



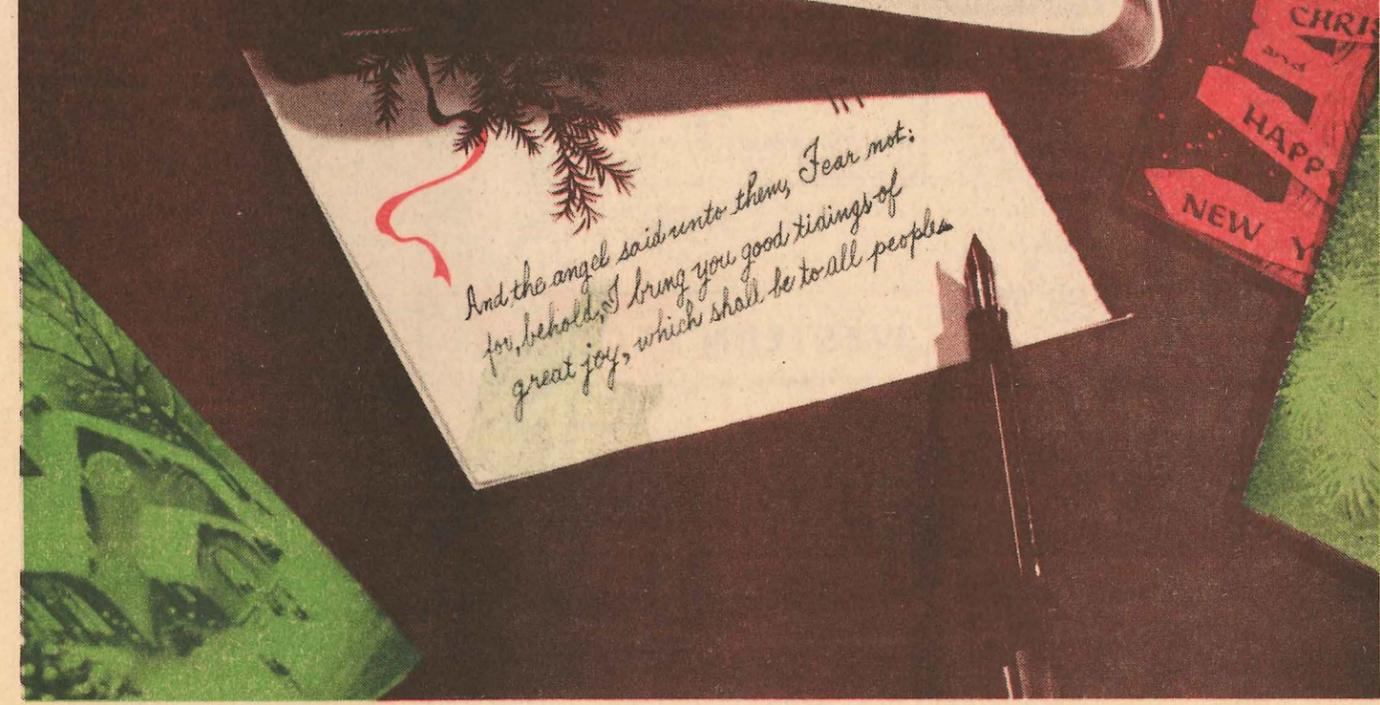
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1. *Prophecy of Zacharias.*  
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 And his father Zacharias was  
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 sied, saying:  
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 ad; for he hath visited and re-  
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 AND it came to pass in those  
 days, that there went out a  
 decree from Caesar Augustus, that  
 all the world should be taxed.  
 2 (And this was first made  
 when Censur was first made  
 by Syria.)  
 3 And every man was to pay  
 tax according to his estate.  
 4 And they were gathered to-  
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 5 And Mary was also gone with  
 Joseph, and lay in a manger,  
 and he lay in a manger, and  
 they made known abroad the  
 thing which was told them  
 concerning this child.  
 6 And all they that heard of  
 these things, wondered at  
 them by the shepherds, who  
 were with Mary, who kept  
 all these things in her heart,  
 and pondered them in her  
 soul, and the shepherds re-  
 turned, glorifying and praising  
 God for all that they had  
 seen, as it was told unto them.  
 7 And when eight days were  
 accomplished for the circum-  
 cising of the child, his name  
 was called JESUS, which was  
 said of the angel before he  
 was conceived in the womb.  
 8 And when the days of her  
 purification according to the  
 law of Moses were accom-  
 plished, they brought him  
 to Jerusalem, to present him  
 to the Lord;  
 9 (As it is written in the  
 law of the Lord, Every male  
 that openeth the womb shall  
 be called holy to the Lord.)  
 10 And to offer a sacrifice accord-  
 ing to that which is said in  
 the law of the Lord, A pair  
 of turtle doves, or two young  
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 11 And there was a man in  
 Jerusalem, whose name was  
 Simeon; and the same was  
 just and devout, waiting  
 for the consolation of Israel;  
 and the Holy Ghost was upon  
 him.  
 12 And it was revealed unto  
 him by the Holy Ghost, that  
 he should not see death, before  
 he had seen the Lord's  
 Christ.  
 13 And he came by the Spirit  
 into the temple; and when  
 the parents brought in the  
 child Jesus, to do for him  
 after the custom of the law,

CHAPTER 2.  
 1 Augustus taxeth all the Roman empire. 2 The na-  
 tivity of Christ. 3 One angel visiteth 4 to the shep-  
 herds: 5 Many angels praise to God for it. 6 The  
 shepherds adore the child. 7 Mary purified. 8 The  
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And the angel said unto them, Fear not:  
 for, behold, I bring you good tidings of  
 great joy, which shall be to all people



## Staff Changes

Lewis Seward is the new pastor of Clear Creek Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. His pastorate at Clear Creek began on November 4.



Seward

Seward and his wife, Lucille, have three children: Lewis, Jr., Larry and Lori.

Robert Hardrick has been called to the pastorate of the Quinn Baptist Church, Caldwell Association. On December 2, 1973, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Diamond Baptist Church in Little Bethel Association. Richard Wallace is pastor of the Diamond Church.

Kentucky pastor Charles William Deweese has joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville as assistant director of editorial and research services, a newly created position.



Deweese

Deweese, 29, current pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Oakland, Kentucky, has completed requirements for a doctor of theology degree in church history from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and also holds a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree from Mars Hill (North Carolina) College.

Lynn May, Historical Commission executive secretary, said Deweese will assist in the production of periodicals, promotional materials and other publications, conduct research projects, provide historical information and consultation and assist in promoting the com-

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mission's program of recording, procuring, preserving and utilizing important Southern Baptist historical materials.

A native of Asheville, North Carolina, he is a former pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Madison, Indiana, and was a recipient of a study grant from the Davis C. Wooley Memorial Fund, administered by the Historical Commission. (BP)

Albert J. Gisler has resigned the pastorate of Shively Heights Baptist Church, effective December 30. He has accepted the pastorate of Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and will begin his ministry there on January 13, 1974. Prior to his service at Shively Heights, Gisler held pastorates in Crestwood Baptist Church, Greensburg Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort and Buffalo Baptist Church, all in Kentucky. He is a native of Stanford and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, Louisville.



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"... and please don't let Santa's sleigh get hijacked to Cuba, amen!"

## DEVOTIONAL



Gary Cook  
Student, Southern Seminary  
Louisville

Matthew 25:34-40

On the day before Thanksgiving, an elderly lady living in downtown Louisville called Southern Seminary to invite a student to eat Thanksgiving dinner with her. She was not calling for a particular student, but for any student that might want to come.

She told the switchboard operator that she wasn't a Baptist, but that she had heard that there were a lot of nice young people at the seminary. She said that most of her friends were planning dinners with their families. Having no family, this lonely lady called an unfamiliar place to invite a stranger to share dinner with her.

Holidays can be the loneliest days of the year for those without families nearby. In every church and community, there are those who will be by themselves on Christmas Day. Widows and widowers, international students, missionary kids, and unmarried men and women are some examples of those who may be alone this Christmas.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing. God loves us so much that he gave us the greatest gift of all time, his Son. Will we give our greatest gift—the gift of love—this Christmas? Will we share our love with not only our family but with fellow brothers and sisters of our church and community?

It is easy to love our family and those who reach out to us, but God calls us to reach out to all people. Is there someone you know who will be spending Christmas alone unless you invite him or her to your home for Christmas?

## WESTERN RECORDER

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

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Dark

Christmas

By Robert J. Hastings  
Editor, The Illinois Baptist

In a recent issue, *Newsweek* magazine raised the question, "Are we running out of everything?"

Some label the shortages as artificial, saying big business is jiggling statistics just to raise prices. Others say the shortages are the inevitable result of a mushrooming world population which each year consumes more food, burns more gasoline, and converts more farmland into parking lots.

1973 may be remembered as the "black Christmas." Even before President Nixon banned outdoor decorations, many cities had predicted cutbacks. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, known as "The Christmas City," was thrown into an uproar when Mayor H. G. Payrow announced that yuletide decorations would be cut back by 80 percent.

But if the Christmas of 1973 is brown or even black on the ground, it will be a bright one in the sky.

For hurdling toward our sun at the incredible speed of 100,000 miles per hour is the Comet Kohoutek, which some predict will be the most dazzling display of this century.

At the end of November, this new comet was visible to the naked eye just before sunrise. By Christmas, with tail billowing out behind for tens of millions of miles, it could glow one-fifth as brightly as the moon. When it reaches its peak brilliance in January, its tail may sweep across one-sixth of the horizon.

Astronomers predict that after Comet Kohoutek fades from our sight in February, it will not be visible again for 75,000 years!

It seems more than coincidental that for this black Christmas of 1973, God timetabled one of his most striking displays in celestial history.

I know a glowing comet won't put food on our tables, warm our homes, nor fuel our cars. But if this 20th century star of Bethlehem causes us to look up and beyond the artificial tinsel of Christmas, who can say there's not a silver lining to the energy shortage?

"The heavens declare the glory of God," wrote the ancient Psalmist, "and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

My friend, Bessie Stagg, editor of *The Bartonville News* at Bartonville, Illinois, recently told me a beautiful story about the Christmas sky.

Tommy, her son, was born with a rare eye malady. He was nearsighted in one eye, far-sighted in the other. Not until he was eight years of age and in the third grade did his parents learn his eyes were tragically out of focus, each working against the other.

He'd been fooling his teachers by memorizing the reading lessons. When he played softball, he watched the pitcher's wind-up, counted five, and started swinging, even though he couldn't see the ball!

Fortunately, a specialist diagnosed Tommy's problem and fitted him with corrective lenses. "If you don't focus properly," the doctor told Bessie, "you can never adjust to the real world."

The first December after Tommy was fitted with his new glasses, Bessie took him to Carson, Pirie and Scott, a large department store in nearby Peoria. When they walked inside, Tommy was overwhelmed with the Christmas decorations.

"He was simply entranced," Bessie told me. "So we just left him standing near the door, drinking it all in, while we continued shopping."

Darkness had fallen by the time they left. Outside, the stars were shining. Little Tommy, really aware of them for the first time in his life, cried, "Look, mother, the Christmas lights are stretched all across the sky!"

Yes, Tommy, that's where the real Christmas lights have been all along. Only too many of us have grown preoccupied with the artificial glitter of earth.

This Christmas, let's all look up! It's the only way to see the Light of the world. And to paraphrase the ophthalmologist, if we can't see above us, we can never adjust to what's around us.



**The Influence Of Business Practices Upon Churches**

All of us have pet peeves. One of mine is false or misleading advertisements. Competition is so keen and hunger for profit so strong that all kinds of gimmicks are used to woo the customer.

A favorite device used by supermarkets, discount stores and other stores is to lower the prices on a few items so shoppers will rush for these items and once there they are likely to buy other items which are not reduced but are maybe even a little higher than ordinary in order to offset the special prices. Too many times when customers ask for the special items which are advertised in the newspaper they are told the supply of this item is exhausted. Some stores will give the customer a "rain check" which means that when a new supply of the article arrives the customer can still have it for the special price. This is admirable but too few stores are that admirable.

Misleading ads are used in nearly every business. For example, there is a leading store which advertises what sounds like quality auto tires for a very low price. When the customer goes to buy the tires he is told by the salesman that the advertised tires are available but are of such low quality that he would not recommend them. A higher priced tire is recommended. A few customers will resent being misled and buy nothing but a high percentage of the customers will listen to the salesman's line and buy the more expensive tires.

The reason I resent such advertising is that I resent being manipulated and sometimes even cheated. I am the first to admit I know little about business practices but I do know that intentional misrepresentation anywhere and anytime is not only unethical but outrightly sinful. Nevertheless this seems to be the dominant American business philosophy today. The motto practiced but not admitted by many business places in this generation is, "let the buyer beware." The trouble with this philosophy is that most buyers don't know how to be aware until they have been stung several times.

Such gimmicks are not new to most of us and we have come to expect them. We expect them in the business world but it is hard to see why such methods would be used by churches. We regret, however,

that some churches, consciously or unconsciously, have fallen into this practice of using gimmicks. This is a big temptation for churches in cities and also some rural churches. They will resort to most any gimmick to stay up with or surpass neighboring churches in attendance and income.

Now to love our church and invite others to visit the services is altogether proper. We should love our church next to our Lord and say so to fellow members and especially to the unsaved and to the unenlisted. Furthermore an attractive outdoor bulletin board giving the name of the church, the name of the pastor, the schedule of services and other basic information is most helpful and especially to visitors.

Newspaper advertising by churches is also appropriate when the information used in the ad is correct and not misleading. What is inappropriate is that some of the claims made by churches on their bulletin boards or on their stationery are more like the competitive business world than Christian standards. For example, consider the claim used widely a few years ago, "The end of your search for a friendly church." Such a claim implies other churches are not friendly when the truth could be the church making the claim is not so friendly itself. Even if the advertising church is friendly it would be better for someone else to say so instead of the church.

Again consider this one a church used in a newspaper advertisement, "You have tried the rest, now try the best." What presumption! This sounds like a slogan more fitting for business rivals than for churches.

To summarize what this article is trying to say is that a church should use every good practice found in the business world but should never employ unethical advertising practices. Jesus Christ and the salvation he gives is the only sure claim we have and church members should be making this claim every day in word and in deed. To resort to unethical practices could never be pleasing to an ethical God. To use unethical practices for worthy objectives is not right though many Baptist churches have and still are using such practices.

**Kentucky Baptists Love Bible Study**

The January Bible Conferences are coming to be one of the most loved and best attended events in the life of Baptist churches. At least this is the case with Kentucky Baptists. A few years ago the churches which participated in this concentrated study of a book in the Bible were the exceptions. Now the churches which don't have this special study are the exceptions.

How do we account for the growth in this particular church activity while some of the older activities of many churches have declined in popularity and participation? There are many answers to this question. I do not know many of these answers but allow me to make several observations.

Baptists are hungry for solid Bible truths and are demonstrating a renewed love for God's word. Those who attend Sunday School and worship each Sunday hear scripture taught and proclaimed but seldom have the advantage of concentrated study of one book in the Bible. And this is about the only way to learn much about the treasures of the Bible.

I went to Sunday School from before I can remember and our family never considered not staying for the worship service. Furthermore I had some excellent Sunday School teachers and our little village church had more than its share of able pastors who exalted the Bible as well as the Lord. The fact is, however, it was only after taking a Bible course in college that I ever learned much about the scriptures.

Our Baptist forefathers loved the Bible and tried to incorporate its teaching in their lives. This has not been the case with all Baptists since then but it appears there is a return to the Bible for help in this confused and uncertain world.

Much of the credit for the success of January Bible studies in Kentucky belongs to Dr. Roy Boatwright of the state Sunday School department and his associates. In addition to his efforts to lead every church to participate he has set up preview studies for prospective teachers and others at Jonathan Creek and Cedarmore. Last year I attended the one at Jonathan Creek and it was excellent in attendance and in quality. This year I went to Cedarmore for the first two sessions of the preview and found it difficult to find a parking space. The downstairs conference rooms were not only filled but late comers could hardly find a seat.

Dr. Boatwright was overflowing with delight and understandably so. The sight of a large meeting place filled beyond capacity with Baptists seriously studying the book of Colossians was wonderful.

Of course having Dr. Wayne Ward as the teacher influenced many to attend. As a Bible expositor who can communicate with Kentucky Baptists Ward has few equals and no superiors.

Each session of the study began with a musical worship period planned and led by Dr. Phillip Landgrave of Southern Seminary's music school. This man can use music in worship better than anyone I ever knew.

No Kentucky Baptist church ought to start the year without using this special opportunity for Bible study. The pastor can teach it in prayer meeting each week which I tried once but found it difficult. But whether the teacher is the pastor, another pastor, a denomination worker or an informed layman, don't start the year without January Bible Study.



**'A PERSONAL DECISION'**

Dear Editor:

Abortion is a personal decision and neither the church nor the government has any right or responsibility in anything that is purely personal.

Without question a 100% contraceptive is the perfect help for everyone, but the male dominated medical world is making slow progress.

No girl, no woman, in the whole world should have to have an unwanted baby — anything less is a form of slavery. No form of slavery is Christian!

Abortion is not murder — it is saving life, the life of a mother already

overworked and a father already wondering how to care for his family; the life of young people caught in the trap set by adults as they run the world "32 hours" a day with sex as the theme — all for the sake of a dollar.

Abortion is saving life! Murder is the 50,000 children who will die this year from child abuse (by parents). Worse than murder is the 300,000 children who will be maimed for life by child abuse (by parents) this year. And these figures count only cases that become public — so the actual count will be much higher. Officials report that "child abuse is approaching epidemic proportions."

Let those who can't look at the world with realism and compassion remain helpfully silent!

Barbourville Mrs. Clifford Prichard

**'A CHRISTIAN LIFE'**

Dear Editor:

Only believe (Acts 6:31). We have heard it said many times, it is so hard to live a Christian life. It might not be so hard if we would only believe that the Bible is God's inspired word and the only truth that we have.

The Bible verses listed here (Psalms 118:24, 107:1, 51:10, 19:14, 2 Timothy 2:15, John 15:12) contain my daily prayer for myself. I hope and pray that everyone who reads this will make it their prayer too.

Only one life  
It will soon be past.  
Only what is done for  
Christ will last.

Petersburg, Ky. Mrs. Jennings Acra

## First, Paducah, Starts TV Ministry

After talking about it for eight years and making careful investigation during the last two years, the First Baptist Church, Paducah, began a television ministry on December 9. The Sunday morning worship service is telecast over station WDRX and can be seen in

parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois and north Mississippi.

Paul Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, was the speaker for special dedication services. Stevens also spoke at a men's prayer breakfast and at the evening service.

The planning for the television ministry included conferences with Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street, Louisville, and Trevis Otey, pastor of First Baptist in Jackson, Tennessee. Both these pastors televise the Sunday morning services and recommend the use of television to reach more people.

Working with pastor John Wood was Robert Kersey, associate pastor and music director of the church. It was learned that the front of the sanctuary would have to be remodeled to accommodate the television equipment and that a new church organ would be required to improve the sound.

The church voted to go all the way and a campaign for the needed funds was conducted. Nearly one-half of the needed funds was given or pledged.

Five people are required to operate the equipment and Kersey reports that nearly three teams have already been enlisted and trained. Kersey also says the television ministry has revitalized every area of the church life.

Pastor Wood says, "We're trying to proclaim a first century gospel today and we think television is the means made available to the church today to spread the gospel. We feel that, per dollar, the money invested in the television ministry will reach more people than the money invested any other way."

## World Day Of Prayer Involves 7 Million

More than seven million women participated in the international Baptist Women's Day of Prayer last November 5, according to figures released in Washington by the Baptist World Alliance.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of both the BWA's women's department and the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, said the attendance about doubled that of the year before.

The day of prayer emphasis has been growing steadily since its inauguration at the request of European women immediately after World War II.

Mrs. Mathis said the day's program was distributed in more than 100 languages and was observed either by large groups or "by twos and threes" in countries around the world.

Women in community centers were encouraged to plan joint meetings across racial and convention lines, the BWA reports, "but even in isolated villages in developing countries of the world, they gathered in homes or village churches to meditate on their Christian responsibility and to pray for Christian causes." (BP)



ANNIVERSARY — Summersville Baptist Church in Russell Creek Association recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. Three former pastors, Nobel Cottrell, D. L. Druin and Coy Kidd, returned for the special service and each delivered an inspirational message. Above, the more than 250 persons attending the morning and afternoon services begin to partake of food at noon. Thurman Eaton is pastor.

## Eighteen Students

FRANKLIN OWEN

Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



The Matching Funds Scholarship Plan is an attempt to help Baptist youth to attend a Baptist college, despite being short of funds.

If his church will support the first year student to the extent of \$100 per semester, the college will match the amount and the state convention, likewise. Thus, there is available up to \$300 per semester, or \$600 per year.

The only trouble with the above is the fact that our Christian Education Day offering for this cause last year failed to bring in enough funds for us to respond to all of the student applicants.

More than sixty students in our three Kentucky Baptist colleges are currently receiving this support.

I have on my desk the names of eighteen more applicants whose churches have endorsed them with their support and to whom the colleges in each case have extended like support, but for whom our state convention office has no money. Thirteen of these students are in school the current semester, and five more have applied who are to be new students the second semester. I am looking hard for \$3,100 (two terms for thirteen people and one term for five more).

Eighteen Baptist students whose churches think enough of their character and need to have put up \$100 (\$200 if they go both terms) and whose colleges have done the same. I must find \$3,100 if the state convention is to come through with its part.

Deserving students, endorsed by their home churches, endorsed by the colleges — eighteen Baptist students. Who will help?

I'm already worried about next school year. Pastors, please start plans now to observe Christian Education Day, February 17, 1974. The list of applicants grows as more people find out that we are trying to do this. The amount of money must grow if we are to respond favorably to these applications. Every Christian student who wants to attend a Baptist college should be able to do so.

*Frank Owen*

WESTERN RECORDER

## Executive Board Redistributes \$77,010, Buys BSU Center

By Bob Terry  
Associate Editor

The KBC Executive Board, meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, December 13-14, voted to:

► redistribute \$77,010 formerly going to Kentucky Southern College;

► purchase a modular unit to be used as a Baptist Student Center at Northern Kentucky State College;

► grant Cedarmore assembly permission to borrow \$36,000 to remodel the motel units at the Baptist state camp.

The \$77,010 is part of a \$6,000,000 loan package authorized in 1966 at a special session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. At that time the board agreed to underwrite \$300,000 a year for 20 years. The borrowed funds were then distributed among the colleges, schools and Baptist Student Union work.

When the Kentucky Baptist Convention severed relationships with Kentucky Southern College in 1967, the convention agreed to continue the college's Christian Education Advance (CEA) allotment (\$77,010) for an additional five years. That commitment expired August 31 of this year.

Speaking to the Executive Board's Christian education committee, executive secretary Frank Owen stated, "It is my belief that the funds now available should be distributed in accordance with the intent of the 1966 special convention."

Following the executive secretary's suggestion, the committee recommend-

ed to the full board that the \$77,010 be annually distributed in accordance with the revised CEA formula. Dollarwise, the amounts added to the participants will be:

Georgetown College .....	\$26,606.96
Campbellsville College .....	17,727.70
Cumberland College .....	17,727.70
Clear Creek School .....	2,926.38
Oneida Institute .....	3,973.72
BSU Centers .....	8,047.54

The request for the modular unit BSU center came from the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association. Two years ago the association purchased a four acre plot adjacent to the rapidly expanding Northern Kentucky University campus. The structure, as described, would consist of four modular units totalling 24 feet by 100 feet, with total cost not to exceed \$30,000.

The authorization stated that the structure would be supplied as soon as a Baptist campus minister was secured to serve the campus and teach Bible as a part of the school's faculty.

The Executive Board's action concerning Cedarmore specified that the \$36,000 loan would be repaid from the assembly's operating expenses.

Arlis Hinson, Cedarmore manager, outlined the need for the motel renovations but asked that he be allowed to proceed one at a time as funds be-

Chairman Henry Schafer recognizes a questioner during discussion about the report of the assembly and camps committee. In the background is Ben Steele, chairman of that committee.

came available. However, the assembly and camps committee felt, and the full board concurred, that a wiser course would be to borrow the funds, complete the whole renovation program and pay the loan from operating expenses.

The board also approved an addition to the home of the assembly's assistant manager. This addition will be paid for from operating expenses also.

A third item related to Cedarmore concerned a swimming pool for Cedar Crest, the girls camping area. Ben Steele, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, and chairman of the assembly and camps committee, reported that a problem had arisen with the construction of the pool and asked the board to cancel the contract with the contracting firm from Louisville. The committee was then authorized to let another contract for the facility provided a guaranteed completion date of June 1, 1974, was a part of it.

In other action, the board approved a program committee's suggestion of a study committee to work with the Baptist Board of Child Care to determine long range plans for family ministries. Also approved was a Christian life committee request that January 10-14, 1975, be set aside for Family Life Conferences. These would be under the direction of the church training department.

Three new board members were elected to fill vacancies occurring since the November convention. Those elected are: W. Louis Walters, Long Run Association; John P. Weaver, Greenup Association; and Paul E. Hatfield, Bethel Association.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board will be April 29-30.



Executive Board members listen intently to reports of the various committees. Each board member serves on a committee which meets for several hours prior to the convening of the full board. The board takes final action on all reports.

DECEMBER 22, 1973



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WHO'S WHO ON THE COMMITTEE:

# Administrative Committee Guide Convention Most Of Year

**ROLLIN S. BURHANS** serves as chairman of the administrative committee and its nominating committee this year. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

The Missouri native is now serving his second three year term on the board of directors of the *Western Recorder*. He has formerly served as chairman of the personnel committee and as a member of the administrative committee of the board.

Burhans is a graduate of Southern Seminary where he earned the ThM and ThD degrees. He also holds the LLD degree from William Jewell College in his native state.

He has been active in the Southern Baptist Convention and has served as a member of the committee on committees, the social action committee, and on the board of directors of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Prior to being called to Bowling Green Burhans held a pastorate at

Since the Kentucky Baptist Convention has empowered the Executive Board with the jurisdiction to act in behalf of the KBC between regular convention sessions, the Executive Board is an influential group.

But since the Executive Board has delegated to its executive committee charge of board affairs between full-board meetings, this 11 member committee is probably the most influential group among Kentucky Baptists.

The administrative committee is composed of the convention president, who also serves as chairman of the board, eight persons chosen by him to head up the board's eight standing committees, and the two KBC vice presidents who are also vice-chairmen of the board.

Among the committee's responsibilities are the organization, planning and scheduling of Executive Board work. It has authority to resolve the responsibility assignments on matters before the board. The administrative committee also directs and evaluates the work of the executive secretary as well as serve as the Executive Board's personnel committee.

A major charge to the committee is the authority to serve as the "ad interim Executive Board" and to "act in matters that are truly of an emergency nature." In each case the committee's actions are subject to board ratification.

Composing this year's administrative committee are Henry W. Schafer of Owensboro, board chairman; T. A. Prickett, also from Owensboro, first vice-chairman; C. Glenn Sullivan of Russellville, second vice-chairman; B. B. Steele, Frankfort, assembly and camps; Jim Highland, Williamsburg, campus ministries; Calvin Perry, Alexandria, Christian education; James Taulman, Fort Mitchell, Christian life; J. Wesley Shipp, Louisville, denominational cooperation; Ted R. Sisk, Lexington, finance; and H. Curtis Erwin, Glasgow, program committee.

Executive secretary Frank Owen is an ex officio member of the committee.

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He has served as president of the Owensboro Area Baptist Ministers' Fellowship and as moderator and Sunday School director of the Daviess-McLean Association.

**C. GLENN SULLIVAN** is the second vice-chairman of the board which is a result of his being elected second vice president of the convention.

His is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Russellville, and moderator of the Bethel Association.

The Mississippi native is a graduate of Mississippi College. An honor student, Sullivan was selected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* while at the college. He is also a graduate of Southern Seminary.

Sullivan has served four churches since he was ordained in 1956. One has been in Alabama, one in Mississippi, and the other two in Kentucky. Before his pastorate at Russellville he served the congregation of Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot.

**B. B. STEELE** directs the committee on assembly and camps this year. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Steele has served as a missions committee member, training union director, and Sunday School superintendent of the Daviess-McLean Association. He has also been president and later vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association. He also served on the faculty of the State Youth Conference at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly in Hardin.

The Arkansas native is a graduate of Southern Seminary and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1957.

In the Franklin Baptist Association he has served as Sunday School superintendent, member of the budget committee, executive board, and as chairman of the nominating committee.

**JIM HIGHLAND** heads up the campus ministries committee for the second consecutive year. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Wil-

liamsburg. Previous pastorates include Salt River church, Danville; Hopewell church, Harrodsburg; First church, Liberty; and Cumberland church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

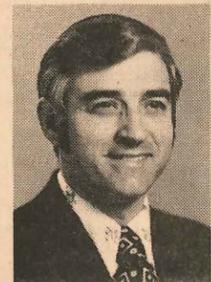
While in Tennessee he served as president of the Knoxville Pastors' Conference. He has served as president of the Whitley County Mental Retardation Association and president of the Cumberland College church advisory board.

Two years ago Highland served as vice-chairman of the campus ministries committee and last year was named chairman by then convention president T. L. McSwain of Richmond.

**CALVIN PERRY** leads the Christian education committee this year succeeding James B. Lewis of Louisville. He has been pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church in Alexandria for the past six years. He previously served a congregation in Boone County for 11 years.

The native Kentuckian is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

He is past vice-chairman of the Christian education committee which



Highland



Perry

he now chairs and a member of the Executive Board's nominating committee.

**JAMES TAULMAN** serves this year as chairman of the Christian life committee. He is pastor of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church.

The native of Oklahoma and graduate of Oklahoma Baptist College has served two churches in his native state and three in Kentucky. The pastorates in Kentucky include East Bend Baptist, Burlington; New Salem Baptist, Cox's Creek, and his present position in Fort Mitchell.

**J. WESLEY SHIPP** is chairman of the denominational cooperation committee this year. He is

pastor of Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

He has been a member of the Executive Board since 1971 and served two years on the Mayor's Task Force for Neighborhood Housing for the city of Louisville. He also was a member of the board of metropolitan foundation for Louisville and Jefferson County.

Shipp is a graduate of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, and Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Previous pastorates include four churches in Virginia and one in North Carolina.

**TED SISK** heads up the board's finance committee for the second consecutive year. He is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

A Georgia native, the Lexingtonian graduated from Piedmont College in Georgia and Southern Seminary.

Sisk began his church work as minister of music at Mission Covenant Church in South Chicago. From there he returned to his native state to serve the Crestview church in Marietta as minister of music.

He then accepted his first pastorate, Harmony Baptist Church in Baldwin, Georgia. During this time he was school superintendent in Banks County, Georgia.

While a student at Southern Seminary Sisk was associate pastor at Buechel Baptist Church in Louisville. After graduation he served as pastor of First church, Hogansville, Georgia; Highlawn church, Huntington, West Virginia; and then at his present location.

During his West Virginia tenure he was tapped for president of that convention. He has also served as moderator of Liberty Association in Georgia, a member of the Georgia Baptist executive committee, member of the West Virginia Baptist executive board, trustee



Taulman



Shipp



Sisk



Erwin

tee of Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia and is currently a trustee at Georgetown College.

**H. CURTIS ERWIN** is also serving his second consecutive term on the administrative committee. He directs the work of the board's program committee. The Tennessee native is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and Southern Seminary. Bethel College in Hopkinsville awarded Erwin the doctor of divinity degree.

He is also chairman of the convention's special committee on aging.

Before coming to his present pastorate in 1968, Glasgow Baptist Church, Erwin was pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville. Prior to that he served the Macedonia church in Owensboro and the Madness Memorial church in McMinnville, Tennessee.

He has been a trustee at Bethel College, Campbellsville College and Georgetown College. He was president of the board of Bethel College at the time of its closure.

Other denominational activities include a previous term on the administrative committee of the KBC Executive Board and membership on the Radio and Television Commission.

While in Tennessee he served on the state executive board and as president of the Sunday School Convention.

This is a brief look at the men composing the administrative committee of the Executive Board. The one omission is KBC president Henry W. Schafer, pastor of Bellvue Baptist Church in Owensboro. A more complete profile on this year's president will be printed in an upcoming issue.

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# Revival Reports

**Hillcrest Baptist Church**, Frankfort, held revival services on October 28-November 2. Pastor Don White of Lexington was the evangelist. Phil Roberts, youth evangelist, conducted a youth revival on November 3-4. Hillcrest pastor Charles White reports the following results: seven professions of faith, one addition by letter and three rededications.

**Nicholasville Baptist Church** of Elkhorn Association held revival services the week of November 25 - December 2. Nathan Bussey, evangelist from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was the evangelist. Tom Miller, pastor of Nicholasville church, reported a total of 63 decisions, including 25 professions of faith.

Bob W. Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington, and Enrique Romero, Trinity's minister of music, led revival services in **First Baptist Church of Albany**, Kentucky, in November. Mike Watts is the Albany pastor.



*ON PRODUCTION TOUR — Members of The Centurymen pause for song near the ruins of the Temple of Diana, the showplace of the ancient city of Sardis located in what is today Turkey. The Centurymen sang 18 songs and filmed on location for a documentary about the seven churches of Asia Minor. The documentary will be included in an upcoming "Human Dimension" series. The "Human Dimension" is produced for television by Baptists through their Radio and Television Commission.*

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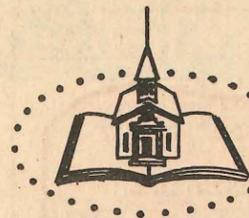


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## The Ministry Of The Spirit

John 16:7-11

Our Lord told His distressed disciples that it was for their benefit that He was leaving them, and then He announced to them the good news of the coming of the Holy Spirit. He assured them that the blessings which the Holy Spirit would bring to them would more than compensate for the loss of His own physical presence with them.

Since all of His work centers in Christ, to the unsaved the Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth regarding the Saviour, Whom He ever magnifies, exalts, and glorifies. Then He illuminates the understanding of the unsaved. Through the use of God's Word the Holy Spirit convicts them; that is, proves to them that they are out of harmony with God, that their guilt is inexcusable, and that God's demands must be satisfied or they will be punished. He convicts the lost of sin committed—the terrible sin of not believing on Christ, and convinces them that they are under condemnation because of that crowning iniquity. He also convicts the unsaved of their need of a Saviour and of that righteousness which Christ alone can give. He convicts of the judgment which God passed upon sin in the death of Christ on the cross. The Holy Spirit persuades those whom He has made conscious of their guilt of sin to believe on Christ and to receive the salvation which was planned by the Father and provided by the Son. He then imparts the divine nature to them. Upon receiving Christ as Saviour one is regenerated by the Holy Spirit and sealed "unto the day of redemption." The believer is given a new mind, a new will, and new affections.

I Corinthians 12:1-13

Among the numerous, varied, and serious problems which the Apostle Paul encountered in the church at Corinth was the one which had been created by the wrong tendency to be attracted and influenced by the externally impressive gifts, such as clever oratory and flashes of brilliance, and to despise the genuinely spiritual gifts which were imparted by the Holy Spirit. Their attitude in this matter was one of the factors which contributed to the unfortunate factions and divisions within the church there.

These spiritual gifts are never bestowed upon Christians by the Holy Spirit for the gratification and glory of their recipients and possessors, but always for the exaltation of Christ, the proclamation of His gospel, the salvation of the lost, the exposition of the Word of God, the edification of the saved, the glory of God, and the extension of His Kingdom. These gifts are to be developed and utilized.

Nine spiritual gifts are mentioned in these verses: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, the gift of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, the utterance of overpowering emotion, and the interpretation of tongues. None of these gifts are acquired, but all of them are bestowed. All of them come from the same source, which is the Holy Spirit. He bestows, administers, and energizes them.

While there is a variety of gifts, the Holy Spirit is the One Who distributes all of them. There are many gifts, but only one Giver. There are various talents, but only one source. These gifts

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## Water That Satisfies

John 4:7-15

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 there to whom He could minister, and because, by doing so, He could teach His disciples what their attitude toward non-Jews should be.

In the course of His journey Christ and His disciples arrived at 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, and they were 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.



are distributed according to divine discretion; therefore, each child of God should occupy the sphere and perform the service which are in accordance with the divine plan.

The Holy Spirit has many gifts to bestow upon the children of God. He has enough gifts for all of them to have all they will use. Recognizing the differences in our physical and mental equipment, we should not expect to receive identical spiritual gifts. No Christian is ever justified in being envious of the gift which another has received. The Holy Spirit is never partial to some and prejudiced against others, but He always does that which is right and best for each.

For the doing of our Lord's work on earth the Holy Spirit imparts one or more gifts to every saved person. Whatever the gift may be, every Christian should receive cheerfully and gratefully the Spirit-given talent and use it to the fullest for the glory of God, the benefit of the saved, and the salvation of the lost.

est drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?" He told her of a real and present opportunity. In substance He said, "Woman, I have asked you for a drink of water; but if you only knew Who I am, and what I can do for you, you would ask of Me, and I would give you living water."

In the course of the conversation which ensued, Christ told the woman that those who drank water from Jacob's well would thirst again, which fact she had learned already by experience, but that there was something far better than the water from the well beside which He sat. He told her that the water which He gave possessed the quality of satisfying completely all who drank it. His free offer revealed the possibility of her need being met.

Christ was implying that He was superior to Jacob. Whereas the water from Jacob's well was not permanently satisfying, the water which Christ was offering was completely and permanently satisfying. Obviously He was comparing man's desire for inner peace and satisfaction to physical thirst. That which He was offering to meet the human longings for peace and satisfaction Christ called water.

Without fully understanding all that the statement of Christ meant, this needy woman asked Him to give her this water for which she would not continually thirst. Before granting her request He proceeded to show her more clearly her great need. 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 and avoid any discussion of her sins, Christ refused to be sidetracked. He had come into the world to seek and 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 and permanently, this grateful and happy woman hastened back to Sychar to tell her friends and acquaintances that she had repented of her sins and believed on Christ as her Saviour, and that she wanted them to know that He had saved her. In her joyous excitement she gave her townspeople a glowing testimony about what Christ had done for her, and what He meant to her. She wanted them to come into possession of the same kind of peace, joy, and satisfaction that she had received. When people are truly forgiven of their sins and come to know Christ and to love Him, they want others to know Him also.

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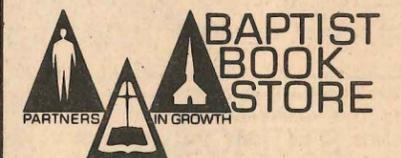
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*Highlights Of The Book Of Revelation*, by George R. Beasley-Murray; Broadman Press, copyright 1972.

This volume is an expanded version of lectures interpreting the Revelation of John, a difficult book of the Bible to interpret. It attempts to show that the message of this last book of the Bible is one of Christian hope and is relevant to the 20th century.

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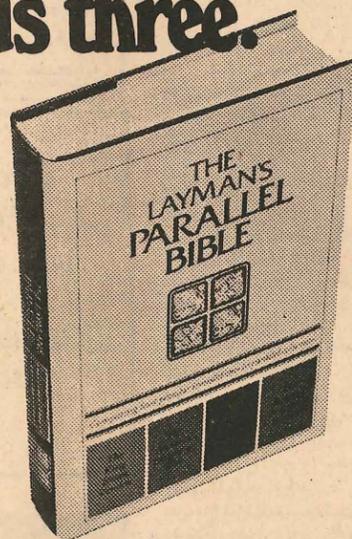
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The author sees the church as a worshipping, working group of believers who desperately needs to practice loving concern. She gives positive, specific suggestions mixed with love and humor.

*There We Sat Down: Talmudic Judaism In The Making*, by Jacob Neusner; Abingdon Press, copyright 1972.

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## Gleanings

**J. Carroll Chadwick**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Center, Texas, a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died of a heart attack, October 8, at a hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was 58.

Chadwick was the presiding officer of the Texas Convention from 1965-67. In addition, he was a member of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, on the committee on boards for the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the 192-member Texas Baptist Executive Board. (BP)

**Elmer E. Morgan**, 81, died in Coffeyville, Kansas, of a heart attack. He was the father of Darold H. Morgan of Dallas, Texas, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Another son, Harold, is pastor of Linn Creek Baptist Church, Linn Creek, Missouri. Other survivors include his wife, a third son and two daughters, all of Coffeyville. (BP)

**William R. Hintze** has been inaugurated as president of Grand Canyon College, a Southern Baptist school in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hintze, 58, first joined the college faculty in 1969 as an assistant professor of religion and director of religious activities. He was vice president for academic affairs and professor of religion when appointed president.

A former Southern Baptist missionary to Ecuador, Hintze has served as pastor of churches in Clarksville and Dallas, Texas, and Elvins, Missouri, and as interim pastor of eight churches in Arizona and Oklahoma.

While on the mission field he served as both professor and director of Ecuadorian Baptist Theological Institute and president and treasurer of the Ecuadorian Baptist Mission.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Hintze holds a BS degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso, and BD and ThD degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. (BP)

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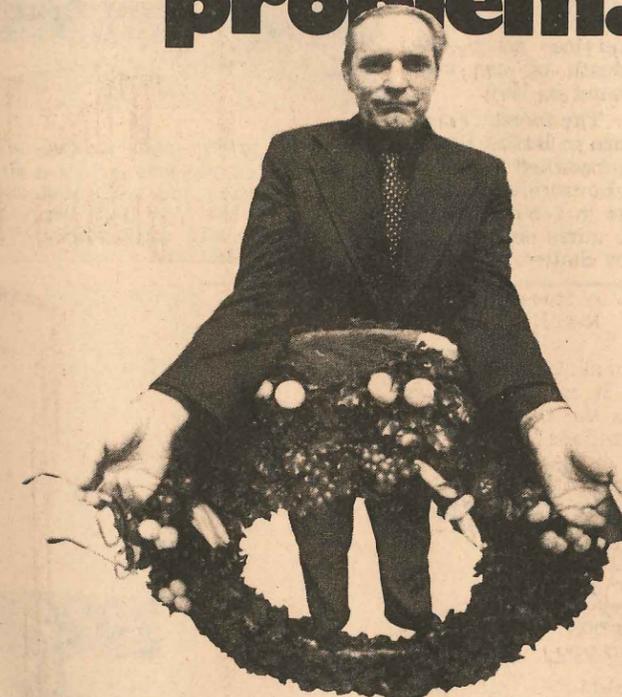
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## Kentuckian Appointed Foreign Missionary

Mrs. Larry Pendley was employed as a missionary associate December 11 at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Parkview Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia. She expects to be assigned to Yemen where she will work as a nurse.



Mrs. Pendley lived in Lexington, Kentucky, where she has worked as a private duty nurse since 1945.

She told the Foreign Mission Board that she began considering missionary service after the death of her husband in 1970.

**Mrs. Pendley** The former Frances Read, she was born in Butler County, Kentucky. She has worked as a general duty nurse at a Louisville hospital, a public health nurse in Louisville and a staff nurse, head nurse and supervisor with the United States Army.



**A HOUSE WITH HELP** — The J. S. Bell Memorial Baptist Church in Topmost, Knott County, recently leveled a site for a new parsonage. A large crowd gathered for the occasion and celebrated with a covered dish dinner following the ground leveling. Church spokesmen expressed gratitude to other Kentucky Baptists for a \$2,000 grant which made possible the purchase of the building site and a loan from the Church Building Assistance Fund. Harper Johnson is pastor of the church.

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