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Kentuckian Takes Washington Post



Hastey

Miss Hayworth, assistant for 7½ years to W. Barry Garrett, the director of information services of the Baptist Joint Committee, has resigned to become legislative assistant for Congressman Floyd V. Hicks (Democrat, Washington). Her special duties will be in the field of social legislation.

Stanley L. Hastey will join the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, January 2, succeeding former Kentuckian Beth Hayworth, according to James E. Wood, Jr., executive director.

While with the Baptist Joint Committee, Miss Hayworth also served as assistant to the Baptist Press Washington Bureau chief. As such she was an accredited journalist in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives press galleries.

Hastey is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, with the doctor of theology degree. He is also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, where he majored in political science. His doctoral dissertation at the seminary was "A History of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 1946-1971."

Prior to coming to the Baptist Joint Committee in 1966, Miss Hayworth spent 17 years in Baptist student work. She was campus director, Baptist student ministry, Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, Kentucky, 1949-54; associate director, department of student work, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, Kentucky, 1954-60; and associate director, department of student work, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, Louisiana, 1960-66. (BP)

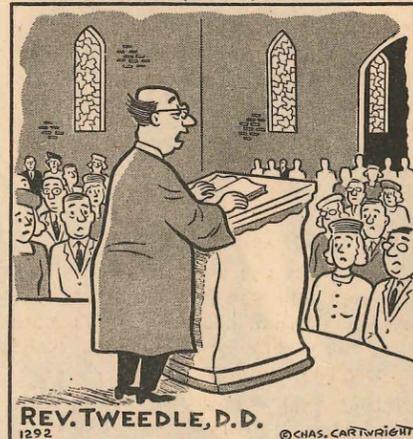
Revival Reports

The Green River Baptist Church, Cromwell, has experienced a highly successful revival, according to pastor Boyd F. Reynolds. The revival, led by a layman team from the Hawesville Baptist Church, resulted in 13 professions of faith and more than 100 other decisions. Another result was the formation of laymen revival teams by the Green River church and by two other churches which visited the Green River revival.

A revival was held recently at the Adaburg Baptist Church in the Ohio County Association. Stewart R. Hines, pastor, preached for the services. He recently came to the Adaburg pastorate from the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church. Several rededications and two professions of faith were reported. Pastor and Mrs. Hines reside at Utica, Kentucky.

Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, held a November revival. J. Robert Bradley, Nashville, conducted the music and Trinity's pastor, Bob W. Brown, was the evangelist.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Collections are down, the mortgage payment is overdue, but nevertheless Happy New Year!"

DEVOTIONAL



Barry Allen
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Philippians 3:12-16

As 1973 draws to its climax and 1974 awaits its beginning, every individual Christian and every Christian group should take inventory of their lives this past year.

Much like the Philippian Church of Paul's day, we find ourselves in a world that certainly does not place a premium on spiritual values. Instead, contemporary society invites participation without restraint in various kinds of immorality. By modern-day standards there is no "right" or "wrong." Seemingly every individual has the privilege of doing what is right according to his own standards. As a result, the self has become our God. All of us are caught up in this "new morality" to some degree, and we who call ourselves Christians need to repent as much as anyone.

In contrast to our contemporary American scene, however, are Paul's words which specify the values and goals of a Christian. Instead of seeking to satisfy self-desire and carnal pleasure, Paul encountered self-denial and commitment to Christ as his life's purpose. His values were spiritual, his goal was Christ. The intensity of his desire was expressed in such vivid language as "press on," "straining for," and "seize." The most important aspect of his life was his relationship to God in Christ.

If we, then, honestly evaluate Paul's perspective, several questions arise. Are our values in the right place? Is Jesus Christ the goal of our lives? Has our spiritual progress been deterred because of self-centeredness? Do we have the courage to struggle with our sin and the sin of the world?

- (13) Friends, I don't think I know it all, but one thing I do know—by letting bygones be bygones,
- (14) I'm going to try to be the best Christian I can.
- (15) I hope all of you will feel the same about this so we can all work together. If you don't, let God talk to you about it.
- (16) We've had a good start; let's keep up the good work.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY PROFESSOR—

Henlee Barnette Asks Baptists To Take Stand On Amnesty

Though Southern Baptists have some people who speak prophetically, "my own denomination won't even say it's for amnesty" for conscientious objectors who fled military service during the Vietnam War, Henlee Barnette, professor of ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, said in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lamenting that Southern Baptists waited until "it became safe to do so" to take a stand for racial justice, Barnette said, "If our 12 million people (Southern Baptists) would take a stand for amnesty, it would make a great difference in this country."

One of several speakers at an Interfaith Consultation on Amnesty at George Peabody College in Nashville, Barnette said he is a "selective conscientious objector," adding, "We were all against Hitler and Nazism. There was a vast difference between that war and the Vietnam conflict," he said.

The seminary professor and author said one of his own sons "resisted the draft and refused to participate in the Indochina War." Barnette quoted his son as saying, "When faced with the choice of taking human life unjustly or leaving my country, perhaps forever, I did not hesitate to do the latter." Barnette's son and daughter-in-law were granted residence in Sweden.

Another son was a captain in the U.S. Air Force who served honorably with tours in Vietnam. Barnette said both of his sons showed courage to stand by their convictions.

Noting that "Baptists have always been patriotic Americans," Barnette said most Baptists supported the Revolutionary War "because they were a persecuted group and had a goal of freedom."

He continued, "We have some people in our denomination able to perceive when politicians are leading us into unjust wars. Politicians ought not to be given blank checks."

Calling for Southern Baptists to take a positive stand on the issue, Barnette said, "Amnesty is as American as apple pie... Presidents George Washington, John Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge and Harry Truman all granted amnesty to persons guilty of desertion, insurrection and other offenses.

"Most major denominations in this country are on record for amnesty," Barnette continued, "and even the American Legion and some other veterans' organizations are for some form of amnesty for Vietnam war draft resisters."

His comments were made during a question and answer period following the professor's discussion of theological and ethical dimensions of amnesty. He was joined on the program by George Edwards, professor of New Testament from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, who discussed "An Amnesty Hermeneutic."

Southern Baptists have not taken a firm stand on amnesty in convention since 1946 when they passed a resolution urging the President of the United States and the military authorities to "grant amnesty at the earliest possible moment to the conscientious objectors still held in camps or prisons." Later another SBC resolution simply called on Southern Baptists to individually study the amnesty question and make personal decisions on it.

At the 1972 SBC annual meeting in Philadelphia, a resolution on amnesty was passed noting that "many young men, some because of religious beliefs, have conscientiously opposed this (the Vietnam) war to the extent of going into exile in foreign countries to avoid the draft that supports the war..."

The resolution further stated, "We urge Southern Baptists to study carefully and prayerfully, in the Spirit of Christ, the various amnesty proposals, including the post-World War II policy of considering individual amnesty cases on their merits, and other methods of reconciling Americans within our boundaries with those who have chosen exile, in order to ensure justice for all... It further resolved that Southern Baptists be urged to communicate their views to their legislative representatives and the President."

Barnette in his talk in Nashville said, "Amnesty is a religious and ethical issue as well as a political one. When there is a conflict between the claims of Caesar and of Christ, the Christian must obey Christ..."

"There are some things that belong exclusively to God such as one's loyalty and conscience... The Bible and tradition clearly teach that God alone is the Lord of conscience," Barnette said. (BP)

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

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1974: Unpredictable And Predictable

The only safe prediction about 1974 is that it is unpredictable. Surely 1973 has taught us this much. If someone had predicted at the beginning of 1973 all that has happened this year in America and the rest of the world we would have judged him insane.

Next year does not now appear to be any more predictable than 1973. Indeed, 1974 appears less predictable and can best be considered a year of uncertainty. Some things we are certain will happen in 1974 will not happen while other things completely unexpected will take place.

Though 1974 will be a year of uncertainty there are some things we can reasonably expect. One of these is that it will be a year of inconvenience and in some instances actual hardship and suffering. We have already had a little taste of inconvenience because of the energy shortage. That is the reason I am wearing a sweater and sitting over a heat register in a cool room trying to write this editorial.

No Sunday sales of gasoline along with some other plans being considered to reduce the consumption of gasoline will disappoint many family members living far apart and planning to drive some distance to get together on special occasions.

Hardship will be experienced by many who have already been laid off and others who will be laid off because a number of large industries which are directly or indirectly effected by the fuel crisis are reducing their production.

Next year, like 1973, will be another year of credibility crisis so far as public officials go. It will effect local and state officials as well as national leaders. Some cynics have always said that all politicians are dishonest and line their pockets with money from bribes and other funds including our taxes. Most of us agree this is so in the case of some but not so with the great majority of our national leaders. The findings of the current thorough investigations of national leaders could strengthen our faith in the American political system or could make cynics out of all of us. It depends upon what the investigations reveal.

Internationally the year 1974 will be another year of cold wars and in some instances hot wars. No one but the Lord knows when or how the conflict between the Jews and the Arabs will come out. In the meantime prospects for settling their differences are not too bright. Even more awesome is the fact that the two greatest world powers are providing the military equipment for each side. The only consolation we have is that American soldiers presently are not involved in this conflict nor any other in the world. We hope as much can be said for 1974.

These plus many other discouraging signs for 1974 should not discourage those who believe God has a plan for the ultimate outcome of history. Furthermore his churches are involved in this plan and this makes 1974 a year of great challenge for Christians. Jesus Christ and the good news he brought to earth are the only answer for personal, national and international conflicts. Christ gave to his disciples the command to tell the whole world this good news. This is not an easy task but we have not done our best and 1974 offers another opportunity.

Finally, 1974 will bring another opportunity for personal spiritual growth. None of us is satisfied with our present spiritual attainments. The offer of Jesus not only to walk with us but to live in us as the Holy Spirit is not limited to any season or holiday. From God's side the offer is always open. For us a New Year should serve to recall our failures last year and lead us to resolve to do better in 1974.

It is reassuring to know that whatever 1974 brings in the way of world turmoil and personal tribulation we are offered a personal peace which assures victory for us. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

These words of our Lord are not a prediction but a promise to all of us. This promise of his peace is the only assurance of victory in the unpredictable year ahead.

An Unusual Executive Board Meeting

The December meetings of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board are not known for the issues debated and voted. Instead it is more of a tooling up session where committees are organized, proposals referred for study, outlines made for the coming year and routine housekeeping matters cared for.

In this respect, the December 13-14 meeting of the Executive Board was not unusual. Yet, the meeting did have an unusual quality about it, an unusual spiritual quality.

Perhaps it began when executive secretary Frank Owen emphasized the need for a closer fellowship among all Kentucky Baptists. "There is a manner in which we are all laced together and have every reason to behave like one family; rejoicing in each other's joys and victories, weeping when any of the convention's children suffer," he told the board members.

"One can make of his religious environment pretty much what he will. It should be our great fellowship of brotherhood and love and achievement for Christ. Some people tend to make it their arena in which they fight their battles. Let's keep the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Executive Board out of the arena as much as possible. In the words of Abraham to Lot, 'I pray thee, let there be no strife between me and thee...for we be brethren,'" he urged.

Later that evening the spirit of Owen's thoughts became a reality in a prayer time. The moment began with a report that Chester Durham, assistant to the executive secretary, had been in an automobile accident that evening as he returned from Cedarmore to his home in Middletown. Durham was unhurt but his car had been demolished.

Others shared prayer concerns. One asked for prayer for a sister who had not recognized Christ as Lord of her life. Another mentioned a child near death. Another asked prayer for a new Christian dy-

Bob Terry
Associate Editor

ing with cancer. On and on the requests went. A feeling of concern seem to lay heavy on all of the 143 persons there. When Bowling Green pastor Richard Oldham finished praying, there were few cheeks free of tear stains.

The next morning a similar spirit engulfed the group. Richmond pastor T. L. McSwain shared with the group his commitment to helping Kentucky Baptists win 25,000 persons to faith in Jesus Christ during the coming year, a goal presented the night before by state evangelism director Hicks Shelton. Others shared their frustrations at learning how to contribute to the work of the Executive Board and their evidently sincere desire to be used of God as a board member. Some asked for ways that ideas could be shared among board members to help develop mutual appreciation, concern and confidence. And in moments of special prayer, the needs of individuals seemed uppermost in everyone's mind.

One cannot assign credit to any person or persons for such an experience as the sharing and prayer times of the December Executive Board meeting. But we must add that an integral part of the experience was the gentle guiding hand of Kentucky Baptist Convention president Henry Schafer. When he said of the weekly Owensboro pastors' meeting, "We do not always have the best programs but we always have a high prayer time together," few doubted it.

It was a comforting feeling to know that the men who were helping determine the future for Kentucky Baptist policies and programs were the same ones who could shed tears of concern for people, who trusted one another enough to share their personal frustrations, who clung to their vision of reaching people no matter how involved an issue seemed.

Thank God that a business session can be a prayer session too.

BAPTIST FORUM



GIFTS OF CREATOR

Dear Editor:

The energy crisis has caught us unawares, while giants slept and the body politic played politics. The ominous situation presents some things we ought to see:

- 1) Our resources were limited after all, and we forgot our humble beginnings and lean years.
- 2) It exposes our elected officials as grassfire fighters, hopping about, unable to anticipate the next outbreak.

3) It shows us that there is something worse than Watergate.

4) It should show us where lies the blame: industry gobbling-up in the name of dollars; consumers gulping-down in the name of creature comfort; and politicians blowing-around in the name of votes and all that that gets.

It will be interesting how well we wean from the bottle of luxury and learn the difficult lesson that the gifts of our Creator and Sustainer should not be taken for granted nor abused.

West Paducah, Ky. Jewell Barrett

ISRAELI HOTLINE

Dear Editor:

Louisvillians can keep up with the hot news from Israel and the Soviet Union with a 24-hour-a-day hotline which was installed in the offices of the Jewish Community Federation recently.

By dialing (502) 587-6895, Louisvillians can be briefed on up-to-date news from the Middle East, USSR and the local area. The recorded messages, which will run one to three minutes, will change daily.

Louisville, Ky. Donald J. Burke

People And Places

A music "shop-talk" dinner was held in Little Bethel Association, Monday, December 10. Eugene Quinn, Middletown, and Ralph Gill, music director of Little Bethel Association, were in charge.

The Little Zion Baptist Church, Dixon, in Little Bethel Baptist Association, ordained Cletus Woodring, Jerry Mooney, Larry Madden and Chester Duncan as deacons, Sunday, December 9. Russell Duncan is pastor of the Little Zion Church.

The Annual Carol Sing sponsored by Nelson Baptist Association was held Sunday night, December 9, at First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington. Donald Hustad, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, directed the congregational singing; Mrs. Bruce Hartsell was the organist; Mrs. Ralph Lutes, Mt. Washington, was the pianist; and Mrs. Betty Baker of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, was guest soloist.

John L. Holloway, pastor of Sloans Valley Baptist Church, was ordained by the church on December 2, 1973. He is a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Mrs. Holloway is the former Nancy Cartwright of Dayton, Ohio. The couple has two sons: John Kent, 4, and Kevin Lee, 9 months.

The Liberty Baptist Church, Madisonville, adopted a resolution on November 4, 1973, for Jesse McDowell. The resolution stated that "we recog-

nize his dedicated leadership as a deacon of the Liberty Baptist Church congregation from January 31, 1954, until his death on September 22, 1973." McDowell served his church in many ways. Sunday School teacher and outreach director were among his many responsibilities.

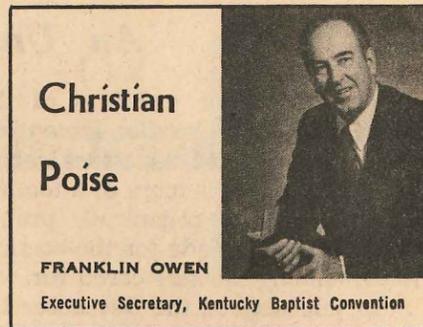
Georgetown College's forensics team was fourth in team sweepstakes at the 1973 Mid-East Individual Events Tournament in Parkersburg, West Virginia, held November 17-18. Team members won nine finalist trophies and five semi-final awards while competing in the nine events of the tournament.

Participants were Bob Baker, Georgetown; John Marquette, Williamstown; Rosemary Hackett, Winchester; Delisa Rankins; Cathie Craig, Diamond, Ohio; David Bell, Shelbyville; Angela McFadden, Louisville; Jeri North, Morehead; Bunker Baker, Oneida; Fred Foster, Georgetown; Lew Brinegar, Georgetown; Jim Triona, New Lexington, Ohio; and Becky Waites, Kettering, Ohio.

First Baptist Church, Central City, observed Baptist Women's Day in the morning worship hour on November 4, 1973. Guest speaker, Miss Kathryn Jasper, Kentucky WMU executive director, brought the message on "Share the Word." The choir was filled with women of the church, with Mrs. June Lam as choir director, Mrs. Katherine Crichton, organist, and Mrs. Charlotte Cook, pianist. Ushers were Girls in Action members under the direction of Mrs. Betty Moore, G.A. director. Acting as deaconesses under the direction of the Acteen director, Mrs. Glenda Sutton, were Acteens. The pastor, W. R. Cook, and his wife were on a two week vacation in Clearwater Beach, Florida.



CONTRIBUTION PRESENTED — The Correll brothers, from left, Ward, Charles and Blaine, pose with D. M. Aldridge, second from right, president, Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, as they present a \$6,500 contribution to the school. The brothers operate Correll Enterprises of Somerset. The gift was designated for student housing. "The money donated by Correll Enterprises will be a great help to our students. It will be used to purchase another mobile home for use by a student family," Aldridge said.



Christian Poise

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

A well poised person is one who can stand in good behavior and conduct amidst changing or difficult circumstances. A person of Christian poise is one who can keep himself in Christ-like behavior and composure.

One's Christian poise is tested in hours of great success. It takes a well poised Christian to wear success gracefully. It changes some people — humility flees away. They lose Christian poise when they fly high.

It is equally hard, or harder for some, to keep poise when the going is tough. Some of us have great difficulty in trying to stand up strong and well-poised when we feel like we have been rejected. The support of strong friends in such hours is very meaningful.

Some of us are most apt to lose poise by getting too strong in hours of strength. Others of us are most apt to lose it in becoming too weak in our hours of weakness. Either is a loss of posture, a loss of poise, and either can result in defeat.

We are rather differently affected by differing circumstances, but all of us have particular strengths and weaknesses that relate to our ability to hold poise in the testing times of life. The Christian who would go beyond the elementary level of his faith would strive hard to gain Christian poise for every circumstance. If one could gain it, he is not apt to ever fall before his foes. The foe most to fear is self. My enemy is not apt to destroy me, but he may succeed in causing me to lose poise and, thus, to fumble my way to my own destruction.

Adolph Rupp says that in the closing minutes of a close game, it is the team that can keep poise that will win most of the time. Such team will hold to its routine play patterns, run them out faithfully and steadily, while the other team blows up and makes the error that gives the chance for the winning basket.

Look at Jesus at his trial. He is the only one composed. The crowd is shouting, Pilate is vacillating between the mob and the Jewish authorities, but Christ stands serene on his way to victory over it all, even death.

—Frank Owen

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Most gifts to Georgetown College are gifts of cash, usually in the form of a check. The primary reason for this is the fact that writing and mailing a check is the most convenient way of making a gift. There are also a number of other reasons for giving cash. For example:

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In the next issue of the *Western Recorder* we will discuss "How You Benefit From Including Georgetown College In Your Will."

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Annuitants 'Christmas Present' Passes One Million Dollar Mark

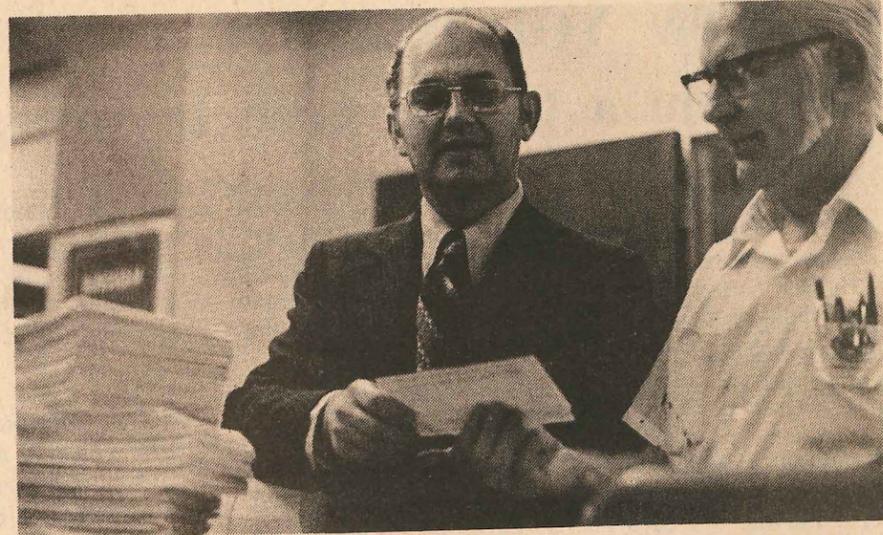
More than 7,000 annuitants have again received a "Christmas present" of two extra months' benefits, the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board announced.

Darold H. Morgan, board president, said the "13th check" this year totaled a record \$1,187,379. It's the second year in a row it has exceeded a million dollars.

The "13th check" went out in early December to disabled and retired pastors and other church-related vocational workers or their widows and other dependents. Benefits are based on contributions to Annuity Board plans in earlier years.

"Contracts call for fixed monthly benefits, yet the cost of living rises continually," Morgan said. "The '13th check' helps annuitants bridge this gap."

At the same time, the Annuity Board sent additional payments to nearly 400



Morgan watches as annuitant's "Christmas presents" are prepared for mailing.

persons who receive relief benefits. These payments totaled \$29,775, according to Morgan.

"As 1973 ends, all of you know there is an unusual crisis in the investment responsibility. Since the '13th check' is

based on the current investment experience, there is a strong possibility that the '13th check' for 1974 will be considerably smaller," Morgan advised annuitants in a personal note accompanying the 1973 checks. (BP)

Lester Resigns Tennessee Paper, Queen Takes Pioneer Post

Two state conventions recently took action concerning the editorship of their respective state papers.

James A. Lester, editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, news publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has resigned, and Mrs. W. Alvis (Evelyn) Strickland has been named public relations coordinator for the convention.

Lester, who has edited the *Baptist and Reflector* since October, 1968, had been granted a six month leave of absence, November 1, by the executive board's administrative committee. It would have ended April 3, the effective date of the resignation.

The convention's executive secretary-treasurer, Ralph Norton, said Lester cited health problems growing out of an automobile accident as the reason for his resignation. Lester earlier had sought the leave of absence on the same grounds, Norton said.

Norton, who had assumed responsibility for the *Baptist and Reflector* in Lester's absence, said he will continue in that capacity until a new editor is named.

Mrs. Strickland, a news writer in the convention's public relations office since 1965, was formerly employed by the Nashville Baptist Association, the Sunday School department of the California Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Book Store in Fresno, California. Her husband is a consult-

ant for adult work in the BSSB's Sunday School department.

Before joining the *Baptist and Reflector*, Lester served for 11 years as secretary for promotion and public relations for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia. He is a former copy editor and state news editor for the *Times-Picayune*, New Orleans, Louisiana, and has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia.

The board divided \$400,656, the amount the convention exceeded its 1972-73 budget, between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes—20 percent to the SBC Cooperative Program.

Acteens Scholarship Given

Paula Settle of Owensboro was the first recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship being made available to Acteens by Campbellsville College. The scholarship is available to all girls who have completed all five of the "Acteen Student Levels of Achievement." A \$200 scholarship is awarded for each level of achievement.

Any girls or Acteen leaders interested in learning more about this scholarship are encouraged to contact Al Hardy, Director of Admissions at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville.

A. C. Queen has been named director of the newly created division of communication and promotion for the (Southern) Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, including duties as editor of the *Penn-Jersey Baptist*, the convention's official journal.



Queen

Queen, 58, current superintendent of missions in southern Oregon for the Northwest Baptist Convention (which covers Oregon, Washington and Western Canada), will also be responsible for the evangelism, stewardship, promotion and Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassador boy's organization.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Queen has directed student work for the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Illinois Baptist State Association and also directed stewardship and promotion for the Illinois convention.

He has attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, and is a graduate of both William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. (BP)

Coggins Succeeds Dobbs As Hospital President

W. E. Boswell, chairman of the board of directors of Baptist Hospitals, Inc., recently announced the retirement of Hubert Lee Dobbs, president, effective December 31, 1973, and both his appointment as president emeritus and the appointment of Homer D. Coggins as president, effective as of the same date. Coggins was elected president at the regular meeting of the board on Monday, December 3. During the past year, Dobbs has been on leave of absence from the hospital.

Dobbs, at the time of his retirement, will have completed almost 39 years of continuous service in the Baptist Hospital program in Kentucky. In March of 1935, he came to Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville as administrator from Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas. At that time the Kentucky Baptist Hospital program consisted of one location at 810 Barret Avenue, with 150 beds and bassinets, and a total valuation of over \$617,000. During his 39 years of service, the Baptist Hospital program was expanded so that today Baptist Hospitals, Inc., owns and operates not only the Barret Avenue location with a present license of 497 beds but also Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, with 297 beds and Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky, with 283 beds. The total value of all three locations is now almost \$45,000,000. In addition, the corporation is in the process of constructing Baptist Hospital, East between Breckinridge and Browns Lanes and a doctor's office building adjoining the hospital. When Baptist Hospital, East opens about January 1, 1975, it will represent an additional investment of almost \$15,000,000.

Dobbs, during his years of service at Baptist Hospitals, Inc., not only has distinguished himself locally in related fields but has also achieved national recognition. He was one of the founders and three incorporators of Blue Cross Hospital Plan, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, and continuously served as a member of its board of directors for more than 30 years until he retired from it in 1968. He has also been active for many years in the Kentucky Hospital Association, on three occasions served as its president and in 1967 received its distinguished service award. Dobbs is a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and has also been active in the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, the American Protestant Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association, being a member on four occasions of the house of delegates of the latter association.



Dobbs



Coggins

In 1960, he was granted the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Georgetown College, Georgetown Kentucky.

Dobbs is married to Eugenia Cook Dobbs and they have two children. He and Mrs. Dobbs are members of the Deer Park Baptist Church.

Coggins first became associated with the Kentucky Baptist Hospital program in May of 1955 when he was named ad-

ministrator of Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Coggins remained in Lexington until June of 1965 when he was named administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Earlier this year, Coggins was named assistant to the president at the time Dobbs was granted a leave of absence.

Coggins is a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and a member of the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, the American Protestant Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association. In addition, he is a past president of the Kentucky Hospital Association and has just recently completed a period of service as a member of the house of delegates of the American Hospital Association.

Coggins is married to Dorothy Ann Coggins and they have three children. They are members of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Robertson, Hill Join Ranks Of Baptist Campus Ministries

Two campus ministers have been employed by the Executive Board effective January 1, 1975. The two are Michael David Robertson and James Allen Hill, both graduating students at Southern Seminary.

Robertson, a native of Missouri, will serve on the Murray State University campus. He formerly served as a campus minister in the San Diego, California, area in the Home Mission Board's US-2 program. Other experience includes two year's service as youth minister in New Albany, Indiana, and one year as a summer missionary.

The new BSU worker is a graduate of Memphis State University where he was president and vice president of the Baptist Student Union there. He is married and the father of one child, a daughter.

Hill will serve Jefferson Community College in Louisville and Elizabethtown Community College in Elizabethtown. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Samford University.

Hill served two years in the Philippines as a missionary journeyman. He has also been minister of youth at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, and music director for churches in Alabama and Georgia.

In 1972 he was appointed area personnel representative for the Foreign Mission Board.



Robertson

Hill

A third personnel shift in BSU work involved the transfer of Gary Oliver, campus minister for the University of Kentucky, to BSU director for the western area of the state. In that capacity, Oliver will coordinate work on four college campuses.

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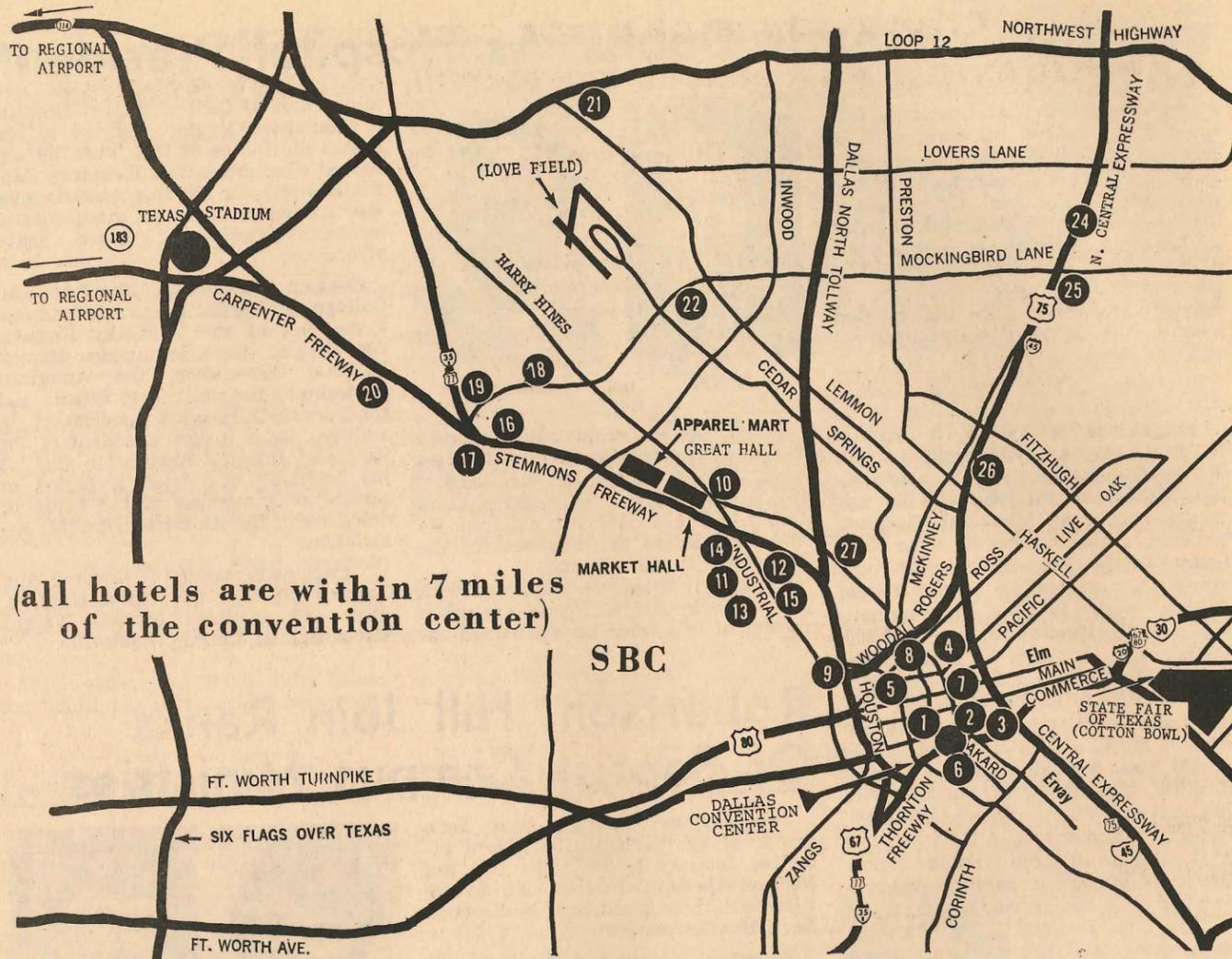
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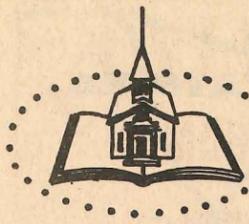
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| (10) Travelodge Market Center—4500 Harry Hines | 16.00-19.00 | 19.00-23.00 | 21.00-24.00 | 3-rm 88 up |
| (6) Ramada Inn Convention Center—1011 South Akard | 20.00-21.00 | 25.00-26.00 | 25.50-26.50 | 2-rm 45 up |
| (27) Town House—2914 Harry Hines | 14.50-16.50 | 19.50 | 19.50 | 2-rm 46 up |
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(These Lessons for January 6, 1974)



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Good News

Ministry of John the Baptist Mark 1:1-8

God chose, called, equipped, and commissioned John the Baptist for the important task of preparing the way for the coming of Christ. In modern parlance, he was to be the advance man for Christ. His task was to get people ready to receive the Saviour when He appeared. John the Baptist was a man of fine physique, strong character, genuine humility, firm will, absolute loyalty and spiritual insight. For the special work to which God was calling John the Baptist, God needed a man with a flaming message of judgment, who would be entirely obedient to His will.

This rugged, unique and striking preacher and forerunner of Christ was heavily burdened on account of the prevailing wickedness and disorder of society. With righteous indignation flaming at white heat, John denounced the sins of the people. He spoke boldly against hypocrisy, and declared the truth of God with respect to sin and its consequences. John's preaching attracted the multitudes and no matter who went to hear him he did not compromise the truth but proclaimed the Word of God without fear or favor. While he condemned sin and warned of judgment, he gave people the assurance of the forgiveness of their sins on the condition of their repentance. He challenged his listeners to change their minds with respect to sin, to God and to self.

John the Baptist not only preached repentance, but he baptized the penitent as a sign of the fact that they had repented. He urged the baptized to produce fruits which would prove that they had repented, or to show the reality of their repentance in the details of their daily lives. He warned them that there must be harmony between their profession and their conduct.

Like a true prophet, John the Baptist preached in genuine earnestness. He lived in the vast solitude of the wilderness, where he had ample opportunity to be alone with God. He dressed like a prophet, clothed with a garment of camel's hair tied around him with a girdle or leather belt. He denied himself the comforts of life, subsisted on

the locusts, which were probably dried and palatable, and wild or mountain honey, both of which were available in large quantities.

Beginning the Ministry of Jesus Christ Mark 1:9-15

At the very peak of the wilderness revival, the flaming evangelist, John the Baptist, was baptizing in the Jordan River. Quietly and deliberately Jesus Christ came from his home in Nazareth to be baptized by John the Baptist.

Christ's baptism was at a definite time and for a specific purpose. As Christ sank beneath the baptismal waters, He prefigured the death which He was to die upon the cross, when all the billows of God's wrath against sin should roll over Him, and as He arose from beneath the water our Lord symbolized His resurrection from the dead. As He was coming out of the baptismal waters, the heavens were rent asunder and the Spirit came upon Him in a dove-like form, symbolizing peacefulness, meekness, gentleness, tenderness, and love, those qualities which were to characterize the ministry of our Lord. When He was baptized Christ received the audible and visible approval of God the Father Who said, "Thou art my

beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Thus the Father testified that His Son was the object of His love and the One in Whom He took a great delight.

From the waters of baptism our Lord was led immediately by the Spirit into the fires of temptation. The Spirit impelled Him with great energy to go into a more remote, desolate, and forlorn part of the wilderness and there to contend with Satan. Evidently it was a place of desolation and extreme solitude for Mark wrote that He "was with the wild beasts."

In that horrible solitude, without the sympathy of friends or any possibility of human assistance, Christ was subjected to forty days of wearing assaults from Satan. With subtle craftiness and tremendous appeal, the adversary tried to get Jesus Christ to waver in His allegiance to the Father. Upon Him the tempter exercised all his devices in vain. Satan was foiled at every point and our Lord won a complete victory.

The public ministry of our Lord began in Galilee after the ministry of John the Baptist ended with his imprisonment. The theme of Christ's preaching was the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.

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Bread For The Hungry

John 6:35-51

As the pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem to attend the Passover, many of them turned aside to hear Christ, Who was preaching near the shore of the Sea of Galilee. As the day was ending, He was moved to satisfy the physical hunger of the multitude, so He performed the miracle of feeding the five thousand men and the numerous women and children. The people were simply amazed at that achievement. They had never witnessed anything like that.

Gratified and excited by Christ's miracle of feeding the five thousand from the five barley loaves and the two fishes, and thinking that their problem of food supply was solved perfectly and permanently, the people became wild

with enthusiasm and quickly decided that they would proclaim Christ as their King. They wanted a king who could give them bread to eat when they were hungry. Their enthusiastic desire and intention were so unwelcome to Christ, Who was trying His best to impress them with the fact that food for the soul was vastly more important than nourishment for the body that He determined to thwart their purpose by withdrawing from their midst.

Bread, which has always been and ever shall be the staff of life, speaks of satisfaction, health, and strength. The bread of earth, which those people were seeking, only met their physical needs temporarily, but the bread of heaven, or Christ, Whom they sorely needed, could meet and satisfy their

spiritual and eternal needs.

The people thought that if Christ would only continue His miraculous feedings that would put Him in a class with Moses, which was the very thing that He refused to permit. Unique and supernatural, Christ cannot be placed in a class with anybody else. He is far above and beyond all others.

Christ stated frankly that He was the true bread which God the Father had sent down from heaven. How significant that our Lord declared Himself to be the bread of life! Note that He never presented Himself under the figure of some delicacy, which only a certain class of people could afford, but He likened Himself to bread, which is a necessity of life. Just as bread, a staple food, is necessary for the body, and one of which a person never tires, even so is Christ to the soul. Whereas hunger returns to those who partake of natural bread, the one who partakes of the living bread, or Christ, shall never hunger. As the body assimilates the food properties derived from bread when it is consumed, so the reception of Christ results in the assimilation of His life and strength. Christ is adequate for every need of the believer.

Christ placed great emphasis on the will of God. To make His will known and to get it accomplished has ever been God's greatest undertaking. While on earth Christ lived in accordance with God's will in every respect. Regardless of what the Father's will was, Christ was submissive and obedient to it, in spite of the fact that Satan offered Him pay and power to substitute sense, sentiment, sensation, or something in the place of it. In the will of God is a plan for each of our lives, and we shall have our greatest joy and reach our highest usefulness only as we discover His plan and live in accordance with His will, which is always right, safe, and best.

In response to their reference to the manna on which their forefathers had lived during their years of wandering in the wilderness, our Lord reminded His hearers that this manna was a gift from God, and that it had been given in the exact amount that was needed. He gave them the correct interpretation of the meaning of the manna. He plainly taught that people could find true and abiding satisfaction only in and through His own person and work. The lost person must accept Him in order to be saved, and the one who has had an experience of grace must feed on Him to be satisfied. He is all that anybody needs to enjoy perfect satisfaction. It is His sacrificial death that constitutes Him the source of spiritual and eternal life for human beings. He cannot be bread to any who reject His vicarious sacrifice on the cross.

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Gleanings

Frank Stanton, president of Columbia Broadcasting System before his retirement in March, will be featured speaker in Fort Worth at the fifth annual **Abe Lincoln Awards** to distinguished broadcasters. The awards, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be held February 7, 1974.

The awards were established by the Radio and Television Commission in 1970 and represent the belief of its president, Paul M. Stevens, that "broadcasters can best be encouraged by giving them deserved recognition for the positive role they play, as individual citizens and representatives of the industry, in the life of America." (BP)

Baptist World Alliance relief leaders are seeking \$100,000 for refugee resettlement, economic rehabilitation and other projects in war-ravaged Southeast Asia. The three-point program for the use of BWA relief funds is: refugee resettlement, economic rehabilitation for the war handicapped and halfway house and foster home service for children. (BP)

Michael R. Collins, Sunday School department associate in the Florida Baptist Convention since 1970, has been named director of the Sunday School department for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, effective December 1, 1973. Collins was elected to the position by the Ohio convention's executive committee meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Collins is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Howard Rees, director of student work for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has stepped down because of health problems. He first joined the convention in 1934 on a "temporary basis" but has served for 39 years. His name has been synonymous with Baptist student ministries. (BP)

Tim Fields, an associate editor of Pioneer Royal Ambassador boys material for two years, has been named editor of two Royal Ambassador leadership publications at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Fields, a former Kansan, will edit *Crusader Counselor*, a quarterly magazine for men who work with Crusader-age Royal Ambassadors, and *Pioneer Plans*, the leadership portion of *Probe*, a monthly publication for Pioneer Royal Ambassadors.

Before joining the commission, Fields was a newspaper reporter and country editor for Townsend Communications of Kansas City, Missouri. (BP)

Bob R. Taylor, a 10-year employee of the SBC Sunday School Board in Nashville, has been named consultant of youth ministry coordination in the board's church administration department.

Before joining the board in 1963, Taylor served three churches in Texas, his native state. He was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, and received the master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

Bob Banks, director of the Brotherhood department for Oklahoma Baptists, was elected an executive assistant at the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Agency executive director Glendon McCullough said Banks, a professional Brotherhood field worker for 23 years, will concentrate on working with state Brotherhood leaders to start Brotherhood units in Southern Baptist churches.

Born and reared in Griffin, Georgia, Banks holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. (BP)

John Sawyer, a consultant in the Sunday School department of the Alabama Baptist Convention executive board, has been named director-elect of the board's church training department.

Sawyer, 37, came to the Sunday School department two years ago after serving 12 years as pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Vincennes, Indiana.

A native of New Brockton, Alabama, Sawyer earned a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas; a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and a master's degree in adult education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. (BP)

Dan Martin, 35, a veteran newspaper reporter, has joined the public relations staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to fill a vacancy as press relations director and associate chief of the Dallas Bureau of Baptist Press.

A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Martin was graduated from Midwestern University in that city and studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Martin comes to the post from the *Odessa (Texas) American*. He has also served on newspapers in Dallas, Fort Worth and Denver. (BP)

T. A. Patterson, executive secretary for Baptist General Convention of Texas for the past 13 years, will become executive vice president of World Evangelism Foundation, a private missionary organization based in Dallas, Texas, when he retires December 31.

In January, Patterson and W. H. Jackson, Jr., president and director of the organization, will meet with Baptist leaders in London, Denmark and France "looking toward projection of accelerated witness involving laymen and pastors."

The foundation has conducted similar projects in other countries, most recently Korea, and hopes "to supplement other Baptist mission work around the world," Patterson said. (BP)

A Christmas Wish

Southern Baptists are wishing the country a "Merry Christmas" in a special way — via 30- and 60-second spot announcements for public service broadcast on radio.

The announcements, produced and distributed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, include several excerpts of the Christmas story from "The Living Bible, Paraphrased."

One spot declares, "Christmas is the birthday of our Lord. Make Christ the first consideration in your Christmas this year."

Still another suggests, "Put Christ in your Christmas. Put

Christ in your life, too, and really have a happy holiday."

This unusual Christmas message from Baptists is being released to all commercial radio stations in the United States.

John Borders, a professional Fort Worth broadcaster, is heard reading the story of Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem, the angel's appearance to the shepherds, the prophecy concerning Jesus' birth, and the visit of the wise men.

The special Merry Christmas wishes are signed simply, "from your Southern Baptist friends."

"Church Staff Compensation Study" Now Available

The need for a convention-wide guideline for Southern Baptist churches in determining church staff compensation has recently prompted the release of the "Church Staff Compensation Study," compiled by the Sunday School Board's research services department.

For some time congregations have been asking for a uniform convention-wide guide to aid them in determining salaries, benefits and expenses for all church staff members.

Several Baptist state papers in the past few weeks have acknowledged this problem. In a recent article, Mississippi's *Baptist Record* stated, "If your pastor or other church staff members receive the same salary this coming year as last year, then you have given them a six percent or larger cut in salary."

Campbellsville College Accreditation Renewed

Full accreditation for Campbellsville College was reaffirmed by unanimous vote of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in its annual meeting held in Houston, Texas. This announcement was made today by college president, W. R. Davenport.

Campbellsville College is a 4-year liberal arts college also offering programs in several professional, pre-professional and career fields as well. Affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, it emphasizes the development of moral and spiritual values as well as academic achievement.

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"If you have not raised salaries in the past three years, you have given a 20 to 25 percent cut in the worker's income."

According to Reginald M. McDonough, administrative services section supervisor in the board's church administration department, "As budgets are adopted each year, every church should examine the salaries of their church staff members and consider appropriate adjustments."

"If some churches have already approved their 1974 budget, yet did not increase salaries or other benefits, the church members should reconsider the budget and possibly make salary changes."

In response to the needs expressed by Southern Baptists, the board's research services department — at the request of the church administration department — has compiled the "Church Staff Compensation Study."

This study is now available to all churches for 25 cents postage and handling charge.

The study covers compensation for pastor, associate pastors, ministers of education, church secretaries, ministers

of music, custodians, ministers of youth and recreation directors.

Categories researched include salary; provision of home; rental allowance; utilities allowance; provision of car; car expenses; Christmas bonus; Annuity Board Protection Plan; Social Security; other retirement benefits; life insurance; hospitalization; medical insurance; disability benefits; accident insurance; revival participation; additional education expenses; convention expenses, both national and state; conference center expenses, and book expenses.

In addition, "all benefits have been lumped together and assigned a dollar-figure under total compensation," adds McDonough.

Church size is also a factor in the survey. Under each of the eight different church sizes — the highest, lowest and average — total compensation is determined.

Churches desiring a copy of the "Church Staff Compensation Study" may obtain one by sending the 25 cents postage and handling charge to the Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Top Church-State Stories Listed

The Supreme Court's rulings against parochial aid head the list of the ten top church-state stories for 1973, according to a year-end analysis by the staff of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The ten most significant church-state news stories which will appear in the January, 1974, *Church & State* are:

1. On June 25 the United States Supreme Court struck down tax credits, tuition reimbursement, "mandated services," and other forms of parochial aid as violative of the First Amendment.
2. The Roman Catholic bishops of the United States switched from opposing to supporting proposals to amend the First Amendment to allow government-sponsored prayers and sectarian religious instruction in public schools.
3. Efforts were renewed to amend the Constitution to authorize government-sponsored prayer and devotional activities in public schools.
4. The Supreme Court ruled in January that state laws could not unduly restrict the right of women to free choice in the matter of abortion during the early stages of pregnancy.
5. Colombia and the Vatican signed a new concordat in July which would continue the Catholic Church's extraordinary privileges in that country as well as its virtual monopoly in the field of education.
6. Federal and state courts continued to strike down tax aid for sectarian educational institutions in New Hampshire, New Jersey, Washington State, Washington, D.C., Missouri, Illinois and Virginia.
7. The Nixon Administration continued its support for "experiments" with the voucher plan for full public funding of parochial and private schools.
8. The Supreme Court agreed in June to hear Americans United's appeal from an Internal Revenue Service decision in 1969 to terminate the religious liberty organization's tax deductible status.
9. The National Council of Churches told Congress in April that it opposed the tax credit plan for providing public aid for parochial schools.
10. The Vatican attempted to enhance its political influence around the world by expanding its system of diplomatic relations. (CS/NS)

Staff Changes

Eugene Enlow has accepted the call to become pastor of the Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville. He begins his new work January 13.



Enlow to that time he served churches in Pendleton County and Versailles.

Currently, the new Beechmont pastor serves the 2,600 member Immanuel Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is married to the former Ann Culley Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates of Lexington. The couple has two daughters.

David L. Drumel has been called as pastor of Third Baptist Church in Owensboro. He comes to this position from a four-year pastorate at Cumberland Baptist Church in Knoxville. He has also served as assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and minister of youth for St. Matthews Baptist Church and Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, both in Louisville.

A native of West Virginia, the new Kentucky pastor is a graduate of Otterbein College and Southern Seminary. He is married and the father of one child, a daughter.

Jerry Cowin has resigned as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, in Northern Kentucky Association. He has accepted the call to be pastor of the Lafayette Park Baptist Church in St. Louis. Cowin has served the Bellevue church three years. He graduated from Southern Seminary in December, 1971. The Cowins are both from the St. Louis area. They have three sons. A farewell reception was held on December 16 at which time the church presented them with a set of silver service.



Cowin

Duncan J. Smith, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Christian County Association, has announced his retirement effective January 1.



Smith

Smith, a native of Ohio County, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. In addition to pastoral ministries, he has worked in the KBC mountain mission program and served on the state Executive Board.

The newly retired pastor will move to Route 4, Beaver Dam. He is available for interim pastorates, supply preaching and revivals.

Russian Persecution Filmed

A four-part, 30-minute documentary on the problems Baptists face in the USSR is being shown by most West German television stations, according to a report by Rudolph Thaut, president of Hamburg Baptist Seminary.

Thaut, writing for European Baptist Press Service, says one section "is an amateur film" showing a "well-attended worship service" which was held in a forest "since the congregation is not

granted official registration and, therefore, has no other meeting place.

"The film shows security forces as they halt and dissolve the meeting and indicate that the church leaders responsible will be called before the courts," Thaut reports.

"Afterwards, the amateur film shows a baptismal service, taking place before sunrise in a river, also because of the registration question," the report continues.

Thaut said another part consists of interviews with emigrants who recently left the USSR. "They report clearly and impressively about discriminations, persecutions and difficulties which believers and churches experience in the country," Thaut said.

The telecast, produced by NDR (North German Radio and TV), "gives a very clear picture of the actual situation of churches in the Soviet Union. It shows the opportunities which churches have to assemble but also elaborates the limitations and persecutions which churches and individuals must face," Thaut continues.

He said an interview, made in Hamburg with four Moscow-based members of the All-Union Baptist Council, including the union's general secretary, Alexei Bichkov, reports on the possibilities of church work, the training of pastors and the very limited scope of Christian education for children."

The documentary is narrated by Erik Ruden of Stockholm, former general secretary of the European Baptist Federation. (BP)



STRATEGISTS — Participating in the Associational Strategy Planning Seminar at Glen Rose, Texas, recently were these three Kentuckians, from left, Lynn P. Robbins, Barbourville; Earl L. Shoemake, Paducah; and Paul Hatfield, Middlesboro. The seminar was sponsored by the Division of Associational Services of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.