterday when your mother and I said goodbye to you in the dormitory parking lot at the college where you are now a first year student. It was mother who shed the visible tears but tears also filled my heart though I kept them back from my eyes.

I am a little surprised at this and I don't know exactly how to explain it. I don't love you more than I do your three older brothers who one by one have left home for college. Somehow it's different with you. Maybe it's because you are the last child and the house is empty of sights and sounds of children for the first time in 30 years. Maybe one grows more sentimental with age and this is part of the explanation. Whatever the cause for this feeling, I know now what I never really knew before when friends talked about this stage of their life. I also for the first time know what my parents experienced when they said goodbye to me upon leaving for college never to return again except for summer vacations and visits.

The house is so quiet and lonely since you left. A few days ago it wasn't big enough for the loud music of your hi-fi but now it seems far too big. I haven't seen a soft drink bottle or glass of ice on the floor in front of the television since you went away. To be honest I'd like to see your big shoes and socks in the middle of the floor though I have not forgotten fussing about them. The new peas in the garden are ready but they seem hardly worth picking and shelling just for mother and me. They can't quite say so with words but Toy, the collie, and Charlie, the beagle, keep asking by their actions where you are. They miss the romp with you in the yard every day.

Don't get me wrong. I don't wish you were here. Mother and I are happy and grateful to God that you have chosen further preparation in college. This appreciation is enhanced when we remember you chose to go to college not in hopes of making more money later in life but because you want a greater capacity to appreciate all that life affords and because you feel college training can equip you better for whatever the Lord has in mind for you to do in life.

Another comfort is that we are confident you know how to use the freedom you will have to a degree you never had before. Before you left we didn't give you a long list of do's and don't's because we learned when we went out on our own we had to make our own list and live by our convictions and not those of our parents. As you approached your 18th birthday which we celebrated the day you departed for school you were given more and more freedom to order your own life. All we could ask is that you use it as wisely at college as you did at home.

We have often discussed with you and with your brothers in your presence what college is all about. However, it will not be what you expect. It's a new and wonderful world however it may seem at first. Your teachers will be for you though you could never tell it by the way some of them will appear at first. Their bark is often worse than their bite and they have a purpose behind their ways. Most of your teachers will share our ideals for you though you need to be prepared for an occasional immature or smart alec teacher who would try to destroy your Christian faith or scoff at your moral ideals.

While we are still thinking about why you are in school, don't forget that you have to be concerned about grades. Grades are an inadequate way to judge progress in education but no better way has been found so far. Don't regard grades so important that you miss all the other values to be found in college. However, it would be tragic to major on extracurricular and fail your academic courses. A large percentage of your class will receive notices half way through the semester that they are failing one or more courses. If you remember that now you are not likely to be one of these.

Here I go giving you advice which you have heard over and over. The end of the whole matter is you are on your own — to succeed or fail. We have confidence in you. After all, you are paying part of your way with money you earned literally by the sweat of your brow. You are borrowing another part of it and will have to pay it back after you finish. Your parents among other things are driving a three year old car instead of a new one to help you. On top of this Kentucky Baptists and other supporters of the college are contributing substantially to your college education. However, don't worry too much about meeting the expectations of your parents or other friends. Be more concerned to follow the gleam put in you by our Heavenly Father.

Dad

Sadness And Joy In Farewell

Many readers will recognize the feature on the facing page as a rerun from about this date last year. I don't ordinarily like reruns on television, from the pulpit or in the *Western Recorder* but in this case it is done in answer to several requests and in the hope it will help some parents who did not see it last year.

The truth is the farewell for the second year in college for our youngest son is about as painful as the first year. I am reassured somewhat by a story used by Pastor Rollin Burhans in a recent sermon to the First Baptist congregation in Bowling Green. He recalled one Sunday morning years ago at Crescent Hill Church in Louisville when Dr. Ellis Fuller, the beloved president of Southern Seminary, knocked on his study door and came in for some help. He had just returned from the station where he had put his daughter on the train for Waco, Texas, and her first year at Baylor University. His eyes were full of tears and his heart was breaking.

Dr. Burhans said he couldn't quite understand how Dr. Fuller felt because he had not yet seen any of his three sons leave home. A few years later he understood when he said goodbye to his sons. There were several families in the congregation who had brought their child to Bowling Green to college when Dr. Burhans related this. There were some tears flowing including some in my own eyes.

This is not the case just for parents who send their children away to college. It is the same when the

child leaves home for work, for military service or many other things that take the child from the home. And there's nothing to be ashamed of when sincere tears flow. The joy of seeing children grow and become ready to leave the nest is understandably mixed with the sadness of farewell.

And farewell it is for though they return from time to time it is never the same. The intimate tie is broken and the relationship is different.

What's harder than saying goodbye is the realization by parents that the time of their greatest influence and opportunities has passed. Someone else becomes their teacher and from then on they are free to behave as they please. Parents who think they can pass on their responsibility to college teachers are whistling in the dark.

Parents of younger children need to remember they have precious little time before their children are beyond their reach. What's done for them must be done quickly. We became painfully aware of this truth a few years ago when our oldest son was about 18 and his mother said upon his leaving one night for a social engagement that we expected him to behave and be home at a reasonable hour. Somewhat gently but emphatically he replied, "I appreciate your concern but you need to know what you have not taught me by now I will not learn from you."

Tears will come. The hope is that they will be mixed with joy and not intensified with remorse.



'LAYWOMAN'S DAY'

Dear Editor:

We had "Laywoman's Day" in Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, on August 26, and it was so well received by our people I wanted you to know about it.

Perhaps this occasion is observed by many churches, but I do not recall seeing any news items or promotion material similar to that on Layman's Day. The lack of this information caused us to regard such a day as an infrequent observance in most Baptist churches, and it was certainly unique in the 12 year history of our church.

The idea of Laywoman's Day was presented to our WMU director in a church council meeting, and it was presented as a question: "Would the Baptist Women consider sponsoring a Laywoman's Day on which they would be responsible for leading all elements of worship?" She agreed to relay the

idea at the next meeting of the Baptist Women, and it met with a favorable response. A date was set, and the WMU Council served as a planning committee. Women were enlisted to speak, pray, play instruments, preside, give testimonies, usher, and sing in the choir. The number who refused the invitation to provide leadership in some area of the worship hour was astonishingly small. There were more than 50 who participated, including ushers and choir members.

As pastor I helped plan the order of service and served in an advisory capacity to those who had unfamiliar roles and strange responsibilities. There were some butterflies of apprehension, but there were just as many vibrations of excitement.

Our Sunday School attendance was the highest since Easter, and the worship attendance was above average. However, I am sure that there were some who did not attend because the

women were in charge. They were the losers, for both morning and evening services were spiritual highlights. Our people were moved by the three testimonies in the morning and three in the evening which took the place of the sermon in the order of worship. All were impressed by the sincerity of those who were willing to tell what Christ had done in their lives.

For those who can measure only by statistics, there were 10 decisions. Five joined our church by letter; there were four rededications; and there was a profession of faith on Sunday evening, and it's been a long time since that happened in our church at the evening hour. The presence of God's Spirit was felt in both services, for it was evident that the planning and participation were bathed in prayer.

I'm aware that such a day could not be held in some Baptist churches, but I recommend it to those who do not limit God's Spirit. Layman's Day has always been an annual observance in our church and after the success of last Sunday we expect Laywoman's Day to have an equal place in our church calendar.

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WMU Initiates Area Meetings

The first Kentucky Annual Area Meetings will be initiated in September and October. A program of mission promotion and inspiration is being planned that will be of interest and help to all WMUs, according to Miss Kathryn Jasper, executive director for the Kentucky organization.

Women may choose according to convenience either to attend day or night in their area, Miss Jasper explained. The times are 10 to 12 in the morning or 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening.

The speakers and places of meetings are:

September 17—Day and Night, First Baptist Church, Paintsville;

September 18 — Night, First Baptist Church, Hazard;

September 19 — Day, First Baptist Church, Hazard;

September 20 — Day and Night, First Baptist Church, Barbourville;

Speaker for the week will be Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionary to Kenya.

October 1 — Day and Night, First Baptist Church, Glasgow

October 2 — Night, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington

October 3 — Day, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington

October 4 — Day and Night, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville

Miss Laura Frances Snow, missionary to Chile, will speak at these gatherings.

October 15 — Day and Night, First Baptist Church, Central City

October 16 — Night, First Baptist Church, Mayfield

October 17 — Day, First Baptist Church, Mayfield

October 18 — Day and Night, Bardstown Baptist Church, Bardstown

Speaker for the meetings will be Mrs. Takahiro Oue, missionary to Japan.

Also participating in each program will be Mrs. William Ellis, Kentucky WMU president and Miss Jasper.

Area
Meeting
Speakers



Mrs. Dillard



Miss Snow



Mrs. Oue

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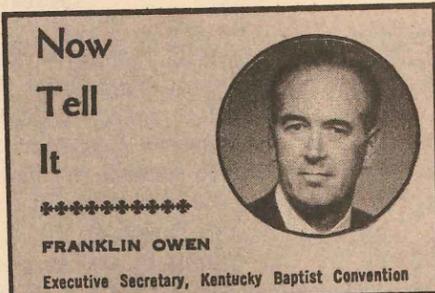
Receipts through Friday, August 31 totaled

\$4,588,654.23

A complete report of

Cooperative Program receipts will appear in the September 15 issue of

Western Recorder



Now
Tell
It

FRANKLIN OWEN

Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

I haven't been saying anything about it from week to week because the record was looking so good that I had become more anxious for us to make a big start next year than to make a bigger closing this year.

The books will be closed by the time you read this. I am going to tell the news concerning the close of our fiscal year, August 31, and the record we have made in our gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The budget goal for the year was \$4,300,000. This includes Cooperative Program only, not special offerings or designations. We surpassed this goal on August 9. I made a decision then not to mention it in this column. I felt that we did not need artificial acceleration for the year's close, but we do want to begin big for next year when the goal is still larger. I also had a sneaking feeling that at the rate funds were coming in we might, within the current year, surpass next year's (1973-74) budget goal of \$4,500,000.

I am happy to inform you that on August 29 we topped that future goal by more than \$38,000. (Does this mean that we shot too low?) This report must go to press before we close our books but we are well over next year's goal with funds still coming in. Thanks be to our Lord, the churches and the people.

This is an all-time record. Now, I hesitate to say this. I don't want to be a killjoy, but we must admit to ourselves as we thank God, that this isn't nearly as great an increase as we would like to think, in view of the inflation we are trying to keep up with. We certainly can thank God, though, that we are doing that.

Again I say, and again and again the Cooperative Program is the family fund of Baptist Missions. All our adopted causes are in it. The allocations and distributions are made by democratic and representative process, through committees that represent all the people — committees that study the needs from year to year in light of the needs of all the Kingdom causes. Keep giving through the Cooperative Program where the best studied budget wisdom can be applied and carried out.

Frank Owen

WESTERN RECORDER

FROM GRAVEL SWITCH—

Kentucky Woman Begins Preparation For Chaplaincy

By Larry High

The congregation at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, is excited about one of its members leaving town. A 21 year old graduate of Centre College in Danville has announced plans to enter the full-time ministry and will be studying at Princeton Divinity School in New Jersey this fall. That in itself may not sound too unusual because any church would be delighted to witness one of its members having dedicated his life to the Lord's work.

What is out of the ordinary, at least for Southern Baptists, is the future minister is a woman. Suzanne Coyle, of Gravel Switch, a small town outside Danville, has said she feels the Lord has called her into the full-time ministry.

Miss Coyle said she dedicated her life to the ministry during a Missions Conference at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. At that time she thought the Lord was calling her to enter the mission field. But while studying at the college library one Friday night she said she felt called to the chaplaincy.

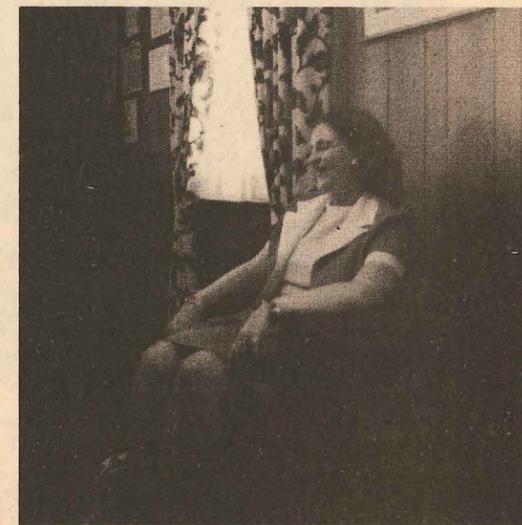
Upon receiving the master of divinity degree, Miss Coyle said she would like to be either a prison, hospital or industrial chaplain.

"Right now I'm not ruling anything out because some day I might want to turn to evangelism," she said. "I really believe in evangelistic efforts," she added, "that's what I particularly like about Southern Baptist churches."

"Being a woman in a Southern Baptist church and wanting to be a minister just usually isn't done," according to the former summer missionary to Colorado. "But," she added, "I haven't run into the opposition I thought I might. People are much more open to the idea than they used to be," she stated.

"I don't consider myself to be a leader nor am I doing this for women's liberation," Miss Coyle said. "I don't want anything just because I'm a woman," she added. "I want it because I'm me. Women's lib is more a personal thing to me. Each sex should feel led to do what they are best qualified for. There are some jobs men can do better than women. I like to believe in 'human liberation,' everyone having an equal chance. That's Christianity to me," she said.

Miss Coyle was given an opportunity to preach at Lexington Avenue Baptist the last Sunday in July. "I wanted the congregation to be acquainted with Suzanne," pastor Austin Roberts said. "It also gave them the chance to be-



Miss Suzanne Coyle

come prayerfully mindful of her while she is at school," he added.

When questioned about his response to Miss Coyle's decision to enter the ministry Roberts said, "I'm all for it. When God guides, God provides. He won't lead her into a blind alley," he added.

Attendance at the service was about average or maybe a little above, according to Roberts. "The comments of the people in attendance were interesting," he said. The wife of a deacon told Roberts if God had called Suzanne into the ministry then she would think twice about doubting it.

The dean's list student said she is looking forward to the experience of divinity school and the future afterward. "Doors are opening, but I don't expect it to be easy," she said. Having carefully considered theological schools in this area Miss Coyle decided on Princeton because "I thought the change of scenery might do me good. There's a lot more to education than what goes on in the classroom," she said.

About marriage the single Miss Coyle said she isn't that concerned about it right now but she didn't think a man should have any objections to her profession.

The path taken by Miss Coyle as she prepares to enter the ministry is not the lonely avenue it once was. Seminaries and divinity schools report an ever growing number of women setting their sights toward an active full-time ministry within Southern Baptist churches. The next decade may witness a relatively new situation arising in our churches, one that will have to be dealt with.

Youth Curriculum Dialogue Set

Youth Curriculum Dialogues are happening in Kentucky October 15-19.

In four one-night sessions around the state, church Youth Sunday School workers will meet with Dennis Conniff, III, Sunday School Board, and Sid Morris, youth worker at First Baptist Church, Danville, for an update on Youth Sunday School materials. Also, there will be opportunities for talk-back.

Youth Curriculum Dialogues will be held in the following Kentucky locations: October 15—First Baptist Church, Madisonville; October 16—West End Baptist Church, Paducah; October 18—North View Baptist Church, Lexington; and October 19 — Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Youth Workers from all churches in each area are invited to participate.

Youth Curriculum Dialogues are jointly sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board's youth section of the Sunday School department.

Youth Curriculum Dialogue



Week Of Prayer For State Missions Nears

Kentucky Baptists will seek to raise \$150,000 during the week of September 9-16. The occasion of the special drive is the Week of Prayer for State Missions.

Led by Woman's Missionary Union, churches across the commonwealth will spend the second week in September studying various mission activities conducted and financed in Kentucky by Baptists.

A 24-page booklet highlighting these activities and special program suggestions has been prepared by Kentucky WMU to aid in this observance.

Another feature of the booklet is a detailed outline of the offering's use. (See information below.)

This year's goal of \$150,000 is up \$10,000 from 1972, but is less than

\$2,000 above actual offering receipts of \$148,136.15.

Of the offering, KBC executive secretary Franklin Owen said, "The \$45,000 that goes into the Building Assistance Fund helps 25-35 churches and missions each year. The money is used to build new houses of worship or to enlarge and upgrade present facilities.

"Often times this encourages and challenges the local people to attempt to do more for their Lord and it strengthens our Baptist witness in all areas of Kentucky.

"If it did no more than this," he declared, "it would be worthwhile."

But it does do more. A. B. Colvin, director of the direct missions department, pointed out that \$20,000 goes directly into associational

mission salaries. "In addition," he said, "state mission offering funds are used for the Mountain Mission Conference, summer student workers and transportation for mountain pastors.

"This offering enables us to do much that we would otherwise be unable to do," Colvin explained. "That is why I back it so strongly."

"An examination of the causes financed through the work will show that most of Kentucky Baptists work benefits from this WMU sponsored offering," stated Miss Kathryn Jasper, state WMU executive director. "That is why the week of prayer is for the whole church and not just for the women. State Missions is a cause that involves us all."

1973 Week of Prayer for State Missions Offerings Designations

SALARIES		DESIGNATED	
Convention Missionaries	\$ 20,000.00	Boone Lodge	10,000.00
FICA TAXES	75.00	Church Buildings	45,000.00
WEEK OF PRAYER EXPENSE	5,000.00	Interracial Work	
WMU ACTIVITIES		Institute	250.00
Assemblies	2,500.00	Field Worker	1,500.00
Briefings & Clinics	2,500.00	WMS Field	1,500.00
BW ACTIVITIES		Scholarships	400.00
Retreat	600.00	Women in White Offering	150.00
BYW ACTIVITIES		Foreign Mission Appointees	250.00
Camp	400.00	Clear Creek	2,500.00
College Presidents	100.00	Oneida Institute	2,500.00
College Visitation	200.00	Mountain Missions Conference	500.00
College Supplies	50.00	Pastors & Laymen Conference	200.00
Couples (Cedarmore)	300.00	Summer Student Workers	2,000.00
Area Conferences	300.00	State Missionaries' Children's	
YEAR BOOKS	200.00	Scholarship Fund	1,500.00
MISSION FRIENDS	300.00	Missionary Love Fund	2,000.00
ACTEENS & GA ACTIVITIES		Nurse's Loan Fund	100.00
Camp	10,000.00	International Conference	2,000.00
Workshop	300.00	Ferguson-Jaegle Conference Building	2,000.00
ACTEENS ACTIVITIES		Mountain Student Pastor's Transportation	1,000.00
Queen's Courts	100.00	Panel Truck for Mountain Missions	1,000.00
Flings	300.00	Cedarmore	14,000.00
GA ACTIVITIES		Pastor's Wives' Reception	150.00
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State Missions Needs Your Help



Mrs. Hollis Searcy plays a small portable organ while her husband leads children in singing hymns. The couple spent 10 weeks this summer traveling to campgrounds in Kentucky to spread the Good News to campers and children.

Campers Offered Bible Study, Other Helps

By Larry High

Just as sure as the swallows return to Capistrano each year so the campers pitch their tents and park their trailers in camp grounds across the nation every summer. Kentucky, particularly the southwest portion of the state, is noted for its camping facilities. Each year millions of families come to Kentucky camp grounds for the time honored vacation.

One such outstanding camping area in Kentucky is Land Between the Lakes, a vacation and camping area bounded by water. Like gas stations dot the scenery of a large city so camp grounds are just as abundant in this area. Last year over 10 million people visited this section of the state.

With the crowds of people each season come many who would appreciate the opportunity to worship on Sundays while camping. Six Baptist associations, four in Kentucky and two in Tennessee have met the challenge and along with eight other Christian denominations provide worship services each Sunday.

Earl Warford, Blood River associational missionary, explained the Tennessee Valley Authority has agreed to let the nine denominations hold services provided it is done on a rotating basis. That is, only one group is allowed in a camp ground on any particular Sunday. The others are either at another camp or are not participating that week.

Warford said Baptist summer missionaries have been active for the last six camping seasons in this area. They provide what Warford called a "chaplaincy ministry." When Baptist are assigned a worship service on Sunday

the missionaries move into the camp for the previous week and visit among the campers spreading the word about the upcoming service.

"We try to relate to the campers in a meaningful way," Warford said. "This varies," he explained, "from counseling to helping free a car stuck in the mud."

One such helping ministry is a camp ground Bible study for children held during the week at the camp where Baptists will be leading Sunday services.

Hollis and Ellen Searcy are the missionaries this summer at Land Between the Lakes. Each week they travel to a different campground and conduct the daily Bible study for children while they tell parents about the services available on Sunday.

Living in a 16 foot trailer, they stay in the camp all week getting to know the campers. "We just try to be friends and let them know there are Christian neighbors at the camp if they need any help," Searcy said.

The Bible study takes place just outside the Searcy's trailer every morning at 10:30. The attendance is usually between 12 and 20 while Mrs. Searcy uses the back yard Bible study materials to tell Bible stories, recite verses and lead the children in games.

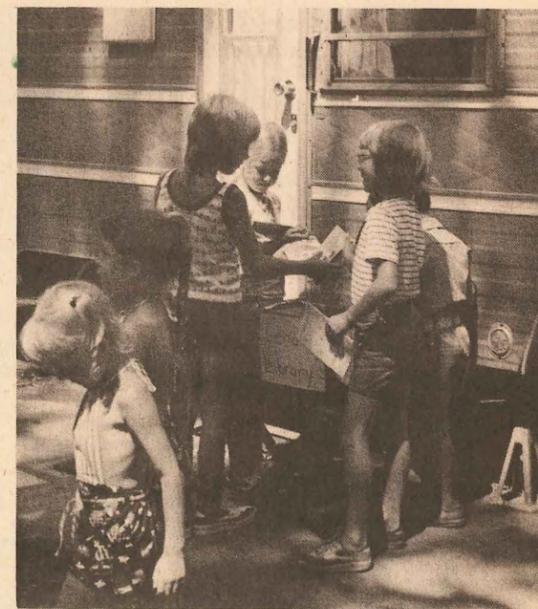
When the school is over for the day the children are given refreshments and copies of Bible stories they can take home. There is also a lending library set up from which the children may borrow books and return them the next day.

"We contact a lot of parents through the children," Searcy explained. "Then on Saturday night," he said, "we go to

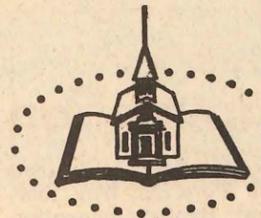
every camp site and give the people a printed handout explaining the next day's worship service."

A small gold trailer parked in the woods with a Christian flag hanging from its side may not look like a church but the ministry that comes from it is as meaningful to some campers as the block long magnificent buildings some churches occupy.

Look for it the next time you and your family are camping. If you can find it, you've found some Christian friends and neighbors. □



After the morning Bible class the children are allowed to borrow books from a lending library.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for September 16, 1973)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Ezekiel: God Is Our Hope

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Due to the sinfulness of the people of Israel, God had permitted Nebuchadnezzar and his armies to invade their country, seize the city of Jerusalem, tear down its magnificent walls, destroy the temple which for generations had been the pride and joy of every pious Jew, loot the possessions of the citizens, torture and kill multitudes, take as hostages many of the finest citizens, and transport them into exile.

But God was not unmindful of His people. He called and commissioned Ezekiel to carry to them His message of rebuke, warning, comfort, encouragement, and hope.

Instead of going straightway to his brethren who were in captivity and denouncing their apostasy and wickedness with slashing words, Ezekiel went down and quietly took his place among the despondent exiles, anxious to understand how the lantern of life appeared to them. As he went to them in their hour of darkness and despair, Ezekiel's greatest desire was to help them. He learned their particular difficulties, gained their point of view, and won their confidence. His presence, prayers, sympathy, and words of counsel and hopefulness meant so much to these despondent exiles.

The description of Ezekiel's experience begins with the words, "The hand of the Lord was upon me." By this statement he meant that the divine compulsion to be a prophet was like a great and strong hand grasping him, and bringing his life under control. Through the mighty influence and power of God Ezekiel received an impressive and unforgettable vision. In this vision the Spirit of the Lord transported Ezekiel to a valley, which was a former battlefield whereon multitudes of soldiers were slain and their bodies left unburied. Of course, the wild beasts of the field and the vultures of the air had removed all of the flesh from the unburied corpses and consumed it, leaving the disjointed bones scattered over the ground.

While that shocking scene was bearing its silent witness to the reality of

death, God probed the soul of His servant with the pointed question: "Son of man, can these bones live?" Without hesitation Ezekiel replied: "O Lord God, thou knowest." By that he meant that whether or not those dry and bleached bones would live depended entirely upon God's will and power.

God commanded Ezekiel to preach or to proclaim His Word to those inanimate bones. He told him to tell them that The Lord God had said: "I am going to cause breath to enter you, and you shall live." Without hesitation the prophet did exactly what God had told him to do, whereupon his preaching proved to be very effective. Immediately there was a great shaking and movement among the dry bones. They were brought together and placed in their proper relationships. Flesh, muscles, and skin were added to the skeletons. In response to the preaching and the praying of Ezekiel, and through the divine power, the breath of life passed into those ghastly and lifeless forms and they stood erect as a living host. That whole process of rebuilding those bones and skeletons into living people was God's doing.

God did not perform this miracle merely to demonstrate His power, but

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Unity At The Lord's Table

I Corinthians 11:17-26

In the church at Corinth a love feast was held prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper. Unfortunately there were grave disorders in connection with its observance which resulted in the expressed disapproval of Paul. Some gluttonous persons actually became intoxicated and then attempted to observe the Lord's Supper in that condition. Regretting their disgusting and sinful conduct, Paul gave some explicit instructions as to the proper observance of the Lord's Supper, based on the revelation and instruction which he had received from his Lord.

rather to teach the dispersed, disappointed, defeated, discouraged, dejected, and despairing Hebrew captives in Babylon a lesson of hope. Even though they had concluded that their future could not be anything except a succession of dreary days in captivity, and had considered themselves as having been cut off completely and forever from the Promised Land and from God's favor, God wanted them to be set straight in their thinking.

In compliance with God's will, Ezekiel reminded the exiles, who had concluded that their entire future appeared to be blighted by the yoke of the oppressor, that as certainly as God had restored life to those dead skeletons He was going to deliver the Jewish people from exile, return them to their homeland, and reestablish them as an entity with a unique relationship to God. Ezekiel assured the chosen people that, regardless of the attitude of people toward Him, they would never overthrow God or thwart His purpose. Aware that God had a gracious purpose for His people, Ezekiel informed them that in His own time and manner He would eventually exercise His power in their behalf for the accomplishment of it.

Christ instituted the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room at Jerusalem on the night of His betrayal. He did this in express recognition and for the everlasting remembrance of His death of torture, agony, and ignominy. The Lord's Supper is an ordinance which is to be observed by and in His churches at stated intervals as determined by each church, inasmuch as the Scriptures do not specify how often it is to be observed. There should not be any question in the mind of any Christian as to the importance or the purpose of this ordinance, for Christ said: "This do in remembrance of me."

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When He instituted the Supper, Christ took the bread, which represented His own body, and gave thanks unto the Father for a body that could die for the sins of men. He also took the wine, which represented His blood, gave thanks for it, and interpreted the meaning of this symbol to the disciples. Then He gave the wine to them and commanded them to drink it. Of course, the bread which He gave to them was not His literal body, because He was yet present with them; and the wine was not His literal blood, because that blood still flowed in His veins.

The Lord's Supper pictures truth for believers in connection with the past, the present, and the future. Concerning the observance of this ordinance, Paul emphasized three things:

1. It is a practice.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." The regular, prayerful, and scriptural observance of the Lord's Supper will enrich the lives of believers in Christ, cause them to love Christ more, and bring them to a more loyal and faithful devotion to their Lord and His church.

2. It is a proclamation.

"Ye do shew the Lord's death." The silent bread and voiceless wine tell those who watch that Christ died and that sinners receive eternal life through His broken body and poured-out blood. His death is what is held up to view in this supper. His death for us should give gratitude to our hearts, purity to our thoughts, quality to our words, and tone to our actions.

3. It is a prophecy.

"Ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." The Lord's Supper is truly a prophecy of a future event — Christ's return. The memory of His death should quicken the hope of His return. Every time we observe the Lord's Supper we proclaim to the world that Christ is coming again according to His own promise.

God's Word is very explicit concerning the attitudes, motives, and lives of those Christians who partake of the Lord's Supper. Inasmuch as Christ said, "This do in remembrance of me," let us remember Him in the spirit of deep humility, grateful love, faithful obedience, and joyous hope. Periodic and proper observance of the Lord's Supper will result in an increase of our faith in Him, our love for Him, and our devotion to Him. Every observance of the Lord's Supper should increase our gratitude for the privilege of serving a risen and living Saviour.

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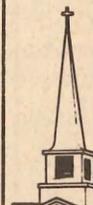
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The Politics Of God And The Politics Of Man by Jacques Ellul, translated and edited by Geoffrey W. Bromiley; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, copyright 1972, translated from the French *Politique de Dieu, politiques de l'homme*, 1966.

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The author endeavors to counsel those who need practical help with normal negative moods in order to help them live a vibrant, active Christian life.

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CHURCHES, COLLEGES, SEMINARIES INVOLVED -

Guidelines On Religious Discrimination Hit

A Baptist leader vigorously condemned recent Department of Labor guidelines prohibiting religious discrimination in the nation's church-related colleges that have participated in federal contracts or that have received federal subsidies.

James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, charged that the Department of Labor guidelines "must be seen as a direct invasion of government into religion and private education in the most sensitive area of school administration decision making."

The guidelines (otherwise known as rules and regulations) took effect on February 20, 1973. They tell how to comply with requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, for promoting and insuring equal employment opportunity for all persons employed or seeking employment with government contractors and subcontractors without regard to religion or national origin.

The Executive Order 11246 was issued September 24, 1965, by President Lyndon B. Johnson following the enactment of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The executive order declared that "the policy of equal opportunity applies to every aspect of federal employment policy and practice." The guidelines are administered by the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCC).

Before the religious and ethnic rules and regulations were issued, a group of church representatives, including Wood and John W. Baker, director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee, met with officials of OFCC. They attempted unsuccessfully to modify the sweeping provisions of the proposed guidelines.

Wood pointed out that one of the most disconcerting aspects of the ruling by the Department of Labor is "that religious nondiscrimination in employment by these schools must apply to persons employed to teach religion as well as other subjects."

"A department of religion in a church-related college or university, if it holds a contract with the federal government for \$10,000 or more, may no longer discriminate in the hiring of its religion faculty on the basis of re-

ligion," Wood continued. The only exception would be a chaplain whose religious qualifications might be essential to the performance of his duties.

"Inevitably," Wood asserted, "the enforcement of such a policy requiring nondiscrimination in religion in the employment practices of church schools raises serious questions concerning the continued identity, integrity, and existence of religiously oriented schools as such."

"To take the position that denominational or religiously oriented schools may no longer discriminate on the basis of religion in the selection of their faculty is, in effect, to deny the right of such schools to preserve their religious character."

Wood charged that the department of labor policy on contract compliance is "seriously defective" because (1) "it is far too sweeping in its application" and (2) it fails to distinguish between schools that have federal contracts for

services rendered and "those institutions which are partially supported or subsidized by federal funds for the construction of buildings and the general operation of their school program."

"By no stretch of the imagination," Wood declared, "should programs involving contracts with the federal government for ROTC, training of Peace Corps volunteers and similar services rendered to the government by the school "be viewed as aid to the school itself."

In response to this report of the executive director, the Baptist Joint Committee voted to offer the services of its staff to any church-related Baptist institution to help clarify the guidelines for Executive Order 11246. The committee also voted for its staff to express its deep concern to the highest government officials "about the unfairness of the guidelines, especially in regard to contracts that do not involve subsidies." (BP)

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Improving Pastor-Church Relations

By G. Allen West, Jr., Executive Director, Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville

In the past I have spoken about the pastor as being a member of the human family. I have also pointed out how he is always a part and parcel of the church family of which he is a member.

These pastors are God's men. They must not quit, though some do. They often feel guilty because they have a seeming failure at some point of their ministry. They often need financial help from the church, but cannot get it because there is not enough in the treasury to pay him as he ought to be paid.

They are committed to serving God. Whatever else there may be in the calling of a man into the ministry, he must remember that it was God who called and God has promised to be with His servants.

These men of God deserve our prayers, our thoughtful consideration and concern, our generous support, both human and financial, as well as prayerful help. There are some things which can be done to help them and to improve the pastor-church relationship.

1. **Have a "Pastor Appreciation" week.** Send him cards, remember his birthday, and don't forget his family. Invite him and his family to dinner.
2. **Urge him to take a day off** each week to do as he will, for rest and relaxation.
3. **Provide time off for special study.** From one month to three months, according to the length of service he has given to the church. A period of three months every five years would be good. This time off should be in addition to his paid vacation.
4. **Give him a book shower.** Find out what he needs and would like to have and try to encourage him in expanding his mind.
5. **Above all, assure him of your prayerful and loving concern.**

Be genuine. Remember that you and he are in this business of God's Kingdom together. Hold him up as your pastor in your prayers and thoughts. I am sure you will find that he will preach better, work better, and do his work as pastor in a better frame of mind and be more enthusiastic because you demonstrated that you care.

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Baptist Missionaries Safe From Earthquake, Relief Efforts Begin

Responding to immediate needs from Mexico's worst earthquake in modern times, a Baptist church in Puebla, Puebla state, southeast of Mexico City, has dispatched its pastor and a team of physicians to assist victims.

The church, Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church), is the nearest Baptist work to the earthquake epicenter, according to David P. Daniell, a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Charles Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said the board is awaiting requests from the field before determining how possible relief funds should be designated.

Both Bryan and Carl Tiller of Baptist World Alliance headquarters, Washington, said they stand ready to respond as needs are known.

Tiller said three other BWA-affiliated Baptist bodies, besides Southern Baptists, have "fraternal ties" with Baptist work in Mexico — the American Baptist Churches, the Baptist Gen-

eral Conference and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

He said none of these four groups yet know what damage may have occurred to local Mexican Baptists because of crippled communications from the disaster area.

According to incomplete early reports, no Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico suffered harm and none of their property seemed to be damaged, Bryan said.

The pre-dawn earthquake, which wire service reports say may claim 1,000 lives, ripped through Mexico's midsection, devastating villages in Puebla, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca states, which form a belt across Central Mexico south of the capitol.

Thousands were injured and homeless in an area just recovering, wire reports said, from the effects of hurricane Brenda and a month's torrential rains which had left hundreds without shelter, including some local Mexican Baptists, according to a report from the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and killed 70.

The last Southern Baptist representatives assigned to the Puebla area were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Williams, Jr., who transferred to Chihuahua in June.

Mexico City and Oaxaca are the mission stations nearest the area hit by the disaster. Stationed in Mexico City are Mr. and Mrs. David P. Daniell, Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gray, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James M. Short, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Eldon Sturgeon. In Oaxaca are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Philpot and journeyman Martha Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon are native Kentuckians. He is from Milton and she is the former Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora. Prior to their appointment in 1957, Sturgeon was pastor of Northside Baptist Chapel in Louisville, a mission of Walnut Street Baptist Church. (BP)

Baptistries May Be Dangerous

Health officials — alarmed by visions of bacteria and green slime — have initiated a water-sampling survey of Nashville-area church baptistries.

"It has come to my attention that some churches empty baptistries only once every month or two," said Dr. Joseph Bistowish, director of the Metro Health Department.

His staff inspectors will test for disease-bearing bacteria in a representative sample of baptistries and check the walls of the pool to determine whether "slime" has accumulated there, said Bistowish, a Southern Baptist.

"Unless baptistries are hand chlorinated and have circulation and filtration systems they should be emptied after every baptismal service," Bistowish said.

"I don't know if such circulation and filtration equipment is available for baptistries but that approach — along with chlorination — would be the ideal method of holding down disease," he said. He said chlorination should be "at least the minimum" safeguard for all church baptistries.

"Church people," he said, "must always realize that good health practices apply to them, too." (BP)

SEC Reaches Compromise Agreement With Falwell

The Securities and Exchange Commission has agreed to a compromise settlement exonerating the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, of "fraud and deceit charges."

As reported in the August 25 issue of *Western Recorder* the church was charged by the commission with fraudulent practices in the sale of \$6.6 million worth of bonds.

The compromise agreed to by the SEC stipulates that all finances of the church are hence to be handled by a committee of five businessmen approved by the U.S. District Court. The men will technically be in charge of the church's finances and will have financial powers "comparable" to those of a receiver.

Judge James C. Turk also granted the SEC a permanent injunction against the church stopping it from making "untrue statements" or omitting material facts in the issuance of bonds or its financial condition. The church claims assets in excess of \$15 million.

Before approving the final outcome of the case Turk said, "As far as this court can determine there is no evidence of an intentional wrongdoing by the Thomas Road Baptist Church. Nothing has been said from the witness stand that in any way taints the good name of the church."



ALL HIS LIFE — On September 16 Greg Cravens, right, will be eleven years old. He also will complete 11 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. Greg attends Sunday School at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Somerset and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Cravens. With him is church pastor C. E. Jacobs.