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Briensburg Baptist Church in Blood River Association was the first church in Kentucky to receive a citation for participation in Operation One, a program designed to promote increased support of world

missions through the Cooperative Program. For more information about Operation One, the citations, and the 1975 anniversary of the Cooperative Program, see story page 6.

## Postal Rates Go Up Again

Cost increases averaging 20 percent were expected to result for *Western Recorder* and other religious newspapers and magazines after the latest postal rate increase went into effect September 9.

With authorization from the federal Cost of Living Council, the Post Office Department has announced that the second of ten annual increases went into effect on that date.

James Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, estimated that the average increase for most non-profit periodicals would probably be 20 percent. He added, however, that this is "a tricky figure" because it depends on the distribution of the particular periodical. The general range of increases, he said, will probably be from 12 to 25 percent.

Since the latest increase came as part of the 10-phase program, it was no surprise, although it had been postponed by the June 13 price freeze. Summing up the reaction of his organization, Doyle said, "We're sorry it's been released by the Cost of Living Council, and we're going to double our

efforts to get some kind of legislative relief."

A bill to provide relief for publishers was introduced earlier this year as House Resolution 8929. Because it provided relief for both profitmaking and non-profit periodicals, however, it ran into difficulty when some Congressmen questioned the propriety of providing relief for such periodicals as *Time*, *Reader Digest*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Doyle indicated that there may be an effort to revamp the bill so that it would apply primarily to non-profit periodicals.

A breakdown of *Western Recorder* mailing showed that prior to September 9, the cost of mailing each issue was about \$224. The cost jumped to over \$290 per week after the postal increase took effect.

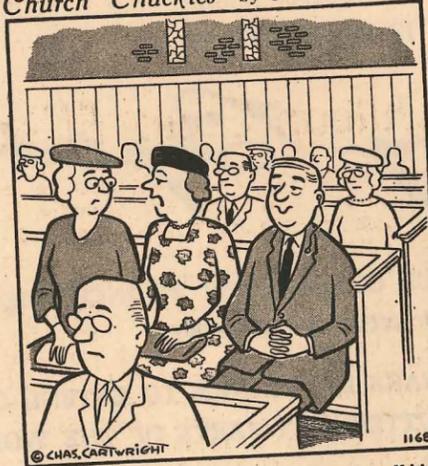
This is the second proposed increase designed to raise postal rates for publications such as *Western Recorder* as much as 700% over a five year period.

## Western Recorder Directors Make Temporary Changes

The board of directors of *Western Recorder* have made some temporary changes in the structure of *Western Recorder* staff assignments. These changes were necessitated when editor C. R. Daley asked his doctor to hospitalize him in the face of growing depression. Daley indicated that before his illness became overly serious, he wanted to "get on top of it."

The directors appointed associate editor Bob Terry as "Acting Editor." In this role he will oversee the entire operation of *Western Recorder* until Daley returns to the office.

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"When money is mentioned, he switches off his hearing aid!"

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

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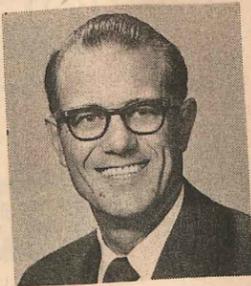
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## DEVOTIONAL



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## Call For Righteousness

Proverbs 14:34 — "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." This is being written against the background of national scandals and admissions of open disregard for decency and morality. It is shocking to hear the federal grand jury state that there is wide-spread illegal gambling and prostitution in Louisville, with the charge that officials may be involved in payoffs. This did not come as a surprise, since the news media had already brought evidence that Louisville is renowned as a wide-open city. What is shocking is that the grand jury suggested that the way to cope with it was simply to make both gambling and prostitution legal. This brings to mind the situation which existed in the time of the Judges when it was recorded in Judges 17:6b — "... every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

When federal grand juries and county grand juries, with editorials in our newspapers backing at least a portion of their recommendations to legalize sin, it is time for our Christian people to be aroused and to take a stand.

That a situation could reach this tragic position is indicative of the fact that many Christians have been willing to practice their own morality without a willingness to be involved in taking a stand on public morality. It is my opinion that unless Christians are willing to stand up and be counted the conditions will become even worse.

The positive side of the picture is suggested to us by the words of Proverbs 14:34—"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Each of us could examine his own heart and life and make sure that he has through faith in the Lord Jesus that relationship to God in Christ which would allow the righteousness of God to become a reality in his own experience.

## Evaluation of Middle East Conflict Offered

By John Hughey, FMB  
Secretary for Middle East

Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East, surrounded by the fourth outbreak of war between the Arabs and Jews in the past 25 years, apparently have no intention of using the option given them by the Foreign Mission Board to leave the area.

Millions of people in the Middle East have never known peace, as distrust and hatred permeate the area like dark and dirty fog.

Southern Baptists have 27 missionaries to Israel now in that country and 12 more in the States. A recent cable from Israel reported "everyone fine." A cable from the Gaza Baptist Mission said, "Life is almost normal. (Gaza Baptist) Hospital on emergency standby. All are safe and well."

The Foreign Mission Board has cabled "love, concern and prayerful support" to missionaries in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, Libya and Morocco.

Of course, some danger exists in any war area, and the danger would increase if Israel became a battlefield.

Sixty-five of the 84 Southern Baptist missionaries to Arab lands now live on the field. Southern Baptists have no

missionaries in Egypt or Syria. Those who serve in other Arab countries are in a difficult position because of America's friendship for Israel.

Also, theologically inspired statements of a political nature made by some Christians embarrass and perhaps endanger them.

Missionary Paul Smith, in a telephone conversation from Amman, Jordan, said, "Please ask Baptists in America to refrain from making political statements on the Middle East."

He explained that a group in Pennsylvania made a statement that has been broadcast in Arabic every hour from across the border. Jordan is quiet, but political statements on the Middle East at this time could cause trouble, Smith said.

The contradictory reports that come from the two sides of the conflict are difficult to evaluate. The fighting seems bloodier than in 1967, and it will probably continue longer.

The announced objective of the Syrians and Egyptians is to reclaim land they lost six years ago—the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula. The announced Israeli intention is to drive the Syrians and Egyptians back to the cease-fire lines of 1967.

Most of the nations of the world, with the exception of the United States, maintain that a restoration of the status quo following the Six-day War would contribute little to peace in the Middle East. If either side wins a decisive victory, professed objectives may be forgotten.

Southern Baptist missionaries in the Middle East are trying to create islands of love in a sea of hatred. Nowhere are such islands needed more. Love abides — and will increase.

To Jews and Arabs, we would say, "God loves you. See the love of God demonstrated in the life and death of Christ. Accept it; accept Him. Then you, whether Jew or Arab, will belong to 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.'" (BP)

## Missionary Recalls Chilean Coup, Effects On Baptists

A Southern Baptist missionary to Chile, speaking in Richmond, Virginia, expressed optimism about the future of Chile and mission work in that country following the recent military takeover.

John McTyre, an evangelist and pastor in Santiago, Chile's capitol, and his family felt they were in no immediate danger during the takeover, but they could hear "the ringing of bullets" and the sounds of guns firing near their home.

"My first night in Richmond was the first night since June 29 that I spent without hearing dynamite and gunshots," McTyre said in an interview at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during a visit planned before the military takeover.

Some Chilean Baptists have been wounded and some are dead, reported McTyre, one of 49 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Chile. "We know of no Baptist people who were killed as a result of the political situation directly. Instead, they were killed accidentally with stray bullets because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Mass arrests have taken place and have included Baptists, McTyre report-

ed. The president of the Baptist youth organization in Chile was included in a mass arrest along with several "leftist extremists" because he lived in an area where these people lived.

On the day of McTyre's departure from Chile, word came that the young Baptist was being released from an island where he had been taken. At least two members of the church where McTyre serves as pastor are missing. "They may be in prison or they may not be alive," he said.

The curfew has had a direct effect on churches. "Our Sunday evening church services start at 8 p.m., also the time of the curfew. Therefore, we have not been able to conduct them," he said.

Asked about reasons for the coup, McTyre replied, "The military has stated that their action was a patriotic move to restore law and order and to bring back productivity and put the country on the move."

McTyre, who also serves as treasurer of the Chilean mission, questioned news reports of indiscriminate executions by the new government. He said those who have been killed or executed were alleged to be guilty of "illegal acts" such as sabotage, distribution of arms, attacks on police and military

authorities and similar forms of resistance.

Commenting on the future of the country under the new government, McTyre said, "The outlook for Chile is optimistic." Responding to questions on church life under the government of former President Allende, McTyre said, "Allende did not persecute the churches or religion. He openly stated he was not opposed to them. However, everyone knew he was a Marxist and did not believe in God."

Although churches experienced no direct interference during the Allende regime, subtle economic pressures were brought to bear, primarily including taxation on equipment or the prevention or slow down of importation of equipment for use in church-related organizations.

When asked about the future of mission work in Chile, McTyre responded, "Last July, due to recommendations from Chilean Baptist churches and based on what we knew about the situation, we felt led to tell missionaries on the way to Chile to look for other fields. But now we urge and plead with missionaries to come to Chile and also urge the Foreign Mission Board to look for other personnel to come our way." (BP)



**Cause To Rejoice --- Cause To Question**

**Bob Terry  
Acting Editor**

The past two issues of *Western Recorder* contained material that ought to make each Kentucky Baptist rejoice for the way God is blessing the work of our convention, both on a state level and national Southern Baptist Convention level. On page 11 of the October 6 issue, one found the recommendations of the KBC Executive Board concerning the 1974-75 budget which will be considered at the convention sessions in Owensboro November 13-15. The budget goal of \$4,800,000, if adopted, will be a new record. And who can help but rejoice at the recommendation to increase our participation in world wide missions by giving 32% of budget receipts to causes outside Kentucky?

The second story appeared on the back page of last week's paper and reported that SBC receipts had gone over the budget goal for the first time since 1967. The \$745,050 overage was distributed to all of the SBC agencies in accordance with the budget formula, thus allowing all to strengthen their outreach in the Lord's work. The \$382,062 for the Foreign Mission Board and the \$136,344 for the Home Mission Board might help these agencies do more than stay even with dollar devaluation abroad and spiraling inflation at home.

But both stories also raise questions about the future. Related to the record SBC gifts were statements by Owen Cooper speaking before the SBC Executive Committee and reported on page 3 of the same issue. Cooper stated, "The problem we face as an Executive Committee is not the lack of ability to equitably distribute funds. Our problem is that of a lack of funds to equitably distribute." He added, "Ultimately, this hearing will result in the devision of an inadequate amount of money among these requests and no agency will secure funds indicated as its current needs."

Inadequate funds and a record budget? Unless these things sound unreal, remember that some missionaries are paying \$1.14 for a can of peas; the Home Mission Board reported in Portland that it was able to increase its force by only one person during the past year, largely due to inadequate financing; seminary representatives are now in the midst of compiling a new formula for support of seminary education because Southern Baptists are so far under the existing formula that it is financially impossible to institute the present one.

It is possible for a budget, even when met, to inadequately reflect existing needs.

Much of the same could be said about work here in our state. No agency or institution or department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention that we know of considers itself adequately financed. At least all have requested more funds at budget hearings. Part of these needs, the Executive Board is trying to meet with general recommendation number one to the Owensboro convention. That recommendation states that "If the Cooperative Program receipts exceed the total budget goals, the overage shall be for capital needs." This would certainly be a boost for our Baptist student centers and our colleges and schools. But we are forced to ask if, in light of all needs, the wisest step is to keep all overage funds in Kentucky.

Is it wise to ask all our churches to increase their gifts through the Cooperative Program by one percent (Operation One) while the convention passes on only an additional one-half percent to causes outside Kentucky? Granted, this is much better than the one-tenth of one percent granted over the past few years.

Is it wise to encourage churches to give a part of all their receipts to world missions through the Cooperative Program while the convention keeps all funds over its budget goal in Kentucky?

Is it the wisest step to concentrate all our extra resources (overage funds) in Kentucky when there are extreme needs in all of Southern Baptist life? Or should the 32% of budget receipts going to world missions also hold true for any funds received over the budget goal? Had a percentage of the 1972-73 overage gone outside Kentucky, the SBC Executive Committee would have had another \$98,808.97 to distribute for world missions this year.

It is interesting to note that 10 years ago when the Kentucky Baptist Convention gathered to adopt a budget goal for 1964-65, it voted 35.6 for cause outside Kentucky. That is 3.6% more than is being recommended for the 1974-75 fiscal year. It is also interesting to note that when financial difficulties forced a cutback in world mission contributions, the 1967 convention voted "If the Cooperative Program receipts exceed the total budget goals for operations, including Christian Education loan payment allocation, all the excess is to be given to the Convention-wide Cooperative Program."

These are difficult questions to ask but they are questions that must be answered by the convention messengers as they decide what is the wisest step.

**Concerning The Pastor**

There's as much fuzzy thinking about how much salary a pastor should receive as about most any matter in Baptist churches. Too many churches that reflect good judgment on other matters fail at the point of doing what is proper in the matter of providing the material needs of the pastor.

This does not mean that all pastors are underpaid. Some, in fact, are overpaid, but these are very few. What is needed is a less worldly and a more spiritual approach to the matter.

A pastor should not have to be concerned greatly with the matter of his salary. When he is, it is a poor reflection upon him or upon the church he serves or upon both. There are some materially minded pastors, and this is lamentable and out of character with the Biblical concept of the ministry. The wonder is that more preachers are not swept along by the consuming materialism of American culture.

It is true that too many preachers are poor managers and do not live within their income. In such cases the right persons in the church should help their pastor overcome this difficulty if he is wise enough to be helped.

When a church calls a pastor, the church assumes the obligation to provide for his normal material needs. It is not a matter of getting the best man for the lowest pay. This is a completely secular approach and is wrong.

Another wrong idea is that the pastor's pay is to depend upon how successful he is in getting the crowds and raising the income of the church. Like a tenant farmer, the more he produces the greater is his share of the income. How preposterous! A pastor is to preach the truth without compromise, and this may well reduce rather than increase the offerings.

Nor is the level of a pastor's salary to be used to indicate the feeling of those who think the pastor should move on. If the pastor should seek another place for his ministry, it should be discussed honestly and forthrightly with him. It is cowardly and wrong to bring hardship upon him and suffering upon his family by starving him out instead of being straightforward.

Every church ought to see to it that several of the ablest members give intensive study and make recommendations concerning what the church should do in the way of providing the material needs of the pastor and his family. Here are some fair and practical considerations.

What are the pastor's needs at this particular time? If he is young, how much does he still owe on his education, on the furniture to have a respectable home or on an automobile he did without while in school? How many children have to be supported? A pastor with three, four or more children must necessarily have more for necessities of life than a couple without children or with one child.

What about the ages of the pastor's children? How many is he trying to help through college? It's too often true that in the early and middle years when a pastor's needs are the highest, his salary is lowest, and in later years when needs are less, the salary is highest. This may be the pattern of the world, but the church should be above the world's standards.

What about the provisions for retirement and sick benefits? Many members of the church who have excellent retirement plans and generous sick benefits have never thought of such for the pastor. Yet he gets old like everyone else and is not a pet of providence when it comes to sickness and hospital bills.

What is more shameful than a church which helps a pastor on a level slightly above starvation for years because he is too Godly to demand fair treatment? Then the church lets him become humiliated by having to depend upon public contributions when sickness or other misfortune strikes. Many Baptist church leaders will answer in judgment for treating their pastor like a hired worker on a farm or in their business—getting the most for the least pay and being proud of it. The explanation of such an attitude is sinful selfishness. It's not that these church purse-string holders are trying to cut corners and find more to go for missions beyond the church, but are trying to find a way to keep in their own pockets the money they should give to the church.

Let's be done with selfish and secular attitudes in this matter. It's not what the pastor got at the church he came from, nor what the church of the same size in an adjoining community is paying. It is what is needed to relieve him from undue concern in material matters while rendering a spiritual ministry. The Lord has instructed him to seek first the Kingdom of God and all of these things will be added. The Lord keeps this promise for his preachers through unselfish and thoughtful members of the church he serves.

—Reprinted from the *Western Recorder* of October 24, 1963

## Briensburg Church First Honored For Operation One Participation

Briensburg Baptist Church in Blood River Association was the first Kentucky Baptist Church to receive a citation for increased support of world missions.

The citation, signed by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, and Michael L. Speer, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Stewardship Commission, commended the church for increasing by at least one percent world mission gifts through the Cooperative Program and/or associational missions.

The citation is part of an overall project titled "Operation One," a program designed to increase mission sup-

port through the Cooperative Program in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program in 1975.

To make sure that all churches are appropriately honored, a card has been mailed by Kentucky Baptist Convention stewardship director Jesse Stricker to all Kentucky pastors. On the card, the pastor will report the church's commitment to mission giving. Those churches which increase their gifts by at least one percent will receive the citation.

Calvin C. Wilkins, pastor of Briensburg church, received the first citation September 28 on behalf of the church. Briensburg voted to give 26% of all budget receipts through the Cooperative Program.

## World Day Of Prayer Set Nov. 5

Women on six continents will engage in a world-wide Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, November 5.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that several million women of all races and geographic origin are expected to participate in the day of prayer.

The day of prayer was begun in Europe as an effort to heal the wounds of World War II and soon grew to a worldwide endeavor.

Reports from last November's day of prayer services came from points in the USSR, including both Moscow and Siberia, from African villages and from large cities of Asia.

Some reports from the United States indicated interracial prayer efforts helped bind up divisions that have hindered cooperative activities for decades, according to the Baptist World Alliance.

More than 100,000 copies of the English language edition of a 16-page program book for the day of prayer have been printed and distributed. Some 100 copies of the manuscript were mailed to remote areas even before the English edition was printed, so they could be translated and published in other languages. Mrs. Mathis estimates that some 200,000 copies are available in 100 languages. (BP)

## Two Fields

FRANKLIN OWEN  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



Jesus said, "The field is the world" (Matthew 13:38). What a field. It means we've got plenty to do. Someone asked me whether we are never satisfied with receipts through the Cooperative Program. "You ask us to give more and more, no matter how much we increase."

Yes, the Cooperative Program is always broke. We don't keep it, we ship it right on out to the job, and the job is from next door to all the way around the world. You don't give to the Cooperative Program, but you give through it. It is not a savings bank but a pipeline. The field of Christ is the world.

Satan has a field too. One might observe at this point that the field of Satan is the Church, the denomination, the convention, the institutions, the agencies, the departments of our work in Baptist life.

Satan doesn't have to work the world. He already has it. He's working in the church and working on Christians. His doom is written. He knows that he "hath but a short time" but he is still at work, and diligently. He pushes and pulls at the best of Christians and at the worst of them. He tempts and tries you and me. He trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees. He rejoices when he sees him tinker and dabble here and there in "light" sins.

I have had a new appreciation for the words of Paul when he spoke of "the care of all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:28). All of us who love the churches feel a care for them, both individually and collectively. Those of us in denominational service feel distress more than ever as we hear reports here and there concerning strife, anxieties and trouble in the churches.

These are tough days. Satan works among us. We are his field of operation. He makes his invasion in the churches, in the institutions and agencies of Christian operations. Christian, play down trouble; pray down strife; be patient, be true; war not among yourselves; be forgiving; be confident; relax from your insecure fretting. Ask Christ to cast out Satan. Let's keep Satan's field as Christlike as possible.

*Frank Owen*

WESTERN RECORDER

## People And Places

Miss Annette Hall was appointed as a missionary to the Middle East, October 9, during a meeting in Richmond, Virginia, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. A registered nurse, she expects to work in Jordan.

She is currently a student at Emory University Graduate School of Nursing, Atlanta, and anticipates receiving the master of science in nursing degree. She is a member of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta.



Miss Hall

Miss Hall has worked as a staff nurse at hospitals in Philadelphia, Norfolk and Richmond. She was also a medical-surgical nursing instructor at a Richmond hospital.

As a 1967 summer missionary, Miss Hall worked in vacation Bible schools in Michigan. Later, she served during the summer of 1970 as a missionary to Gaza under the auspices of Southern Seminary. Miss Hall told the board that her "experiences in Gaza helped me to see missions first hand. I came to understand many of the problems and many of the rewards."

William H. Curl, best remembered to Kentucky Baptist as state director of missionary and stewardship training for 19 years, died October 11 at the age of 82. He was hospitalized at the time of death for a lingering illness.

Curl, born at Ammons, Kentucky, on October 1, 1891, retired from his convention post in December, 1959, only to be persuaded to return to full-time Christian ministry one month later.

According to A. B. Colvin, director of the direct missions department, Curl became active in 1960 as an interim associational missionary in Kentucky. "He was great at bringing two associations together to work without them knowing what he was doing," Colvin reminisced.

After serving as associational missionary in the Bracken, Mt. Zion, Tates Creek, and Russell Creek associations, Curl turned his talents to the field of interim pastorates.

In July of this year Curl retired for the second time when he left the pastorate of the Macedonia Baptist Church near Manchester.

Curl then left Kentucky to make his home in Orlando, Florida, where he was living at the time of his death.

Curl was quoted as saying in 1959 that he could remember serving under three executive secretaries and remembered vividly when the entire staff of the Kentucky Baptist force included only three girls working as secretaries.

It has been estimated by friends that Curl could call the name of 20,000 Kentucky Baptists.

At the time of Curl's initial retirement in 1959, W. C. Boone, then general secretary of the Kentucky convention said, "We shall miss Brother Curl from our official family and hope and pray the Lord will grant him many, many years of useful service in His Kingdom."

The Lord did give many additional years in which Curl served to the limit of his ability and Kentucky Baptists shall miss him.

Members of Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, celebrated the retirement of a bank loan on September 30 by burning an \$84,000 note.

The money was borrowed in July, 1968, to purchase parking property and land for future plans to expand educational facilities. Almost \$10,000 of the fund was used to assist in the purchase of property now occupied by the Baptist Student Center of Ashland Community College.

Participating in the note-burning were Ira McMillen, Jr., pastor; Orval Felty, church treasurer from 1925 to 1960 and the oldest deacon; J. D. Welch, present church treasurer; Maurice Barbour, chairman of the church trustees; and Robert C. Reynolds, chairman of the deacons, and Claude Messinger, chairman of the finance committee.

Early this summer the church also began construction of a new sanctuary for the mission it sponsors.

Francis A. Martin, recent doctoral graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named editor of *The Deacon* magazine, quarterly publication of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Martin will succeed former *Western Recorder* associate editor George Knight who recently became editor of

the board's *Home Life* magazine. Martin will also edit pastoral ministries products as they relate to the board's deacon ministry and will be responsible for the board's Summer Youth Program materials.

A native of Missouri, Martin is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri, and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He holds master of divinity and doctor of education degrees from Southern Seminary.

He formerly served as minister of education at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, and minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky. (BP)

Former Kentuckian Orrin W. Stites, 63, pastor of Mayfair Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, for the past three years, died on September 25 in a Jacksonville hospital.

Funeral services were held in Mayfair Baptist Church on September 27, with C. M. Coalson, John Maguire and Larry E. Elliott officiating. Burial was in Louisville, Kentucky.

Stites was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, but lived in Jacksonville 13 years. He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Prior to becoming pastor of Mayfair Baptist Church, Stites served as field secretary of Florida Baptist Convention for nine years. He was moderator of the Long Run Baptist Association, president of the Louisville Baptist Pastor's Conference, member of the Kentucky State Board of Missions, on the Board of Directors of Kentucky Southern College and chairman of the Board of Directors for Cedarmore, the Kentucky Baptist assembly. Stites was pastor of Beechland Church, Louisville, for 11 years and served three other churches in Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie May Stites.

Brenda Kay Morris, Danville, wrote a skit for the October issue of *Discovery*, the magazine published by Woman's Missionary Union for girls in grades one through six.

The skit is designed to help girls understand Girls in Action, what it does, whom it is for, and whom it can help.

Mrs. Morris is a member of First Baptist Church in Danville.

Bethlehem Baptist Church in Washington County held a Homecoming with an all day meeting and basket lunch served at the noon hour on October 14. Pastor Oliver Hawkins, the congregation and old friends were on hand to hear former pastors speak.

# NEWSGRAM

## Cooperative Program Receipts FOR THE MONTH CLOSING SEPTEMBER 25, 1973

	1973	1972
Cooperative Program receipts (Sept.)	\$254,189.96	\$213,358.58
To date this convention year	254,189.96	213,358.58
Goal to date for this year	375,000.00	358,333.33
Under goal (x)	120,810.04	144,974.75
To date this time last year	213,358.58	209,620.63
Increase	40,831.38	3,737.95
Percentage increase	19%	.017%

NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL .....\$375,000.00

# STATE BAPTIST STUDENT CONVENTION

Students Meet In Louisville For 46th Annual Conference

By Larry High

On Friday night, October 12, college students from Baptist Student Unions across the state met at Southern Seminary in Louisville for the 46th annual Kentucky Baptist Student Convention.

That over 650 registered student participants could find the convention site was somewhat of a small miracle. Several months ago, Don Blaylock, student work state director, announced the convention would gather in Danville, home of Centre College. But the college then announced its annual football homecoming game on the same weekend. Rather than change the date of the convention it was agreed upon to change the location. Lexington became the new location and alternate plan making was begun. Then the University of Kentucky released its football schedule and there on October 13 was scheduled the night game against the University of North Carolina.

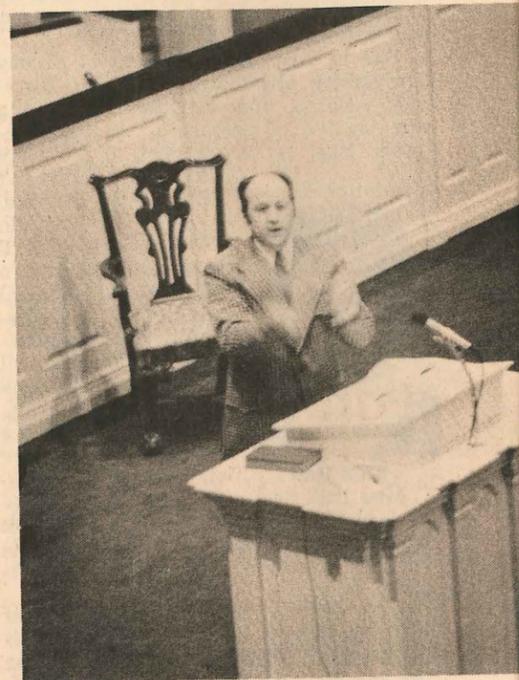
Again it was decided to move the convention to a locality where there would be ample accommodations for the visiting students. Southern Seminary was chosen and it was there the convention finally came to be.

The theme for the meeting of students was "Living the Good News." Kicking off the program Friday evening was a multi-media presentation, "Living the Good News in Missions," by David Book, campus minister of Morehead State University. The presentation recaptured the summer of several student missionaries from Kentucky. Slides showing aspects of work from each missionary's summer were flashed before the audience. Afterward the convention recognized the summer missionaries with an ear shattering applause and ovation.

Later that evening Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, spoke to the students about "Hearing the Good News." The challenge was presented to go and tell the story of Christ and His love.

Blaylock summarized the Friday and Saturday sessions of the convention as telling and living the Good News. Friday was telling it, he said, and Saturday was about living it.

Saturday morning found the students out of bed at 9, which is known to be



LEADS CONVENTION SING. Don Blaylock, state director of student work lead the mass audience in a song service.

a rare event in the life of a student, and ready for Bible study of the Good News. Bill Marshall led the discussion and later told the mass group about sharing the Good News in what the students had heard.

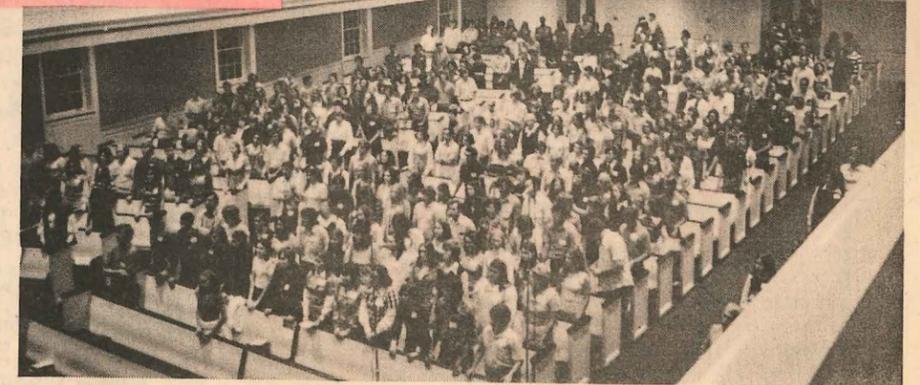
To speak to the convention on Saturday evening about telling the Good News was Franklin Owen, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary. Owen related to the students his concept of "When Is a Man Educated?" According to the executive secretary, a man or woman is educated when he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray, and how to keep a happy song in his heart.

Musical entertainment was not lacking at the convention as The Nurses Choir of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, under the direction of Joe Northern, performed Friday night and "Truth," a religious vocal and instrumental group from Mobile, Alabama, presented its ministry Saturday night.

At the final session, Sunday morning, the BSU choirs from Georgetown

and Morehead took part in the worship service, led by Bill Marshall.

Having heard the Good News and challenged to live it in their daily lives the students departed the 46th convention to return to their colleges and universities. Excitement was in the air as old friends planned to meet again next year at the 47th annual Kentucky Baptist Student Convention.



Part of the crowd present for the opening session of the 46th convention.

J. CHESTER DURHAM

## Former Student Director Honored At Dinner

By Bob Terry

About 75 persons gathered Saturday, October 13, for a "Salute to J. Chester Durham" in appreciation for his 33 years service in Baptist student work, first as campus minister at Murray and then as head of the KBC student work department.

The occasion brought together leaders from across Kentucky as well as the secretary of the national student ministries department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Charles Rozell, and the president of the Baptist Student Directors Association, Glenn Yarborough.

The salute took the form of testimonials by Rozell, Yarborough, Ken-

tucky Baptist Convention executive secretary Frank Owen, and two Kentucky campus ministers, Paul Larsen and Dwight Lyons.

Rozell, who entered student work 15 days later than Durham, described the guest of honor as one who respected all persons, even when he disagreed with them. He also cited him as a man who could be trusted by his co-workers.

Yarborough, now student work director for Tennessee and formerly director of religious activities at Georgetown College, thanked Durham for his foresight in recognizing the need for a director's association. Yarborough said the association had been invaluable to those who followed Durham and Rozell into student work.

Owen, for whom Durham now works as assistant to the KBC executive secretary, described his assistant as "a thorough planner and a conscientious leader." "Durham," he said, "can map out his strategy far in advance and sit back and wait for it to come to pass."

Paul Larsen, campus minister at Berea College, thanked his former supervisor for the freedom granted at the campus level and the quality of program demanded. Dwight Lyons, campus minister at University of Louisville, described the former student work head as "a man of wide reputation, a pioneer in new methods of work."

During the Saturday evening session of the 46th annual Kentucky Baptist Student Convention, at Southern Seminary, Durham and his wife, Vera, were again honored.

Jim Highland, chairman of the campus ministries committee of Kentucky,

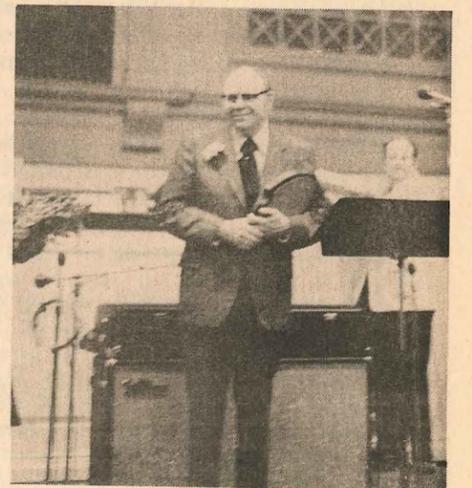
and his wife presented a plaque to Durham in appreciation for the service he has rendered to students in the state. After presenting Mrs. Durham with a bouquet of red roses Highland recounted the days when Durham entered the field of student work with a yearly budget of only \$4,300 for the entire state.

Highland characterized Durham as a pioneer in the areas of student summer missionary activity, new buildings and facilities and for being instrumental in the formation of the International Student Conference organized in 1955.

After the presentation of the plaque and roses, Don Blaylock brought forth a birthday cake for Durham as the students stood to sing "Happy Birthday" to the man who founded student work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



OLD FRIENDS MEET AGAIN. Glenn Yarborough, president, Student ministries department, BSSB, and Durham talk over old times.



J. Chester Durham



NURSES CHOIR PERFORMS. Nurses from the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, under the direction of Joe Northern, delivered their message in music to the student convention on Friday evening.

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### OUR SECOND DAY

THE SEA OF GALILEE... is our destination but first we touch down in Europe this morning for a leg-stretching stop. Our flight continues to Lod Airport in Israel, located near ancient Lydda. Our staff is there to meet us and to transfer us to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

**OUR THIRD DAY**  
 CENTER OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY... a full day touring from the Sea of Galilee to investigate and relish those cities and sites we have heard so much about: Capernaum, Tabgha, Mount of Beatitudes, Magdala, Tiberias, River Jordan, Cana, Nazareth, Haifa and Mt. Carmel, Caesarea, Plain of Sharon, Afuleh, Jezreel Valley, and Mt. Gilboa. Our cruise on the Sea of Galilee will be another highlight

**OUR FOURTH DAY**  
 "WE GO UP TO JERUSALEM..." mentioning en route those areas about us of importance; visiting and viewing Mt. Tabor, place of the Transfiguration; Endor, Nain, Megiddo, Biblical Armageddon on the Plain of Esdraelon; Samaria, Mt. Gerizim, Mt. Ebal, Schechem, Nablus and Jacob's Well, Biblical Gibeon, as we continue into Jerusalem, the Golden City, our home for the next several days.

**OUR FIFTH DAY**  
 "... GO EVEN INTO BETHLEHEM..." and to the Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, Bethany, Jericho, Jordan Valley, Dead Sea, Qumran Caves, Mt. Zion, Hosanna Road, Bethphage, Gihon Spring and Pool of Siloam - King Hezekiah's Tunnel, Room of the Last Supper, Valley of Hinnom (Gehenna) - Elisha's Spring, Mt. Nebo, Mt. of Temptation, and to the Shepherd's Field.

**OUR SIXTH DAY**  
 WITHIN THE OLD WALLED CITY... is our tour agenda this morning as we pass through the ancient city gate to Mt. Moriah and the Temple area, Dome of the Rock, Western Wall, Pilate's Judgment Hall - the Gabbatha, "Ecce Homo Arch"; Pools of Bethesda, Convent of the Flagellation Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows. As we walk about, remember that the streets of the Old City are now 20 feet above the level of the streets in the time of Christ. These streets are alive today with interesting people, animals, fascinating bazaars, and mingled aromas. Our visit to the beautiful Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary will be especially rewarding.

Our afternoon is free for individual activities. **WHY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL TOUR THIS AFTERNOON AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$6 TO SOLOMON'S POOLS, HEBRON, AND THE HERODIUM.** Our first stop is at Solomon's Pools, reservoirs supplying water to the Holy City now as they did during His time on earth. Motoring on to Hebron, we visit the Mosque, and Tombs of Abraham and Sarah in the Cave of Machpelah, and the Oak of Mamre. Our return to Jerusalem is via the Herodium, flat-topped citadel and purported mausoleum of Herod the Great, within sight of Bethlehem.

**OUR SEVENTH DAY**  
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# "Faith and Message" Starts Own Magazine

The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, a group of Southern Baptists concerned with alleged "inroads of liberalism" within the denomination, announced in Atlanta, their sponsorship of a new publication, *The Southern Baptist Journal*.

William A. Powell of Atlanta, the newly named editor, indicated that a major concern of the group and its publication will be "the infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible."

The Bible, missions and evangelism will be prominent positive emphases of the group, Powell said.

Powell has resigned effective November 1 as a staff member of the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, where he served as a consultant in bus evangelism.

"One of our purposes will be to discourage churches from withdrawing from our denomination and to prevent any split within our denomination," Powell said.

The journal will be published monthly on newsprint in a 16 to 32 page format, and Powell said subscriptions, advertising and gifts from individuals and churches will finance it.

He said churches have been asked not to divert mission gifts to the publication.

He indicated the publication would point out to its readers where it believed individuals employed by the SBC had taken doctrinal positions contrary to those adopted by the body.

He said the group would form a literature committee to read all of the publications of Southern Baptists to detect what they feel are departures from the positions of "the Baptist Faith and Message," a statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963.

While Powell said he would not editorially advocate the firing of individuals, he did say that he does not "think it



Powell

proper for anyone to be employed by Southern Baptist funds to teach in our schools or in our literature that the Bible is not infallible."

Powell said that the group's charter includes two statements from "the Baptist Faith and Message" statement - Article 1 on the scriptures, which refers to the divine inspiration of the Bible and characterizes it as "truth without any mixture of error," and Article XI, which deals with evangelism and missions.

The Baptist Faith and Message statement includes 17 such articles.

Powell, in resigning from the mission board, said, "There are many who share with deep concern the inroads that liberalism is beginning to make within our great denomination."

"A lack of faith in the Bible as the infallible word of God - truth without any mixture of error - is being precipitated by a few teachers and writers in some strategic places within our denomination," he charged. "And the ever-enlarging emphasis placed upon the old social gospel is dulling some of the cutting edges in evangelism."

Powell, a native of Dothan, Alabama, is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has served as a pastor in Alabama and Illinois, as superintendent of missions in Chicago and in the department of survey and special studies at the Home Mission Board.

In commenting on evangelism, Powell said, "I long for the day when our convention will show proper priority for evangelism by giving this division (at the Home Mission Board) the status of a commission. I feel this will result in more support and the freedom necessary for evangelizing our nation."

The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, recently incorporated as a non-profit organization under Georgia law, listed as board of directors M. O. Owens, Jr., of Gastonia, North Carolina, Laverne Butler of Louisville, Kentucky, Bill Sutton of Orlando, Florida, and Leroy Cooper of East Point, Georgia. (BP)

## Baptists To Sponsor Forum On Government And Students

"The Christian Student Affecting Government," a student seminar on political involvement, will be held in the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C., January 6-11, 1974.

Lectures, discussions, forums, work/study groups, audiences with national political leaders and tours of the capitol area are included in the schedule for the week-long seminar.

Students attending the conference should be introduced to opportunities for Christian involvement in all areas of political life, study of the sources and uses of political power and exposure to political leadership.

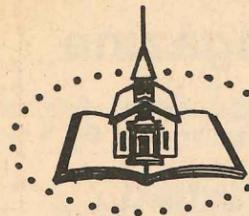
National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring the seminar, assisted by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the

cooperation of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Attendance will be limited to the first 250 registered. Students should check with individual political science departments regarding the possibility of earning academic credit. A program format is available for further consideration by advisors.

Cost for the week should be approximately \$75 plus transportation to the seminar. A registration fee of \$15 covering insurance, books, materials and transportation in Washington must be sent directly to National Student Ministries, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234. Rooms and meals at National 4-H Conference Center will cost about \$60 for Sunday evening through Friday noon.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for October 28, 1973)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Witnessing Through My Church

Coming to Ephesus in fulfillment of his promise to the inquiring Jews in that famous commercial city, Paul met twelve disciples of John the Baptist who had never been informed about Jesus. After preaching Christ to them, Paul told them that they should believe on Jesus as their Saviour. They believed on Him and were saved. When they confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized, they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Acts 19:7-9

As was his custom, Paul entered the synagogue to witness to the Jews, his brethren in the flesh. He was neither ashamed of the gospel of Christ nor afraid to preach it. Coming from a brilliant mind and a Spirit-filled heart, his preaching was characterized by boldness, reasoning, faithfulness and persuasion (verse 8). When Paul assailed the spiritual blindness, idolatrous worship and resultant sins of his listeners through public, persistent, courageous and uncompromising preaching, some were led to faith in Christ, while others rejected Christ and hardened in unbelief. It is solemnizing to note that when the Word of God is heard its effect is either to harden or to enrich the life, the result depending upon the attitude of the individual toward the Word.

Paul made the most of his rare opportunity to preach in the synagogue. At the end of three months, the opposition of the unbelieving Jews to the gospel of Christ was so strong that it became advisable for Paul to find another place in which to conduct the services and to preach the gospel and witness for Christ. Paul and the other believers withdrew from the synagogue and secured the building in which Tyrannus conducted his school.

After Paul began his witnessing and preaching in the schoolhouse, he remained in Ephesus for two years, which was longer than he stayed in any other city which he evangelized. He did this for two reasons: first, because of the opportunities afforded him, and, second, because of the opposition which he encountered. Paul knew that repeated and persistent efforts really count.

#### Acts 19:18-23

Because of Paul's faithful witnessing,

many believed his message, accepted Christ as their Saviour and allied themselves with the Christians. But they did not make a complete break with some of their evil practices. Instead, they secretly continued these practices until they beheld the fate that befell the sons of Sceva. Then, they publicly confessed their sins, ceased their evil deeds and publicly burned all of the bad books which were in their possession. Even though these books were very expensive, they did not put them away or sell them to others, but they completely destroyed them because they were satanic and dangerous. They proved the genuineness of their Christianity by the fine way in which they overcame the many temptations which came to them in their corrupt and wicked city and by the faithful service which they continued to render unto their Lord.

#### Acts 20:17-21

Paul's conduct had been exemplary and above reproach. A clean record gave him a wonderful sense of satisfaction and security, as well as made his witnessing effective. His manner was depicted in verse 19. He served the Lord with humility. There was no

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#### Romans 8:31

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To those of us who know God's love by personal experience, it is not in question that God is for us; rather, it is a conviction. It is wonderful to know that we are the children of God through His infinite grace, and that we are safe in Him. Even though Satan is relentless in his opposition to us, he

arrogance or self-assertiveness in Paul. Instead of being self-seeking, he was anxious to render the best service possible for his fellowmen in the name of Christ and for His glory. Paul's humble service was rendered in the midst of trials and persecutions from the Jews, but this verse expresses the intensity of his sympathy for them and his longing for their welfare.

Paul's methods were depicted in verse 20. Paul kept everything secondary to his great task of making the gospel known to them. He declared unto them all that God had revealed to him about salvation, regardless of what their response to his message might be. He spoke to the crowds, and to individuals as he went from house to house.

As to his message, Paul proclaimed unto his hearers the necessity of repentance toward God and faith in Christ, if they wanted to be saved. We need to be reminded that the public response to the appeal of the preacher in the worship service will be in direct proportion to the house to house visitation and the personal witnessing for Christ on the part of the members of the church. ■

cannot prevail against us. Because God is for us, His power will be available to us and His purpose will be achieved in and through us. Since He is for us there is nothing to fear, for He is able to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God's purpose became a historic verity when He sent forth His Son into the world. The greatest sacrifice ever made took place when God "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all." It was His wondrous, matchless, and fathomless love for us that caused God to give His Son for us in order that we might become the children of God. God assures His children



of His readiness to bestow freely all needed blessings. God will not withhold from His children the things which are for His glory and their good.

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" The great answer to this question is "No one," and the reason for this reply is that God has justified them. Even Satan with all of his accusations gets nowhere in his efforts to bring the children of God into disrepute before the Father. When God has forgiven and acquitted a sinner of his guilt and restored him to His divine favor, nobody can bring against him any charge that will produce a verdict of condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" This question must have as its answer, "No one." The seven things mentioned in verse 35, plus all other possibilities, are absolutely unable to separate a Christian from Christ's love for him.

What a challenging claim Paul makes for himself and all true followers of Christ in these words, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." It is God's will for His children to live victoriously in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In summarizing the evils with which we must fight, God's Word indicates the realms in which we are to be "more than conquerors." The first is that of tribulation. The word which is translated "tribulation" suggests pressure from without. God's children are often cast upon the threshing-floor to be beaten with the heavy flail of trouble. They are more than conquerors, since they lose nothing but the straw and chaff. The second realm is that of distress. The word which is translated "distress" refers to mental grief. The third word is persecution. Persecution purges out the dross of the old life, and welds true believers together in love and service. The way of victory for every Christian is through faith in and dependence upon the triumphant and reigning Christ. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).

Satan and his numerous, crafty, ruthless, and powerful cohorts can be overcome by Christians through the power of Christ, Who is the source of their strength and the One Who makes it possible for them to live victoriously. The victorious life is Christ-centered and Christ-mastered. There is an invaluable lesson for us in Paul's statement, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth (keeps on pouring his power into) me" (Philippians 4:13). ■

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# Gleanings

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State since 1948, has announced his retirement, to be effective on or before September 1, 1974. Archer, former dean of Washburn University Law School in Topeka, Kansas, assumed the leadership of the religious liberty organization shortly after it was founded. He had previously served as congressional liaison with the National Education Association and as ad-

ministrative assistant to Kansas governor Payne Ratner.

In his quarter century with Americans United, Archer gained an international reputation as a champion of religious liberty and church-state separation. Under his leadership, Americans United became a major educational force in the country and played a principle role in successful litigations against First Amendment violations. (BP)

George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, has become the first appointee to the state of Alabama's newly created Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission was created as a result of a tough new ethics bill

passed this year by the Alabama legislature.

Commission members will be called on to interpret the new ethics law, some provisions of which are already under fire.

A controversy already wages over a section of the law requiring press personnel to make financial disclosures and obtain a special pass from the commission to attend state government meetings. The provision has been challenged in Federal Court as unconstitutional.

Bagley, who also serves as president of the organization of state Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries, was appointed by Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Howell Heflin. (BP)

The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has approved the first phase of a major reorganization of the convention structure which calls for creation of three new divisions of work.

Delos Miles, present evangelism department director, will head the division of evangelism and church services, encompassing the campus ministries, evangelism, church music, church training and Sunday School departments.

E. C. Watson, current head of the missions department, will direct a missions division which includes associational missions and the missions and Brotherhood (Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors) department.

Business manager Flynn T. Harrell will direct the new business services division. (BP)

## RECORRECTION

Contributions from First Baptist Church, Calvert City, were incorrectly computed in the print out of receipts which appeared in the September 29 issue of *Western Recorder*. The church should have been credited with total contributions of \$15,201.79 instead of the \$14,336.48 listed.

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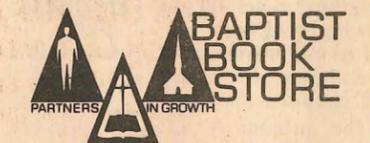
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## Older Baptists Told To Get On The Ball

Southern Baptists, 50 and older, were urged to get out of their rocking chairs and get on the ball for Jesus Christ.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, threw out the challenge at a four-day conference for older Baptists, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina.

"Don't get back in those rocking chairs. You'll rust. And don't die until the Lord calls you home," Cauthen said.

The Baptist leader asked the group of older Baptists from 13 states to adopt a slogan, "Get Involved," and a theme song, "To the Work."

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, opened the conference with a plea for more Southern Baptists to get involved with missions.

"I believe there are 1,000 Southern Baptists who reach 65 years of age each year who will get meaningfully involved in our missions army if we start early and lead them into it," said the retired chemical corporation executive.

On the subject of mission support, Cooper said Southern Baptists are just

playing around with home missions.

"The average Southern Baptist gives \$1 for home missions each year. If this dollar represents the commitment of Southern Baptists to home missions, good gracious alive."

Wendell Belew, director of the missions division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board outlined opportunities for older Baptists to serve in missions, while Eugene Grubbs, the Foreign Mission Board's consultant for laymen overseas, told how they could serve in foreign countries.

During morning conferences, older Baptists also heard a variety of testimonies from volunteer missionaries about how they used their time to minister to needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stallard of Danville, Kentucky, told of spending their vacations the last three years conducting a Vacation Bible School in Connecticut and a beach ministry in Florida. The Stallards are members of First Baptist Church.

During the conference, the older Baptists, a hyperactive group, resisted any references to them as "retired" or as "senior citizens" and refused to sit in rocking chairs to pose for pictures. (BP)



**OLDER BAPTISTS FELLOWSHIP** — A Kentucky group attending the Older Baptists Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (North Carolina) Conference Center visits with two program personalities, Glendon McCullough (seated, left), executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, and Owen Cooper (seated, right), president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Kentuckians are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stallard of Danville, Ralph Duncan of Pineville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Porter of Louisville.

## Minister's Wives Meeting Slated

If you are the wife of a minister planning to attend the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Owensboro on November 13-15 a special conference is planned for you on Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.

At the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, just two and one-half blocks from the convention site, a minister's wives conference is planned.

The meeting, under the direction of Mrs. T. L. McSwain, wife of the KBC president, is modeled after the framework of the national group of minister's wives. Mrs. Frank Owen, wife of the KBC executive-secretary, is responsible for advertising the event. Program chairwoman is Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, whose husband serves as pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

The meal to be served at the conference is under the direction of Mrs. W. O. Spencer, from Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. Musical entertainment for the program will be handled by the wife of the minister of education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Mrs. Herschel Creasman. Program entertainment will be promoted by Don Blaylock, director of Baptist student work.

Cost for the conference will be \$2.85 and reservations may be made through Monday evening, November 12, at the booth in the convention display area. Women planning to arrive in Owensboro after Monday may contact Mrs. McSwain, in care of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Kentucky, for reservations.

## Resolutions Due

Kentucky Baptists wishing to present resolutions or matters of concern before the state convention in Owensboro on November 13-15 should begin to act now.

Accordingly, LaVerne Butler, chairman of the resolutions committee, has requested that resolutions and other matters be written out and mailed to the committee in care of the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown.

Butler assures that the committee is ready to serve in any way possible to aid Kentucky Baptists in this matter.