

The relationship between this young boy as he wades through rice paddies in the Philippines and the Foreign Mission Board starts at the FMB headquarters building in Richmond, Virginia. For a look at the behind the scenes work of the mission board see pages 6, 11 and 16.



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# Baptists Assert All Government Officials Bound To Obey Law

"All public officials must be subject to law in both public and private conduct," declared top executives and lay leaders of seven national Baptist bodies in "A Statement of Concern" adopted during the meeting in Washington of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"Believing that separation of church and state does not mean separation of religion from government or politics, nor should it imply the divorce of religion's basic moral and ethical principles from the conduct of public affairs, we voice our concern over some recent developments in public life and reaffirm our commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy."

The Baptist leaders adopted the statement in response to a challenge from the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, James E. Wood, Jr., in his address to the opening session of the committee.

"At the moment we are in the dark ages of public affairs in America," Wood observed after referring to the "unprecedented American tragedy . . . largely made public as a result of the so-called 'Watergate Affair'."

The statement endorsed by the committee mentioned the "widespread distrust of government resulting from the abuse of political power." The Baptist leaders noted with gratitude that there is a widespread reaction against this abuse and that such reaction evidences the intrinsic strength of the American tradition.

"The times call for an affirmation of trust in the basic principles of the American system of democracy," the statement read. "These include:

1. Government's powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
2. The harmful potential in any

concentration of governmental power makes necessary the distribution of powers among those who make, execute and interpret law;

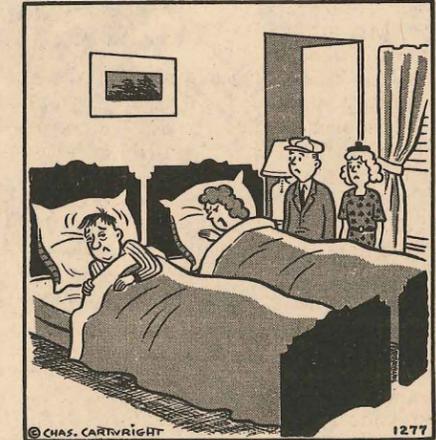
"3. Government is to protect the rights and liberties and to promote the well-being of all people; and

"4. All public officials must be subject to law in both public and private conduct."

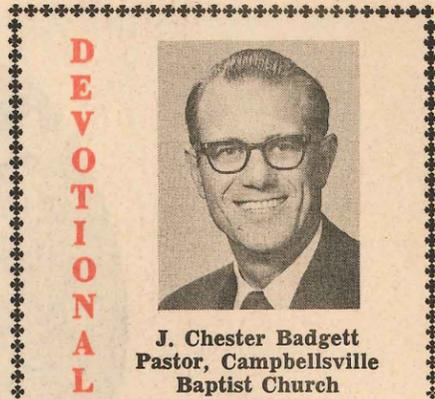
In affirming these principles, the committee statement concluded, "We express our faith in the ultimate triumph of the right and of the truth in a nation whose citizens are dedicated to justice and righteousness in every aspect of life."

The statement further urged the people "to require character and integrity in both public and private life and to discharge responsibly their duties as citizens." (BP)

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Women's Lib says wives have equal rights to stay home from church just like husbands!"



J. Chester Badgett  
Pastor, Campbellsville  
Baptist Church

## HOW BIG IS YOUR WORLD?

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). In a recent issue of the *Western Recorder* there was published a complete list of what Kentucky Baptists have given through the Cooperative Program and special offerings for missions to carry out the mandate of our Lord when He charged us to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." These figures reflect both on individuals and churches, and give glaring testimony to the fact that the world of many is very small.

First of all, let us face the question, "How big is your world?", from the standpoint of each individual Christian. The stewardship of many individuals reflects the fact that the command of our Lord, in terms of our responsibility to the lost of the world, has fallen on deaf ears. The Lord has made it clear that He is the owner of everything we are and which we possess, and that we will give a full accounting of what we are and what we have when we stand before the Lord. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." It is obvious that the majority of our Baptists have never understood that our possessions are ours to use in the furtherance of the gospel and not to be used for our own selfish ends. At this time of the year when we are making our commitments to the Lord through our churches for another year, this is a good time to face the fact that the blood of the lost is going to be on the hands of many church members who withhold the gospel from the lost around the world that we might enjoy the luxuries of this life.

It is also good for each individual church to ask, "How big is our world?" When you measure the percent of the budget which is being selfishly spent on the local budget while denying the cries of the needy around the world, we can get some insight into the size of our world. Few of our Kentucky Baptist churches give all they can through the Cooperative Program and through the special missions offerings. Churches may be selfish as well as individuals.



T. B. Maston and I have been friends for many years. We still are, and will continue to be. We both love Southern Baptists, and are concerned about their present and future. So what I shall say is to speak in love on a press report of Maston's recent message at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Let me say at the outset that the report deserves serious reading and consideration, whether or not one agrees with it entirely. I do not question Maston's thesis nor his motive in sounding a prophetic warning. In my judgment it should be considered more in that light than as a statement as to presently existing realities. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Realizing that it requires more space to analyze a statement than to make it, however, I do want to point out certain things.

## Speaks generally

One thing, as reported in the press Maston in certain areas speaks generally rather than specifically. To generalize in a given area is to fail to touch upon specifics. For instance, if I say that some seminary professors are liberal, I cast a shadow of doubt over every such professor. The question I would ask is: Which denominational leaders pressure which editors to make their papers "little more than promotional agencies"? One valuable service the state papers render is to promote our programs and to report denominational news. Having served for several years as chairman of the committee on Baptist state papers, I know of no editor who is hampered in his editorial freedom. I do know of instances in which state leadership is not always happy with editorials, but I am unaware of anyone who has sought to control the editors.

# What About Southern Baptists?

Again, the report speaks of the danger of "big business" attitudes by administrators of multi-million-dollar SBC agencies, which would result in losing touch with the common man. Southern Baptist work is a big business involving many millions of dollars. And we should be grateful for those who follow Paul's example of being good stewards of their trusts (I Corinthians 16:3-4; II Corinthians 8:15-21). But to say that they are losing touch with the common man is another matter.

## Minister to small churches

Last spring I spent a quarter teaching at Golden Gate Seminary. I was made aware of the concern of the administration and faculty for ministering Sunday after Sunday to small churches in California. In July I taught at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Shortly before going there I learned that president Duke K. McCall had held a revival in a very small church near Louisville — the song leader was a music professor at the seminary. Baker James Cauthen administers the agency with the largest multi-million dollar budget. Yet no one who has heard him plead for missionaries can fail to see his deep concern for all men. Anyone who has been as close to Paul Stevens and his staff as I have been cannot miss the deep compassion for reaching the last person on earth with the gospel. I can say the same thing about James L. Sullivan and the Sunday School Board.

The fact that the Christian Life Commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award went to executive secretary-treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge and editor Walker L. Knight of the Home Mission Board speaks for itself. The deep concern of the leadership of both mission boards is that they do not have sufficient mission volunteers to match the funds available for sending them to mission fields. It would seem, therefore, that the lack of concern lies elsewhere. These are but a few examples which could be multiplied if space permitted.

## No restrictions on heart

As for denominational workers and church staffers living in the suburbs with a higher standard of living — does this mean lack of concern for those less fortunate? A person lives where he can afford to do so. But this does not mean that his heart is restricted by geographical, social, or economic boundaries. The church of which I was pastor until last January 1, under the leadership of the pastor, voted to remain

downtown where the need is. For years it has carried on a ministry in approximately 25 nursing homes. It has a Good Shepherd ministry with the underprivileged which costs thousands of dollars annually and involves some of the most devoted and talented of the church's members. The various outreach ministries, including bus ministries, speak for the concern of denominational and church leadership for reaching people for Christ — whether they live in run-down or elite areas of our cities and communities. And some of our more conservative churches are most active in this regard. Recently an article in the *New York Times* commended Texas Baptists for their social activism.

## Exists to serve, not sell

What about Broadman Press? A brief glance at the scope of the publications shows that it endeavors to minister to all phases of our people. As for "pushing mainly subjects they think will sell, such as the charismatic movement," it is all a matter of a point of view. I see it as an effort to provide quality reading material most needed at a particular time. Today it is the charismatic movement. Tomorrow it will be in some other area of need. A few years ago it was the nature of the Scriptures and books were published and pushed on both sides of the question. Broadman Press exists to serve, not merely to sell.

Admittedly there is a strong present emphasis in the SBC upon what is termed "ultra-conservatism." But there is also an emphasis as the other end of the spectrum. But I would hardly term either anti or pro intellectualism. It is a matter of honest differences between Christian brethren. One should not characterize the whole in either group by the extremes with a few.

When I was president of the Southern Baptist Convention I received a rather balanced mail saying that both the conservatives and liberals were taking over the convention. Labels are deceptive. As a newspaper reporter explained, "A liberal Southern Baptist is a conservative Protestant."

The fact of the matter is that neither of these groups has taken over the convention. That there are more of each is true. But there are more Southern Baptists. In my candid judgment, there are about five percent on either side of center — and not very far off-center — with 90 percent remaining where Southern Baptists have always stood,

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**Humbled By Love**

Our family has just gone through one of the most humbling experiences of our life together. It began when my wife's doctor announced that she would have to undergo rather serious surgery in mid-September. As word of the pending operation and her incapacitating illness spread, we began receiving an almost inexhaustible supply of help.

The initial aid took the form of a neighbor, a member of the church where we belong, bringing over food. Then she helped clean the house one day. Another church member neighbor did the washing and another kept our two children so Eleanor could rest. It was like an avalanche that begins with a small snowball and ends with a whole mountainside of cascading snow. More and more people offered to help and something about their offers led us to believe the offers were more than social niceties exchanged but not meant.

When the day came to go to the hospital, arrangements had been made for church friends to keep the children, not just until I got through at the office but until visiting hours were over at the hospital. In some cases I was even provided supper so I could have time with the children. And on the day of surgery, there were eight persons who waited with me through those three painful hours. Four were fellow-workers at the Baptist Building, three were church members and one was Baptist Hospital chaplain and good friend Walter Jackson.

When the doctor suggested that my wife might need someone with her for each of the next few days, a lady in the Sunday School class Eleanor helps teach said, "Leave it to me," and with her help arrangements were made for a different person to stay at the hospital each of the next four days.

When homecoming day came, it was evident that we still needed help and once again our Christian friends came to our rescue. Other people came and cared for us. We would have been grateful for them to look after the children and help take care of Eleanor, but they all did more. They cooked the meals, washed the clothes, did the ironing, cleaned the house. One neighbor even came over and mowed the lawn, not once but twice. And all of these people had their

**Bob Terry**  
Acting Editor

own families to care for at the same time. Every day another friend brought food. Eleanor had been home almost two weeks before I had to try my hand at cooking a supper meal. On top of all this were many floral arrangements, planters, fruit baskets, candy and other gifts. Get well cards were numerous. Other friends found time to visit in the hospital.

And the prayers were real. I cannot explain it theologically but we experienced a deep assurance in knowing that pastor friends in the state as well as church members and relatives were remembering us at the very hour the attendants wheeled Eleanor to the top floor of Baptist Hospital for surgery.

Near the end of this crises experience, I heard of a death in another community. A neighbor of the man who died tried to collect money for flowers to send to the bereaved family. The response of most in the neighborhood was "I didn't know him," and they refused to give.

I wondered why the great difference in the two events. Then I realized that the people caring for our family were largely the same ones who care for girls in a county welfare home, for prisoners at LaGrange Reformatory, for children in children's homes or older persons who need a hot meal each day. I realized that this group of people had "turned their eyes upon Jesus." The result was not "the things of earth growing strangely dim" but rather the needs of other human beings growing strangely clear. Because they experienced the love of Jesus in their own lives, they were free to express that kind of love to others.

We were cared for by people who did not have to care at all. We were cared for by people whose care went far beyond the normal bonds of friendship. It was a humbling experience. We had not earned such love. It was simply given us because the people wanted to give it. I thank God for that kind of people, particularly those who cared for us. I thank God for the testimony this demonstration of Christian community has had on some who have not "turned their eyes upon Jesus." I pray that God will help me be one who will care for others simply for the joy of caring about them.

**Guest Editorial**

**Sad And Shocking**

The resignation of Spiro Theodore Agnew as vice president of the United States and his decision not to contest a charge of "income tax evasion" makes October 10, 1973, a sad, shocking day in American history.

Many Americans (including your editor) have been great admirers of the silver-haired politician from Maryland. He had not been linked in any way to the Watergate scandal. He has always been open in his relationship to his office and to his opinions. His articulate statements on vital issues have won him many friends.

Now in the face of possible charges of bribery and extortion, he has resigned his high office and accepted sentence for the lesser crime of income tax evasion.

It is not our intention necessarily to condemn Mr. Agnew — nor to try to justify his involvement in unseemly political practices by indicating that perhaps many others are engaged in similar sins.

We shall also attempt to avoid a mass condemnation of the entire American political system.

However, the tragic events of October 10 should

**Alvin C. Shackleford**  
Editor  
Indiana Baptist

remind us once again that no man, regardless of his position and esteem, is exempt from the temptation of greed and covetousness. "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).

It is always tragic to see a man succumb to the power of sin and selfishness. Such tragedy is compounded when that person is one who has achieved high office because of the trust and respect of his fellowmen.

Whether the Agnew affair will serve to purify the political system or further discourage good men from entering politics, we will leave to the commentators and historians.

It is immediately apparent what has happened in the life of one man. Six weeks ago Mr. Agnew was the leading candidate for his party's Presidential nominee in 1976 with a good possibility of being elected to the highest office in the land. Today he stands in disgrace.

Such is the power of sin in any life. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). That eternal truth applies to us all.



**EFFECTS OF TELEVISION**

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to voice my "ditto" in response to Associate Editor Terry's remarks in "As a Man Thinketh" in the October 13 issue. The murders in Lexington struck us personally as the wife of the Episcopal minister that was killed worked across the hall from me at the University of Kentucky.

Several years ago I wrote to one of the television networks voicing my opinions and now I am considering making this a weekly or monthly habit and also informing the network that I am boycotting every product that is advertised on a program containing immorality, no matter what form. I don't think we can be too fussy about this. Either we set a high standard or a useless low standard.

I think every movie and series should be family type. Also I object strongly to cartoons for children as children's minds are not mature enough to know reality from unreality, that is that the cartoon characters are not real people.

Also nursery rhymes and Mother Goose, harmless as they seem, are all useless and also unreal to a child's world.

The Devil puts out a lot of "seemingly innocent" stuff that would rob our children of their souls and their childhood.

As one preacher said, "Anything that

does not glorify the Lord Jesus Christ should not be trusted." There is precious little on television that would fit in this category.

I appreciate the open and democratic spirit which the *Western Recorder* shows and at the same time staying with the Bible viewpoint.

Owensboro, Ky. Mrs. James Powell

*A lot of sense in three and a half cents*

**Western Recorder Church Budget Plan**

# Foreign Mission Board Adopts Record Budget Of \$42,425,284

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, approved a record \$42,425,284 budget. The board also honored Baker J. Cauthen during a luncheon recognizing his 20th anniversary as executive secretary. (See story, page 11.)

The 1974 budget exceeds that of 1973 by \$3,533,287. "This budget is made necessary by the realities of projecting mission work in 77 countries with a staff of more than 2,500 missionaries amid escalating inflation and dollar devaluation," Cauthen said.

He told board members that over \$19 million of the budget will be used to send and support missionaries, over \$12 million will provide for work on the field, while over \$5 million will be available for building projects.

Cauthen emphasized that all home-

base expenses combined amount to less than nine percent of the total budget. "We thank God for the long-standing record of low home-base administrative costs which enables such a large amount of the mission funds to be used directly on the fields," he said.

Speaking of the two main channels of foreign missions giving, Cauthen said, "the Cooperative Program is the lifeline of all missionary effort, both at home and throughout the world. It is the basic money upon which we rely for the projection of worldwide missionary labor.

"Gifts through the Cooperative Program are reinforced by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which enables us to go twice as far in world outreach as otherwise would be possible," he stated. (BP)

Looking Up



FRANKLIN OWEN  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Sunday School is looking up. Let us rejoice and be glad. The church auxiliary specially dedicated to the teaching of the holy scriptures has apparently seen the bottom of a downward drift and turned upward again.

The Sunday School is the church organized for the purpose of teaching the Bible. It is the church in Bible education session. Its graded classes and department arrangements are simply an effort to put the people together in a manner that lends itself to Bible study.

Teacher, be sure you teach the Bible at the time of meeting of your Sunday School class.

Once we were unable to enlist a family in our church whom we wanted very much. We were told that it was because some members of the family didn't like our Sunday School, which simply taught a Bible lesson at the Sunday School hour. They had found a church where they spent this time talking about some relevant, contemporary subject of mutual interest.

A good friend sharing this problem with me asked what I thought we ought to do about such. I replied that we shouldn't do anything about it. Relevance on Sunday morning at 9:30 is a Bible lesson and I don't think anything else is relevant for this is the hour that the church meets in a manner of organization arranged for the purpose of teaching God's Word. Until and unless the hour for this purpose is changed, nothing else is relevant. This is one man's clear, though humble, opinion.

Keep teaching those scriptures, teacher. One of the ancient names by which the synagogue was known was "House of the Book." Let the church be a house of the Book on Sunday morning. Praise God that interest in and attendance at Sunday School is looking up again among Baptists. May it so be among all God's children.

*Frank Owen*

## Staff Changes

William H. Rogers, director of the interracial department of the KBC Executive Board, has resigned effective November 30. He has accepted the position of director of the Family Counseling Unit of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care.



Rogers  
Warren and Butler counties.

The high mark of his two year tenure was the receiving of a doctor of divinity degree from Simmons Bible College, an institution of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. He was the first white person to be so honored by the school.

In his new role Rogers will do pastoral counseling with the families served by the Child Care agency and work with Kentucky pastors in the area of family crises.

Bill Amos, executive director of the child care program said of the new staff member, "Rogers brings an excellent record from the local pastorate in this area of pastoral counseling and with his exposure and commitment to the state convention program in recent years should add a very exciting and significant aspect to this program."

Amos emphasized that the Child Care Board had not created a new program with the appointment of Rogers but had added a very significant emphasis of pastor counseling to the other important aspects of the program of child care.

Isadore Childers has resigned the pastorate of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Campbellsville, to accept the call of Wilmington Baptist Church, Demossville. He began his new duties after the third Sunday in October.

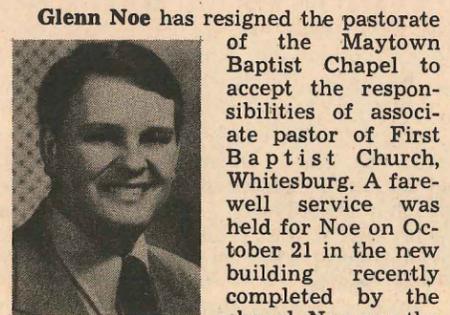
Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, has called James C. Heneisen as pastor. He was formerly assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He and his wife have a daughter and 12 year old son.

Carlton Winton, a student at Southern Seminary, has been called by the Beech Grove Baptist Church, Owenton, as pastor. Winton assumed his duties September 16. He is from Lovett, Texas.

Marvin M. Byrdwell has announced his retirement as superintendent of missions for the Christian County Baptist Association. Byrdwell and his wife will move to Shelbyville to enjoy their years of retirement. Byrdwell was the resident manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly in Hardin, Kentucky, for 21 years. During his association with the camp, land acreage grew from 450 to 1,376 acres, assets increased from \$50,000 to over \$2 million and attendance climbed from an average of 3,355 to 18,900 in 1970.

Miss Freddie Neel has been called as minister to youth of the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a Georgia native, Miss Neel has served as minister of education and youth at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Louisville. She holds the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary.

A first year student at Southern Seminary in Louisville has been called by the First Baptist Church, Carrollton, to serve as minister of music and youth. Larry D. Barton, a graduate of Alabama's Troy State University, began his duties October 21.



Noe  
liver a message from the new pulpit.

Randall Dill has accepted the position of music director at Maceo Baptist Church, Maceo. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and is presently employed by the Daviess County board of education.

Tom Ely and his wife Sharon have dedicated their lives to full-time evangelistic leadership and one-to-one witnessing throughout the country. They are members of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville. The Elys are available to assist any church in its ministry.

William T. Taylor, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oak Grove, Kentucky, in the Christian County Association has accepted the associate pastorate of Airlee Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

First Baptist Church, Princeton, has called Houston E. Inman as its associate pastor. He is a Mississippi native and earned the BA degree from Mis-

issippi College in 1957. Inman served as chaplain at the Kentucky State Prison in Eddyville from 1963 to 1970.

William R. Beard has presented his resignation to the congregation of Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville, to accept the pastorate of Austin Village Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio. Beard has been pastor of the Campbellsville church for the past 10 years. The Beards have two daughters; Anna, a junior at the University of Kentucky and Marilyn, a high school senior.



Beard  
University of Kentucky and Marilyn, a high school senior.

Recent appointments to the faculty of Campbellsville College include Carlos B. Anderson, assistant professor of sociology; Milton Rogers, assistant professor of biology; Chung-Chi Lu, assistant professor of economics; Gerald Burns, assistant professor of physical education; and C. R. Watts, assistant professor of business administration. Anderson is a native of Metcalf County, Kentucky. He holds the MRE degree from Southern Seminary and the MSW from George Warren Brown school of social work, Washington University, St. Louis. Rogers, a Refugio, Texas, native received his degrees from the University of Texas. Chung, originally from Taiwan, studied in Japan and his native country before coming to the United States for studies at Iowa State. Burns, originally from Eudora, Kansas, is a graduate of Greenville College and the University of Arkansas. Watts, a Savannah, Georgia, native holds the bachelor and master degrees from Armstrong State College and University of Mississippi.

George R. Blaylock, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, has resigned to accept the same position with Oakland Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.



Blaylock  
manual, twenty-nine rank, Reuter pipe organ.

Gerald F. Stamps has begun his work as minister of music and education at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset. He came to Beacon Hill from Leclair Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Stamps is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Open Letter To Kentucky Baptists

Dear Pastor, Church Staff member and members of Kentucky Baptist Churches,

This is an invitation to join with us in Owensboro, November 12-15, for our 136th annual convention. God has blessed us with a great year and we will gather with gratitude and thanksgiving to God and with a renewed commitment to attempt more in 1974. There will be high moments of inspiration as well as reports, resolutions, projections and information. I could wish that every pastor and church staff member could be in attendance. I am hoping that large numbers of our laymen and laywomen will be in attendance. I want to encourage deacons and Sunday school teachers and church training leaders and other church members to attend any or all of the convention. Why not encourage lay participation by assisting with the expenses of at least one lay representative? I trust every church will encourage the pastor to attend by sending him. How about the pastor's wife? Why not include her and encourage her to attend with her husband? Mrs. McSwain has set about to organize a Minister's Wives Fellowship which includes all wives of church staff members. The organizational meeting and banquet is set for Tuesday, November 13, at Third Baptist Church, 5:30 P.M. Why not encourage your minister's wife to attend?



McSwain

We rejoice that God is blessing the dedicated leadership of our executive secretary, Franklin Owen. A great spirit has been evident all year. An indication is the record giving which saw us meet our goal of \$4,300,000.00 and go over by \$314,678.25. Another indication is the number of additions and the excellent cooperation we have evidenced everywhere in the state.

Yes, God has truly blessed Kentucky Baptists. Let's make the convention a time of real thanksgiving and commitment.

So — do come join us at First Baptist Church, Owensboro, November 12-15.

T. L. McSwain

## Flood Waters Destroy Life, Property, Flickering Light Saves Elderly Couple

A flickering porch light — the only light in the house still operable — probably saved the lives of a retired Baptist couple in Enid, Oklahoma, during the height of recent flooding in northwest Oklahoma.

The flooding, precipitated by 16 inches of rain over a span of a few hours, caused extensive property damage, including Baptist facilities, and took at least eight lives, including the life of Ed Donnel, a member of Enid's First Baptist Church.

Orville Seale, 73, and his wife, Mary, 68, spent nearly four hours atop kitchen appliances as water rose neck-deep in their home before their dramatic rescue.

"Mom said they wouldn't leave the house because of the swift current," said her son, Tom Seale, art supervisor for the marketing services art section of the Broadman division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

## Georgetown College Celebrates Homecoming

Amid falling leaves, cool breezes and a theme: "Georgetown Through the Years," the Georgetown College Homecoming was "old fashioned" and enjoyable, according to college president Robert L. Mills.

Bonnie Ramsey, a junior from Blanchester, Ohio, was crowned the 1973 Homecoming Queen. Miss Ramsey represented the men of Anderson Hall. She was escorted by Bob Hulen of Bowling Green.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity took first place in the house decorations, and Knight Hall womens' dormitory took first place in the float contest.

Saturday concluded a week-long homecoming for the college. The week included parades, skits, talent contests, and a pep rally and bonfire.

Alumni from classes of 1909 through the most recent years were back at their alma mater renewing friendships, touring the campus and enjoying the homecoming.

The classes of 1934 and 1949 were honored by alumni.

"She said she could see cars tumbling down the street like pebbles," Seale told Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist news service.

Seale said his mother, hearing neighbors calling for help, waded to her front door in neck-deep water and saw men in a boat rescuing people across the street.

"So she flicked the porch light on and off to attract attention," Seale said. "It was the only light working. She didn't think they saw it because they left."

But not long after she had climbed back on top of a washing machine, the Seales, both cold and weak, heard a bumping sound and voices calling.

They waded to the front door, but the water had risen so high they could see only the side of the boat at the front door, almost above their heads.

Seale said his mother and father stood on a chair and the rescuers "tipped the boat onto its side in order to pull them up."

Another son, Robert L. Seale, also works for the Sunday School Board as supervisor of a design section in the art services department.

The flood waters, which severely damaged residences, also damaged Bass Memorial Baptist Hospital in Enid, although it didn't lose its power as did nearby St. Mary's Hospital, according to reports.

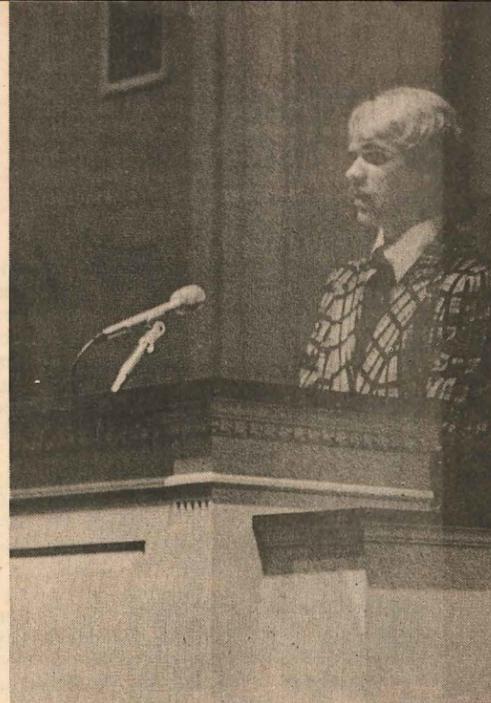
"Because the Catholic hospital was flooded and lost most of its power, the Baptist hospital handled many extra patients in its emergency rooms," reported the *Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma's statewide Baptist news publication.

Doctors reportedly worked around the clock, and extra workers replaced those who couldn't make it to work. Hospital ceilings suffered damage, and the first floor had six to eight inches of water, but hospital operations soon were brought back to normal.

Donnel, a member of First Baptist Church, where the elder Seales attend, was one of the first fatalities of the flooding, the *Baptist Messenger* said.

Seale told Baptist Press his mother said rising water forced Donnel, an auto mechanic who had gone to his shop to remove cars, to climb on top of a vehicle. He reportedly drowned when he fell from it.

Three Baptist churches, First, Calvary and Trinity, all in Enid, were holding revival services when the flood hit.



**KENTUCKY WINNER** — Ernest Matt House of London was recently named the first Kentucky recipient of the Roy Harmon Award. The honor, to be given annually, attempts to honor outstanding Christian high school athletes on the basis of ability, character and scholarship. House, a member of First Baptist Church, London, earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He also helped organize the London high school chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a student leader in the school.

Tornado warnings sent people to the basement of First Baptist Church, and some were stranded and spent the night. Heavy rains caused the ceilings in the nursery and education portion to collapse.

Young people spent much of the time helping to mop and sweep water out as it came through floor drains and toilet stools, but the revival continued and ended on schedule the following night, the *Baptist Messenger* reported.

At Calvary Church, the church building escaped serious damage, but the flooding damaged many of the members' homes and reportedly injured six to eight of them.

Calvary's pastor Jim Logsdon and the evangelist were stranded across town, and the revival ended early.

Revival at Trinity Baptist Church, which suffered no damage, continued as scheduled.

Reports also indicated that a newly constructed Baptist Church, First Church in Dover, suffered extensive damage.

Several Baptist churches in Enid reportedly served hot meals to flood victims during the cleanup operation and have provided other emergency services. (BP)

# We Are Woman

## West Union Involved In Mission Actions

By Larry High

The announcement that the Kentucky Colonels basketball team will be led by a board of directors composed largely of women has set many people to scratching their heads. The question seems to be, can women do something this demanding?

The power and energy of women manifests itself while talking to the officers of the West Union Association WMU. If their zeal can be partly matched by the new basketball directors, Kentucky's team should have little to fear.

The magnitude and scope of the WMU's work in this association is impressive, to express it mildly. How these women can continue their associational work and have time left for their families is a mystery I have yet to solve.

A description of all the activities these ladies are engaged in would necessitate the writing of a book. But an abridged account may provide insight into what can be done with a group of dedicated workers.

The women oversee the operation of a bus service involving six area churches. Senior citizens, those without a car or anyone in the community may receive a bus ride to their destination by informing the ladies. Often the buses are involved in taking residents to doctors and dentist's offices.

Many of the activities sponsored by the women are of the service nature. For example, during December they operate a "Christmas Inn" located in Paducah. At this small storefront shoppers are able to come in to take a break from the hurry of last minute Christmas shopping. The women serve free coffee to an estimated 5,000 people; the number who used the facility last year.

Free refreshments are also a part of the women's service activity at the McCracken County Fair. The ladies operate a booth called "Jacobs Well" at the fair from which they dispense ice water. Last year a Billy Graham film was presented to the partakers as they sipped their water. The ladies proudly report that 24 people made professions of faith during the fair.

A tutoring program is also offered by the women for school children in need of academic assistance. The children are helped on a one to one ratio after school hours. Through the tutoring program, the ladies said, they are able to get into the homes of the children to meet the parents.

The associational WMU officers also have a deep commitment to Glendale Baptist Children's Home. They donate clothing material to the home from

which several of the children make some of their own clothes. Then the children hold a fashion show to demonstrate their talent and ability in the sewing area.

During the summer months the ladies encourage and arrange for some of the children to visit in the homes of association church members. Over 50 of the children have spent time with the members in their homes.

During the Thanksgiving season the women arrange for needy area residents to receive baskets of food for their families. Like most of their activities, there is the faint hint of a Christian witness, even in the baskets. Enclosed in each is a copy of the "Good News For Modern Man" translation of the Bible.

The women in their services are always anxious to share their testimonies with people they come in contact with. But they are far from overbearing about it. The services they provide are indeed community helps first and if the opportunity for Christian witnessing comes they surely will take full advantage of it.

The West Union Association WMU is a group with a mission. They are aimed at an organized effort to minister to and to witness to persons of special need or circumstance.

Perhaps the success of their program lies in the ability to delegate authority. The women are out to involve as many of the area churches as possible in the work of the Lord. Programs are not carried out entirely by the associational officers. They may begin a task but soon it is turned over to a church or several congregations for its implementation.

Mrs. Mary L. Gholson is the immediate past director of the West Union WMU who stepped down as of October 1 to allow Mrs. Shelby Beatty to assume the leadership responsibilities. Mrs. Vernon Talley is the mission support leader of the organization and is responsible for the formation of many of the mission action ideas.

The women are continuously planning and looking for new community activities. The road may take them in the direction of new and necessary activity and the consideration will be not the difficulty of the task, but rather one of will it be of benefit to someone.

Earl Shoemaker is the associational missionary in the West Union Association and a man extremely proud of the work being done by the women of the association.

Women are becoming more influential each year in Southern Baptist churches and with leadership like that of the West Union Association the reasons are clearly apparent. ■



**WOMEN LEADERSHIP** — Mrs. Mary L. Gholson, right, is the past director of the West Union Association WMU. As of October 1, Mrs. Shelby Beatty assumed the responsibility to guide the women. Mrs. Vernon Talley, left, is the mission support leader of the women's organization.

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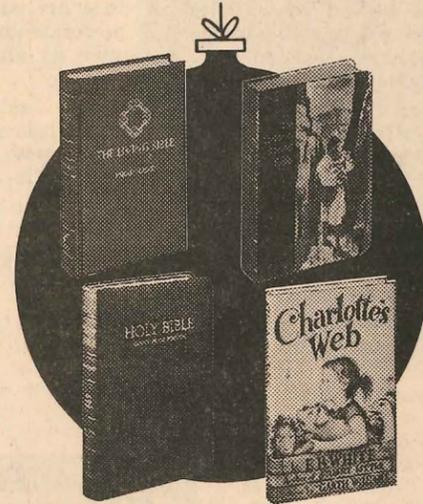
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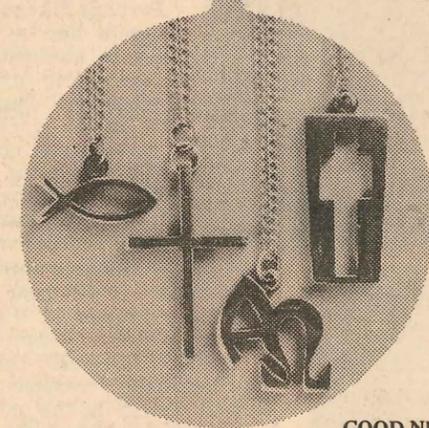
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## Cauthen Honored On Anniversary

Members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have established a special endowment fund and named the board's chapel in honor of Baker James Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, on his 20th anniversary.

The announcement came at a luncheon, widely attended by Southern Baptist leaders, at the board's October meeting.

Board members donated more than \$6,000 for the establishment of the Baker J. and Eloise G. Cauthen Endowment Fund, proceeds from which will be used for foreign missions.

The chapel at board headquarters in Richmond, previously unnamed, was designated The Baker James Cauthen Chapel.

A Richmond artist has been commissioned by the board to paint a portrait

of Mrs. Cauthen to hang in the board's parlor as a companion portrait of the one of Cauthen already hanging there.

Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary for Colorado Baptists, speaking for the board, recommended that "immediate steps be taken to find someone to write a joint biography about Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen."

M. Hunter Riggins, Jr., board member from Virginia and a Ford dealer, presented the Cauthens with a new Ford on behalf of the board. Mrs. Cauthen was given a world clock that indicates the correct time everywhere in the world.

Before becoming the board's top executive, Cauthen was the board's secretary for the Orient, 1945-53; a missionary to China, 1940-45; a missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, 1935-39; and pastor of rural and city churches, 1926-39.

When Cauthen assumed his present post 20 years ago, 900 missionaries served in 33 countries. Today, 2,500 missionaries work in 77 countries. (BP)



Cauthen

## Druin, Collings, Roberson Take Posts With Home Mission Board

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has named Toby Druin of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Lyndon W. Collings of Gary, Indiana, to newly created positions.

Druin, associate editor of North Carolina's *Biblical Recorder* since 1966, will become editor of the mission agency's news service, December 1. Collings, superintendent of missions for Northwest Indiana Baptist Association, was elected assistant secretary of the department of church extension, effective November 15.



Druin

The board also named Mrs. Katherine G. Roberson, a systems analyst from Fairfax, Alabama, to direct the agency's office personnel. She succeeds Mrs. Evelyn Worley who retires in January.

Druin, 38, worked eight years with daily newspapers in Texas, including

papers in Amarillo, Borger, Wichita Falls and Waco, before earning a journalism degree from Baylor University, Waco, and serving with the school's public relations office.

Collings, whose new responsibilities extend from the Great Lakes to Florida, has been a superintendent of missions in Indiana since 1969. He has held pastorates in Kentucky and Indiana.

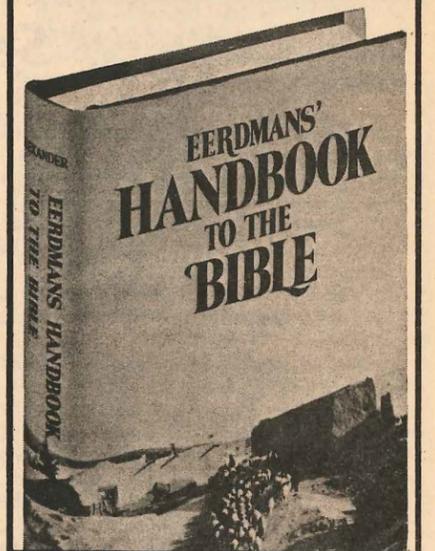


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ville. He is 50.

Druin, the first Home Mission Board staffer with exclusive news responsibilities, joins an editorial department of journalists who produce the agency's magazine, Home Missions, and mission study books, as well as the news service. (BP)

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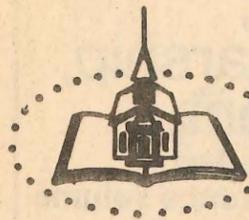
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## Being Sensitive To Personal Needs

John 4:9-19, 28-29

Christ's growing popularity increased the envious opposition of the Pharisees, so it became advisable for Him to leave Judea and go to Galilee. On His journey He went through Samaria because there were sin-sick and needy souls in that country to whom He could minister, and He could teach His disciples what their attitude toward non-Jews should be.

In the course of His journey Christ and His disciples came to Jacob's well, which was about a ten minute's walk from Sychar, or the present town of Nablus. It was about noon when the travellers arrived at the well, hot, tired, hungry and thirsty. Weary from the journey, the Master sat down on the parapet of the well, while His disciples went into the village to buy food. By this famous well there took place one of the most beautiful, interesting and memorable events recorded in the Bible.

Ere long a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water for her household needs. Embarrassed and disgusted that Christ was sitting there, she stared at Him.

In spite of her dense ignorance, racial prejudice and terrible wickedness, Christ was quite anxious to save this woman. With remarkable wisdom and unusual tact, Christ asked her to help Him by giving Him a drink. The request awakened her surprise, broke down her prejudice and appealed to her sympathy.

In the course of the conversation which ensued, Christ told the woman that those who drank water from Jacob's well would thirst again, a fact she had learned already by experience, but that there was something far better than the water from that well. He told her that the water which He gave possessed the quality of satisfying completely all who drank it. Christ never holds out before anyone the prospect of any good without the possibility of its realization.

Aware that a knowledge of one's sinful condition must precede salvation, Christ probed into her sinful life, tactfully led her to the realization that she was a great sinner and taught her the necessity of repentance. When she tried to change the subject, Christ re-

fused to be side-tracked. He had come into the world to save sinners and here was one such person who might not have another opportunity to be saved. Upon her acceptance of Christ as her Saviour, He saved her soul and transformed her life.

With the longing of her heart satisfied completely by the Lord Jesus Christ, this grateful and happy woman hastened back to Sychar to tell her friends and acquaintances what Christ had done for her. In her joyous excitement she gave her townspeople a glowing testimony about what the Messiah now meant to her. She wanted them to come into possession of the same kind of joy which she had received. When people are forgiven of their sins and come to know and love Christ, they want others to know Him also. Genuine commitment to Christ results in faithful witnessing for Him and in inviting others to trust Him as their Saviour.

As soon as they were convinced that

she had been transformed and was living a new life, her partners in sin did not sneer at her but they listened attentively to her as she related her experience of salvation. She rejoiced greatly in the privilege of telling her experience of grace. As a result of her loving and enthusiastic testimony, and in response to her earnest and urgent invitation to come and see and hear Christ, many of the Samaritans went out to Jacob's well to see and hear the One Who had done so much for this woman.

Having heard Christ for themselves, many of them believed on Him and were saved. Those who were saved besought Him to remain in their midst a while longer, and He tarried a couple of days. During that time many others heard Him and those who were witnessing for Him, and they, too, accepted Him as their Saviour. He completely satisfied their thirst for light, life and love. ■

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## Life In The Christian Community

In his writings Paul's method was to lay the foundation and then to build the superstructure, to set forth doctrines and then to emphasize duties, to teach principles and then to appeal for correct practices.

Romans 12:1-8

Here Paul made a strong appeal to the Christians at Rome to "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God" which, he added, was a reasonable service. God cannot use a corpse, but He can and will use a living body that is wholly dedicated to Him. "Present" is a term which means a voluntary giving.

This surrender is to be continuous — "a living sacrifice." This kind of surrender and dedication is "reasonable" in view of what Christ has done for us and wants to do in and through us. Nothing short of complete dedication of self to God will completely satisfy Him and make life what it ought to be.

Although we present our bodies as living sacrifices to God, we must still live in a world whose spirit and practices are antagonistic to Him. It is

God's will for believers to be separated from the world for various reasons: because the character of this age is evil, the conduct of those in this age is foolish, the spirit of this age is selfish and the end of this age is destruction.

Unless a person makes a definite presentation of his body to God, his life will be conformed to this world. His aim is apt to be money, fame, pleasure or power. Conformity to the world is one of the blights on the lives of many Christians and it hampers tremendously the work of Christ. The call, then, is for nonconformity to the world and for surrender to the transforming grace of God. God calls upon us to forsake our plans and to seek His will for our lives because it is good, acceptable and perfect. To many the will of God is something to be avoided or, at best, to be endured. But, in reality, the one who lives nearest the center of the will of God for his life is the one who lives the happiest, the most successful and the most useful life.

In these verses seven gifts are mentioned — prophecy, ministry, teaching,

exhortation, giving, ruling and showing mercy. These gifts are to be used for the edification of the saints and the winning of the lost to a saving knowledge in Christ. Among the qualities which should be displayed by all Christians are the following — modesty, humility, sincerity, love, dedication, interdependence, dependability and Christlikeness. Praiseworthy virtues may be summarized in obedience to God and service to men. What a privilege it is to be a partner with God in propagating the gospel and in edifying the saved.

I Corinthians 12:12-13

Within the membership of the church at Corinth was a strong tendency to be attracted to and influenced by the externally impressive gifts, such as clever oratory and flashes of brilliance, and to despise the genuinely spiritual gifts which are imparted by the Holy Spirit. This contributed greatly to the unfortunate divisions within the membership.

The Holy Spirit never bestows gifts upon Christians for the gratification and glory of the recipients, but always for the exaltation of Christ, the proclamation of the gospel, the salvation of the lost, the edification of the saved, the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

Paul here uses the human body with its varied members as an analogy of the church, and he deals with the relationship of each member to the other. In the human body each member has its own particular function and the proper function of each is necessary to the best interests of all the other members.

Even though the members of the human body are numerous, they compose and belong to but one body. Each member is in the very best position in which it could be placed for the greatest service and usefulness to the whole. The various members perform their respective and different functions, for which they are naturally fitted for the good of the entire body, and without any friction between them. If one member of the body suffers, other members suffer also.

It is the divine intention for us to make the spiritual application of these facts which are self-evident in the physical realm. Since the different parts of the human body cooperate beautifully, it is certainly unwise for a member of the church to yield to prejudice, conceit, pride, jealousy, envy or covetousness. Just as a body is healthy and efficient when each of its parts functions properly, so Christians in the membership of a church should respect, sympathize with, work, and witness to all people of all races, thereby introducing them to the wonderful Saviour. What a privilege and what a responsibility! ■

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# Baptists?

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right down the middle, and not given to extremism at all.

As for social concern among Southern Baptists, it seems to me to be greater than in any previous era. The Christian Life Commission has served as our conscience to goad us to action. Southern Baptists have made and are making constant progress in the area of race relations. Social ministries are in evidence in countless numbers of our churches. Much has been done, but

## Former Tennessee Exec. Sec. Dies

Funeral services were held in Tallapoosa, Georgia, for Charles W. Pope, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, who died at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville. He was 82.

Pope, Tennessee Baptist top executive for 14 years, previously served as pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

He also taught elementary school in Steadman, Georgia, and missions, evangelism and Greek at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

He earned both bachelor and master of arts degrees from Mercer and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Two Tennessee schools — Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Cumberland University, Lebanon — awarded him honorary doctorates.

A native Georgian, Pope moved to Tallapoosa after his retirement in 1956. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Maye Willoughby Pope, and four children. (BP)

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there remains much land to be possessed. Forgetting the things which are behind, we must press on.

But we must not forget that a classical "social gospel" must not become the primary center of emphasis. Southern Baptists must preach and practice a spiritual gospel which has social implications. We must follow the example of Jesus who came to minister to the whole man — spirit, mind and body. Our task is, first, to win people to Christ, then to develop and send them forth as Christian citizens to make their impact upon the social order. And the churches should provide channels and opportunities for all these things to be done.

Maston sounds this note when he calls upon us to stay close to the Bible, to center our ministry upon people, and to "couple a basically conservative theological stance with our social concern." With this I could not more agree. I am sure that he agrees with me that while we must minister to the underprivileged and downtrodden, we must also minister to those more fortunate in the social structure. Like Jesus, we must minister to both Nicodemus and the woman at the well. For

both need to be objects of our concern, each in his own condition. Like Jesus, also, we must use our social action as a means to reach the souls of men. For he who is without Christ is hungry, naked, thirsty and poor indeed — no matter what his material status may be. I do not add this contrary to Maston's words. For, knowing his heart I know that to this he would say "Amen!" The one we must do and not leave the other undone.

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PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 19-20, 1973  
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2:15 P.M.	Worship	Phillip Landgrave
2:30 P.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
3:30 P.M.	Break	
3:45 P.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
4:45 P.M.	Break	
5:30 P.M.	Supper	
7:00 P.M.	Worship	Phillip Landgrave
7:30 P.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
9:00 P.M.	Fellowship	

TUESDAY

7:30 A.M.	Breakfast	
8:30 A.M.	Worship	Phillip Landgrave
8:50 A.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
10:00 A.M.	Break	
10:20 A.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
11:30 A.M.	Adjourn	
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7:00 P.M.	Welcome	Roy E. Boatwright
7:15 P.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
8:15 P.M.	Break	
8:30 P.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
9:30 P.M.	Adjourn	

SATURDAY

8:00 A.M.	Breakfast	
9:00 A.M.	Scripture and Prayer	
9:10 A.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
10:15 A.M.	Break	
10:30 A.M.	Bible Study	Wayne E. Ward
11:30 A.M.	How to Promote January Bible Study	
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## Baptist Agency Declares Opposition To Amendment Prohibiting Abortions

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in semi-annual session, voted opposition to proposed constitutional amendments that would prohibit abortion. The committee made it clear, however, that it was taking no stand for or against abortion.

The action of the Baptist Joint Committee was aimed at proposed amendments now in Congress to guarantee that protection of the right to life granted "persons" by the Constitution would be extended to include "unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development..."

In the Senate such an amendment has been introduced by Senators James L. Buckley (Republican, New York) and Mark O. Hatfield (Republican, Oregon). In the House of Representatives,

### Deaconesses Elected, Seminary Students Urge 'Female Rights'

The subject of women serving as deaconesses in Southern Baptist churches has arisen on two fronts — Memphis, Tennessee, where Prescott Memorial Church elected two women, and in Louisville, Kentucky, where seminary students affirmed "the right of the female to serve in the position of deacon in our Southern Baptist churches."

Mrs. Annette Bickers, 35, of Memphis, and Mrs. Evelyn Estelle, 39, of Cordova, Tennessee, elected in a secret ballot along with four men from a roster of 18 names, were scheduled for ordination by the Memphis church.

In Louisville, a resolution by the student senate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary not only affirmed the right of the female to serve as a deacon but also "to interpret and to answer the call to the Christian ministry, regardless of what form that ministry may take."

The resolution also made the "request that our local churches and their memberships, as well as the agencies and departments of our Southern Baptist Convention, support these affirmations by a more conscientious effort to consider women for all areas of Christian service and ministry."

No exact statistics are available, but a survey by *The Deacon*, quarterly publication of the SBC Sunday School Board, reveals some scattered Southern Baptist churches in Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, New York State, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Tennessee have ordained women as deaconesses.

a similar proposal is being pushed by Representative Lawrence J. Hogan (Republican, Maryland). Some other members of Congress are listed as co-sponsors of these two measures or have introduced proposed constitutional amendments which would have the same intent.

The Baptist action was based solely on the principles of civil liberties and religious freedom, according to James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee. The committee has not taken a stand either for or against abortion although some member bodies have resolutions concerning abortion rights.

The discussion during the three-day meeting indicated Baptists have no consensus on the question of abortion.

In voting opposition to the Buckley-Hatfield and similar amendments, the Baptist agency asked its Washington-based staff to "take all available action to oppose" such efforts to amend the Constitution.

The Buckley-Hatfield amendment (Senate Journal Resolution 119) says:

Section 1. With respect to the right to life, the word 'person', as used in this article and in the fifth and four-

teenth articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, applies to all human beings, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development, irrespective of age, health, function, or condition of dependency.

Section 2. This article shall not apply in an emergency when a reasonable medical certainty exists that continuation of the pregnancy will cause the death of the mother.

Most of the proposed constitutional amendments would reverse the Supreme Court's decision of last January which said the state could not deny medical services relating to abortion to a woman during the first 12 weeks of her pregnancy. The high court did not endorse or recommend abortion for anyone.

In 1971 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution calling "upon Southern Baptists to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother." (BP)



**KENTUCKIAN ELECTED** — Eldred Taylor, second from left, was elected first vice president of the Foreign Mission Board at the board's recent meeting in Richmond, Virginia. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, is serving his second three year term on the Foreign Mission Board. Other officers elected were, from left to right, W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Mississippi, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, reelected to his second term as president; Robert B. Bass of Richmond, second vice president; and Mrs. Thomas C. Womble, Jr., of Clemmons, North Carolina, recording secretary. At right is Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the FMB.