



Western Recorder

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Cedarmore Manager Arlis Hinson looks out over renovation and construction underway at the Baptist assembly near Bagdad. For a complete up to date look at the projects see story pages 8-9.

Help With Day Camping Offered

The church training department will sponsor six day camping conferences in April. The conferences will help churches planning day camps to know how to:

- (1) schedule activities,
- (2) enlist workers, and
- (3) use the material.

The new day camping material is now available at the Baptist Book Stores. It will also be on sale at the conferences. The 1974 theme is "Frontier."

The new material contains all the information needed for an effective day

Historical Society Needs Manuscripts

The *Kentucky Baptist Heritage*, a periodical of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society, needs manuscripts about Kentucky Baptist history. These may include manuscripts relating to individual churches, associations, biographical articles on prominent Kentucky Baptist leaders, Baptist institutions or any other subject which treats the history of Kentucky Baptists or any segment of it.

The articles should be typewritten, double-spaced and the name of the sender, along with the address including zip code, should appear on the first page. Because of the limited income of the periodical no financial remuneration is given. Anyone wishing an original manuscript returned should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with the manuscript.

Manuscripts to be considered for publication may be mailed to James E. Taulman, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, Dixie and Silver Avenue, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017.

Membership in the Historical Society, which provides for a subscription to the *Kentucky Baptist Heritage*, is \$2.50 a year or \$25.00 for a lifetime membership.

Governor Wendell Ford has declared April 7-13 Prayer Vigil Week. The observance is spearheaded by American Mothers under the theme "The Power of Prayer is for Peace and Justice."

Serving as prayer chairman for the state chapter of American Mothers is Mrs. Mabel Hite, a member of Jeffersontown Baptist Church in Louisville.

camping program — a schedule already planned, numerous craft activities, games, a section on worship, music, and much more. The Director's Packet is \$3.95. It contains a *Director's Guide*, a *Counselor's Guide*, a *Camper's Book I* and a *Camper's Book II*.

Neil Jackson, consultant in the church recreation department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the conferences.

Mic Morrow, associate in the Kentucky church training department, encourages pastors to attend one of the meetings with a church representative. The conferences are scheduled as follows:

- April 11 — Ashland, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- April 12 — Morehead, First Baptist Church, 10:00 a.m.
- April 12 — Lexington, Grace Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15 — Louisville, Long Run Baptist Center, 7:00 p.m.
- April 16 — Somerset, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.
- April 18 — Cave City, Cave City Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I can't afford Christianity! The moment I became kind, unselfish, and forgiving, my wife started charge accounts all over town!"

DEVOTIONAL



Jack R. Traugott
Baptist Youth Crusade
President
Greenup Association

Remember Now Thy Creator!

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember — now — right now thy Creator, for without him you can do nothing (John 15:5). But with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). If the main focus of your life is selfish pleasure and things of the flesh I'm afraid you'll go from one super dependency right to another. Because the soul, you see, shrinks, when it doesn't have the corrective help of God's Spirit.

Remember when you live for God, you have true pleasure, and real joy. When Jesus taught his twelve disciples, even in the Garden before his death, he stressed the doing of God's Will. That means the practical determination to turn from old ways and, by God's Spirit, be converted, receiving Supernatural power to live a victorious life!!

You know victory comes from licking the devil daily, not from some grand initial experience. So remember what the wisest man in the world, Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Don't let the excitement of being young cause you to forget about your Creator. Honor him in your youth before the evil years come — when you'll no longer enjoy living."

Don't straddle this fence. Decide for Christ today! Just see what happens!!

Survey Shows Youth Rate Religious Interest High

Perhaps at few other times in history have the American people so craved moral and spiritual leadership as they do today. The typical citizen is searching for new heroes — heroes with character, not just charisma.

Whether or not the church in America succeeds in providing the moral and spiritual leadership so needed today depends in large measure on two key groups in the population:

(1) Those with a college background (accounting for about one-fourth of the population), who include a high proportion of "activists" and "opinion leaders" and who will spearhead movements in the church and in society; and

(2) Young adults in America (18 to 29 years old) who will set the tone for religion in the decade ahead and provide the nation's leadership.

The church's declining influence of ten has been blamed on these two groups — the college educated and the young — yet survey evidence strongly suggests that these groups could well be in the vanguard of religious renewal in this country.

All signs point to the fact that religion is gaining a new intellectual respectability in this country. The assumption that the educated person "needs" religion less, and is more ready to discard religion as a product of ignorance and superstition, is not borne out by survey findings.

Rationalism vs. Intuition

These findings, dealing with the religious beliefs and practices of persons with a college background and with those of young adults, coincide with current trends in religious thought which indicate a de-emphasis of rationalism and a growing acceptance of intuition as perhaps man's more impressive faculty.

The following survey findings reveal the levels of religious belief and practice among these two key population groups. First the college educated group.

Perhaps surprising to some, church attendance is as high — if not higher — among persons with a college background than among persons with less formal education. A very large majority also hold to the beliefs in God and in life after death, though slightly lower than the percentage for the United States as a whole.

College people are also somewhat less inclined than are non-college persons to believe in the devil or in hell, but belief still outweighs disbelief.

One person in four (24 percent) among the college group describes himself as "very religious," a proportion which almost exactly matches up with the national figure.

It may be generally believed that the "mystical experience" is something that occurs among only uneducated and susceptible people in revival meetings. Yet a Gallup Poll taken a few years ago showed that as large a proportion of the college educated as the rest of the population say they have had a mystical experience — that is, a moment of sudden insight or awakening.

Respectable Religion

These findings would seem to lend heavy support to the conclusion that religion has solid intellectual respectability and is not just something for the "masses."

The other key group to whom the church must appeal are the youth of America.

Many young people are turned off by organized religion, with the criticism frequently voiced that the church is "sterile," "outmoded," "not relevant."

In fact, a recent Gallup survey shows that among persons 18 to 24 years old who describe themselves as "very religious," as many as one-fourth say they have little or no respect for organized religion.

Yet it would be demonstrably wrong to write off youth as "non-religious." A majority (55 percent) of young adults, 18 to 24, say they have a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of respect and confidence in the church or organized religion. Only seven percent say "none."

In addition, most persons in this age group attest to a belief in God, heaven and other basic tenets of faith.

The religious character of American youth stands out in bold relief when our young people are compared with the youth of other nations of the world. This is seen from a study of youth conducted in 11 nations for the Japanese government by Gallup International. Interviews were conducted in person with more than 15,000 persons, 18 to 24.

The United States, India and Brazil, for example, have the lowest percent-

By George Gallup, Jr.
American Institute of
Public Opinion

age of atheists (less than one percent). The percentage is as high as 10 percent among youth in France and 12 percent in Sweden.

Next to youth in the Philippines, Americans are the best churchgoers. One-third of youth in the United States said they attend church in a typical week, a higher figure than recorded in nine other nations. The percentage is lowest in France, Sweden, Japan and Yugoslavia.

Fewer no interest youth

In addition, far fewer young people in the United States than abroad say they have "no interest" in religion. About one young adult in eight (12 percent) in the United States says he has no interest in religion, while the figure goes as high as 32 percent in the United Kingdom, 41 percent in Sweden and 74 percent in Japan.

Still further evidence of the religiousness — or religiosity — of American youth is seen in international comparisons on the question, "What one of these things (from a list of seven) do you want most in life?" A higher proportion of youth in the United States and in the Philippines say "salvation through faith" than in any of the other nine nations surveyed.

American youth are not only exceptionally religious when compared to the youth of other nations but also put a higher premium on "love and sincerity" as a goal in life and less on "money and position."

These findings would seem to indicate that the church in the United States has excellent raw material with which to work. (BP)

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The Exorcist Is A Waste Of Time And Money

There are some things so evil and ugly that we would not like even to mention them and thus give them free publicity. One current example is the movie, *The Exorcist*, based on a book with the same name written by William Blatty. This vulgar movie would not go away but rather became the most talked about movie in recent history and reportedly is nominated for about ten top awards.

In the February 23 issue of the *Western Recorder* we ran what we thought was a helpful critique of the movie by Larry Maddox. So many questions came from sincere people about this book and movie that I felt I must learn something about it first hand in order to give helpful answers. These questions were understandable in light of the publicized religious dimensions of the work including demon possession and the casting out of Satan from a young girl by two priests.

At first I decided to see the movie. In the meantime my 19 year old son saw it and recommended that I not see it. And so I bought a paper back copy of the book and read it. Subsequently another son who is a graduate student in drama went to see it to observe the widely heralded artistic quality of the production. His verdict was that it did not live up to its artistic reputation and was a waste of time and money.

My conclusion is that no one should see the movie nor read the book. It is the most vulgar, degrading and downright filthy book I ever read. It has no religious value unless it is to convince the unbeliever there is a devil and demon possession is a fact. One mother is reported to have said she hoped her son would see the movie in order to scare the devil out of him. This is not our understanding of conversion.

The absurdity is that a vulgar, misrepresentative movie in 1974 is looked to by many as a source of information on the demonic and Satan instead of the Bible which for many centuries has been a true sourcebook on demons and the devil. Satan and his strategy were introduced by the Hebrews in Genesis 3 but such a belief in a powerful personal evil force can be traced to ancient cultures which predated the Hebrews.

Demon possession and casting out demons are a prominent part of the ministry of Jesus. This phenomenon is also extensive in the writings of Paul and John. Whatever is the perfect understanding of demon

possession and exorcism (casting out demons), it was the religious language used in the first century to describe evil experiences.

The New Testament pictures Christ as encountering Satan at the very beginning of his ministry in what we know as the temptation experience of Jesus. Satan is pictured as personal and powerful offering Jesus all that appeals to man's carnal appetite and ambition. Jesus instead of accepting his offer withstood and resisted every seduction of Satan.

Jesus certainly recognized a superhuman demonic force at work in every person. The classic example of demon possession and exorcism in the ministry of Jesus is the Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5:1-20). But the presence of Satan is not only pictured in the New Testament in depraved humanity but in those closest to Jesus. On one occasion when Peter urged that Jesus not die as he tried to teach his disciples he must, Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23a). This means at that moment at least Peter was the voice of Satan.

This should disturb many of us who are disciples of the Lord but can also be the voice of Satan. Who among us have not sometime said, "I don't know why I did such a thing. I didn't want to but something made me do it." It is as if some malignant power beyond our control possessed and used us.

What's most important to remember is that Jesus did battle with Satan and was victorious. Even the ultimate weapon of Satan which put Jesus to death on the cross was turned into victory by the resurrection for Jesus and all who trust in Him.

Too often we think only of the promised final victory of Christ over Satan upon his second coming. It's also important to remember Jesus while on earth overcame Satan and we are offered his victory if we will let him live in us.

In Matthew 16 Jesus called Peter a devil. In John 6 Jesus said Judas was a devil. Yet their final destinies were opposite. Why? It was not that Peter won and Judas lost. It was that Jesus won in the cross which Peter accepted finally but Judas rejected finally.

Forget the vulgar, degrading and false teaching in "The Exorcist." There's more true teaching concerning Satan and how to overcome him in the Bible than we will ever learn in this life.

Compassion And Generosity Are Not Forsaken Traits

Would to God I could find the words to express fully the joy and gratitude of my soul this moment! Many encouraging responses have come from Daley Observations over nearly 17 years but none more heart warming than the response to the report of the plight of the Norbert L. Roberts family in our March 16 issue.

There is reason to expect response from some *Western Recorder* readers to every good cause presented but in this case it has exceeded our greatest expectation. Most of the gifts for the Roberts have been sent directly to Miss Anna May Banks who is a fellow employee of Mr. Roberts at Chemetron Tube Turns, P.O. Box 987, Louisville, Kentucky 40201. She has served several years as coordinator for relief funds from fellow employees for the Roberts.

Miss Banks says she is simply overcome by the response from the *Western Recorder* article. She says it's almost unbelievable. The gifts to date (March 29) amount to \$4,296.06 from *Western Recorder* readers in half a dozen states or more in addition to those in Kentucky.

A few of the gifts have been mailed to the *Western Recorder* editor for special reasons. To open a letter with a gift and a special message of concern is an inspiring experience. The amount of the gift is not always a true measure of the giver's compassion as

Jesus taught concerning the widow's mite. The fact remains, however, that it is cash instead of compassion that pays debts in this world. And so you can imagine my feeling when opening a letter with a most compassionate message and a check for \$2,000 to be applied to the \$2,307 nursing home bill for Mrs. Roberts. One condition of the giver was that the source be strictly anonymous. The joy in my heart overflowed with happy tears in my eyes. One act of such love and generosity more than compensates for all the little hardships and criticisms which come an editor's way.

In these times it is not easy to be hopeful when we read or watch the news from all over the world. We are prone to join the cry of the despairing Psalmist. "Help, Lord; for there is no longer any that is godly; for the faithful have vanished from among the sons of men" (Psalm 12:1). Or with Elijah under the juniper tree we cry, "for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, . . . and I, even I only, am left. . . ."

All the faithful have not vanished nor are compassion and generosity forsaken traits of God's children. Thank you for every prayer and gift for the Roberts and for reassurance to this fellow servant of our Lord that many people really care for suffering humanity.



Don't we know God will punish a nation or individual who will destroy an innocent life?

Capital punishment should be reinstated and enforced.
Louisville, Ky. Mrs. W. J. Robertson

PUT FAITH TO WORK

Dear Editor:
With much respect for our Baptist paper, somehow I just can't help feeling that perhaps if a little more emphasis were given on the heart of our trouble — not so much on who is doing what and where and how — most of our problems would clear up automatically when we really put our faith, real faith, to work in action, and this doesn't mean to put the blame on government officials.

One thing, if we are to ever have an orderly society, is to remember our governments are only as good as the people are. They are many times doing what they believe the people want, and not always doing what they really believe themselves.

So let's get our country back in the hands of our God. Then there will not be any need to worry about murdering, unborn or born, liquor, etc. The time is here now. People want security, and I can see many good things coming about.

Leitchfield Mrs. Virginia Wilson

IMMORAL HAPPENINGS

Dear Editor,
When I opened my *Western Recorder* this afternoon, it was refreshing to see so many Southern Baptists "wide awake" as to what's happening in our Kentucky state legislature.

It's frightening to see so many immoral things happening in our country today, and so it was when "Rome fell."

I am a member of the Second Baptist Church in Greenville, John Brandon is my pastor. I'm so concerned with what's happening in our state legislature, because it has to do with human well-being, and it seems to be the work of the "Anti-Christ."

I do not believe in Women's "Lib," because it degrades women and I enjoy the role of mother and housewife, because it gives me the time to teach my children responsibility to God, and Family, but we send men to the state and federal levels to do a job, that will benefit our country as a whole, forgetting to ask them whether or not they are Christians.

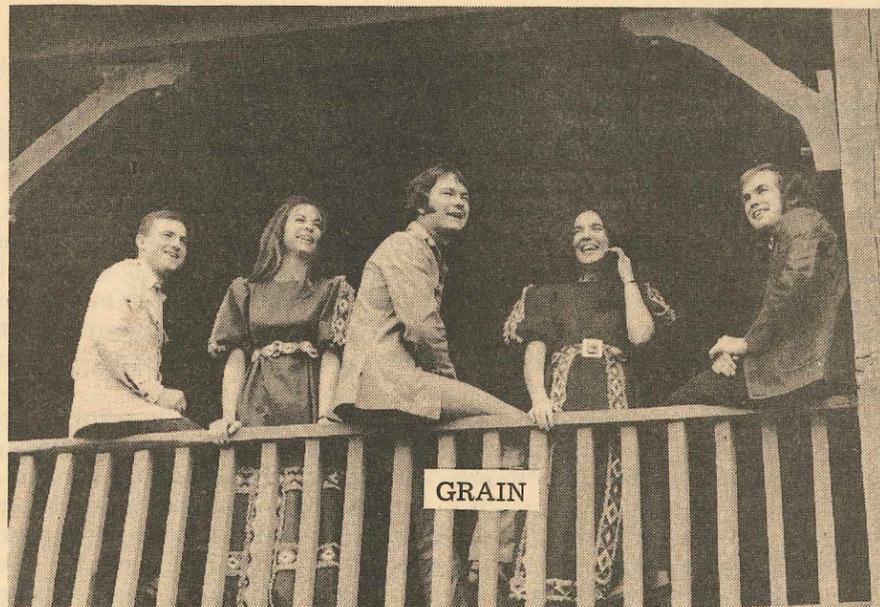
But then I realize that God is still on His throne, and I pray that His will be done.

If you see fit to print my article, I would appreciate it. The amendment is available to all who will take the time to write to Frankfort for it. Thank you so much for your time and space. I know our *Western Recorder* is a paper that will reach many Southern Baptist homes, and it should not be a "political playground," but Christians should be awakened to the fact that bills are passed every day contrary to their beliefs.

Greenville Mrs. Donald E. Carver

ABORTION OPPOSITION

Dear Editor:
I am so astonished and angry when I hear of so many church members, especially Baptists, advocating abortion. They certainly aren't speaking for this Baptist. Many of these probably voted to outlaw capital punishment.



GRAIN

BSU Leaders Gather At Berea

A leadership training conference for Kentucky Baptist Student Union workers will be held April 5-7 at Berea Baptist Church in Berea.

The three day conference will feature workshops to discuss the nature of a Baptist Student Union and the responsibilities of a BSU officer.

Ed Rollins, manager of national student ministries for Sunday School Board, will be present at the conference to speak with participants. He was director of student work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for ten years and, before that, served as student director for the Los Angeles area.

Robert Myers, a Southern Baptist missionary formerly stationed in Nassau, the Bahamas, will be present to

participate in the commissioning of summer missionaries from Kentucky. He will also deliver messages at the conference.

"Grain," a five member musical missions team, will entertain the student participants and speak to them about missions. The group, made up of young people with first hand overseas missions involvement, will present their program of contemporary music and relate their overseas experience.

"Grain," sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, is made up of two former missionary journeymen, a son of a career missionary, one member who has a brother and sister-in-law who are missionaries, and a technician who has served as a summer missionary.

Regular Things

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



I like regular things — steady, constant, undramatic, faithful things. Christians shouldn't need much special excitement or attention-getting procedures as stimuli for our interest. We are already committed.

I like the church at revival meeting time but I like it better at regular worship. I like Sunday School in enlargement campaign (and other special emphases) but I like it best at regular Sunday Bible lesson time.

I like special offerings, big promotions, (so necessary to gear up better giving from people who are slow of hand) but I more appreciate the regular offering, storehouse tithing, the giving that faithful people do week by week, month by month, pay day by pay day. Sing praises, please, to the silent, unpraised, faithful givers, who, without fanfare or pleading keep the Lord's work going.

I like Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, the Thanksgiving offering (and others) but I love more the Cooperative Program, the "family fund" of regular mission giving that pays the bills (including the bills for promoting the special offerings) and keeps the cause going. I like best that which maintains the pipeline, the system through which the special offerings must flow — that employs and sends and sustains the witnesses with regular income. We'd have no causes to give to if the regular offerings failed.

I, too, like the lively moments, but prefer the lasting hours — to climb the mountain, but also to travel level ground — the high experience, the lowly service — the gift of flight, the patience to walk.

The meal is better than the dessert. May we never get stale in glorious continuity. Don't ever lose appreciation for the sheer joy and virtue of living quietly a well-poised Christian life of routine faithfulness in things most excellent. "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

Frank Owen

WESTERN RECORDER

People And Places

Mrs. Zelma Augustus, the pastor's secretary at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, died Wednesday, March 27, 1974, at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. She was the former Zelma Basham and a native of Owensboro. Funeral services were held Friday, March 29, at Pearson's on Breckinridge Lane with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. David S. Ferrell, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

The Cumberland College Chamber Choir, a group of twelve singers and instrumentalists from the college, has been invited to perform at Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington, this summer.

Harold R. Wortman, director of the choir, announced they would be singing at the exposition on June 5. The group sings a varied concert including early madrigals, sacred music including selections from "Godspell," spirituals and contemporary music including selections from "Fiddler on the Roof."

Chaplain Erwin L. Averitt, one of the most beloved ministers in Kentucky, will be 90 years old on April 2, 1974, and will also at that time celebrate 60 years in the ministry. He has been in the hospital but is now at home which is 1654 Cowling Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40205. Many of his friends will want to send him an expression on this occasion.

Ira V. Birdwhistle of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, is serving this semester as instructor in church history at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently completing work on his doctor of theology degree at the seminary.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Birdwhistle of Lawrenceburg, he and his wife, the former Miss Nancy Ann Forgy of Lewisburg, Kentucky, served the Munfordville Canmer Baptist Church before he joined the seminary faculty.

Birdwhistle is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He is a former Luther Rice Scholar.

His appointment was approved by the seminary's board of trustees during their called February meeting.

The One Way Evangelistic Association will begin a Christian television

program each Sunday beginning April 7, 1974, 8:30 a.m., Channel 62, Lexington, according to Dan C. Moore, Jr. Moore is a leader in this organization and also serves as pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church in Georgetown.

J. V. Carlisle, former staff member at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, died recently at Suburban Hospital, Louisville.

Carlisle held several pastorates in Indiana and Missouri. He also had served as a director of the Long Run Baptist Association.

The funeral was held at Crescent Hill. His family has expressed the desire that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Cecil G. Irwin, Sr., pastor of Greensburg Baptist Church, has been selected to appear in *Who's Who in Kentucky*.



He is a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville and Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Irwin has held several denominational offices within the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He has served on the executive board three years, three years on the nominating committee and three years on the Christian education board.

Before beginning his service at Greensburg Irwin served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clay, Kentucky.

Leon Simpson, director of ministerial training, church relations and assistant professor of religion at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, has been awarded the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas.

Simpson's major department was the New Testament and his dissertation topic was "An Investigation into the Jewish Character of Paul's Letter to the Romans."

Simpson received the BA degree from Texas Technological University, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern. He has served on the Cumberland College staff since 1967.

He and wife Marilyn have two children, Leon, 5, and Timothy, 3.

Mrs. C. P. Hargis died in February, 1974, at the age of 79. She was a worker in the Sunday School department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention from 1924 until 1954. Mr. Hargis, who died several years ago, was also one of the field workers for the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School department. Both of them were known for their long and valuable ministry. Mrs. Hargis was a member of Crescent Hill

Baptist Church and lived in Seminary Village at the time of her death.

Elwyn Wilkinson, Jr., director of religious activities at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, has been chosen to appear in the 1974 edition of *Who's Who in Kentucky*.



Wilkinson, a native of Louisville, received the BS degree from Mississippi College, the BD and the ThD degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He has been employed as director of religious activities at Cumberland since August, 1968.

Mrs. W. S. Coakley, a Kentucky pastor's wife for 43 years, died February 6 shortly before 7:00 p.m. She had served in churches in Ghent, Wheatley, Mt. Washington and Owensboro along with her husband, W. S. Coakley. After his death in 1952 she continued her participation in Baptist life and was widely sought as a leader, counselor and friend. She leaves two children, William S. Coakley, Jr., of Frankfort, and Mrs. Ray C. Tindall, a minister's wife in Tallahassee, Florida.

Dale Adkins, a religious education school student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, was elected by the May graduating class at the seminary to serve as a vice president during the spring commencement May 31. He will help plan the senior banquet and participate in the class reception at the home of seminary president Duke K. McCall.

Other officers elected were, Jack Maguire, president; Paul Andrews, a vice president representing the school of theology; and Mary Campbell, a student in the school of church music to serve as another vice president.

Charles Cox, a student at Cumberland College, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry at Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg. He was ordained by First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Tennessee, which borrowed the Main Street facilities for the ordination. He has been called to serve as pastor at the Tennessee church.

Bob Kellough was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Liberty Baptist Church, Corbin. He is a junior at Cumberland College and has been called to serve as pastor by the Liberty congregation. Earl Hopkins, pastor of Cedar Gap Baptist Church, the deacons of Liberty Baptist Church and members of the Cumberland College staff participated in the ordination.

In the recent story of the death of I. M. Carter among the survivors the names of two sisters Mrs. Evelyn Lloyd and Mrs. Dena Carter were omitted.

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts

FOR THE MONTH CLOSING MARCH 25, 1974

	1974	1973
Cooperative Program Receipts (March 1974)	\$ 415,753.55	\$ 373,062.07
Goal to date this year	2,625,000.00	2,508,333.31
To date this convention year	2,781,929.03	2,483,886.26
Over goal— Under goal	156,929.03*	24,447.05†
(*—Over; †—Under goal)		
To date this time last year	2,483,886.26	2,333,926.52
Increase	298,042.77	149,959.74
Percentage increase	12.00%	6.4%
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL		\$375,000.00

NEW ROOFLINES DOT CEDAR CREST HORIZON —

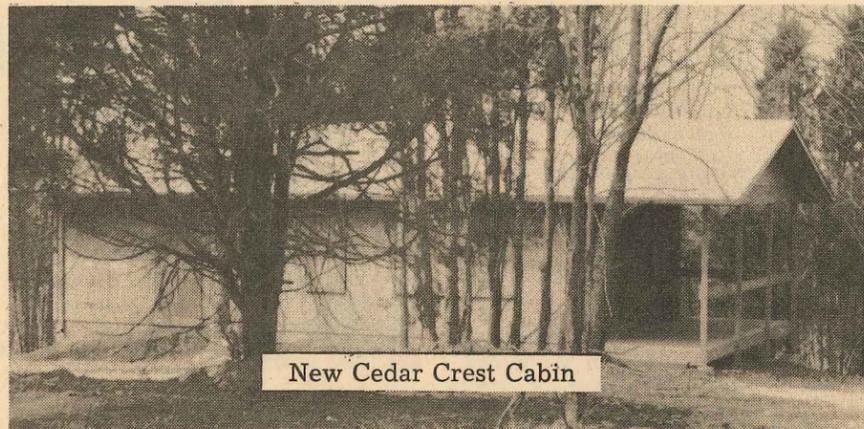
Construction, Renovation Underway At Cedarmore

The rush is on. All over the grounds of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, the rush is on to get the renovation and building programs done in time for Camp opening June 1.

Workers are practically everywhere, Cedarcrest, Rabro, the Youth Camp area, the cottages, the motels. Everywhere but Boone Lodge itself.

"For a long time, we have presented Cedarmore in terms of Boone Lodge," said Assembly manager Arlis Hinson. "And in truth, not all of the other facilities were up to that high standard.

"But with the completion of this building and renovation program, every facility on the Cedarmore grounds will be high quality," he declared.



New Cedar Crest Cabin

Camp Cedarcrest and beginnings have been made for an athletic field.

But the most impressive new structure of the camp is the service building. It provides sleeping accommodations for 10 adults, a kitchenette, an infirmary, a store, an adult lounge and an open meeting room able to accommodate about 150 persons. Its two large stone fireplaces set off the striking interior of the structure.

The newest feature at the boys camp, Rabro, is a new dining hall. This spa-

cious building can seat more than 200 persons for a meal. It has a large wooden balcony and below the structure is ample storage space.

The old dining hall has also undergone change. It now provides an infirmary, store, kitchenette, sleeping accommodations for 12, and a meeting room.

One more touch yet to be added to Camp Rabro is a small bathhouse to go with the swimming pool constructed there two years ago.



Swimming Pool Construction

Cedarmore manager Arlis Hinson removes a fallen log from one of the three new unit shelters in Cedar Crest.

And everywhere one looks, Hinson's prophecy is proving true.

At Cedar Crest, the girls camping area, six new cottages have been constructed along with three open-sided unit shelters. The cottages, constructed to accommodate 14 and a counselor, are designed for year round use. They are insulated, heated, have bath facilities and a meeting area.

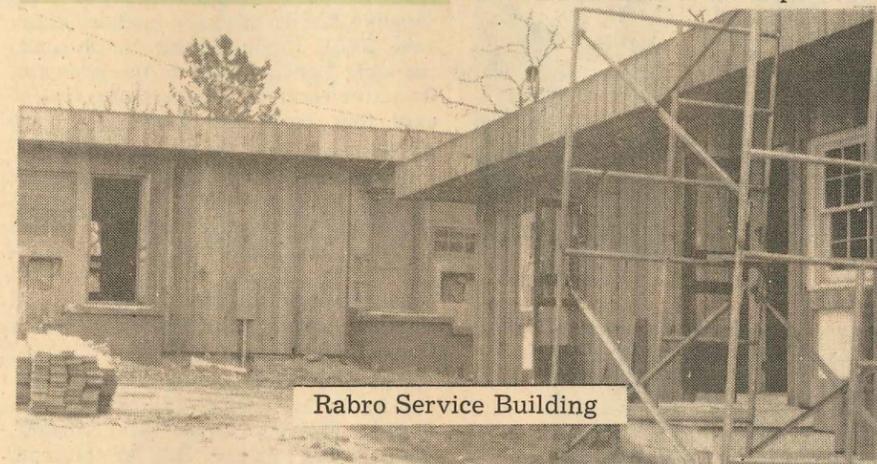
The unit shelters provide the campers with a place for group activities no matter what the weather.

Along with this construction, workers are putting in a swimming pool at

Stories and pictures
By Bob Terry
Associate Editor

cility all Kentucky Baptists can be proud of."

The manager added that problems would still exist, however. "There will still be roads to repair, increased parking facilities to be constructed, outdoor recreational areas to develop and oth-



Rabro Service Building

The youth camp was opened last year but after a few weeks, screens on all the doors and windows had to be replaced where campers evidently punched holes in them. The buildings accommodate 22 persons, 11 on each side. Each side has its own entrance and bath facilities. In the middle is a meeting area able to accommodate 25 people. This design, Hinson pointed out, allows each of the three cabins to be used by girls and boys at the same time.

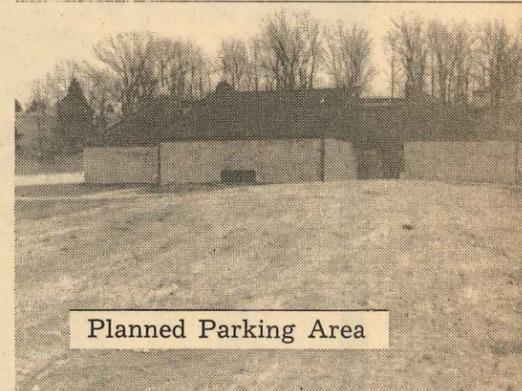
The motels and cottages are being totally renovated. Each of the motels has been resurfaced on the outside with cedar paneling. Inside, paneling has been added and petition walls have been completely rebuilt. Previously, a single piece of paneling separated the motel units. Now insulated walls stand as dividers. All floors were replaced and carpeting will be added along with new furnishings.

The cottages received similar treatment. Even plumbing had to be replaced in some of them. Now with new bathroom facilities, new flooring, fresh paint, fixed roofs and new beds, the cottages await the summer campers.

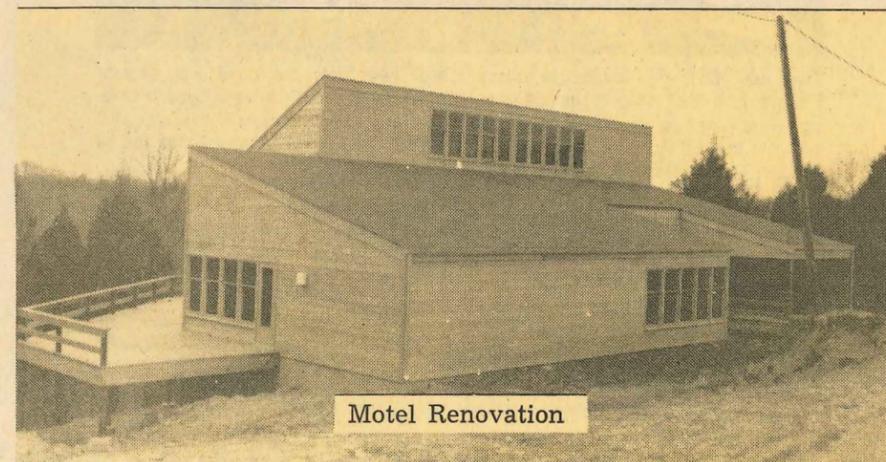
"Needless to say, we are excited," Hinson remarked. "When all of this work is done, Cedarmore will be a fa-



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Four Area Baptist Young Women Meetings Set

Mission support will be the emphasis of Baptist Young Women meetings scheduled in four areas of Kentucky. The schedule is:

- April 15, First Baptist, Paintsville
- April 18, Clear Creek Baptist School
- April 26-27, Camp Joy Baptist Assembly at Brownsville
- May 3-4, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly

The meetings at Paintsville and Clear Creek will begin at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Leroy Albright, missionary in Zambia, and Mrs. Eric Fruge, summer missionary in the Bahamas, will be featured.

The overnight meetings at Camp Joy and Jonathan Creek begin at 7:30 Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon. Program personalities for these meetings include Miss Edna Hughes, former journeyman to Ethiopia; Miss Gloria Grogan, former US-2er in Chicago; and Mrs. David Butler, former summer missionary in Pennsylvania.

The \$6.00 cost at Camp Joy and \$5.00 cost at Jonathan Creek includes registration, overnight lodging, and two meals Saturday. Reservations for these two meetings can be made by writing

Miss Wanda Carpenter, Baptist Young Women director, Middletown.



Mrs. Butler



Miss Grogan



Miss Hughes



Mrs. Fruge

Featured at all four area meetings will be a multi-media presentation of mission support prepared by Miss Jane Begert, a Southern Seminary student.

All young adult women are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for missions inspiration, personal growth, and BYW fellowship.

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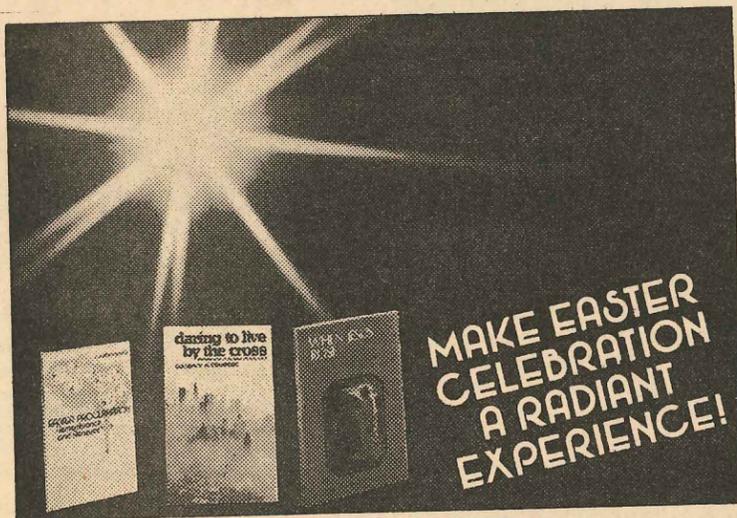


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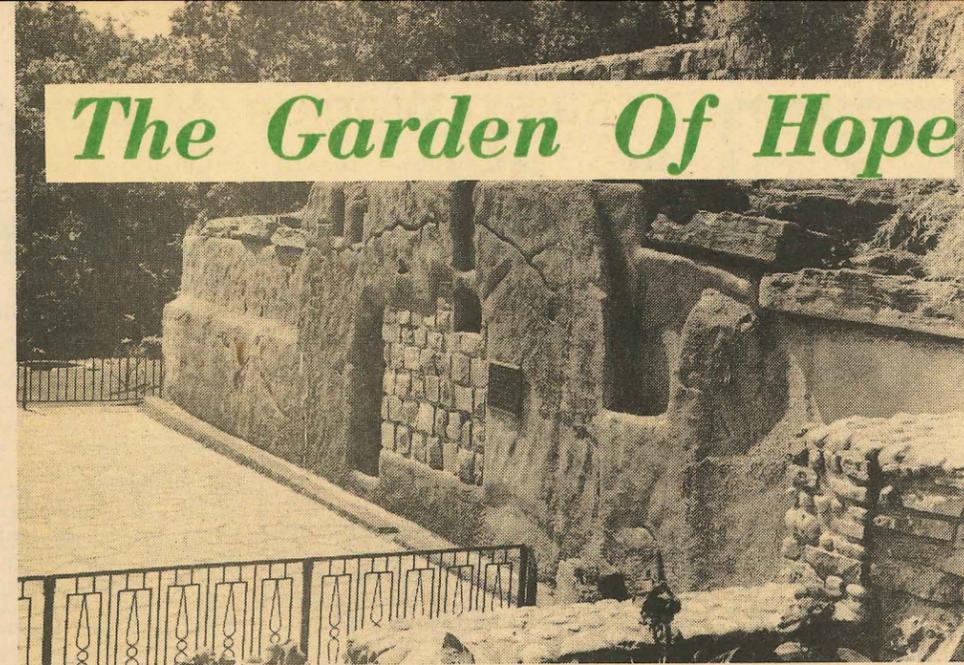
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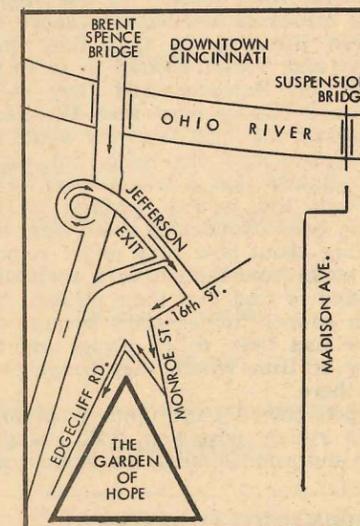
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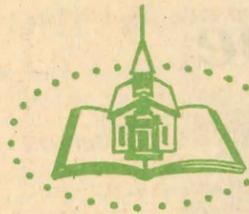
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(These Lessons for April 14, 1974)



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The Burial of Christ Mark 15:42-47

After Christ's atoning work was finished, respect and honor were paid to His body. Joseph of Arimathea, a believer, acted quickly by going to Pilate and obtaining permission to remove from the cross the body of our Lord and to prepare it for burial. It frequently happened that the bodies of criminals were never buried at all, but were simply taken down from the crosses and left for the vultures and the scavenging dogs to consume. Joseph was anxious to prevent that sort of thing from happening in the case of Christ.

Joseph was a man of wealth and position, and a member of the Sanhedrin. However, like Nicodemus, he had not made a confession of his faith in Christ because he was afraid of the Jews. His love had been subjected to his fear, but now, in this hour of crisis his love became triumphant over his fear. Casting caution to the winds, Joseph courageously approached Pilate and requested the body of the crucified Christ, which act was an acknowledgment of friendship with the deceased. Upon receiving permission to take the body of Christ, Joseph and Nicodemus prepared His body for burial, the former providing the fine linen in which His body was wrapped and the latter supplied the spices. Together they tenderly and lovingly laid the body of their Lord in a new sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock in the garden and had been prepared for Joseph's own entombment. With loving reverence they placed His body therein, and then rolled a huge stone in front of the door. The next day Pilate authorized the chief priests and Pharisees to seal the entrance to the tomb, and to station a strong guard of soldiers on duty there to prevent the tomb from being robbed.

Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of James, who had followed the Lord Jesus and His disciples all the way from Galilee, observed where the body of Christ had been entombed, and then returned to their homes and rested on the Sabbath.

He Is Risen

The Resurrection of Christ Mark 16:1-7

At sunrise on the morning after the Sabbath these women and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of the Lord Jesus as a token of their love for and devotion to Him. Usually the bodies of loved ones were anointed at the time of death, but these friends had not been given the opportunity of thus honoring their Master. In one respect they are to be commended above the eleven disciples, in that they were brave and devout enough to go to the sepulcher. However, had they really believed His promise that He would rise again the third day, they would not have gone near the tomb, but would have known that it was empty.

When the women arrived at the tomb, after wondering, worrying, and talking about how they might remove the stone from the entrance, they were amazed to find that their concern had been entirely unnecessary because the stone had been rolled away, and the body of Him Whom they sought was not there.

Upon entering the tomb to perform their ritual, possessed with mingled fear and astonishment, the women saw

the white-robed young man sitting within the sepulcher. He appeared to be in perfect contentment as though he were celebrating the triumph of Christ. Seeing that they were too frightened for words, he sought to quiet them by urging them not to be afraid. He assured the women that they were no longer to be looking backward to One Who had died, but that they were to be looking forward to One Who was alive.

Instead of lingering about the tomb in wonder about what had happened, the women went immediately, as they had been commanded to do, and told the disciples and Peter about the glorious victory of Christ over the grave. The fact that a special message was sent to Peter reveals the compassionate and loving heart of our Saviour toward His erring disciples. While Peter was grieved deeply on account of his denial of Christ, the heart of Christ was lonely as long as Peter remained out of fellowship with Him. In spite of his terrible failure, Peter was assured, by this special message, of Christ's continued love for and concern about him.

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The Covenant And The Resurrection

Acts 13:16-23

On the first Sabbath after their arrival in Antioch in Pisidia, which was an important military and commercial center, Paul and Barnabas were seated in the synagogue, in keeping with their usual practice of attending the worship services. They listened attentively and reverently to the reading from the law and the prophets. Observing them the rulers invited them to speak if they had anything encouraging to say to the people.

In response to the invitation, Paul arose, waved his hand, which was both a Jewish characteristic and an oratorical gesture, and addressed those present in terms of exquisite courtesy and profound respect. There were two classes in the congregation to which Paul delivered his first recorded ser-

mon, namely, Jews or "men of Israel," and some God-fearers or Gentile proselytes. Paul boldly affirmed that God's purpose to redeem men from sin was not an afterthought in any sense. Very clearly he set forth the sovereignty of God. Paul gave an account of the history of the people of Israel from the beginning to the time of David. On the basis of His sovereign love God chose the Israelites to become His people, provided for them, protected them, delivered them from the tyranny of Egypt, established them as a nation, supplied their needs, through them provided the Redeemer and Saviour, assigned to them the important task of witnessing to the Gentiles, and guaranteed to the obedient ones the assurance of His presence, protection, provision, and power. Inasmuch as there was not

any possibility of their escape from slavery in Egypt, and they lacked the weapons to fight their way to freedom, their deliverance therefrom was certainly a marvelous demonstration of God's love and mercy. In spite of their rebellious and complaining attitude during the forty years that they were in the wilderness, God cared for them, loved them, fed them, subdued seven nations that were hostile to them, and presented the entire land of Canaan to them. If God had not given the land to them, they never would have possessed it. God's miraculous rescue and protection of them not only proved His love for them, but called for them to love and obey Him. Moreover, God gave them judges to rule over them for 450 years. The people insisted on having a king in order that they might be like the inhabitants of the other nations. Because of their rejection of the sovereignty of God, and their persistent demand for a king to rule over them, God permitted them to have a king in the person of Saul. Bear in mind that Saul was the choice of the people and not of God. Due to Saul's disobedience to God, he was removed from office and David was enthroned in his place. From David's posterity, and in fulfillment of the divine promise, God "raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus."

Acts 13:26-31

Paul reminded his listeners that John the Baptist recognized Christ Jesus as the Messiah. Inasmuch as the wall which separated the Jews from the Gentiles had been removed through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, Paul urged both groups to accept Him as the Messiah. He reminded the Jews in his audience that the Jewish rulers in Jerusalem had refused to believe that Christ was the Son of God and their Messiah, and that even though He had not committed any crime that would have called for His being put to death, their unbelief and hatred of Him had brought about His crucifixion on the cross, as the Scriptures had predicted would be the case.

Joseph of Arimathea secured permission from Pilate to take the body of the Lord Jesus from the cross, and, after he and Nicodemus had prepared it for burial, it was placed in the private tomb of Joseph. In spite of everything that was done, God raised His Son from the dead and presented Him again to the world. After His resurrection Christ made several personal appearances to His followers during the forty days between His resurrection and His ascension. He did this to prove the reality of His resurrection, to strengthen their faith, and to challenge and inspire them to proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ to all who might be willing to hear it.

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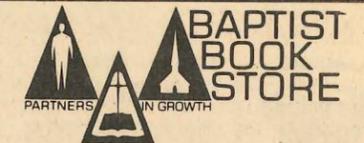
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He will speak at a public lecture in Heck Chapel, 2801 Lexington Road, at 7:30 p.m. on the general theme "Genetic Experimentation and Modern Man." The free lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9. Anderson will also speak at 10:00 a.m. April 10 in Alumni Chapel, 2825 Lexington Road, and in seminary ethics classes.

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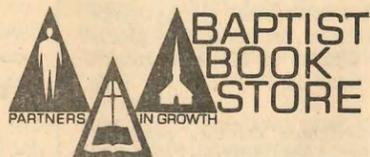
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Your Excellency,

We appreciate the democratic tradition that Israel has established and maintained during the past twenty-five years.

Now it appears that this great tradition is being threatened in part by a group of people who are attempting to abridge the rights of Hebrew Christians in Israel.

We are deeply concerned about this situation.

We can appreciate the fact that most Jews do not accept Jesus as the Messiah. And they have every right to maintain that position.

There are, however, other Jews who do accept Jesus as the Messiah. They want to share their belief with other interested people. We believe they should have that right in a free and open society.

This letter expresses our concern as Christians that you will do everything within the power of your office to assure that Israel will continue to maintain its democratic tradition.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concern.

Sincerely yours,

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Your Signature Can Help Assure Religious Freedom For Hebrew Christians In Israel

Today, more Jews are discovering Christ in Israel than at any other time since the Apostolic era. Everywhere you travel Jesus is one of the most talked about topics in the Land. Naturally we are grateful to God for this new stirring in the hearts of His people.

But not everyone is equally as happy about this exciting new trend. There are some groups who have taken active steps to get the Israeli government to pass laws restricting the rights of Hebrew Christians. They are determined to bring the necessary force against the government to get these laws enacted.

A law has already been passed which makes it illegal to share the Christian faith with Israeli minors. Imagine—legislation against sharing the gospel with young people! These groups feel if they apply enough pressure they will get a similar law enacted against all missionary activity in Israel.

With American-Israeli relations as strong as they are, a petition signed by thousands of Americans will be regarded with great importance and should have a significant effect on the government's thinking.

And that's why we are asking you to sign this letter. Just tear out the whole page and mail it to us. We'll cut out the letter with your actual signature. Then Dr. Daniel Fuchs, Executive Director of the world's largest Hebrew Christian mission will personally deliver it along with thousands of others to Golda Meir's office. We are confident that this petition will help to assure the rights of Hebrew Christians in Israel to share the gospel for years to come.

All you have to do is take a moment right now to sign your signature. Please—mail it today.

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U.S. Baptists Near 30 Million

Baptists in the United States, numbering only 25,000 in 1776, will likely surpass 30,025,000 in 1976, the Baptist World Alliance announced in Washington, D.C.

In 1876, when the nation celebrated its centennial, the Baptists numbered slightly more than 1,750,000. This year the number is approximately 29,380,000, and still climbing, said Carl W. Tiller, BWA associate secretary in charge of study and research for the alliance.

"The increase is due in large part to the growth in population," he said, "but our Baptist growth has greatly outstripped the rate of increase in the number of inhabitants. An important factor has been the evangelistic zeal which has marked our Baptist people.

"Another element in our growth has been our tradition of being a comfortable fellowship for the 'humble poor,'" Tiller said. "During the second century of this growth period," he continued,

"a contributing factor has also been the identification of the Baptist faith with the predominant culture of society in many places, a situation which is somewhat dissimilar from the point just made, and also a situation which is a change from a long-standing Baptist tradition."

The alliance statistics recognize 20 Baptist denominations in the United States. Other surveys sometimes identify a larger number by counting some very small groups of half a dozen or so kindred churches as a denomination.

Those over the million member mark are said to be Southern Baptists with 12.3 million; National Baptists, Incorporated, 6.5 million; National Baptists, unincorporated, 3.5 million; National Primitive Baptists, 1.6 million; American Baptist Churches, 1.5 million; and the Baptist Bible Fellowship, 1.3 million. (BP)



HELPING — Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley presents a cashier's check for \$2,000 to Norbert L. Roberts, center, as Miss Anna Mae Banks looks on. The check was part of \$4,296.06 given by Western Recorder readers to date to help the Roberts family. The gifts came after a Western Recorder editorial about the family and were coordinated by Miss Banks who is an employee of the firm where Roberts works. For additional information see editorial, page 5.

Grants To Private And Church College Students Upheld

State tuition grants for needy students attending private and church related colleges have been declared constitutional by the Franklin Circuit Court. The ruling was made by Circuit Judge Henry Meigs who declared the grants violate neither the state nor federal constitutions.

The suit grew out of an enactment of the 1972 Kentucky General Assembly. The 1972 act was funded with only \$2,500 to test its legality in the courts. Three student grants were approved in 1973 totaling only about \$500.

A suit was filed by the Kentucky Chapter of Americans United naming as defendants Charles Pryor, Jr., state commissioner of finance; state treasurer Drexell Davis and Paul Borden, executive secretary of the Kentucky High Education Assistance Authority who would administer the program. The suit asked Judge Meigs to issue a restraining order against the grants and to rule the law unconstitutional.

Plaintiffs along with the National Americans United organization were Mrs. Dorothea Yelton and Mrs. Gayle Van Deren, American United members in Northern Kentucky. Their attorney, James Ogden, says the decision will likely be appealed to the Court of Appeals. The contention of the plaintiffs claimed the grants violated the state constitution by using public tax funds

to aid private and church related colleges.

The law provides subsidies only for needy students who are residents of Kentucky and enroll in Kentucky colleges. The grants cannot exceed 50% of the average amount provided by the state for each full time student in a state supported college. At the present level of state aid to state colleges the grants to private and church related needy students would be about \$700 annually.

In the meantime the 1974-76 state budget recently approved by the General Assembly does not include an appropriation for the grant program. This means it will be 1976 before the program can be funded if it survives other court tests.

The 1974 General Assembly did pass an act which would provide state loans from a revolving fund for Kentucky students enrolled in private and church related colleges, nursing and vocational schools. This act would provide student loans up to \$1,500 a year. The governor so far (April 1) has not indicated whether he will sign or veto the bill but the state budget which the governor submitted and the General Assembly approved included a \$3 million appropriation for this loan program. It would then appear the new law indicates the governor would rather go the way of loans than grants.

1973 VBS Statistics Show Large Increase

Vacation Bible School statistics for 1973 show substantial increases, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Last year the average Vacation Bible School enrolled 111 and discovered 44 prospects," Washburn said, "including unchurched parents of children attending."

"Vacation Bible School is a tremendous outreach instrument," he said, "and one of the most exciting things in church programs."

The number of churches conducting a Vacation Bible School increased 100 in 1973 to a total of 27,010. In addition, 1,536 mission schools and 443 Backyard Bible Clubs were reported. Altogether, the schools reported 48,847 professions of faith and 1,783 dedications to church related vocations.

Total enrolment in VBS was 3,239,973, an increase of 86,216 over 1972. More than \$739,000 was given to mission causes through VBS.