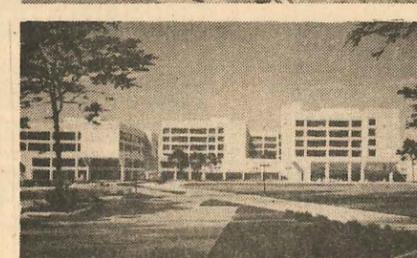
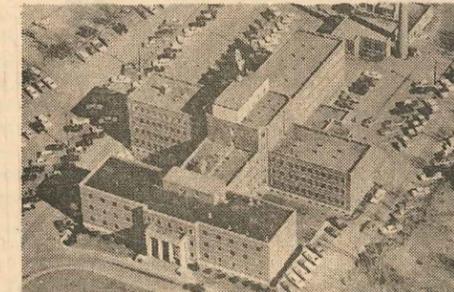
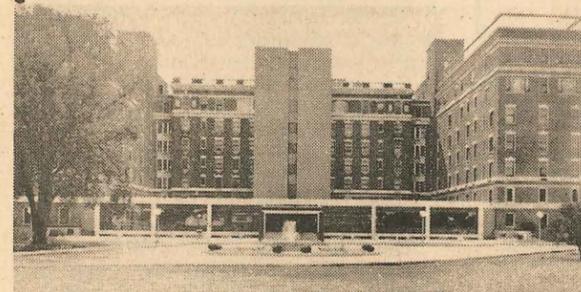




**YOUR
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MAY 4, 1974

Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel invites all former members and friends to share on May 5 in the celebration of 94 years of ministry in the Haymarket area of Louisville and the 10th year in the present facility at 733 East Jefferson Street. The Chapel, oldest continuous mission center ministry in Louisville, has had four locations, all on Jefferson Street, and has been known as Holcombe Rescue Mission, Union Gospel Rescue Mission, Central Baptist Chapel, and Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel.

Henlee Barnette, former superintendent of the Chapel, and longtime ethics professor at Southern Seminary, and known as the "Bishop of the Haymarket" will highlight the homecoming service. Other program personnel will include Lowell Lawson, director, and Jane Begert, minister of music.

A "potluck" dinner will begin at 12:30 with the homecoming service at 2:00 P.M.

The congregation of **Cadiz Baptist Church** has approved a major construction program to begin this summer or early fall at their present church site.

The additional building area will include a 450 seat auditorium, several new classrooms for senior citizens and preschoolers, a fellowship hall with kitchen facilities, a soundproof choir rehearsal chamber, office suite and playground.

The building program will include landscaping to enhance the church property and architectural plans call for adequate parking areas.

A financial campaign for contributions was initiated on Easter Sunday and will culminate on Commitment Day, June 2.

Robert F. Doll, 89, a well known Baptist preacher for 40 years, died on April 22 at Kentucky Baptist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He lived in Louisville where he had served pastorates at Immanuel, Beech-

land, Rockford Lane, Shively, Ralph Avenue and Chapel Park Baptist churches. He also served the Edwardsville Baptist Church at Edwardsville, Indiana.

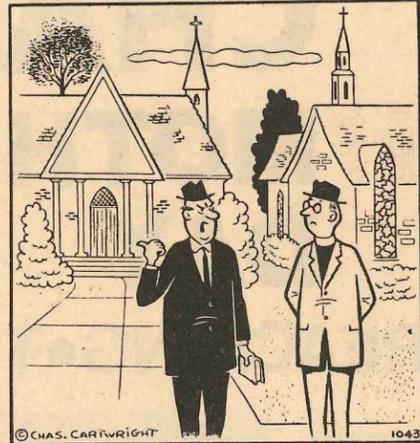
He had served as moderator of the Long Run Association, was a World War I chaplain and also served on many committees associated with Baptists in Louisville and Kentucky.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Helen L. Beverly and Mrs. Ruth Cardin; one son, Robert F. Doll, and nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

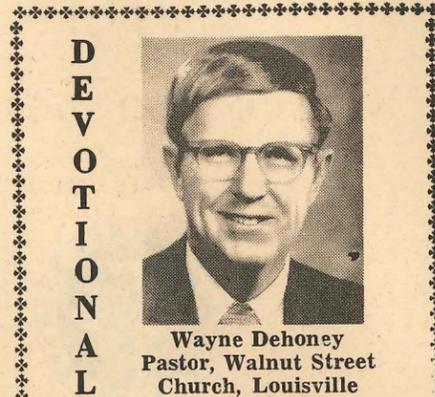
Memorial services were at Beechland Baptist Church with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Robert C. Jones, director of mountain missions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention was guest of honor at the monthly meeting of the Red River Association on December 10. Charles Ham, association moderator and pastor of the Campton Baptist Church, served as master of ceremonies for the meeting. Jones was presented a resolution adopted by the executive board of the association expressing appreciation for his work and granting him the title "Pastor to the Mountains."

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Sure, it's fun to shepherd a flock of sheep, but wait'll you become drover to a herd of goats!"



Wayne Dehoney
Pastor, Walnut Street
Church, Louisville

In The Face Of Disaster

Luke 13:1-5

Two questions come to us. Did God cause this natural calamity? Did it come because of sin?

We are dealing with the universal question of suffering and tragedy. Life is full of private tornadoes — like the tornado of cancer that destroys a body or the tornado of infidelity and lost love that destroys a marriage.

Christianity heightens the problem. Jesus taught that God loves us — and cares even for the sparrow that falls to earth. If so, how can a loving God let these calamities happen to us?

This is the question Jesus faced in Luke 13 about the Galileans Pilate slew, and the workmen killed in the collapse of the tower of Siloam.

Jesus said that these calamities were not due to the sins of those who suffered. Remember, all sin brings suffering! But the reverse is not true, that all suffering is due to sin!

God did not send this natural calamity. God does not cause suffering. Jesus settled this question for me in one statement when he said of a crippled woman, "This woman whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years." This binding, this suffering, this tragedy in her life did not come from God — Satan did it to her!

Neither is calamity and suffering the products of blind chance. During the war a wounded man would say, "That bullet had my number on it." But this blind fatalism is sheer paganism, not Christian faith.

What caused this tragedy? Accident is the best word I can lay hold of — a natural phenomenon, an accident. Neither God nor man can be blamed.

There are some risks involved in living in a physical world. Jesus said that the sun shines on the good and bad alike. So good and bad people alike receive the blessings of the physical world. And good and bad people alike suffer the calamities and accidents of the physical world. This is a part of the price of living in this physical world.

Where is God and His will in calamity? Next week I will attempt to answer this question. □

YES! Graveside Services

By Charles Owen
Pastor, Lee's Lane Baptist Church
Louisville, Kentucky

In a recent *Western Recorder* article the thought of no graveside services was presented. I wholeheartedly disagree with the article. Because of my disagreement I would like to answer some of the arguments for eliminating the graveside service and then explain why I feel they are of a necessity.

It was stated that the graveside service was "but a repetition of what has gone before with the use of scripture and prayer." This statement may be true, but if it is true the minister is not properly utilizing his opportunity to minister to the situation of grief. The emotional values, the finality of death, and an expression of completeness should be dealt with at the graveside.

The procession with all of its problems such as traffic, noise, hazards, police cars or motorcycles, and inconvenience to the general traffic were cited as a good reason to drop the graveside service. Living in Louisville, the largest city in Kentucky, would be absolutely the worst place in Kentucky for this type of problem. Yet, few in Louisville use police car or motorcycle escorts and have no shrill whistles blown by the police. I have seen no traffic jams because of funeral processions, nor have I in my 13 years as a pastor seen a funeral related accident. I will grant all the above are possible, but far from common problems in our city.

Inconvenience to pallbearers is a real problem to non-Christians who find a day's work more important than love and respect to their loved ones. To a Christian it should be an opportunity to minister to human needs which was a command of our Savior and a calling for all God's children.

Recently two undertakers were given the full time of our prayer meeting services for two Wednesdays to share themselves and their knowledge on the subject with my church. It was the conclusion of those two funeral directors, men who daily work with death and grief, that the graveside service was the most important of all events psychologically, throughout death. It is most important because those experiencing grief need the experience of finality in order to be able to say I went all the way and did all I can do.

In one of the local cemeteries we have a concrete slab with shrubs around that is used for the graveside service. One of our pastors calls it "The launching pad." The funeral director has expressed that many have some real emotional problems, as they stand at that concrete launching pad and see four or five open graves throughout the cemetery, of convincing themselves that their dead loved one was taken to the proper plot. There are also guilt feelings because they feel they have deserted the dead instead of going all the way with them, and doing all they could do.

The need of finality is seen with the military dead. The military always attempts to provide proof that the dead body is actually the person they say it is.

I feel it is a spiritual crime when convenience becomes more important to ministers and relatives of the dead than ministering to the needs of those experiencing grief.

We must walk all the way through the valley with its shadows of grief in order to come out of grief. We cannot stop half way and call it a complete task. ■

A Chaplain Considers Amnesty

By Jack E. Brown, Jr.
Chaplain (Major) USA

Article after article . . .

Editorial after editorial . . .

Speech after speech . . .

Debate after debate . . . the issue of Vietnam amnesty for many young Americans gains the interest and touches the emotions of the American people. Advocates on either side of the issue, yes, and advocates on the in-between fence, take their stand . . . or their seat.

As an active duty Army chaplain, my personal views are also expressed as an American citizen. Hundreds of chaplains, ministers in uniform, served with their men in the combat zones of Vietnam, and all of us have very real memories of the awfulness of war and of the reality of violent death.

Our men were there in answer to their country's call for service. Many were volunteers. Many were drafted. Many were married. Most were young. All were there to represent America and were there, so they believed, to defend the lives and freedoms of others.

Many of my men, most of whom were very young men, died in combat, and it was my sad duty to write follow-up letters of sympathy to their grieving loved ones in America. Those young men were brave. They were unselfish in their devotion to duty. They were from different backgrounds, of different religions, races and creeds. They were fine young men, and their memories are very real to me to this day. I shall always remember them with utmost respect.

As Christians, we can certainly respect the sincere pacifist who cannot, because of deep religious convictions, participate in war of any kind. When such claims are supported by family, friends, pastor and by other associates in a position to know of one's expressed convictions, he is granted conscientious objector classification (I-O) and will not be required to enter the military service. When such a claim is submitted after entry into the military, and when that claim is also similarly verified, the young man is discharged, honorably, with the I-O classification.

Also, many servicemen have desired to fulfill their military-patriotic obligation without carrying a weapon, as non-combatants. Again, with certified supporting statements from family, friends, pastor and associates, these young men were granted non-combatant classification (I-A-O) and served honorably without carrying a weapon. Many non-combatants served as medical corpsmen in Vietnam.

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Jack Brown is a former Kentucky pastor and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He retains membership in the Cadiz Baptist Church.

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The Story Of An Issue Of The Western Recorder

We have received more compliments on the April 6 issue covering the Kentucky tornado damage and valiant efforts of many to aid the stricken than any issue I can remember. These kind words have come not only from Kentucky readers but from editors in other states and from those responsible for handling news from Southern Baptist agencies.

We even scooped the venerable dean of Southern Baptist editors, John Hurt, editor of the *Texas Baptist Standard*. John is a super journalist coming into religious journalism after a successful career in secular journalism. Nothing delights him more than to get a Baptist story at least a week ahead of the rest of the state editors. This time we beat him by a week which is a first for us. Of course we had the advantage of being on the scene.

It has never been a practice of us to use many complimentary letters in the Baptist Forum. We don't feel need to bolster our image with our readers by using complimentary letters that come almost every week from some one or some Baptist agency whose story we have used. We appreciate these letters and usually acknowledge them but we figure our readers will decide for themselves what kind of a job we are doing and we are always more prone to use letters listing our shortcomings than those which are complimentary.

In the case of the April 6 tornado issue it was the result of many dedicated workers some of whom work every week behind the scene without recognition. As editor I want to recognize and express appreciation for their commitment and contribution to this issue and to every issue of the *Western Recorder*. With many communication lines completely gone following the tornadoes it meant visits to the tragic scenes to secure pictures and reliable information. This was not easy. Our regular Southern Baptist Press Association cards would not get us by the guards protecting the stricken areas.

This meant communication with state police to get a pass into the devastated communities. We had to

use all our staff members plus other qualified personnel since our regular deadline had passed before we could establish many contacts. Bob Terry spent a day in Brandenburg getting pictures and a story. Larry High, our student journalism intern, covered the Frankfort area and especially the Evergreen community. Ed Boden, a Georgetown photographer and a long time *Western Recorder* friend, provided photographs and news from Stamping Ground. The editor spent hours day and night on the few available telephone lines to learn the situation in all areas of the state. Even then we missed one church which was devastated and whose story we will have in the next issue hopefully.

But this is only the beginning of the production of an issue of the *Western Recorder*. Our shop workers came back on Saturday to put the stories into lead type. Proof reading and corrections had to be made, make-up and layouts decided upon, pages made up by a compositor, pictures processed and plates made in the camera department and finally to our off-set press. Then comes the jogging of 60,000 magazines into neat stacks to be trimmed on three sides before going through the mailing machine. And so this special issue and every issue of the *Western Recorder* depend upon the cooperation of many people.

We are not complaining nor boasting but expressing gratitude to God and Kentucky Baptists for the opportunity to minister in providing authentic and objective news of Baptists and expressing editorial opinions. We are convinced that *Western Recorder* readers are better informed than those who do not read it and that informed Baptists are more responsive than those uninformed. We long and pray for the day when every Baptist home in Kentucky will receive the *Western Recorder* each week. In the meantime I am grateful and privileged to have such able and committed co-workers including every office worker and everyone who uses his skills in the print shop as a ministry to the Lord.

Guest Editorial

Baptist Inconsistencies

Erwin L. McDonald
Little Rock, Arkansas

We Baptists have been given our comeuppance lately for talking out of both sides of our mouths on some matters of public concern.

One thing that continues to lower the boom on us is our all too common practice of using the forum of the public schools to preach our gospel while stoutly affirming our belief in separation of church and state. (A point in reference here was the recently aborted plan to have Athletes in Action give their Christian witness in central Arkansas public schools under sponsorship of church people, including Baptists.)

This has called to the minds of some of our critics a pretty universal Baptist inconsistency, certainly until recently, of preaching a who-soever-will gospel for a lost world while stationing deacons at church doors to keep blacks out.

And all of this brings to mind still another embarrassing example of our failing to measure up to our ideals. I refer to the wide and sometimes noisy

stand of many of our Baptist people against the U.S. Supreme Court ruling prohibiting the use of prescribed "prayer" in the public schools. If there is any group of Americans who should be unanimously against teachers being required by the authorities to "pray" canned "prayers" in public schools, it should be Baptists. For we have been the staunch bellwethers of opposition across the years to anything remotely connected with government-established religion.

We Baptists frequently turn out to be all too human. Like Shakespeare's Shylock, if you prick us, we bleed; if you tickle us, we laugh; if you poison us, we die; and if you wrong us, we sometimes revenge.

It may be we should do less bragging about our ideals and devote more of our energies to consistency in doing the will of our Lord. It should not be true of us, to paraphrase a widely quoted Arkansas statesman, that just because the Bible says it does not make it so in our daily lives.

BAPTIST FORUM



ORDINATION OF WOMEN

Dear Editor:

I am saddened to see epithets like "Anti-Christ" being flung at a sister who has been ordained to the ministry by one of our Kentucky Baptist churches. The proposal that she and her congregation be "rejected" is presumptuous and absurd. Provided the church was very careful and prayerful in the matter, our least desire should be that God would bless this young woman in what is bound to be an arduous task.

Articles by Robert L. Cate (*Western Recorder*, April 20, 1974) and Dale Moody (*Western Recorder*, June 30, 1973) are very helpful to our understanding of the role of women in the church. Certainly these should be read by anyone tempted toward unseemly criticism of women who are called to some service other than the church supper or nursery. Haven't we all known de-facto deaconesses who have patiently and faithfully sustained the Lord's work down through the years?

It is not likely that female pastors will become commonplace in our denomination. However, the office of Deaconess will doubtless become more graciously accepted in our churches within this decade, propelled by forces

of an idea whose time has come. This will be nothing new — the Early Church practiced this idea centuries ago.

Covington, Ky. Smith H. Gibson

LOOKING FOR A PASTOR

Dear Editor:

Our church has been seeking a pastor for seven months. To this point traditional methods of seeking a pastor have provided few well qualified candidates for our consideration. Consequently we are using this letter to the editor to request recommendations from Southern Baptists who know of someone the Lord might lead to our church. We would also like to ask ministers who feel they might fill the needs of our church to apply by sending us a resume and a taped sermon.

La Porte, Indiana, is 25 miles from South Bend, Indiana, and 70 miles from Chicago, Illinois. It has a population of 22,000 and approximately half the population is unchurched.

Calvary Baptist Church's strengths include a warm and loving fellowship, trained and dedicated leadership, an excellent stewardship record and a concern for ministry and evangelism. Cal-

vary has a church-type mission located five miles from La Porte. The church and mission are both in full cooperation with all Southern Baptist conventions and agencies. Average Sunday School attendance runs in the sixties.

We are looking for a minister with college and seminary degrees and some pastoral experience.

Salary would be competitive, and fringe benefits would be typical of those offered by Southern Baptist churches.

Correspondence should be addressed to Patsy R. Thomas, Secretary for Pulpit Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, La Porte, Indiana 46350.

La Porte, Indiana Patsy R. Thomas

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Dear Editor:

As a member of the committee on education with the American Cancer Society, Northern Kentucky Unit, I would like to request the assistance of all Kentucky Baptists. The committee and the ACS are endeavoring to promote learning opportunities for the public through various areas such as schools, churches, industries and social clubs about cancer, what it is, how it

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Missionary Journeymen Named

Kentucky
Missionary
Journeymen



Caldwell



Miss Halcomb



Miss Forman

Three Kentuckians were among 85 young adults approved for training as missionary journeymen at the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The three were Joseph D. Caldwell, Ashland; Cathy Sue Forman, Campbellsville; and Sherri M. Halcomb, Louisville.

Journeymen are college graduates 26 years of age and under who serve overseas in jobs alongside career missionaries for a two-year term. They accept assignments based on specific job requests from missions (organizations of missionaries).

All members of Baptist churches, they will be commissioned for overseas service July 26 in Richmond, Virginia, after a seven-week training period this summer at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The journeymen, who will join Southern Baptist missionaries in 37 countries, will serve in the fields of education, nursing, pharmacy, medical technology, student work, evangelism, youth and music work, secretarial work and agriculture as well as other types of jobs.

The 1974 trainees include both college seniors expecting to be graduated this spring and those who already have a bachelor's degree, who are currently either in graduate school or working.

Japan will be host to the largest number of journeymen with seven assigned for service there. A lesser number will go to Ghana, Liberia, Kenya, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Hong Kong, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philip-

pines, Vietnam, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Austria, Gaza and India.

One journeyman is assigned to each of the following countries: Ivory Coast, Senegal, Angola, Ethiopia, Zambia, Guam, Laos, Singapore, Thailand, Honduras, Ecuador, Israel and Spain.

Caldwell will serve as a student worker and teacher at Taipei Medical School in Taipei, Taiwan. He is a 1971 graduate of the University of Louisville and currently works as a chemist for Ashland Chemical Company in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Caldwell, Sr., of Ashland.

Miss Forman is a senior at Campbellsville College. She will serve as recreation director of the Baptist Hospital in Gaza. She has lived in many Kentucky towns including Covington, Crescent Springs, and Shelbyville. Miss Forman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Forman of Campbellsville.

Miss Halcomb is a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville. She will serve in Liberia as a youth worker. She is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie S. Halcomb who now reside in Fayetteville, Tennessee.



A GIFT — T. C. Gregory, treasurer, Booneville Baptist Association, left, recently presented a check of \$7,200 to D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville. The contribution from the Baptist group of 29 churches was designated for a new cottage and remodeling of an existing cottage on the school's campus.

Spring Revival

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



The engines wouldn't start, the batteries were almost dead. A sizable church party was gathered, I was frustrated.

All machinery is like that to some degree. It needs to be used. It deteriorates more rapidly in non-use than when it is operating productively. It rusts out quicker than it wears out. Batteries are kept alive by generators (alternators, to be up to date) and generators only run when the engines run, so again it is the same story — unless it runs often enough it gets so it won't run at all.

Boat engines down in the river gorge are even more so. The deteriorating effect of the dense fog that forms almost nightly takes its toll. The electrical terminals corrode and moving parts of the engine rust as the oil drains away from non-use and the boat is as dead as only an unused boat can be on a lonely river.

We hooked up our battery charger and managed to borrow another. After a reasonable recharge, we opened the carburetors and poured in a goodly portion of gasoline to shoot straight into the hearts of the engines. I pumped the accelerators gingerly and "gave her the juice." The engines fired and roared into renewed life. The boat party of friends cheered and applauded. I coaxed the engines along carefully until they were warm and running smoothly and then I headed her out to mid-stream under full power.

Christian lives are like that. Sometimes the whole church can get like that. Unused, out of service, inactive and we become spiritually corroded.

The answer? A recharge, through contact with the Holy Spirit who is our source of power. A new injection of fuel, straight into the open heart (carburetor) that is surrendered to His will; as the hymn declares, "Cords that were broken may vibrate once more." A little nurturing along until the spiritual life is warm again and then to be loosed from the cords that hold us back and to "launch out into the deep."

Are you wearing out or rusting out? How many absentee members of your Sunday School class have absorbed too much humidity from the worldly fog to be able to start again? How many are rusting, corroding — almost dead? Is anybody trying to warm them up?

—Frank Owen

Staff Changes

Richard A. DeBell assumed the duties as pastor of the Lowell Avenue Baptist Church



DeBell

of Campbellsville, Kentucky, March 3, 1974, leaving the pastorate of the Bedford Baptist Church, Bedford, Kentucky. DeBell had been at the Bedford Church for seven years and two months. While there he served two years as moderator of the Sulphur Fork Association, one year as youth-pastor advisor, two years as Sunday School director, and a three year term as the associational representative to the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board.

DeBell holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and he has been selected to appear in the 1974 Kentucky edition of *Who's Who*.

Michael Dennis Hudson has been called as minister of music and youth by the Twelfth Street Baptist Church in Paducah. He is a graduate of Murray State University where he majored in music education and sang with the university choir. He also served three years in the United States Air Force. He is a native of Port Huron, Michigan, and is married to the former Gloria Durrett Hudson. The couple has two children, a son and a daughter. They are residing at 2524 Lone Oak Road, Paducah.

Paul Rendleman, business administrator and educational director for the Ninth and O Baptist Church of Louisville since 1969, has been appointed advancement vice president for Campbellsville College. President Randy Davenport reported the appointment and says Rendleman will coordinate the total program of external affairs for the college.

Rendleman is a native of southern Illinois, attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and for 16 years was an officer of the Bank of West Frankfort, Illinois.

President Davenport says he believes Rendleman's Christian commitment, business experience and service of the church administrator combine to make him extremely well qualified for the new position.

W. B. Casey, a native of Lancaster, has been called



Casey

to pastor Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Athens. Since 1964 he has served as pastor of West Flagler Park Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Previously he served at West End Baptist Church in Paducah and Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Lexington. Among his other positions while in Kentucky, Casey was chairman of the order of business committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

WMU Plans Officers Clinic

Preschool and children's work will be highlighted at the State WMU Associational Officers Clinic at Cedar-more, May 17-18.

Leading conferences for Mission Friends directors and speaking to the whole group on "Why Mission Friends?" will be Mrs. Earl Potts, a specialist in preschool work. Mrs. Potts serves as Mission Friends director on the WMU staff of Alabama.

Former Kentuckian Miss Mickie Martin, the national Girls in Action consultant, will lead the conferences for Girls in Action directors. Miss Martin will also speak to all conference participants regarding "What's New?" from Birmingham.

Conferences will be led by Kentucky WMU leaders as follows: WMU — Mrs. William Ellis, president, and Kathryn Jasper, executive director; Baptist



Miss Martin



Mrs. Potts

Women — Rosa Fiechter, State Baptist Women director; Baptist Young Women — Wanda Carpenter, State Baptist Young Women director; and Acteens — Mrs. Marvin Byrdwell, Jr., State Acteens director.

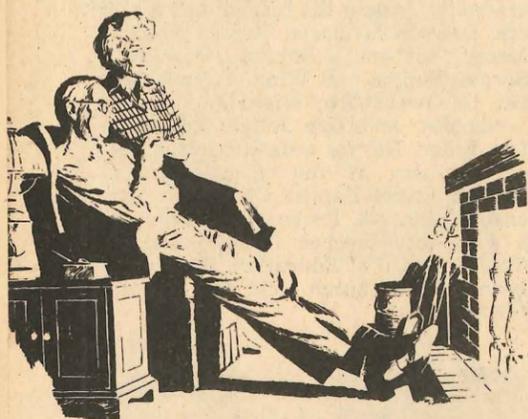
A nursery will be available during all sessions.

Denzil G. Probus, formerly pastor of Shenandoah Baptist Church in Miami, Florida, has been called to serve as pastor of Cox's Creek Baptist Church. Probus has served several churches in Kentucky and is a Georgetown College graduate. Among his former pastorates are, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Maceo; Lebanon Baptist, Frankfort, Sorgho Baptist and Wing Avenue Baptist in Owensboro; Highview Baptist, Louisville; and Dry Ridge Baptist in Dry Ridge. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the congregation of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Owensboro in 1943. Probus also served as a substitute teacher for the Daviess County Board of Education. Probus has been on the church field for the past few months.



COMMEMORATIVE CRUISE — The Kentucky Women's Missionary Union recently sponsored a riverboat cruise on the Belle of Louisville commemorating the centennial anniversary of Lottie Moon sailing from America to begin her missionary activities in China. The short cruise also celebrated the successful collection that enabled the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to surpass its goal of \$20 million. Approximately 300 people attended the boat ride. Pictured above are members of the Long Run Associational WMU Council with the state WMU president and executive director. In the front row, from left to right, are Mrs. James Durham; Mrs. Timothy Tassie; Mrs. William Ellis, state president; Miss Kathryn Jasper, executive director; and Mrs. Grover Williams. In the back row, left to right, are Mrs. Louise Carwile; Mrs. Johnnie Bowman; Mrs. Byrd Owen, Jr.; and Mrs. Minnie Harriman.

A Happy Retirement?



It Takes Advanced Planning

A pastor should plan far ahead for his retirement years by developing hobbies, learning to live on less money and keeping mentally and physically fit.

One of his greatest adjustments will come in surrendering the spotlight of the pulpit and becoming another "layman" in the pew.

He may have to change his place of residence by moving out of the church-owned parsonage. He may even feel he should move out of the city where he has served as pastor for a decade or more.

If he remains a member of the church where he was a pastor, he will have to relinquish the decision-making to his successor in the pulpit. Yet at the same time, wherever he attends church, the retired pastor should remain active in church work.

Sometimes he will have more free time on his hands than he wants or knows what to do with. At times, the retired pastor may suffer from feeling "not wanted or needed" as the congregation reaches out to the new pastor.

The pressure of daily and weekly deadlines will suddenly evaporate and leave a vacuum he must fill by other activities.

More retired pastors will find outlets in gardening and yard work than perhaps in any other activity. Fishing, reading, travel, visiting shut-ins and other retirees and various crafts will also help fill the time.

Reduced income may prevent the retiree from doing all the things he had planned to do in retirement. Ill health may handicap him as well.

"Keep busy" is the best advice he will get from those who have preceded him into retirement. They will also urge him to maintain a cheerful outlook on life, not be a chronic complainer and keep up-to-date through reading, association with other people and home study.

These are the opinions of participants in the first pair of Annuity Conference sponsored last summer by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thirty-five advised those not yet retired to begin planning for retirement long before the age at which it comes.

Gardening, yard work and growing flowers ranked as the leading hobby or outside interest of 43 respondents. Fishing and reading followed with 29 mentions apiece.

Travel, visiting shut-ins and fellow retirees, handicrafts and woodworking also drew frequent mention.

Different persons will face different retirement problems, but some common factors remain constant. It will benefit a potential retiree — pastor, church staffer or denominational worker — to lay the proper groundwork for what can be a happy new era of service in retirement. (BP)

Olin Binkley Honored By Southeastern Trustees

The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees meeting in Wake Forest, North Carolina, honored the school's president Olin T. Binkley, who retires July 31, approved a tentative operating budget for 1974-75 of \$1,450,796, authorized renovation and enlargement of the seminary's library building and gave approval to proceed with the construction.

Binkley joined the faculty in 1952 and has served as the school's second president since 1963. No mention was made in the meeting of Binkley's successor as president, a seminary spokesman said. Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, the seminary's trustees, faculty and students paid tribute to Binkley at a recognition dinner.

The board also voted to elect to the faculty George W. Braswell, Jr., as associate professor of church history and missions and Richard Spencer as assistant professor of New Testament interpretation. Sabbatical leave was granted to Robert Poerschke for the 1974-75 academic year.



KENTUCKIAN INCLUDED — Medical professionals from the eastern United States had a chance to hear first-hand experiences about medical work overseas at a medical missions conference held recently at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Virginia. Left to right, Mrs. Vernon Jeffords of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Dr. George Faile, missionary surgeon in Ghana and a native of South Carolina, Dr. Jim Graves of Miami, Florida, and Dr. Vernon Jeffords visit after one of the sessions. Dr. Jeffords, a surgeon, was one of several people on the program who have volunteered their professional services for a short-term assignment overseas. He has done volunteer work in Jordan, Ghana, Gaza and Tanzania. Dr. Graves, a native of Kentucky, was a Foreign Mission Board medical receptor in Ajloun, Jordan, while a medical student. Dr. Faile is spending his current furlough in Atlanta, Georgia.

INSTALL PRESIDENT —

Midwestern Trustees Meet

Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary installed Milton Ferguson as the school's second president, approved a record operating budget of \$866,544 and elected a new slate of officers.

Those present for the presidential installation service included trustees, faculty and administration, members of the student body, representatives of Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions, delegates of colleges and universities across the nation and numerous people from the seminary community.

Ferguson, who holds bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was elected to the seminary post November 3, 1972. He assumed office February 1, 1973, following 17 years on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary.

He follows Millard J. Berquist, who served as president for 15 years. Berquist, now Midwestern's president emeritus, participated in the installation program.

The trustees also officially expressed appreciation to the administration, faculty and staff for their positive response during the current budget year in which there was no cost of living adjustment in salaries during a time of record inflation. The board also approved a basic increase in salaries and wages for all seminary employees for the budget year beginning August 1, 1974.

Three Churches Added To Growing WR Family In April

Western Recorder welcomed three more churches into the every member plan during the month of April. They were:

Mint Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Russell Joiner, pastor; Calvary Baptist Church, Bethel Association, J. R. Craig, pastor; and Cave Springs Baptist Church, Logan Association, Ora Morgan, pastor.

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In other action, the board approved and initiated a retirement benefit program for faculty and administrative staff which will eventually make possible the investment of 15 percent of the employees' salary and retirement benefits. The program calls for the investment of 10 percent by the seminary and five percent by the employees.

Ferguson said the retirement program represents a significant step in the total program of the seminary, and that the trustees expressed appreciation and confidence in the seminary faculty and staff as they enthusiastically endorsed the benefits program.

The record operating budget of \$866,544 provides basic adjustments in salaries and wages for all employees as well as the establishment of a contingency reserve and a debt retirement program.

Among new officers elected to the board was Fred Moffatt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky. He was elected secretary. (BP)

Effort Set To Double Great Lakes Baptist Churches By 1990

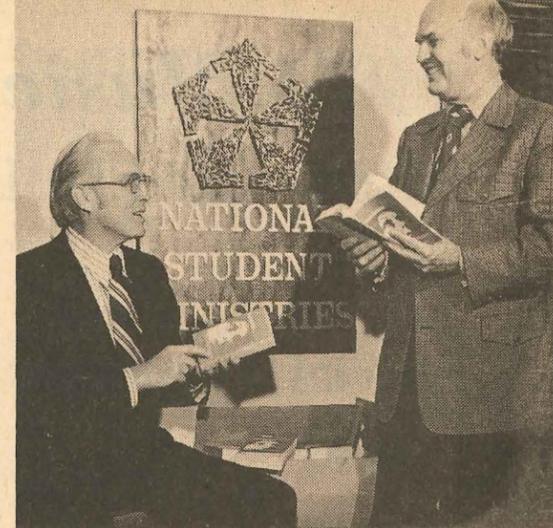
Southern Baptist executive secretaries and mission directors from seven north central states ringing the Great Lakes met with Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) representatives in Atlanta to lay groundwork for doubling the number of churches and ministries in the area by 1990.

The group pored over a mass of statistical data compiled over the last year by Tommy Coy, associate secretary for the HMB's department of planning services, pinpointing the areas of greatest potential for new churches and ministries.

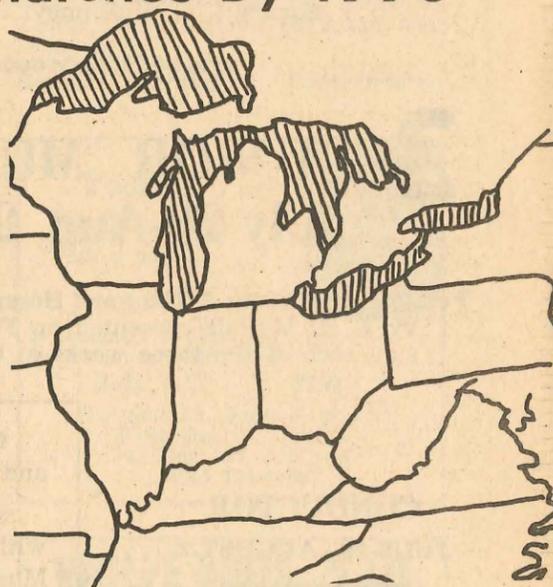
The seven states now have some 1,842 Southern Baptist churches with 400,000 members and are baptizing about 500 persons each week, reports show. Total receipts are around \$40 million annually. During the past 20 years the churches have given some \$30 million through the Cooperative Program (Southern Baptist unified budget).

R. V. Haygood, missions director for Indiana, said that since 1951, when Southern Baptist efforts were expanded in the area, baptisms have totaled about 320,000 in the Great Lakes states, and the value of church property has grown 1,413 percent from \$11.4 million to more than \$127 million.

The meeting was called at the request of leaders in the northcentral



A HELP — A new witnessing and counseling help for students and workers with students has been prepared by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and is included as a study guide in the back of the "Discovery New Testament," recently published by the American Bible Society. Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries, and former Kentuckian Ed Cunningham, American Bible Society, check first copies of the Bible, which is a Good News translation.



states and followed two previous sessions over the last year.

A year ago, the northcentral leaders voted to seek HMB help in undertaking the effort to double their involvement in the area by 1990.

Later, they voted to seek HMB support in focusing "the eyes of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) on the northcentral states in 1977-1990." (BP)

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is diagnosed, how it can be treated and prevented.

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It is basically due to these reasons that the ACS sees it as being imperative that people be offered the opportunity of learning why it is necessary to have a regular physical check-up. Explanations can be given in detail of harmless examination procedures and treatments of which many people express fear of having done.

Any number of procedures and programs can be offered from booklets,

Considers Amnesty

I have a feeling that many of these young Americans who chose to desert their country during those war years did not apply for either I-O or I-A-O classification, possibly believing it was useless to apply or possibly not knowing about them.

Furthermore, a good number of these young men left their country very angry, deploring and scorning America as they left. Do they still feel the same way? Can they be responsible American citizens if and when they return?

Honestly, I could not favor granting across-the-board amnesty to the hundreds of young men who fled their country and a military service obligation because of religious, moral or other reasons, during the Vietnam War years. However, I would favor a selective amnesty—a forgiveness—for all of these young men who before entering the military service left their country and who now desire to return. This selective amnesty would be offered with three (3) conditions: 1. that these young men wanted to return to America; 2. that they, by this desire to return, would be pledging to live and serve as responsible American citizens; and, 3. that they who chose to return would indicate their earnestness by fulfilling an obligation of a minimum of two years of special humanitarian service to America. By no means should these young men have the option of military service to fulfill such a two year obligation.

Specifically, what I am suggesting in humanitarian service to America would by example be: working in national forestry, ranger, parks service, working with Department of Agricultural experimental stations, working with the National Wildlife Federation, working with VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). These optional humanitarian services would be spelled-out by our government and living expenses of each person paid by the government. All service opportunities would be commensurate with a young man's training, talent, personal desire, physical condition, age and marital status.

Selective amnesty has been mentioned by others as a possible solution to this very real issue. And I, as a concerned Christian, American and military chaplain, can endorse the above proposal of selective — and conditional — amnesty.

films, cartoons to guest speakers, such as ACS volunteers, doctors, nurses, cancer patients, et cetera. It is possible to provide any type of program that any particular group desires.

Therefore we seek your suggestions as to the possibilities of promoting educational programs through your various church organizations. Many areas such as WMU, Brotherhood, and family night programs have been suggested. Programs for grade school and high school age children are also possibilities. Another possibility would be for your individual church to sponsor a one night seminar for the surrounding community. These programs are not primarily geared towards soliciting contributions or volunteers, but are concerned with saving lives!

Being a member of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Latonia and having been raised in the Baptist denomination, I realize that we have one of the strongest working religious associations in the state of Kentucky. Because of this the ACS wishes to promote these educational programs through our own denomination as a method of determining its possibilities and success before attempting to approach others. Your suggestions and assistance will be welcome.

If you would like more information or have any suggestions relating to this area, or if you would like to arrange for a program in your particular church, please contact me, Brian Osborne — residence Independence, Kentucky, 606-356-2617, or the American Cancer Society in your particular area of the state.

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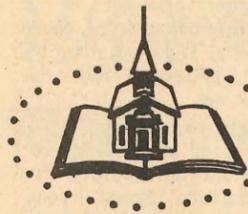
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Joshua 24:14-15

Joshua knew that the people were pretending to serve God and, at the same time, were secretly worshiping idols, and were thereby incurring the displeasure of God. He urged them to abandon all of the false gods and to be wholehearted in their allegiance to the true and living God. Their only safety, said he, lay in their abstaining from the heathen practices of those about them and in their being loyal to God.

To assist the Israelites in making the right decision, Joshua promptly and publicly announced his choice: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This important decision was solemnly made, openly avowed, and earnestly adhered to until the end of his life.

II Timothy 1:5

From behind prison bars, with the sentence of death hanging over him, Paul wrote to Timothy, his close friend and a faithful servant of Christ, and assured him that daily he was praying for him. He prayed that Timothy's faith might be increased, that his courage might be strengthened, and that his steadfastness might be maintained. Any

Christian who has such a praying friend is unspeakably rich. There is a singular exhilaration that comes to him who realizes that a truly great Christian is praying for him.

Paul thanked God that from Timothy's early childhood he had been taught the Word of God by his godly grandmother and mother under the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, in order to supplement their teaching, Lois and Eunice made it possible for Timothy to receive capable and faithful instruction from Paul. Impressed deeply by the influence of proper instruction from one's ancestors, like that which Timothy received from his mother and grandmother, Paul stressed the value of parental example in the training of children.

II Timothy 3:14-15

As a result of the instruction which he had received from his grandmother, mother, and Paul, Timothy exercised a saving faith in Christ and became a diligent student of the Scriptures. His study of and obedience to the teachings of the Scriptures accounted for his becoming such a useful and effective

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Acts 19:18-20

Because of Paul's faithful witnessing and scriptural preaching, many believed his message, accepted Christ as their Saviour, and allied themselves with the Christians, but they did not make a complete break with some of their practices. After beholding the fate that befell the sons of Sceva, they publicly confessed their sins, ceased their evil deeds, and publicly burned all of the bad books which were in their possession. Even though the value of these books was estimated at approximately ten thousand dollars, they did not put them away or sell them to others, but they completely destroyed them because they were satanic and dangerous. They proved the genuineness of their Christianity by the fine

way in which they overcame the many temptations which came to them in their corrupt and wicked city and by the faithful service which they continued to render unto their Lord. That they had been saved and transformed was proved by their willingness to sacrifice and destroy all the books of magic which they had previously prized so highly. Their complete break with their former manner of life proved conclusively the genuineness of their Christian experience. We are not surprised at the statement: "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

Acts 19:23-29

After making his plans to travel through Macedonia, Achaia, and Jerusalem, and thence to Rome, Paul actu-



ally remained in Asia a while and sent two of his companions, Timothy and Erastus, on to Macedonia. Paul's success in the work of the Lord aroused the bitter opposition of Satan and his cohorts, and they immediately created a commotion or uproar among the multitudes.

Acts 19:23-29

One of the seven wonders of the world, the magnificent temple of Diana, the voluptuous goddess of fertility, was located in Ephesus. Shrewd men had developed and promoted a thriving business there by manufacturing and selling silver images of Diana and replicas of the temple to the local idolaters and to the sightseers who visited this famous place. To know and to follow Christ meant to abandon the worship of all idols and to worship and serve Christ only. So greatly did the sincerity, manner of life, preaching, teaching, and witnessing of Paul and his associates affect the people who came to know the Lord through their ministry that the sale of these silver items decreased tremendously. It soon became quite obvious to Demetrius and his fellow silversmiths that idolatry was tottering before the power of the gospel of Christ.

For the protection and advancement of their business interests the silversmiths had formed a guild or union. Of course, their primary interest was financial and not religious. Because of the interference of the gospel with their profitable business, Demetrius, the leader of the union, promptly called a meeting of the craftsmen and reminded them of the substantial profits which they had been making, and then pointed out the fact that the market for their products was weakening.

However, it should be noted that the violent reaction which arose against the gospel was not because it endangered the honor of Diana, but primarily because it interfered with their profits. In his inflammatory address Demetrius remarked, "This our craft is in danger of being set at naught." He did not try to conceal the fact that his principal concern was due to the loss of business and profits.

The speech of Demetrius accomplished the end which he desired. Soon the general populace was thrown into confusion. The crowds became very angry, but they could not have explained why they were. Instead of saying, "Let us protect our profits," they used as their slogan, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Paul's associates, Gaius and Aristarchus, were seized and dragged into the great open-air theater. The mob soon followed them there. Paul wanted to rush into the theater in defense of his colleagues, but his thoughtful and wise friends readily recognized the folly of such a course and refused to allow him to do so.

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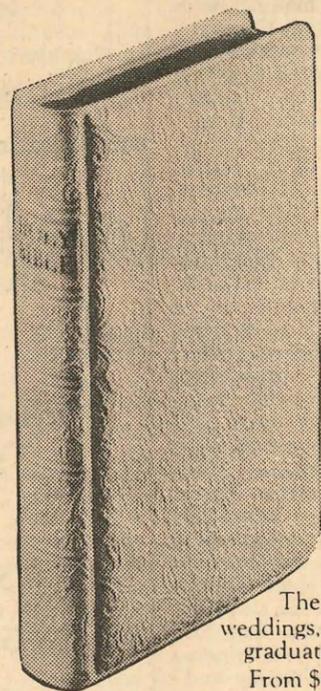
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Students stood outside the chapel windows to hear the famed evangelist.

Billy Graham Visits Louisville

Evangelist Billy Graham told a crowd of 2,000 people at Louisville's Southern Baptist Seminary he plans to continue preaching and, in his chapel address, he called on seminary students to enter the preaching ministry.

The famous evangelist said there is a great need in American churches for ministers who can preach. "If you want to go into a field that is wide open, be a preacher."

Speculation has risen in recent years that the 55 year old Graham would retire to a life of lecturing and writing. "There have been reports that we're going back to Los Angeles, where we started 25 years ago, to announce our retirement. That isn't true. Today I announce an intensification of my (preaching) ministry." The Graham Team will conduct a crusade in Los Angeles in 1975.

Graham's visit to the seminary was for the purpose of visiting the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism. The center, which sponsors student ministries, research facilities, and an evangelism professor, is the only center of its kind in the world. It was created in 1960 as a depository for materials on the Billy Graham ministry, and for evangelism materials generally.

Housed in the James P. Boyce Centennial Library, the center consists of two rooms for display and research. A research assistant maintains the facility, collecting current materials on the ministry of Graham.

Prior to coming to Louisville Graham spent a month in Switzerland preparing for the European Congress on World Evangelization. He told his seminary audience he believes this generation is capable of reaching the world with the gospel in this generation. He said the current generation is the first generation to have the necessary resources needed to carry the gospel to the whole world.

During a press conference following his address on the second day of his visit Graham was asked about his relationship with President Nixon and his beliefs on amnesty.

"I have not seen the President since January and I talk to him less because he is a very busy man. We should wait and hear all the evidence before we make a judgment." Graham did say he was concerned about the moral climate in America and repeatedly urged Christians to join the day of fasting and prayer held April 30.

Graham said, although he would not give "blanket" amnesty, he believes we should treat the amnesty question in the Biblical spirit of forgiveness.

An interdenominational group of Louisville Christians has extended an invitation to Graham to conduct a meeting in the city in 1976, and Graham told the news conference "We're giving serious consideration to coming to Louisville in 1976 for an extended meeting."

Missionaries Optimistic About Portugal Change

Southern Baptist missionaries are optimistic about the effect that governmental changes will have on Baptist work in Portugal.

Missionaries also expressed gratitude that the recent revolution produced few casualties. Former Kentucky pastor John M. Herndon, Southern Baptist missionary in Lisbon, states that the seven member junta in control "promises an election soon" and "urges normal activities." All seems to be calm, according to Herndon.

Herndon also said that the Portuguese people seem happy about the revolution and news that the junta is promising individual freedom and freedom of the press. Herndon was pastor of Goose Pond Baptist Mission near Hawesville between 1953-56. (BP)



NEWS CONFERENCE—Evangelist Billy Graham held a press conference while on the campus of Southern Seminary last week. Seated beside Graham is Lewis Drummond, former pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville and currently Billy Graham professor of evangelism at the seminary. Graham came to the campus as part of his continuing support of the Billy Graham chair of evangelism.