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WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR HOME MISSIONS
March 3-10, 1974

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$7,200,000

The theme of Southern Baptists' annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions is the message being proclaimed by 2,178 missionaries, 880 Southern Baptist military chaplains, 1,016 student summer missionaries, and more than 7,000 volunteer project workers, all of whom participate in home missions. For their support, Woman's Missionary Union leads a Week of Prayer, March 3-10. It will culminate with the bringing together of the Easter offering for Home Missions whose goal is \$7,200,000—approximately half of the Home Mission Board budget for next year.

Staff Changes

Larry R. Cook has accepted the call of Edgewood Baptist Church in Nicholasville to serve as associate pastor.



Cook
pastor of First Baptist Church, Central City.

Douglas Anderson has resigned the pastorate of Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky, and has accepted the pastorate of Buffalo Baptist Church in Severns Valley Association. He has held pastorates in Little River Association, West Union Association and Franklin Association as well as the Mt. Zion Church and the New Bethel Church in Caldwell Association.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Craigmyle, who have served four years as missionaries in Jibla Baptist Hospital, Yemen, are back in Kentucky. He is serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Owenton, Kentucky.



Craigmyle
and his wife, Doris, have three children: Timothy, Carol and Billy Bob.

Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, has called Rick Landon as associate pastor/family life minister. He will begin his new work with the church on

March 1. He has been employed by the Kentucky Department of Child Welfare the past 10 years as a chaplain and in various administrative positions.

Gary Watkins has resigned as pastor of Cave City Baptist Church to become pastor of Pinelake Baptist Church in Brandon, Mississippi.

Revival Reports

First Baptist Church, Bellevue, recently held revival in their new sanctuary which is still in the last stage of construction. Clyde Chiles was the evangelist and Jim McNeil led the music for the services. Reported were over 200 responses to the invitation; 73 were professions of faith.

Lebanon Baptist Church, Lebanon, Kentucky, held revival services on December 9-16. The Stalnecker Revival Team led the services. H. Douglas Olive, pastor at Lebanon, reported 115 professions of faith and 130 rededications.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Despite today's blizzard, Sunday will be a good day for those planning to attend church!"

DEVOTIONAL



Paul J. Godsey
Burlington Baptist Church, Burlington

When God Becomes Real

Job 38:1-3; 42:1, 5, 6

Many of life's greatest experiences do not become real until we experience them for ourselves. Many of us are like Job. We have heard about God all of our life, but God has never become real. Job wrestled with this problem when his world collapsed around him. God became real for Job through the tragic experiences of his life. Unfortunately, we too are often unable to let God be real until personal disaster touches our lives. Like Job, we need more than a hearsay experience with God to strengthen us in times of crisis. A road map may give us some concept of where we wish to travel, but it cannot substitute for the reality of traveling to some distant place. A book or a drama may entertain us, but are poor substitutes for personal experience.

Job said, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee." The concept we have of God, based on life in prosperity, may be quite different when life goes sour. Job lost his family, his wealth and his theology. Many of our easy, glib answers to the problems of life may prove insufficient when tested by such ultimate experiences.

It is in these soul-shattering experiences, when our lives are reduced to rubble, that God can become real. We can learn to love and serve God for himself alone, without reference to our personal reward.

God also became real to Job through revelation. We must not discount this in our scientific age. God made himself known in the powers of nature, in creation, in the order of the universe. The complexity of our world and our universe continue to bear witness of God. But these can never be the ultimate answer to our search. God reveals himself to the believers heart. We can know God is real because he is in our hearts and in our lives. By faith we can know God through experience and revelation. As Job came to know God, he also understood more of himself. He said, "Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."

"The Credibility Chasm"

By Jewell Barrett,
Paducah, Ky.

The credibility gap is now a chasm, a great gulf fixed. The lack of confidence in public pronouncements by public officials has covered the American people like an undertaker's shroud. The causes of this state of affairs, and what might become of it, should be of concern to caring people.

The desire of the American people to know everything going on, in front of and behind the scenes, is insatiable. The desire to know what its leaders are doing is due partly to our unique freedom. In totalitarian regimes the leaders are not questioned openly by their subjects, because of repression and fear. Our desire to know, and the press' desire to tell all it can dig up, is enough to make public officials to be cautious about anything done or said, publicly. Therefore arises the need to obscure and control what the public knows. Also the politician has his public image, real or imagined, to think of.

Politicians are constantly hounded by special interest groups. These groups have selfish interests that affect themselves, primarily, and this causes a cloakroom approach and atmosphere. If someone whispers something into your ear, you will likely whisper back, whether or not it is a whispering subject. Privacy and inconspicuousness can easily be interpreted as secrecy and subtlety. Many men in high places have been bought and sold by the deceit of powerful men of money, and those who resist are indeed men of integrity.

Certain philosophical ethics must also enter in. Situation ethics dictates lying under the circumstances of a particular situation. In this way of behavior, morals are relative to the person and situation, and the pragmatic end justifies the means, and there are few, if any, absolute standards of moral conduct. The utilitarian ethic of using people, things and opportunities to achieve is a universal practice, and is certainly well built into our own culture. We have a wheeling, dealing way of life: courtroom deals, business deals, outlandish advertising, extravagance and waste. All a part of the big lie that life is in what one possesses, and to get ahead in this life is all that really counts.

Churches and the clergy must bear a certain responsibility for a part of this existing skepticism in our nation. Even the most gullible ought to have difficulty believing the overemphasis, overstatements and unreal superlatives coming from some pulpits. "Sermon-talk" of pious platitudes is a make-believe world to many people. Fear to speak out, soft-shoeing around real issues, juggling statistics, faking commitment, and worldly methods have left truth wandering in the cold streets. No sermon point is worth making, no program worth success, and no public image worth creating at the expense of truth. Any church and minister who deal in blownup half-truths and worldly image making must be worse than any politician who does the same.

What will come of this? It can deepen a skepticism even more toward anyone in public services. It can cause those who don't intend to change their hearts or ways to become even more subtle and sinister in dishonesty. It may cause a widespread turning to the truth as is in Jesus Christ by a public fed up with lies. It should drive church people to their knees in repentance for failing to be the champions of truth, leading

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No Graveside Service

By H. B. Kuhnle
Lexington, Ky.

Have we ever given thought to the elimination of the graveside service following the funeral service conducted at the church or the funeral home? Is such another service actually needed or desired? Are we merely following in the footsteps of tradition? A new thought can often be startling but perhaps we need to rethink the manner in which funeral services are conducted.

In the first place, the graveside service is but a repetition of what has gone before with the use of scripture and prayer. The procession to the cemetery not only prolongs the point of termination of events but so often is accompanied by noise, hazards and distractions. In larger cities it is necessary for funeral processions to be escorted by police cars or motorcycles. Not only does this cause inconvenience for other traffic but presents real danger when the procession goes through red lights with no policeman present to halt other cars. It is of little comfort to the mourners to see and listen to motorcycles roaring by, leapfrogging one another in order to arrive at the next intersection in time to stop cross traffic, using their shrill whistles to attract the attention of opposing traffic. A long line of cars (many of them without headlights burning) proceeding at a slower rate than ordinary traffic, can and often does produce accidents. Is all this necessary or desired?

Again, pallbearers and in some instances honorary pallbearers means that time must be taken from work which may not be practical or convenient. These are usually chosen from those who were close to the deceased and we understand this is a form of "honoring" the departed loved one, but actually the function of pallbearers in so many instances is negligible.

Once at the grave-site there is usually a tent erected and chairs for the family and close friends. Here the weather enters the picture. Pouring rain or freezing cold adds to the depression of the family. The leveling of the casket usually brings forth tears. The thought of leaving a loved one's body in the rain or snow is anything but comforting.

Dare we even think of breaking with tradition? Would it not be better to have but one service and do away with the things mentioned above? How then conduct the funeral procedure? In quietness and dignity and without undue haste the family could depart from the church or funeral home, their hearts and minds stilled and blessed by the message of the resurrection. The body of the deceased could be conveyed to the cemetery by the funeral home, accompanied by a trusted friend of the family who could assure them all things were done according to their wishes.

After all, why two services? Why insist on an anti-
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Committee Of Fifteen Presents Courageous Report

The February meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is usually hectic. Among other things it prepares the budget which will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention in June. This year the budget hearings were conducted earlier and the recommendation for allocation of funds to Southern Baptist agencies was merely routine.

Many other important items were on the agenda but the most anxiously awaited one was the report of the Study Committee of Fifteen. This committee of the Executive Committee numbered 10 at first but was increased to 15 a little later by adding five laymen.

The committee was asked to review the assignments made ten years ago to the various agencies and institutions of the convention and to report any needed changes or modifying of these assignments.

The committee learned soon that what they were asked to do could not properly be done without a study of the entire Southern Baptist Convention structure and the privilege of recommending changes if needed. This was agreed to by the Executive Committee.

Thus what started out as a routine assignment became one of the most difficult assignments ever undertaken by any committee of Southern Baptists. Instead of a few months or even a year which is usually needed for a committee study and a report, the Committee of Fifteen spent four years studying and preparing a final report of 129 pages in length. They had 21 meetings of the full study committee and countless interviews. The committee or a part of it held discussions with every Southern Baptist agency, commission and institution. Two public hearings were held in Nashville and Portland, Oregon, where any Baptist was welcomed to express his views.

Three proposals from the study were presented by the Executive Committee to the 1972 Session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two of the proposals were accepted and one was rejected. Following this it was decided to wait until the study was complete before presentation to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The study was completed recently and copies of its final report were distributed several weeks ago

to all agencies, to Executive Committee members and others including the state papers and the Baptist Press. The *Western Recorder* carried some analysis of the report. It is obvious, however, that a 129 page report could not be condensed into several short articles. This explains why most of this editorial is informational in approach. The usual editorial approach would not provide much insight for the thousands of Kentucky Baptists who love and are loyal to their local churches but who are almost without any knowledge about Southern Baptist organized life.

There were 23 recommendations from the Committee of Fifteen. One was tabled, another was withdrawn and due to the absence of a quorum late in the meeting three other recommendations will be considered in the Executive Board meeting just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in June. The other recommendations were adopted but not without considerable discussion and amending. Most of those adopted called for further study by the agency concerned and for a response in writing.

The Committee of Fifteen deserve commendation for their endless hours of study and their attitude in presenting their report. The chairman of the committee, E. W. Price, Jr., was a model of humility and restraint. He and his fellow committeemen in essence said, "We have sincerely tried to do what you asked us to do. Here are our conclusions. Do what you care to do with them."

This committee learned anew what has been known and demonstrated before. Some boards of the Southern Baptist Convention will listen courteously to suggestions but are very defensive when it comes to change suggested by study committees other than their own. Their attitude seems to say we know what we are doing, so please let us alone.

Though they were buffeted about considerably the Committee of Fifteen made a major contribution to Southern Baptists. They put in print what many have been saying and asking about some of our practices.

The agencies and boards have been reminded again that though they are highly appreciated and respected, they are scrutinized periodically to make certain they are being faithful to their assignments by the Convention.

Guest Editorial

Sudden Wealth Is Not A Cure All

A recent Associated Press story tells of good news that turned to bad news.

The good news was that Carl B. Dapp, a truck driver, won \$100,000 six years ago in the New York state lottery.

The bad news is that Dapp is now broke, out of a job, in debt, and sorry he ever won the money. Although the truck driver says he didn't squander the money, he did buy himself an expensive car, a mobile home, and a car for one of his sons.

In addition, Mr. Dapp shelled out \$60,000 of the \$100,000 for state and federal taxes.

"I'm not an educated man," Dapp said. "I come from a big family and had to quit school and go to work in the fifth grade. When I won that money, I thought all my problems were solved."

In these days of runaway inflation, many people,

(Editor's Note: Senate Bill 116 introduced in the 1974 General Assembly calls for legalized lotteries in Kentucky. Write or otherwise contact your representative and senator expressing your opposition to SB 116.)

**Bob Hastings
in Illinois Baptist**

especially the poor and uneducated, are looking for that proverbial "pot of gold." But sudden wealth isn't a cure-all. It could be a curse-all.

This is why states such as Illinois which are toying with the idea of lotteries are making a mistake. The purpose of government is to *serve* the people, not *exploit* their ignorance or baser motives. The question isn't how much the state can make on lotteries, but what the state can do to help its citizens live a rich and full life.

I'm not saying everyone who wins \$100,000 in a lottery will go broke. But I am saying the crises facing our nation will not be solved so long as our government bodies use their energies to sponsor Roman Circuses — even if they are disguised as revenue-raising lotteries.



SPEAK OUT ON ABORTION

Dear Editor:

As someone has well said, abortion is one more way of taking a human life and must be considered murder.

The commandment "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13) has never been revoked. We are desecrating the Sabbath and now opening up clinics where abortion is legal.

As to saving the mother's life, maybe the child's would be a better one.

I am against it at any time. May God's people speak out against this evil is my prayer for Jesus' sake. Hodgenville, Ky. Mrs. Grace C. Hayes

ALL BIBLES ARE LIVING

Dear Editor:

I note that when the book published by Tyndale House Publishers and now called *The Living Bible, Paraphrased*, is quoted that it is almost always noted that it is a quotation from "The Living Bible."

Now, while this letter is not to be interpreted as criticism of that paraphrase of the Bible, I want to go on record as saying that neither that paraphrase nor any other made it *The Living Bible*. Brother, all translations of the Bible are translations of *The Living Bible* and all paraphrases of the Bible

are paraphrases of *The Living Bible* and not because of how much more simple they make its language or of how much more readable they make it for the modern reader but because of the fact that IT, The Word of God, is living! Thank God for that!

Princeton, Kentucky John H. Adams

APPRECIATES SERIES

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for including the informative series of articles on tensions in Southern Baptist life in the *Western Recorder*. These articles by Albert McClellan are thought provoking and should be digested by the membership at large.

My father was a life deacon and for years a very capable superintendent of Sunday School. My mother taught through her active life and worked in the missionary life of her church untiringly. My husband and I have tried to pass the rewarding church orientated life on to our two children. In recent years we have seen many changes in programming and in attitudes that are often perplexing to say the least. Maybe this will help explain some of the tension involving church members.

Years ago our Saviour disapproved of a change that had come about and had to drive the moneychangers out of

the temple. Should we not now pray that he will direct both our church ministers and members to seek only those changes that will bear his stamp of approval?

Williamsburg, Kentucky
Mrs. Charles E. Freeman

BAPTISTS ON CAMPUS

Dear Editor:

Many Kentucky Baptists think in terms of Georgetown, Campbellsville, or Cumberland when hearing the phrase "Baptist students active on college campuses." Since attending Eastern, however, I have observed that the Baptist student can be active through the Baptist Student Union.

This organization is well-known on campus simply through its many activities. For example, approximately one weekend a month the BSU holds a coffee house. Any student on campus may come and be entertained and have fellowship with other students. By holding this activity on the weekends, the BSU is unique. Eastern is known as a "suitcase college" so most of the organizations on campus hold their special activities during the week. The weekend coffee houses provide a service for those students remaining on campus during the weekend in that it breaks the monotony of studying and watching television.

Most important, however, is the fellowship and friendship the BSU provides to all the students on campus. After coping with the tensions of a large university, a person needs a place to go where he or she can relate to people who care. The Baptist Student Union is such a place.
Richmond, Ky. Rebecca L. Grubbs

Woman Ordained To Ministry

Miss Esther Hargis was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Lyndon Baptist Church on February 17. The ordination service was preceded by an examining council in another service in which the entire congregation participated. The Lyndon church uses the entire congregation as an examining council and ordaining council for deacons and ministers. The entire congregation also participates in the laying on of hands.



Miss Hargis

Miss Hargis is a Louisville and has been a Lyndon church member since she was about 10 years old. She is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Seminary. For the past year she has been a pastoral intern at the Lyndon church. The intern plan is part of the semi-effort to give students some practical experience before they are graduated.

Asked about how she arrived to the conclusion of seeking ordination, Miss Hargis says it was during her senior year at Georgetown that she felt there was something particular the Lord had for her to do. During her years at the seminary she was still searching and

with her experience as pastoral intern she came to the conclusion that the gospel ministry was the Lord's will for her.

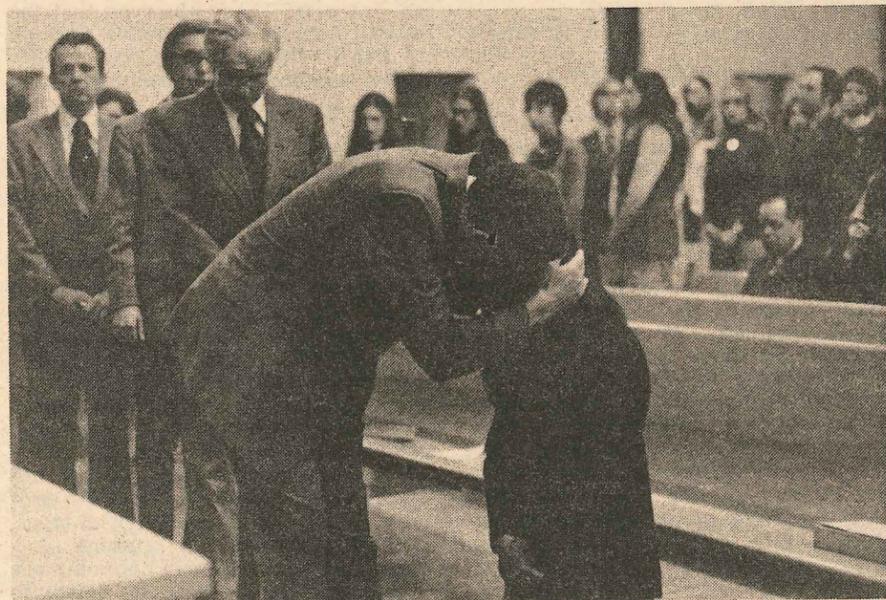
Miss Hargis realizes her ordination will not meet with universal appeal. She doesn't expect to be called as pastor of a Southern Baptist Church anytime soon but feels there is a place for her ministry. She thinks more in terms of being an associate minister or an institutional worker where ordination is required.

She says she is not a crusader for more women in the Baptist ministry but in her own spiritual experience she arrived at the conclusion she should request ordination. She says she expects criticism and rejection by some fellow Baptists as an ordained minister. She says this will not prevent her from seeking to serve the Lord as an ordained minister.

Lyndon pastor Hugh Goldsby was in charge of the service and delivered the charge to the congregation ordaining her. Dan Stone, a Georgetown College staff member, delivered the charge to Miss Hargis.

The presentation of the Bible was made by her own father, Roy Hargis, an active layman in the church many years. After the prayer of dedication led by Bob Kilgore the entire congregation participated in the laying on of hands.

After reading a moving passage from the Psalms, Miss Hargis led the benediction prayer.



LAYING ON HANDS — Members of Lyndon Baptist Church and guests participate in laying on hands during the ordination of Miss Hargis. She is the first known woman to be ordained to the gospel ministry by a Kentucky Baptist church.

Moral
Fiber



FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

It is written, "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34) The moral fiber of a nation has to be strong enough to hold it together. If such fabric grows weak, the public confidence level falls and a society loses its ability to function because there has ceased to be enough good faith for the transaction of necessary business. Men have to trust one another to deal with one another. Commerce suffers paralysis in a society in which the moral fiber has grown so weak that its citizenry does not have confidence in it.

Moral fiber grows best in religious soil. The morals of a society tend to be established in, and grow from religious roots. Men do tend to behave like they honestly believe, always falling short of the goal of their beliefs, but living toward such standard. One of the necessities for the continuation of a strong nation is a sense of purpose under God, a conviction of righteousness. Let America be reminded that she grew on religious roots with a sense of Divine call in history. If this vision is lost and her religion is lost, the unfed moral fiber will degenerate and break.

Our nation has a tradition for separation of church and state. There must be no favored sect. A free church in a free state. Yet, it needs to be remembered also that we have an equally strong tradition for recognizing the moral power of religious beliefs that make for a strong people, an upright people, a dependable people — a stable society. American tradition has ever been dedicated to the maintenance of a favorable environment for religious instruction and endeavor as a valid and supportive part of life that tends to grow a strong and righteous people. Let not America forget her heritage. Let her till the religious soil and water the religious roots and out of them will grow a moral crop.

—Frank Owen

**Give Baptists Facts
And They Will Usually
Make Right Decisions**

Final Figures Indicate Continued SBC Growth

Southern Baptists in 1973 numbered 12.3 million members, contributed 1.2 billion dollars in total receipts, and reported the fourth highest number of baptisms in Southern Baptist Convention history.

Compiled from reports of all 34,665 churches in the SBC, the 1973 denominational statistics indicate increases in church membership, Sunday School enrolment, church music enrolment, mission expenditures, Brotherhood enrolment and total financial receipts.

Churches reported a decrease from 1972 levels in the number of baptisms, Training Union enrolment and Woman's Missionary Union enrolment.

For several years church membership has been increasing at approximately two percent each year, and 1973 was no different.

	1973	1972	(1)	(2)
Churches	34,665	34,534	+131	+0.4
Baptisms	413,990	445,725	-31,735	-7.1
Church Membership	12,297,346	12,067,284	+230,062	+1.9
Ongoing Enrolment				
Sunday School	7,182,550	7,177,651	+4,899	+0.1
Brotherhood	461,080	454,272	+6,808	+1.5
WMU	1,102,432	1,125,641	-23,209	-2.1
Church Music	1,252,628	1,173,004	+79,624	+6.8
Training Union	1,949,640	2,044,445	-94,805	-4.6
Total Receipts	\$1,205,330,781	\$1,071,512,302	+\$133,818,479	+12.5
Total Mission Gifts	\$193,549,922	\$174,772,885	+\$18,777,037	+10.7

(1)—Numerical Change; (2)—Percentage Change

Church membership for the nation's largest evangelical body increased nearly a quarter of a million persons (230,062) over the 1972 membership.

The 1973 total membership was 12,297,346, an increase of 1.9 percent.

Although the number of baptisms decreased in 1973 to a total of 413,990, that figure is the fourth highest ever recorded. The number of 1973 baptisms ranks behind the record number of baptisms in 1972 (445,725), the 1959 figure of 429,063 and the 461,867 figure of 1955.

In 1972 the denomination's total receipts surpassed the one billion dollar figure for the first time in SBC history. The new statistics indicate a 12.5 percent increase over the 1972 figure, resulting in a total of \$1,205,330,781 for 1973. This is an increase of nearly \$134

million. Mission gifts continued to increase in 1973, gaining almost \$19 million (10.7 percent) for a total of \$193,549,922.

Sunday School enrolment increased 4,899 members in 1973 for a total of 7,182,550. The previous year Sunday School enrolment experienced its first gain since 1964.

Church music enrolment gained 79,264 members in 1973, setting the total church music membership at 1,252,628. This figure includes handbell ringers and vocal and instrumental ensemble enrolment which account for approximately 90 percent of the net change. Handbell ringers and ensembles were not included in the 1972 enrolment.

The Brotherhood (men's and boys' missions educational organization) recorded an enrolment of 461,080 members in 1973, an increase of 6,808.

Training Union enrolment totaled 1,949,640, dropping by 94,805 members from the 1972 figure.

Enrolment reported for Woman's Missionary Union (women and girls' missions education organization) decreased 23,209 to a total of 1,102,432.

These figures were compiled by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research services department by computing the reports of 34,665 SBC churches (an increase of 131 churches) and comparing them with the 1972 denominational figures.

Missouri Baptists Name Nelson Interim Exec.

Thomas W. Nelson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, has been named interim executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, to succeed H. L. McClanahan who has resigned the interim post to accept a Missouri pastorate.

The announcement was made by Don Evans, chairman of the executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention, who said Nelson will assume the full duties of interim executive secretary as of March 1, and will continue as head of the foundation.

McClanahan announced his resignation, effective March 1, as interim executive secretary of the Missouri convention to accept the pastorate of Red Star Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was named to the top convention post following the death of the late Earl O. Harding, in August, 1973.

Miss Sharp Is BSU Sweetheart

Miss Jolly Sharp of Williamsburg, Kentucky, was selected BSU Sweetheart for Cumberland College at their annual banquet held recently. Two-hundred and fifty students and faculty were present as Miss Sharp received the crown from J. M. Boswell, president of the college. Miss Sharp, a senior at Cumberland and vice president of the BSU, was chosen from seven contestants selected by the student body. Her escort, Kenny Faught of Irvine, Kentucky, is president of the Ministerial Association at Cumberland.

After the presentation of the Sweetheart and her court, George Fields interpreted the theme of the banquet, "Moments of Love." Fields, a professional entertainer, is a graduate of Mississippi College and was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a student at Southern Seminary.



Executive Committee Fails To Finish Special Report

Executive Committee action on the report of the Committee of 15 ground to an abrupt and unexpected halt Wednesday, February 20, when Cecil Sims of Washington State called for a quorum count. Only 30 of the 64 member body answered the role and the committee adjourned until June with its work unfinished.

But before the unexpected ending, the Executive Committee, with a quorum present, acted on 20 of the 23 recommendations by the special study group. Final deliberations on the three left-over recommendations of the much-discussed Committee of Fifteen report will take place at the Executive Committee's next meeting before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Dallas in June.

As the first order of business, the Executive Committee accepted a recommendation to refer to the appropriate agencies an 86 page section of the report listing of "concerns" regarding the operations of the agencies.

The agencies are asked to respond to the Executive Committee in writing regarding the "concerns" by February, 1975.

Another recommendation, calling for appointment of a committee to study the Executive Committee itself, was passed and will be forwarded for action by the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas.

Under provisions of the recommendation, the Executive Committee requests the convention to authorize the officers it elects in 1974 to appoint a committee of seven persons, widely experienced in denominational life, to study and evaluate the Executive Committee and report back to the convention in 1975. No current Executive Committee members would be eligible to serve on the seven-person committee.

The Executive Committee postponed until February, 1975, a recommendation which would have asked the convention to alter Bylaw 9(5)(g) to allow the Executive Committee, when deciding budget allocations, to study the agencies' "long range program objectives, budget year program goals and action plans and past year program accomplishments reaching previously set goals and action plans."

The postponement was voted after Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and others urged the proposed change in the bylaw receive a full hearing before the Executive Committee votes, to prevent misunderstandings and hidden pitfalls for agencies.

In a companion recommendation, the Executive Committee gave approval to planning a conference for appropriate agency representatives to discuss the implications of the proposed bylaw.

The Executive Committee responded affirmatively to a request that it ask its administrative subcommittee to study trustee-board and trustee-staff relationships and make more clear the duties of those who serve SBC agencies, develop a procedure under which the convention could replace elected agency members who do not attend meeting or who disqualify for other reasons, and study the selection process of the SBC's committee on boards.

A preamble statement on the recommendation from the Committee of Fifteen said, "Our study convinces us that some of these trustees and commissioners are not deeply enough involved in the affairs of their agencies. Occasionally some trustees are negligent and indifferent and some executive officers tend to assume trustee powers."

The Executive Committee also approved a recommendation to study possible revisions in the structure of the Inter-Agency Council, a body authorized by the convention's Bylaw 13 to serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the convention correlate work.

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee will study the Inter-Agency Council, in consultation with SBC agency executives, and bring recommendations to the Executive Committee for any necessary changes in Bylaw 13.

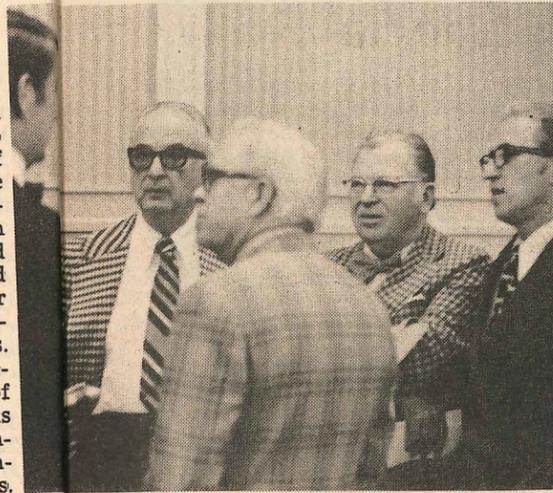
Moving into policies of convention agencies in investment of funds, the Committee of Fifteen noted, "The total investment of all Southern Baptist agencies in stocks, mortgages, bonds, etc., is about \$426,607,044. About three-fourths of this amount is trust funds held by the Annuity Board. The balance is endowment or reserve funds.

"We note the Annuity Board has developed a carefully drawn set of guidelines which it uses in making investments. We feel that similar sets of guidelines should be developed by all agencies having relatively large sums of money to invest. This would assure Southern Baptists that trust funds are being invested in proper financial ways consistent with the social and moral purposes of the convention."

The Executive Committee approved a recommendation to ask the convention to make provision in its Business and Financial Plan to require all agencies to develop such guidelines.

In other actions on Committee of Fifteen recommendations, the Executive Committee:

► Agreed to ask its administrative committee to study redistribution of internal work of the Executive Committee.



STRATEGY — Grady Randolph, right, director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, caucused with other state Foundation directors to discuss a presentation to the Executive Committee concerning a Committee of 15 recommendation. However, the item was postponed to the June meeting when a quorum failed to stay for the hearings.

► Agreed to instruct its finance committee to study, in consultation with the Stewardship Commission, the commission's involvement in providing consulting services for raising money for churches for building purposes, discuss it with the Executive Committee's program committee and report to the Executive Committee.

► Agreed to authorize its finance committee to study the retirement plans of the Annuity Board and other agencies, with the help of professional consultants, if deemed necessary, and report these findings with recommendations to the Executive Committee.

► Passed two companion recommendations on the six SBC seminaries:

1. That the Executive Committee study the formation of an inter-seminary council composed of both presidents and appropriate trustees and that it instruct the Program Committee, in cooperation with seminary presidents, to fully discuss the possibility of such a council and report back to the Executive Committee by February, 1975.

2. That the Executive Committee request the seminaries to study the possibility of charging tuition for all persons enrolled in advanced degree programs and for non-Baptists and report back by February, 1976.

► Agreed to ask its program committee to review with representatives of the Christian Life Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs the points of overlapping between the two agencies and report back with recommendations by February, 1975.

► Agreed to ask its Program Committee to give special attention to staff enlargement as budget allocations are developed, and that when increases are asked to cover staff expansion to make certain that such expansion will not add to the staff burdens of state conventions or create more pressures on the churches and that they are not undertaken to make the work of an agency more convenient or to enhance its visibility.

► Agreed to ask the Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board to work together to develop definitions of "Christian Social Concern" and "Christian Social Ministries," so people will understand, and report these definitions to the convention in June, 1975.

► Passed a recommendation that SBC program leaders and other appropriate executives related to church program organizations review their "task assignments," fully discuss them with appropriate Inter-Agency Council subcommittees and jointly report their findings to the convention by June, 1975, if possible.

► Agreed to ask the seminary presidents to answer as fully and as completely as possible the request made in September, 1973, for present and future plans for non-degree students.

► Agreed to request the two mission boards, the Brotherhood Commission, Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union to fully discuss missions education in the Southern Baptist Convention and develop a strategy for missions education using all channels of all the agencies. The strategy

would be discussed with the appropriate subcommittees of the Inter-Agency Council and jointly reported to the Executive Committee by September, 1975, if possible.

► Agreed to request the Southern Baptist American Baptist Seminary Commission to continue to work with the board of trustees of the seminary for black students in Nashville to set standards and goals to be met by 1977. That would be done with the understanding that the matter will be reviewed at that time and that Southern Baptists would consider converting their assets in the seminary to other uses which would accomplish the education of black young people in training for the ministry.

► Named a nine-member committee to develop a comprehensive missionary challenge for Southern Baptist support during the last 25 years of this century, for action by the Executive Committee at Dallas, June 10.

► Withdrew a recommendation calling for half of the financial support of the Education Commission to be provided by the Baptist colleges by 1980, and referred the matter to the commission as an area of concern for its consideration.

► Delayed until the June 10 meeting action on three recommendations by the Committee of Fifteen, because of a lack of a quorum: (1) to allow the Southern Baptist Foundation freedom to advertise their services in SBC periodicals; (2) to endorse another major organizational structure study of SBC agencies around 1980; and (3) to discharge the Committee of Fifteen. (BP)

Record SBC Budget Approved, \$3 Million Challenge Fund Added

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in its opening session in Nashville approved a proposal to add \$3 million dollars in challenge funds to the previously proposed \$37 million 1974-75 SBC Cooperative Program budget.

Any part of the \$3 million received after the \$37 million figure is reached will be divided proportionately to SBC agencies for their operating budgets.

The regular budget divides \$36 million among SBC agencies and sets aside \$1 million for capital needs of the agencies.

A breakdown of the 1974-75 SBC Cooperative Program budget allots \$18 million to the Foreign Mission Board (plus \$1.5 million from the proposed challenge budget); \$6,750,000 for the Home Mission Board (plus \$562,500 challenge); \$7,560,000 for the six SBC seminaries (plus \$630,000 challenge);

Also, \$200,000 for the SBC Annuity Board (plus \$16,500 challenge); \$95,000 for the Southern Baptist Foundation (plus \$7,800 challenge); \$100,000 for the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission (plus \$8,400 challenge); \$360,000 for the Brotherhood Commission (plus \$30,000 challenge); \$245,000 for the Christian Life Commission (plus \$20,400 challenge);

Also, \$165,000 for the Education Commission (plus \$13,800 challenge); \$140,000 for the Historical Commission (plus \$11,700 challenge); \$1,700,000 for the Radio and Television Commission (plus \$141,600 challenge);

Also, \$176,000 for the Stewardship Commission (plus \$14,700 challenge); \$150,000 for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (plus \$12,600 challenge); and \$359,000 to the SBC Operating Budget (plus \$30,000 challenge). (BP)



MAKING A POINT — Eldred Taylor, second from right, discusses the Committee of 15 report with Executive Committee member John Dunaway, second from left. Also in the discussion was Kentucky executive secretary Frank Owen, left; Glenn Sullivan, center, pastor of First Baptist Church, Russellville; and Gary Cook, a student at Southern Seminary and a student observer of the Executive Committee. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, is a Kentucky member of the Foreign Mission Board. Dunaway is pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin.

Pastor Criticizes President's Stance On Parochial

Jimmy R. Allen, national president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, charged that President Nixon's continuing efforts to fund religious schools with tax money "constitutes the most subtle constitutional crisis in history."

"Most Americans were unaware of the President's renewed pledge (in his State of the Union message) to breach the Constitution," said Allen, recently reelected president of the Washington, D.C. based church-state organization.

Allen noted that Nixon's remarks about support of parochial schools with tax money were not read in the verbal presentation of his speech to Congress but appear in the printed text.

"The persistence of the President of the United States in wooing the votes of parochial school advocates by pressing for tax money for religious schools constitutes the most subtle constitutional crisis in history," said Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio.

"It was the hope of millions of loyal Americans who believe in the First Amendment to the Constitution and want to keep public money in public channels that his previous promise to secure tax money for the parochial schools would be 'inoperative' after his own appointees participated in the Supreme Court decision declaring such efforts patently unconstitutional. The battle in Congress still remains, but advocates of freedom from taxation for religious programs are experiencing a rising tide of support since the spring Supreme Court decision." (BP)

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GROUND BREAKING — Ground was broken for the new Marrowbone Baptist Center on Thursday, February 21. Participating in the service were, left to right, A. M. Taylor, deacon of the Marrowbone Baptist Church; Robert C. Jones, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Mountain Mission Program; Mrs. Eula B. Connelly, member of the Marrowbone Baptist Church; James W. Walls, Sr., missionary for Pike Association; and Mrs. Freeda Harris, Marrowbone Baptist Center director. Also participating in the ceremony was A. B. Colvin, director of the KBC direct missions department. The center's completion is planned by June 1.

Miss Luevern Taylor was crowned Valentine Queen at the 1974 Festival at Campbellsville College on Thursday night, February 14. Miss Taylor was selected on the basis of poise, beauty and talent. In the talent presentation, she delivered an original poem dealing with America's heavy problems and closing with an inspiring Christian note. Miss Taylor is a junior, majoring in secretarial science. She is a graduate of Campbellsville High School.

As Campbellsville College's representative, Miss Taylor will compete with candidates from all the colleges in Kentucky in the annual Mountain Laurel Contest to be held at Pine Mountain State Park in May.



PRESIDENT VISITS — Earl Shoemake, left, visits with three Southwestern Seminary students, Carolyn Singleton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starr, Jr., of Bowling Green and Glasgow respectively, during a recent meeting of Southwestern's 32 state alumni presidents. Shoemake heads the seminary's Kentucky alumni group.

BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE —

Boyce School Voted, Midwestern Sem. Aided

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee approved a proposal by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees that a Ministry Training Center be established at the seminary.

Other action at the three day meeting in Nashville included approval of a change in the Sunday School Board's formula for contribution to the convention's operating budget.

The proposal for the Ministry Training Center, to be called the Boyce Bible School, will be presented by the seminary's trustees to the annual SBC meeting in Dallas in June.

The Bible school will be financed within the seminary's regular budget, according to Albert McClellan, director of program planning and associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

He said the seminary does not intend to charter a separate school but will operate the center as part of its non-degree academic program already in existence.

McClellan said 53 percent of SBC pastors have not attended seminary.

The old Sunday School Board formula, adopted originally in 1959, provided that the Sunday School Board would contribute one dollar to the convention operating budget for every \$3 to the program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with State Conventions. The new formula follows the same pattern for the first \$1 million and 10 percent of all contributions over that amount.

The new formula will permit the Sunday School Board to increase its help to Baptist state conventions in new SBC areas, where Southern Baptist numbers are small and churches need strengthening.



Sid Maddox ponders debate during the three day Executive Committee meeting. Maddox, pastor of FBC, Hopkinsville, is serving his first committee term.

Sullivan said it will enable the board to provide funds to employ a minimum of two persons in each Baptist state convention to promote educational ministries related to the activities of the Sunday School Board.

The Executive Committee, in other developments, prior to devoting its last day to a report by its Committee of 15 on SBC agencies, also:

► Paved the way for the Home Mission Board to shift work in Panama to the Foreign Mission Board by making appropriate terminology changes in the two agencies' program statements. That action must gain final approval from the SBC in June in Dallas.

► Gave \$34,608, plus any accrued interest, to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, from a bequest from the estate of the late Charles F. Hopkins. The funds will go to help ease a financial crisis at the seminary.

► Set \$715,000 as the total Convention Operating Budget, which includes budget of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, expenses for the annual SBC meeting, special committee expenses, legal and auditing fees and contributions to the Baptist World Alliance and Religion in American Life.

► Added a representative of Woman's Missionary Union to the representation on the convention's Public Affairs Committee.

► Passed a recommendation that boards of all convention agencies "shall include both pastors or other full-time church or denominational employees and those who are not pastors or full-time church or denominational employees. Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group shall be drawn from either category."

► Denied a request from SBC president Owen Cooper to "amend the convention's business and financial plan, Section VI, to permit the Home Mission Board to contact churches (only where prospective summer missionaries have membership), parents and selected individuals to solicit their support.

► Denied a request from the Radio and Television Commission that it be permitted to merchandise music in order to recoup some of the cost involved and asked the Radio and Television Commission and the Sunday School Board to "explore cooperatively the outlets of distribution to achieve a greater distribution."

► Granted the Home Mission Board's request to launch a special mail solicitation on behalf of its variety format, evangelistic television series, "Spring Street, U.S.A.," to a mailing list of individuals who have responded to the programs. (BP)

West Virginia Names Editor Of State Paper

Thomas F. Lang, 44, has been named editor of the *West Virginia Southern Baptist*, formerly the *Southern Baptists in West Virginia*, news publication of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

He will continue duties as director of religious education for the convention, a post he assumed April 1, 1973.

Lang is the former pastor of Fairlawn Baptist Church in Parkersburg, and previously served First Baptist Church, Fairlea, both in West Virginia.

He was graduated from the University of Georgia and earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. (BP)

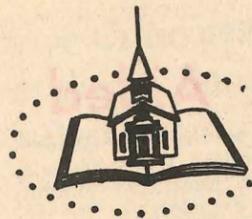
Mission Study Book Banned

A mission study book published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, has been banned and denied entry into Spain.

Jose Cardona, executive secretary of the legal organization of evangelicals, and the person who released the information about the censors, plans to ask them for additional information explaining why the book was rejected and will request that they reconsider their decision.

Mas Alto Que Montgo (Higher Than Montgo), written for children 9 to 11 years old, is a "fiction based on fact" book about a girl from an interior Spanish village who had a personal encounter with Christ at the Denia Baptist Camp.

The story told that the girl's family was originally opposed to her attending the camp because they were not Baptists. The girl went to camp hoping to climb the Mountain Montgo at the back of the grounds, and after she had an experience with Christ, she left camp thinking she would tell family and friends that she went higher than the mountain, up to where God was. (BP)



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 10, 1974)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Lord Of The Church

Mark 11:7-11

Among the Orientals it was customary for a monarch to ride upon an animal covered with very expensive cloths. As Christ Jesus was about to enter the holy city as the One Who would deliver the people from the bondage of sin, His disciples stripped themselves of their outer garments and placed them on the colt or donkey on which He was about to make His royal entry, inasmuch as they did not have the money with which to procure the expensive cloths nor the time to procure them.

Not only by their actions but also by their words the multitudes preceding and following Christ acknowledged His claims to kingship by crying: "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Thus they acclaimed Christ Jesus as the Messiah. Out of that widespread emotional stir there came the cry from many lips, "Who is this?" Many of those who were unrestrained in their enthusiasm would not have been nearly so enthusiastic had they known that the cross was less than a week away. They fully expected Christ to announce His messiahship, to deliver the Jews from their Roman oppressors, and to establish His earthly kingdom. Christ promptly went to the Temple, closely observed all that was taking place in that area, was deeply grieved by what He saw, and departed for Bethany to spend the night.

Mark 11:15-18

On the following day Christ and His disciples returned to Jerusalem. He went immediately to the Temple, which was the center of the religious activities. The very purpose of the Temple had been sacrificed to the greed of gain. All that the Temple stood for was destroyed by the noisy traffic and by the disputing of the moneychangers.

When Christ saw this desecration of His Father's House, His soul flamed with righteous indignation. He determined to stop the practice of carrying on such business as these verses describe in the Temple for which He had great reverence. He drove out those who were violating the purpose of the Temple, and He turned over the tables, so that the coins of the moneychangers rolled in every direction. He

thoroughly cleansed the Temple of all that unholy traffic.

By His actions and His words Christ condemned the scribes and chief priests for their unholy traffic. Instead of turning from their evil ways, they are incensed by His action, and they resolved to destroy Him Who had just given them an additional proof that He was the Messiah. As has happened on many occasions, the rival and antagonistic groups plotted and worked together to destroy the influence and to take the life of the Son of God.

Mark 11:27-28

In all probability a sizable number of those who disapproved and resented Christ's action in cleansing the Temple spent considerable time in scheming and planning an open attack on Him. They challenged Him to state by what authority He was acting in receiving honors as the Messiah or in driving the traders from the Temple. They asked: "By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee the author-

ity to do these things?" This double question dealt both with the nature of His authority and the source from which He obtained it.

These rude and bitter inquisitors thought that they had succeeded in ensnaring Christ, regardless of how He answered them. If He should say that God gave Him the authority, they were prepared to charge Him with blasphemy. If He should assert that His authority was from men, they would deny that He had received it from them, who alone had the control of the Temple, so they would brand Him as a usurper.

Christ answered their challenge by asking them a counter question: "By what authority did John the Baptist administer the ordinance of baptism?" Even though it was extremely embarrassing to them, they decided to incur the reproach of ignorance by answering Him: "We cannot tell." Because of their false reply Christ refused to answer their questions.

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When The Spirit Fills A Life

Acts 3:1-6

Perhaps Peter and John had been friends from their youth. They were partners in the fishing business. Here we find them accompanying each other to the place of prayer. They were so different that it is interesting to find them together. Peter was impulsive, bold, energetic, and daring. John was meditative, timid, loving, and dependable. Each had something the other lacked, so they were mutually helpful. Through cultivating an interest in people who are different from us our lives may be enriched greatly.

As Peter and John were about to enter the expensive gate of such tremendous beauty, they observed a helpless cripple being placed within a few feet of the entrance to the temple. The con-

dition of this man was not due to an accident or to any sin in his life. He had been helpless from his birth, perhaps due to a malformation or a weakness in his ankle bones. Every day dear relatives or kind friends carried him to this place which was so propitious for begging, inasmuch as the crowds entered this gate to worship at least three times daily.

Understanding the philosophy of benevolence, the cripple knew that the most kind, thoughtful, and sympathetic people pray and worship regularly in the Lord's house. So he knew where to go for alms. Never expecting to walk a step, and wanting only a little money, this helpless cripple daily sat there by the gate of the temple and held out his hand, beseeching the more fortun-

nate passersby to contribute to his support.

When this man thrust forth his hand to Peter and John, and with the wail of a professional mendicant asked alms of them, they stopped suddenly and turned a piercing gaze upon him. As the fire of Christian love flashed through their eyes, his interest was awakened and his hopes were aroused. Speaking for both of them, in a commanding voice Peter said: "Look on us." Expecting to receive something worthwhile, the cripple responded at once to the command, and his very look revealed his thoughts.

When the afflicted man turned his face in the direction commanded, eagerly expecting to receive a gift, his heart must have sunk within him at the disappointing words: "Silver and gold have I none." However, when Peter continued with the statement: "But such as I have give I thee," his hopes began to rise again. Wondering what Peter was going to give him, the man listened with quickened interest as the Apostle added: "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk." Stooping down, Peter grasped the outstretched hand of the man and lifted him to his feet, whereupon he felt the thrill of power in his feet and ankles.

Acts 4:31-37

The membership of the church in Jerusalem was characterized by a marvelous spiritual unity. In it there was a great variety of temperaments, dispositions, and capabilities, but the members were of "one heart and of one soul." They were victorious over self-seeking, jealousy, distrust, ill-will, and strife. Their sharing was completely voluntary, except as they were prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Another noteworthy characteristic of the members of that church was the fact that at every opportunity they gave personal testimony of what the Lord had done for them. Filled and energized by the Holy Spirit, they boldly and faithfully witnessed for Christ. Their testimony was made effective by the Holy Spirit.

One of the noble and lovable members who displayed remarkable love and demonstrated great generosity was Barnabas. He was a Jew of the tribe of Levi and a native of Cyprus. Evidently he was a man of considerable means. We do not know how much property he owned, but it had a sale value and he did not have any difficulty in disposing of it. In harmony with the decision of the church to place all possessions at the command of the apostles, Barnabas sold his land and brought all of the proceeds and laid them at the feet of the apostles. Thus his liberality was expressed in deed and not in pious words or promises only.

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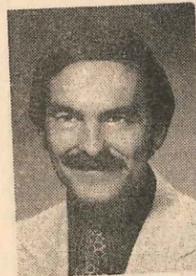
Annuity Board Sets Record Benefits

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board learned at their annual meeting in Dallas that the agency set two records in 1973 for retirement and protection benefits paid out.

The one-year disbursement of \$15,837,988 was the highest of any 12-month period. It topped the \$11.2 mil-

Library Workshops Slated For April

Churches providing library services or that plan to begin such a service are invited to attend two state library workshops to be held in April.



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April 11. The two hour session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The second workshop will be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, April 12-13. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude the following day at noon.

Reservations for the Cedarmore workshop should be made by contacting Arlis Hinson, Cedarmore Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad 40003. A reservation fee of \$3.00 should be included.

lion in 1972, the previous high, board president Darold H. Morgan reported.

The board also passed the \$100 million mark in total retirement and protection benefits paid out in the agency's 56 year history. The all-time total stands at \$109,991,426.

Benefits were disbursed to over 7,000 annuitants.

The largest number of new annuitants ever entered on the roll in one year were added in 1973. Plan A, the basic church plan for ministers, saw an increase of 767, Morgan said. Plan B, a basic plan for agencies and institutions and supplemental plan for those eligible for plan A, gained 531 new annuitants. Plan C, variable plan, supplemental to the others, reported a gain of 74.

Some overlap in numbers exist since many annuitants participate in more than one plan, Morgan said.

Insurance benefits paid out for health, life and disability covering during 1973 approximated \$10 million, the board president said.

The Annuity Board handles retirement and insurance plans for churches and agencies in the Southern Baptist Convention. About 38,000 pastors, other church staff personnel and denominational agency employees participate in the plan.

Funds held in trust for these participants reached a record \$350,262,186, according to Morgan. This compares with the 1972 figure, then a record of nearly \$336 and a half million.

The Annuity Board invests these funds in stocks, bonds and real estate to increase retirement benefits.

Investment income for 1973 amounted to \$10,001,735, down from the record \$22,295,543 reported in 1972. (BP)

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"The Credibility Chasm"

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to a revival of the frontier ethic, "a man's word is his bond," and living up to the cry of today's youth, who say, "tell it like it is!" It is likely to produce a better politician, hueing to the line because the public eye is on him. It ought to remind us that the father of lies is the god of this world system, the spirit at work in the children of disobedience with all manner of deviousness in unrighteousness, because they will not come to the truth that they might be saved.

With our God of truth, there is no credibility gap. As His people, we ought to do what we can to lessen the one that exists with the family of men.

No Graveside Service

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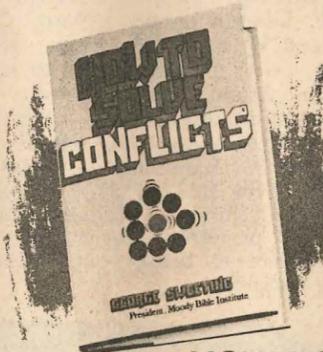
climax? One service would largely eliminate the length of the service, expense, confusion, inconvenience and add to quietness and reverence so greatly desired in an hour of sorrow.

Would it be practical to have funeral services conducted in the evenings when more people could be present and the next day have the funeral home convey the body to the cemetery as mentioned above?

These words have been written from the standpoint of a pastor who for more than forty years has served in our cities. It is recognized that all which has been said will not necessarily be applicable to funerals conducted in rural areas.

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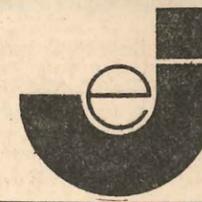
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Kentuckians Appointed Missionaries

Kentucky was well represented in the announcement of career missionaries and missionary associate appointments made by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's trustees after their February meeting in Atlanta.

Jim and Connie Markham were among 10 Christian social ministries appointees. A native of Kentucky, he

Mrs. Parker Assumes Florida Presidency

Mrs. Henry Allen (Virginia) Parker, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida, will become the first woman president of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Parker, whose husband served as the Florida convention's president in 1963, will succeed to the office from the second vice presidency following the resignation of the president and the first vice president.

Mrs. Letha Cassazza, a past president of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, dually aligned with Southern and American Baptists, is believed to be the first woman to ever serve a Southern Baptist affiliated convention as president. Mrs. Parker would be the second.

A. Rudolph Fagan, a pastor from Bradenton, Florida, was elected president of the Florida convention last November, but announced his resignation after his election as executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

The first vice president, Fred Cooper, director of information services at Stetson University, Deland, Florida, resigned after learning of Fagan's proposed move, because, he said, "it would be impossible to give the time and leadership" the presidency of the Florida convention would require. (BP)

HB 456 has been reported favorably from committee. Its passage would take away the citizen's right to decide for or against liquor by the drink sales on Sunday in Louisville and would allow fiscal court members to decide the issue. Thus not only would more liquor be consumed but the right of citizens to decide for themselves would be taken away. It is urgent that citizens, especially in Louisville and Jefferson County, express their views to their legislators immediately.

works in weekday ministries in Jellico, Tennessee.

William and Judy Smith were promoted to missionary status. A native of Henderson, Smith was a missionary associate in San Francisco. He was appointed as area director of Christian social ministries in Washington, D.C.

Lee and Nancy Biles were appointed to serve in the Southern New England Association in Connecticut. Biles will be superintendent of missions of the association. He is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

A native of Floydada, Texas, and former US-2er, Don Johnston was appointed as a student intern at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

The trustees also named Forrest H. Watkins director of associational and metropolitan evangelism ministries. His responsibilities will include channeling all the programs and materials of the board's division of evangelism to the churches and producing strategies and materials for evangelism in metropolitan areas.

The 51 year old Albany, Georgia, native has served at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1967, as consultant for new church member orientation in the church training department. He has been pastor of churches in Florida and is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Pastors' Institute Set

The fifth annual Georgetown Pastors' Institute will be held on the Georgetown College campus July 29 - August 2. Joe O. Lewis, acting chairman of the college religion department, is director of the institute.

Six outstanding lecturers will participate in the program. They are Hans Walter Wolff, professor of Old Testament, Heidelberg University, who will lecture on "The Old Testament and Modern Man;" John C. Bennett, visiting professor, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, "From Theology to Social Ethics;" James E. Dittes, professor of psychology of religion, Yale, "Our Givens and Misgivings;" Robert G. Bratcher, research consultant, translations department, American Bible Society, New York, "Understanding the New Testament Today;" Carlyle Marney, director, Interpreter's House, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina; and W. Frank Harrington, senior minister, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, who will conduct the morning worship services.

Cost of the institute is: \$75 per person, \$115 for man and wife; \$36 for children over 12 and \$22 for children under 12. Nursery facilities can be arranged privately. Parents are requested not to bring young children to the lectures.



TOURING HOLY LAND — Forty-four seniors from Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville recently participated in the first annual study tour of the Holy Land. Designed to make the graduating seniors aware of the land they have studied about for three years, the tour was subsidized by friends of the school. Pictured above are Clear Creek students and their wives boarding a chartered bus for New York. From left, they are Professor Lewis H. Lynch, class sponsor, Wayne Henderson, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Nevil Smith, Mrs. Roy Parker, Nevil Smith, Mrs. Henderson and Roy Parker.