

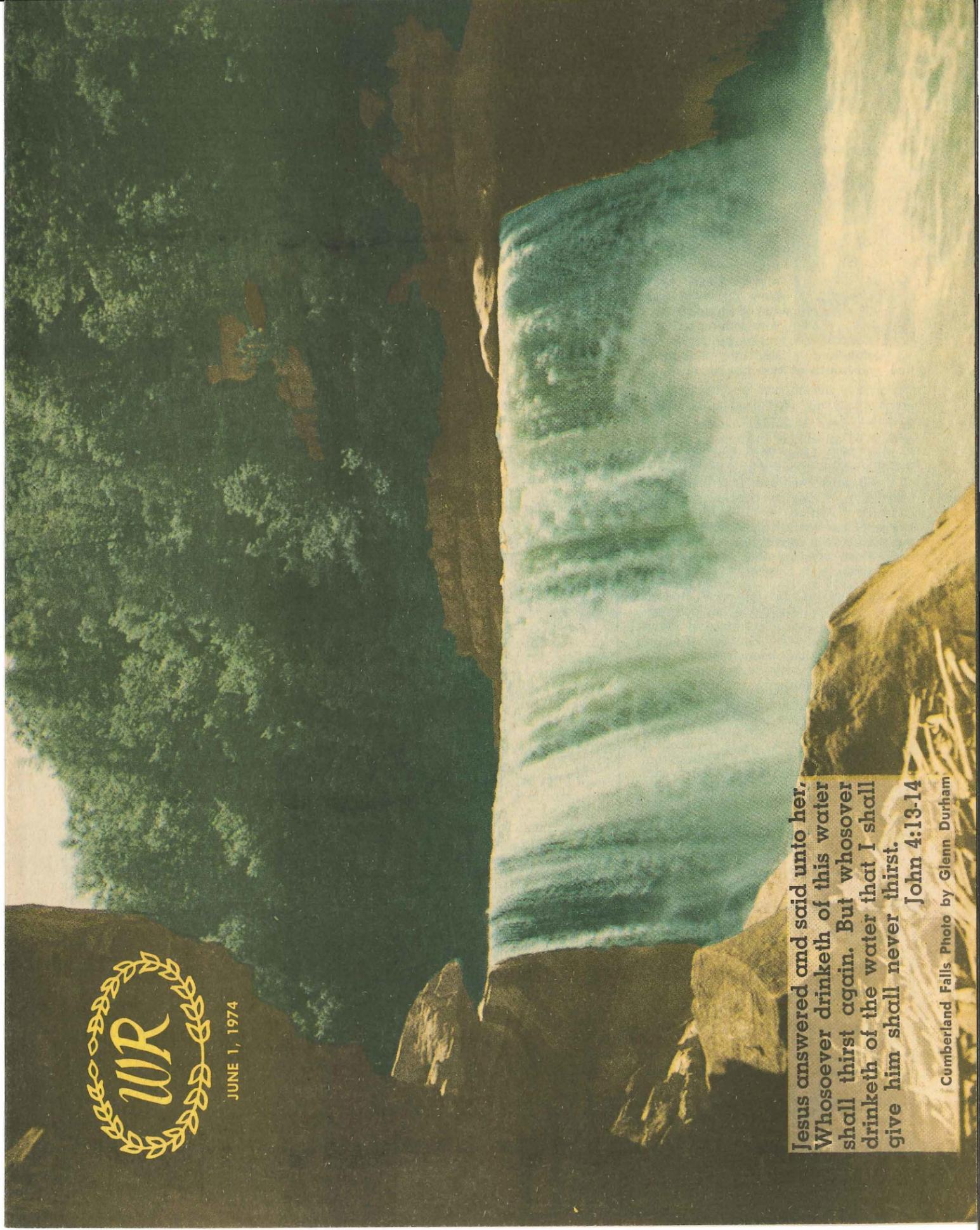


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Jesus answered and said unto her,  
Whosoever drinketh of this water  
shall thirst again. But whosoever  
drinketh of the water that I shall  
give him shall never thirst.

John 4:13-14

Cumberland Falls Photo by Glenn Durham



Douglas Sjolander has been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Who's Who in Kentucky*.



Sjolander

He has served as Baptist campus minister at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond since 1969. He is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Before coming to Kentucky he served as minister of education and youth at two Louisiana churches.

Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer **Franklin Owen** is the author of an article entitled, *VBS Offerings Go A Long Way And To Many People*, which appears in the May issue of the *Baptist Program*. This makes the May issue of this publication almost a Kentucky edition with two pastors, Verlin Kruschwitz and James Taulman, and two convention staff members, Jesse Stricker and Franklin Owen, as authors of articles.

Additional information on **F. Russell Purdy** who died on May 1 has been received. Purdy was a graduate of Marietta College and the Southern Baptist Seminary. He had been honored with a doctor of divinity degree by Salem College. His ministry in addition to Calvary Baptist in Lexington included First Baptist Church, Asbury Park, New Jersey; First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana; and Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., from which he retired four years ago. His son, Frank Purdy, is a deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and his daughter, Mrs. Marian Baker, is also an active member of the Calvary Church.

The **First Baptist Church, Somerset**, is planning a 175th Anniversary celebration on June 5-9. The speaker for the June 5 service will be Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The celebration will be climaxed on June 9 with a homecoming and dinner on the grounds. Eldred Taylor is the Somerset pastor.

The **Pulaski County Association of Missionary Baptists** has passed a resolution relative to the ordination of women as deaconesses and ministers. The resolution recognizes a difference of opinion as to the scriptural basis for the ordination of women. The resolution further recognizes that the scripture does refer to the title of deaconess and that the Bible and Christian history have consistently recognized women in a significant way to help carry out the Lord's work and that each individual church is independent and autonomous being responsible under God for its actions. The resolution concludes that since there is no scriptural basis for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry that the executive board of the association go on record opposing this practice and urging not to ordain women to the gospel ministry.

The resolution was signed by moderator Ansel K. Gambrell and secretary George R. Bausum.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Thank goodness you've got Social Security! They're experimenting with instant Christians by hypnotic suggestion!"

DEVOTIONAL



Bill Rogers  
Child Care Board  
Middletown, Kentucky

A number of years had elapsed. Her children were now grown, married and settled down. She said, "A sermon you once preached was a great source of strength to me as my children grew up." She refreshed my memory further. The sermon title was "As The Twig Is Bent." It was based on Proverbs 26:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

As a child, we played on a tree that had been bent early in its life. The shape and scars were still visible. Was that tree formed by the foot of a thoughtless hunter? Had it been hurt by falling branches? Did a bolt of lightning strike it? Had someone deliberately broken the twig and left it to grow that way? Why was this tree destined to carry this scar through life? The sermon went on to make the analogy of the tree to children in our homes. The text was used to reinforce the importance of parental influence. As the twig is formed the tree will grow.

Is not the writer of Proverbs saying that we parents have responsibility to give our children values and self worth? This mother had struggled through the turbulent years of child rearing. She confessed that there were times when she felt she had radically failed. She observed that the sermon had given her the word of hope she needed. She was experiencing the struggle for independence of her children and interpreting this as rejection. Now all her children were settled with growing families of their own. With pride and satisfaction she shared with me about her family. She paused and looked into the distance for a moment. Looking back to me she said "That promise is True."

In these days, this text may be a good verse to ponder. We do need help in becoming good parents. One contribution the church can make to family life is to help equip us to be good parents. It can also provide a base of support in our struggles. The church can hold out a word of hope. We made it. Under God, our children will make it also. Having raised a family of my own and being a pastor for 23 years provides a base for reaffirming the text "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

B'hood Meet Leaders Announced

A series of conferences directed by leading Southern Baptist executives and program specialists will be offered for Baptist lay persons and their pastors June 14 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas as a final feature of Southern Baptist Convention-related activities.

The 90-minute conferences on seven different subjects will follow a breakfast address by Gerald Ford, vice president of the United States, on the conference theme, "Challenge of Christian Involvement."

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, sponsor of the project, said the purpose of the conference is to whet the interest of persons in becoming involved as a Christian in one of seven strategic areas.

The conferences will deal with involvement in renewal, government, denominational affairs, short-term mission opportunities overseas, short-term mission opportunities in the United States, resort ministries and ministries to the aging, and mission support through the Cooperative Program.

The conferences will begin at 10:00 a.m. following the breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Conference leaders already lined up include:

Renewal — C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism division of the Home Mission Board, convenor; David Haney, director of the lay ministries department of the Brotherhood Commission, and Reid Hardin, associate director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board, resource persons.

Denominational Affairs — Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, convenor; Grady Cothen, president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board, resource person.

Government — Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, convenor.

Short-Term Mission Opportunities Overseas — Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, convenor; Eugene Grubbs, consultant on laymen overseas for the Foreign Mission Board, resource person.

Short-Term Mission Opportunities in the United States — Arthur Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board, convenor; Bill Wilson, director of the Christian Service Corps, resource person.

Ministries to the Aging and in Resorts — Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, convenor; Ken Prickett, special mission ministries field worker for the Home Mission Board, resource person.

Mission Support through the Cooperative Program — Joe Ingram, executive secretary of Oklahoma Baptists,

convenor; and Cecil Ray, director of the stewardship department for Texas Baptists, resource person.

Tickets to the breakfast where Vice President Ford will speak are \$5.00 each. They are available from the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis and the Brotherhood exhibit during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. Admission to the conferences is free.



Evangelism Should Stay At HMB

It is my conviction that the Division of Evangelism should not be made a Commission and ought to remain in the Home Mission Board. I wish to state the following reasons:

1. The program of Evangelism Development is only a part of the evangelistic thrust of the Home Mission Board. Guideline one and the over-arching purpose of the Home Mission Board as stated in the Long Range Planning Process is clearly evangelistic. It is conceivable that if the Division of Evangelism were moved from the Home Mission Board there would be a necessity for a department of Evangelism in the HMB. A case in point is the development of a strategy and a set of materials for lay evangelism for Spanish speaking and Slavic language groups. This would have been difficult to achieve if the Division of Evangelism had not been an integral part of the HMB.
2. The Division of Evangelism being an integral part of the HMB bring critical programs into dynamic interplay. The two thrusts of evangelism and social ministry are not polarized because they are a part of the work of the same agency. The fact that these two programs are a part of the same planning process for churches, associations, and state conventions keep us from going to the extreme of social action without gospel presentation on one hand or to evangelism without concern for man's present plight on the other. The same could be said of the Inter-faith witness and evangelism dynamic. In the HMB programs of social concern the SBC is on the cutting edge of evangelism. These programs need a close proximity to evangelism and evangelism needs a close proximity to these programs.
3. Evangelism by being a part of one of the larger agencies of the SBC is a part of the larger SBC process of coordination and correlation. There is less danger of evangelism playing "the lone wolf" than there might be if it were a Commission. This would cause all SBC programs to suffer. It might even leave a false impression that the only people doing evangelism are the staff of that Commission.
4. The cost of administration would leave a false impression that more money was being given to evangelism. It might take years for a new Commission to come to the place where it was getting more money for actual programs and field services.
5. The Division of Evangelism needs the services offered by the Home Mission Board. Survey and Special Studies, Business Services, and Program Planning and Coordination all offer expertise and assistance that it would take years to develop in a new Commission.
6. Through the years the "wisdom of the brethren" has associated evangelism with the Home Mission Board. In the 11th session of the SBC in Russellville, Kentucky, in 1866 in the report on Domestic Missions it was said, "and evangelization is also the most efficient instrumentality of bearing the gospel into the destitute regions." The report further stated, "That the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to direct its future labors chiefly upon the basis of evangelization..." L. G. Broughton, one of the greatest pastor-evangelists in America, brought the report to the 1906 convention that assigned evangelism to the Home Mission Board. It is not final and definitive that things remain as they have been. However, it is worthwhile to remember that some of the greatest names in Southern Baptist evangelism associated evangelism with the Home Mission Board.

John F. Haulik

WESTERN RECORDER

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

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## The Shape Of Baptist Business In Dallas

About this time each year those interested in the state of affairs of Southern Baptists begin to speculate as to what will happen at the annual big gathering. This year it will be in session in Big D, Texas, June 11-13, with related meetings beginning as early as June 8 and some groups staying over for their meeting after the convention.

After making due allowance for their exaggerated reputation it will still be a predominantly Texas flavored meeting. The sheer number of Baptists in Texas as well as the prestigious preachers and laymen in the lone star state will provide a Texas flavor which cannot be offset by any number of non-Texan convention messengers.

The pastors' conference program will reflect this in its first session on Sunday night, June 9, featuring the governor of Texas and the world's best known Southern Baptist pastor, W. A. Criswell.

In spite of whatever it appears when looking over the programs of the convention and the related meetings, the Woman's Missionary Union almost always comes up with the most inspiring sessions. It will likely be so again this year in Dallas in spite of a tinge of sadness in the retirement of WMU executive secretary, Alma Hunt, one of the queenliest of all women God has provided for Baptist leadership.

It's the year for selecting a new convention president after two years of able leadership by layman Owen Cooper. Here again Texas might well dominate and provide the new prexy. This would be a certainty if Texas messengers agreed on one of several Texans mentioned on the grapevine which, itself, this year has been more than usually low keyed.

John Bisagno, Houston, of evangelistic and pastoral fame, has been frequently mentioned but reportedly will not agree to let his name be put up or left in the election. Other Texans mentioned are James Coggin of Ft. Worth, Landrum Leavell of Wichita Falls and Ken Chafin of Houston who is known far and wide as a pastor, a seminary professor, an evangelism secretary for Southern Baptists and a Southern Baptist Radio and Television featured personality. To more intimate friends Ken is also known as a coon hound fancier and it might not be bad to follow up a layman industrialist with a preaching coon hunter.

Non-Texans mentioned are several including Geor-

gia Baptist Convention president, Jackie Robinson, whose early fame came as an Olympian basketballer at Baylor and a Texas pastor and Baptist Hour speaker and the highly respected Alabama pastor, Dotson Nelson.

Each convention manages to have at least one controversial issue and this year it appears to be the report from the so-called "Committee of 15," a hard working sub-committee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee which after several years of hard work has offered several suggestions and a few recommendations for presentation to the convention through the annual report of the convention's Executive Committee.

Actually most of the committee's suggestions call for reexamination and study by the Southern Baptist agencies, commissions and boards themselves of certain existing practices and policies. The actual recommendations are relatively few but have drawn fiery opposition from almost every group to which they apply. The cry from seminary presidents, board executive secretaries and others is, "Leave us alone. We know more about our business than you do." The threat from some is they will take their case to the convention messengers since they are agencies of the convention and not of the Executive Committee of the convention.

Doubtlessly all recommendations of this study committee are not wise but it was a hard working, sincere and considerate committee whose work should be genuinely appreciated and whose observations should be objectively considered. As it is this committee whose report is now the property of the Executive Committee has been cast in the role of the common foe who has few defenders and no friends. Maybe this whipped dog image partly accounts for my defense of the integrity and the contributions of this group and its report.

One final word to fill this page. One recommendation not to be made by the Executive Committee but promised to be made from the convention floor calls for a separate convention agency or commission for evangelism. To accept this would be unwise. Evangelism is faring too well with the Home Mission Board to tamper with to say nothing of the added expense of another headquarters and staff which would be involved. Evangelism of the genuine type is the main thrust of the Home Mission Board now.

## Rambling Reflections In May

The blazing colors of Kentucky woodlands in October and the exhilaration of the first frosty morn assure me every year that autumn is my favorite season. That is, until May of the next year when every bush, tree and creature of nature burst aglow with life, beauty and fragrance. The most frustrating part of Kentucky springtime is exhilaration that defies description in human language.

Who can say more for a rose than Gertrude Stein's effort, "a rose is a rose is a rose." A rose is somewhat like the honeysuckle in May. It is to be experienced and not described for to reduce such an experience to words is to diminish it. By now it's obvious my favorite flower is the rose and the fragrance of fragrances for me is the honeysuckle.

Compared to a rose sparkling with dew drops at sunrise and the early May morn air laden with honeysuckle aroma a perfume counter is but a superficial substitute. A romantic song writer of my days of youth tried to combine the rose and the honeysuckle with a pretty song entitled, "Honeysuckle Rose," but the Creator chose not to join them into one and the songwriter was trying to describe a sweetheart and not a rose. When it comes to comparing roses with persons, even a sweetheart, the more realistic association is roses and thorns instead of roses and honeysuckle.

Around our house this spring is especially productive. Our two mother cats have presented us with 10 kittens bringing our total feline population to 13. Help! With a collie and a basset hound to add to the pet population, not many left overs are left over long at our house and need for a garbage disposal which we don't have has lessened.

Our perennial bird visitors have returned to take up their annual nursery residences. The pesty star-

lings are using the same opening underneath the tool house roof to raise their offspring. Any stirring around the building sets the hungry babies to chirping. The barn swallow mates are using the same nest made of mud, feathers and other available materials for the third year. The incubation period for the swallows is not over yet but soon the swallowettes will be stretching their little necks for the regular worm laden round trips of their mother (or is it the father, too?) from the garden to the rafter nest in the tool house.

But of all the welcome springtime birds none can compare with the mockingbird. Like the rose is the queen of the flower garden, the mockingbird is the ultimate in the bird world. Strange, it is, too that this be the case. The mockingbird plumage is drab in comparison with the red breasted robin or the colorful cardinal and even her name indicates her songs are borrowed. The remarkable truth, however, is her imitations are more beautiful than the originals as she outbobwhites the bobwhite and outwhistles the cardinal. Her repertoire is inexhaustible and her sequence seems never to be the same. She entertains from dawn to dark and, awakened at midnight, she responds with a song instead of a complaint.

The readers still with me can rightly ask, "What place have roses, honeysuckle, cats, dogs and birds in a religious newsmagazine?" The answer is, "no place, really," but for the writer, at least, it is a delightful change of pace from denominational problems, programs, statistics, etc., to say nothing of endless Watergate headlines and Israeli, Syrian and Egyptian truce lines. And the same Lord is lord of it all — the fragrance of a rose as well as the Battle of Armageddon.

## BAPTIST FORUM



### AMERICA'S NEEDS

Dear Editor:

America is supposed to be a Christian nation led by God. We might have separation of state and church but there should be no separation of God's state and government. His word tells us when nations do not recognize God, they are a failure.

The 10 great commandments are not outdated but are not to be our Savior. They are rules for us to live by. If done, there would not be the trouble in our capitol now as there is.

We hear of prayer days and prayer breakfasts. What we need more are prayer breakfasts in our homes. We need confession days to confess our sins and to trust in God.

When prayer and God's word was taken out of our schools, Satan stepped in and crime has greatly increased since.

I would like to say to our women who want, or feel called to do a work for their Lord there is much we can do without usurping authority or teaching men. We should seek to be

ordained of God and not by a group of men.

Our Savior always gave encouragement to our sex. If he could use one woman who had had five husbands to bring a city to him, surely he can use a virtuous one in His vineyard today. I thank my Lord for some deaconesses who are doing the work deacons are supposed to do.

Milburn, Kentucky Bertha S. Payne

Informed Baptists  
are the  
Best Baptists

## Summer Missionaries Appointed

Twenty-four Kentucky college and seminary students have been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as missionaries throughout the United States this summer.

Two musical drama teams are among 1,024 students approved for ten week term of mission service in student summer missions.

The drama teams will be performing both at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and in parks and camps in South Carolina. Primarily they will perform the Christian musical *Jonah and the Whale*, written by Bob Curlew and Ken Flowers.

With 607 students sponsored by the HMB and 417 sponsored by the state Baptist Student Unions, the summer missionaries represent 38 states and five foreign countries including Denmark, Mexico, Canal Zone, the Philippines, and the West Indies.

Five of the Kentucky students have been appointed to serve in the Northwest portion of the nation. They are Teresa S. Bayes, a student at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. Miss Bayes is a resident of Valley Station. Carl D. Wade, a master of divinity student at Southern Seminary, and his wife, Betty, will also serve in the Northwest. Another husband and wife team from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, are also on the Northwest location. They are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sawyer of Hopkinsville.

Four students have been selected to serve in the Kansas/Nebraska area. Ruth A. McConnell is a student at Berea College and is from Glendale, Kentucky. Julia A. Ford, a student at Murray State University, is a resident of Owensboro. A Dry Ridge student attending Eastern Kentucky University, Connie F. Kinman, will also serve in the two state area. The fourth Kentuckian stationed there will be Earl H. Wiman of Mayfield. He is a student at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

New York will include three Kentuckians in its summer missionary program. Karen F. Singleton, a student at Murray State University, is from West Owensboro. From Hodgenville, John L. Edwards, a student at Morehead State University, will also serve in the New York area. Sandra K. Nave, a student at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, is from Owensboro.

Two students have been appointed to work in Georgia. Chuck Fletcher, a student at Cumberland College, will serve in Atlanta. He is from Jeffersonville. Mary E. Smith, a Georgetown College student, will be involved in a

special project with First Baptist Church, Decatur, this summer. She is from Edmonton.

Several states or areas of the nation will be served by only one Kentucky student this summer. Janice K. Salley, a Western Kentucky University student, will serve in Iowa. She is from Louisville.

Linda M. Blincoe, from Owensboro, will serve in Texas. She is a student at Belmont College, Nashville.

Theresa M. Thomas, an Eastern Kentucky University student, will be located in New Mexico this summer. She is a resident of Dry Ridge. Another Eastern Kentucky student, Carolyn L. Finch, will be serving in Michigan. She is from Lexington.

Sharon M. Hill, a Campbellsville College student, will be living in the Northern Plains area this summer. She is from Princeton.

Reba F. McGehee, a Cumberland College student, will serve in Oklahoma. She is a resident of Louisville.

Two seminary students, William A. Gambrell, Southwestern Baptist, in Fort Worth, Texas, and Elsie S. Martin, Southern Baptist, Louisville, have been appointed to serve in South Carolina and Indiana, respectively. Both students are from Louisville.

Karen L. Kerley, a Western Kentucky University student, will be serving in Pennsylvania this summer. She is a resident of Louisville.

Sharon R. Mathis will be stationed in the New England area of the nation. She is a student at Murray State and a resident of Hopkinsville.



**FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!**  
In Africa recently, as part of a tour visiting Baptist mission fields, Jesse Stricker, KBC stewardship and promotion director, right, met evangelist Arthur Blessitt. The meeting took place in Tanzania as Blessitt was on his journey around the world preaching the gospel.

### Christian Harmony

FRANKLIN OWEN  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



I have a strong sense of obligation to encourage Christian harmony in the fellowship of Christ. It has been one of my themes in every congregation I have served as pastor and on every board and committee in which I have had part with my denomination. I feel the same way about my present office. One may dedicate himself to separating people from one another or to joining people together. To sow discord separates people. To promote harmony joins them together, or at least tries to.

Some scriptures are frightening in their judgment upon trouble making. For example, from Proverbs, "Six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him; A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." (Proverbs 6:16-19) The sacred writer appears to be placing the emphasis on that last one. It is in any case listed along with dreadful sins. We who would sow discord among God's brethren and sisters need to search our souls in light of that Scripture.

He who would live in harmony with his fellow man and promote unity must encourage freedom rather than coercion. One is apt to be out of harmony with whomever is trying to coerce him. On the other hand, we are likely to seek maximum fellowship with those who most recognize that we are persons with certain individual rights, that no one should try to deny us.

A Christian has to decide whether he should dedicate his religious zeal to drawing the smallest possible exclusive circle to push others out of, or to enlarge his heart to include the largest possible number that his convictions can allow him to hold in his circle of fellowship and love.

There is an expression in Psalms whose beauty is even more arresting than the above quoted warning against sowing "discord among the brethren." It reads, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalms 133:1)

*Frank Owen*

## Southern Seminary Graduates Sixteen Kentuckians

Sixteen students from Kentucky received their seminary degrees May 31 during commencement exercises at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A total of 241 students received degrees from the seminary, the oldest and fastest growing of Southern Baptists' six seminaries.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, delivered the commencement address. Seminary president Duke K. McCall awarded the degrees.

Students from Kentucky who received degrees were:

Doctor of ministries: Robert A. Young of Louisville;

Master of divinity: Donald R. Cherry of Louisville, Larry Lynn Harris of Bellevue, Herschel Darrell Morgan of Utica; Gerald Daniel Straw of Independence, Earl West of Scottsville;

Master of religious education: Carroll Haydon Adams of Cadiz, Faye Litsey



McClellan



Young



Cherry

Commencement  
← Speaker

Adams of Owensboro, K. Dale Adkins of Louisville, Carolyn Noffsinger of Bremen, Roger Wayne Rouse of Elizabethtown, David Lee Royalty of Bardstons, Linda Darlene Sigler of Henderson;

Master of church music: Lewis Baumstark of Richmond, Ina Ruth Bogness Somers of Greenville;

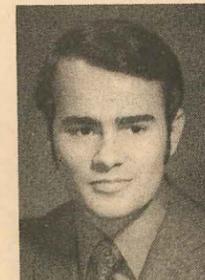
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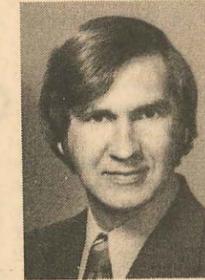
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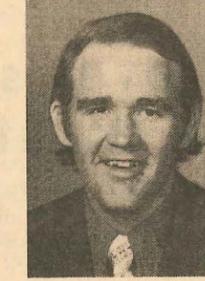
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## Ridgecrest Senior Adult Conference Slated

The first summer season Senior Adult Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center will be held August 24-29, 1974.

"Stay Alive All Your Life" is the conference theme for a week of Bible study and relaxation for senior adults and their leaders.

Most individual conferences will be for senior adults with three conferences specifically for senior adult leaders. As much as possible, all meetings will be limited to the ground level for easiest access.

Franklin Owen, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be pastor for the week, and Don-

ald F. Ackland, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board retiree, will be Bible study leader for the book of Philippians.

The conference will begin with dinner Saturday evening, August 25, and close with lunch Thursday. Program leaders John McGuire, retired executive of the Florida Baptist Convention; Joe Burton, retired editor of *Home Life* magazine; and consultants in the Sunday School department at the Sunday School Board.

For reservations to the Senior Adult Conference write to Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.

## Recreation Program Worker

A two year investment in time and effort for a young Kentucky man has culminated in his appointment as missionary in Tennessee by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

James Markham of Sturgis formerly served a stint in the HMB's US-2 program for college graduates who want to commit two years to missions service.

Recently he added another chapter to his missions story with appointment by the HMB department of Christian social ministries.

Markham, who admits being uncomfortable in a suit and tie, said in most of his past service in missions he has been involved in recreational activities, and



Markham

he is building on that at Jellico, Tennessee.

"I am working to develop a recreational program in the renovated elementary school that the First Baptist Church has acquired. There is a great need for this type of facility in the area because the only places to go are the pool hall and a movie theater that's only open about half of the year.

"I'm looking forward to beginning new programs for the young people in the fall. We're trying to find out where they are, who they are and exactly what kind of programs they want. And I hope by fall we can also be involved in some activities with the senior citizens.

"Although that word in Jellico doesn't really have much meaning because our senior citizens aren't isolated — they are retired and are enjoying it. Our basic plan is to get something started where they can go and enjoy being with others who are also retired."

Markham served as a US-2 missionary in Brooklyn, New York, and as a student summer missionary in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of both the University of Kentucky in Lexington and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Markham explained that he and his wife Connie are starting from scratch and trying to build a program in Jellico.

"I'm basically dealing with people that are 20 years behind the rest of the country. They are reluctant to give you who they are, their understanding and their support.

"So, you have to work harder to earn their support by sharing with them who you are and creating a quality program that meets their needs openly and honestly. I think the ministry of God can only be shared in an honest way — so I also want this to be a real program.

"I don't want to move too fast for them but I want it to go fast enough that they can start enjoying some of the things that they haven't had. I want to minister to them and grow with them. I want to begin with the people where they are now and walk with them from there."

## Cedar Crest Set To Open Girls Camping Season

Cedar Crest has received more than 600 reservations for Girls in Action and Acteens camps since April 1, when registration opened for the 1974 camping season.

"All of My Tomorrows" will be the

theme for the eight week-long camping sessions. Girls are eligible who are completing the fifth grade and up. The weeks of July 1 and August 5 are for fifth and sixth graders only. July 22 and July 29 and for seventh graders

and up only. All other weeks are open to both ages.

Each session begins Monday morning and ends following lunch on Friday. A new feature this year is the Monday morning registration time, with the campers bringing a sack lunch and eating together as a cabin family. Each week, girls will share with a camp pastor, foreign missionary and home or state missionary in an informal setting. Girls will have experiences in Bible study, field games, outdoor cooking, swimming (in a brand new pool), nature activities, creative art activities, music, prayer and living as a cabin family.

The Cedar Crest staff will spend time in training June 12-16. Unit leaders will begin training on Wednesday, counselors on Thursday, and counselors in training on Friday. Twenty-four different persons will be serving as counselors or administrative staff. Of these, 21 have had previous camp staff experience, are college students or college graduates.

Girls interested should contact their WMU director, GA or Acteens leaders, or send \$3.00 reservation fee to: Reservations, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003. Please give the grade girl has completed, week desired, name and address. Total cost for a week is \$22.50. The camping season begins June 17 and continues each week until August 9.

## West Union And Severns Valley Capture RA Track Meet Lead

The State Royal Ambassador Track Meet was conducted at Cedarmore, Saturday, May 11.

Participants and guests totaled 466. Twenty-seven associations sent participating teams.

In the Pioneer I division (grades 7-9) West Union Association captured first place. Long Run Association took the runner-up spot.

The broad jump honors in Pioneer I division went to Mike Becker of South District Association with a jump of 17 feet, 10½ inches.

West Union's Doug Town took the shot put event with an even 37 foot put.

Bob Braun of Long Run Association won the high jump event at 5 feet. The 100 yard dash winner was Russel Mims

of Salem Association in a time of 11.35 seconds. The 440 shuttle relay went to West Union in the time of 53.25 seconds.

In the Pioneer II events (grades 10-12) the winner was Severns Valley Association. Anderson Association tied with Daviess-McLean Association for second place.

Anderson Association took the 440 shuttle relay in 52 seconds. Jeff Nichols of Greenup Association won the 100 yard dash in 11 seconds.

Alvin Jones of Severns Valley was the winner with a leap of 17 feet, 6 inches in the broad jump. Larry Walters of Crittenden won the high jump at 5 feet, 6½ inches. The shot put event was won by Ray Lucas of Elkhorn Association with a put of 40 feet, 4½ inches.

## BSU Gets Involved In Stamping Ground

By Larry High

During the first week of their summer vacation, students representing the Baptist Student Union of Morehead State University were busy scraping mud off walls, moving trees and operating day care centers. They had planned to spend the week on a choir tour in the Virginia Beach area of the eastern United States.

But when David Book, campus minister at Morehead, told the BSUers that the Stamping Ground community needed help cleaning up after the April 3 tornado the students voted to cancel their tour and work in the devastated town instead.

Thirty-six volunteers lived in Georgetown College dormitories for the week they were in Stamping Ground. The students helped local residents clean their damaged homes, barns, fields and churches.

At night they held youth revivals and choir performances in area churches to raise money to be given to the congregation of Stamping Ground Baptist Church, destroyed in the wake of the tornado. The meetings were conducted at First Baptist Church, Morehead, Porter Memorial Baptist in Lexington, Central Baptist in Winchester, and Falmouth Baptist Church.

On their final night in the stricken area the students conducted a community concert at Great Crossing Baptist Church, six miles from Stamping Ground. The evening included a cook-out, banjo picking and mountain folk dances.

The students presented Dan Crawley, recently called pastor of Stamping Ground Baptist Church, with a \$1,000 check to aid in the rebuilding of the

church, constituted in 1795. The money was collected during the revivals and choir performances.

David Adkins, serving as president of both the Morehead BSU and the Kentucky State BSU, expressed appreciation to local residents for their hospitality to the students. The workers were fed by many of the townspeople while they were aiding in the clean up. Many of the students exchanged addresses with local residents and vowed to come back later in the summer to continue their work.

While working in the community the students divided into groups of five or six and spent the days removing hay from damaged barns, cleaning interior and exterior walls of collapsed homes, breaking up fallen chimneys, and salvaging reuseable items from damaged property.

Raymond Tackitt, a member of Stamping Ground Baptist Church, said the work of the students gave him and his family encouragement to rebuild. In the midst of such a tragedy, he said, their enthusiasm was a great help. "We never could have done it ourselves," he concluded.

The pastor of the local Christian Church, also destroyed by the tornado, said the BSU volunteers did the best work and were the most help of any that had come to the community since the storm.

One resident quizzed the students about what they were getting out of the project. When told the students were not receiving any material compensation for their efforts she remarked, "My sons would never do this for nothing."

But according to senior Bruce Richardson, who served as the BSU choir director, the students did get something from their work. "This is getting down to what Christianity is all about," he said. "We saw the need and this is a great opportunity to help. We get our satisfaction from that," he added.

"We were indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to be used by God in this manner. I sincerely believe that this was one of the best, if not the best, thing that we have been involved in during my four years of ministry here," Book said.

Crawley, who was interim pastor of the Stamping Ground church when the tornado struck, also expressed his appreciation for the work and dedication of the Morehead State University students. "The interest and involvement of groups like this has been tremendous," he said.

He expressed the gratitude of the congregation for the monetary gifts made



Brooms Flying — Two BSU students use brooms to clean mud and dirt off a damaged home in Stamping Ground.

by Kentucky Baptist churches and individuals to help finance reconstruction of the church building.

The church parsonage, which sustained \$13,000 damage, is 80 percent rebuilt, according to Crawley, and all that remains to be done is interior work.

The church building which had stood for 126 years is completely leveled now after bulldozers cleared the site for construction of a new building. All that remains is a large hole in the earth where the church used to stand. Crawley claims to be "pastor of the largest hole in Kentucky."

"Right now," he said, "the most important thing is for us to get back in the community." Since the storm the congregation has been meeting at the Great Crossing Baptist Church for its Sunday and midweek services.

Crawley reported that he had contacted Governor Ford's office requesting the loan of large tents that could be used to hold services in on the church's property. "We need to be able to get back in touch with the local residents," he added.

The pastor said he is looking forward to the time when all construction in the small community will be completed. "This will be a new community, both physically and spiritually too," he remarked. He continued to say that when the congregation met to discuss alternatives about how to restore the church building the members concluded that the best plan would be to completely rebuild the facilities. "The feeling was," he said, "that the old building had served for 120 years and we couldn't have it back. So we decided to build another to last the next 120 years if Jesus tarries that long."



Part of Clean-Up — Dave Adkins, BSU president, spent much of his time in the Stamping Ground community clearing fallen trees and limbs from fields.

## Baptist Historical Commission Answers Committee Of Fifteen

The Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission, in annual session in Nashville, Tennessee, drafted and approved a response to concerns expressed about its operation by the Committee of 15.

The Committee of 15, formed by the SBC Executive Committee to study and appraise the SBC and its agencies, submitted its four-year study to the Executive Committee in February. The Executive Committee forwarded the concerns to the Historical Commission without taking any action on them.

The Historical Commission's elected board noted that the Committee of 15 had expressed many of the commission's own concerns, took issue with several of the committee's concerns and noted that meager funds severely hampered its efforts in dealing with certain concerns.

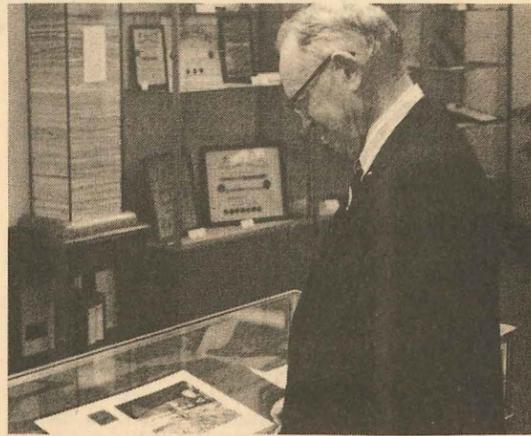
Responding to a Committee of 15 concern that there may be "considerable loss of historical materials" related to convention agencies, leaders, churches and associations, the commission said.

"We heartily agree with the committee's concern... The lack of adequate Cooperative Program support, however, has made it impossible for the Historical Commission to do much that needs to be done.

"For example, the commission is engaged in an effort to procure taped oral history interviews with all past presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much of their insight and understanding of Baptist life and work will be lost to future generations unless recorded while they are still alive and able to share...

"It is imperative that we procure these now. In view of this fact and the lack of adequate funds for this program, even in the face of extreme economy measures, the commission has found it necessary to supplement the Cooperative Program allocation by using \$3,000 from its program reserves two consecutive years to cover daily operating costs."

The commission agreed with the Committee of 15 that the commission needs more visibility to make its ser-



**KENTUCKIAN DIRECTOR** — Leo T. Crismon, a director of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, pauses during the recent annual meeting in Nashville to examine the materials of Astronaut James Irwin which are displayed in the Historical Commission's Dargan-Carver Library.

VICES more fully known. The concern regarding "visibility is directly related to our ability to finance our visibility," the commission noted.

The response indicated that several other concerns were intertwined with financial problems. (BP)

## Court Declines To Review Abortion Decision

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to accept a Rhode Island case which would have forced the court to review its controversial 1973 decisions permitting women to obtain legal abortions.

Although the high court's refusal to hear arguments in the case indicated neither approval nor disapproval of two lower courts' decisions, the practical effect of the order was to uphold

the 1973 decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe V. Bolton* which have produced a storm of controversy.

The 1973 rulings held that the decision to obtain an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy "must be left to the medical judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician." During the second trimester, the court declared, the state may "regulate the abortion procedure in ways that are reasonably related to maternal health." During the final three months of pregnancy, the state may regulate and even prohibit abortion except when, "in appropriate medical judgment," it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the woman.

Rhode Island's anti-abortion law, like those of other states, was in effect declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in last year's landmark decisions. Rhode Island, however, proceeded to reenact its law forbidding abortion except when the life of the mother is at stake. The state legislature went one step further, adding to the law a clause declaring that a fetus is "a person within the language and meaning of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

When suit was brought challenging the constitutionality of Rhode Island's newly revised statute, the U.S. District

Court for Rhode Island declared it unconstitutional. On appeal, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the first circuit upheld the district court's decision. The appeal was then brought to the U.S. Supreme Court by Rhode Island's attorney general, the Local Right to Life Committee and Ann Frank, a woman who had been declared legal guardian of several unborn children.

In their legal brief to the high court, the petitioners argued that unborn children are "indispensable parties to and have a right to intervene" in court through a legal guardian. Further, the argument went, unborn children are full human beings and should be protected by provisions in the 13th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

The petitioners argued also that unborn children are U.S. citizens protected by the citizenship clause of the 14th Amendment and that fathers of unborn children are indispensable parties in legal action involving abortion.

The women, each of whom had obtained a legal abortion as a result of the 1973 decisions, argued in their brief that Rhode Island's anti-abortion law was unconstitutional. Further, they held that neither the fathers of unborn children appointed as legal guardian of their unborn children held indis-

## Former 'Watermelon Cutter' Randall Lolley Elected S'eastern President

Randall Lolley once chose the ministry over a military career, and now the self-styled "watermelon-cutter-turned-preacher" is president of a seminary.

Lolley, for more than 11 years pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been named president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, where he earned a bachelor of divinity degree in 1957 and a master of theology degree in 1958.

He will succeed Olin T. Brinkley, who is retiring on August 1.

"I put out five piles of 'fleece' while deciding what to do," Lolley said, "and God soaked all five of them."



Lolley recently returned from an 18-day trip to Europe, England and the Holy Land. He had talked with members of the presidential selection committee from the seminary before embarking on the trip and asked them to discuss the possibility

of his succeeding Brinkley with the faculty, the alumni council and the student representatives on the seminary council.

When Lolley and his group got to Jerusalem, he said, a letter from Carl Hudson, chairman of the seminary trustees, was awaiting him, relating the positive results of those three meetings.

"That was three of the fleeces," Lolley said. When he returned to North Carolina, Lolley and his wife, Clara Lou, met with the trustees and the faculty for the remaining two.

"They were positive and affirming," he said. "I felt the door was open and I had to risk stepping through it or back off."

Lolley, 42, and a native of Samson, Alabama, has been stepping through those doors since he was a teenager and found himself suddenly one Sunday taking notes on his pastor's sermons and felt God pointing him toward the ministry.

He and some friends formed a youth revival team.

"I didn't preach or sing," he said. "I cut the watermelons."

His senior English teacher brought him to the point of decision about the ministry when she read a term paper he had written and got a Congressman to appoint him to West Point Military Academy.

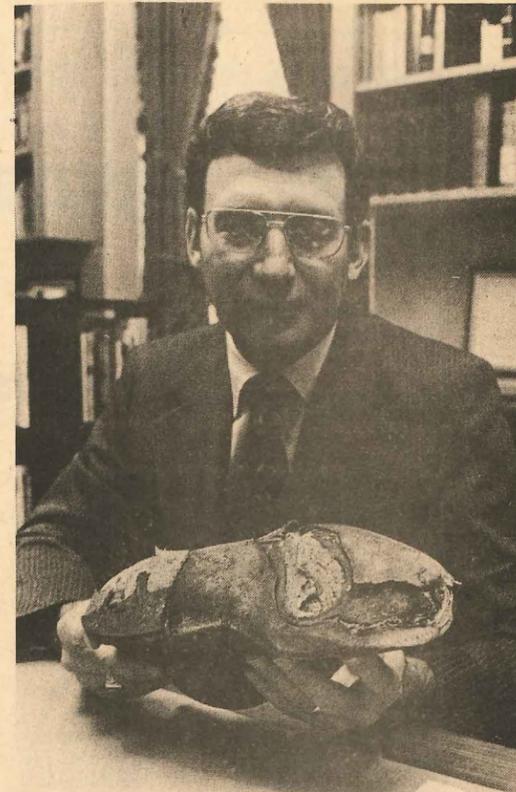
"I had an appointment before I knew it," Lolley said. "She created a crisis, and I had to decide to go to West Point or Howard College. Eight days before I got out of high school I enrolled at Howard."

"I didn't know what sort of ministry was out there," he recalled, "but I knew something was."

During his first year, three people from Reese Baptist Church near his hometown of Troy, 200 miles south of Birmingham, came to Howard College (now Samford University) and asked him to come to preach for them two Sundays each month.

"That's where I saw the face of the Lord — in those three people from Reese Baptist Church," he said. "That's the way the call came to me. A watermelon cutter turned preacher just like that."

Soon he began to preach the other Sundays of the month in his home church and did it all through college, commuting each weekend the 200 miles to the church and then back to college.



Lolley examines a sign of ministry.

"If someone had come and asked me to teach in a theological seminary or write for some Baptist journal, I might have done that," he said. "I was ready for an open door."

"And that's the way I have been called every since — see an open door and decide if that is the way God is guiding me."

Lolley earned a doctor of theology degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1962 and was called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, his first full-time pastorate after associate pastorates in Fort Worth and Greensboro, North Carolina.

His ministry in Winston-Salem, where he succeeded Ralph Herring, has been far-reaching. Lolley has two momentos in his office that he says symbolizes the ministry of the church.

One is a reproduction of a painting of Queen Elizabeth by Joe King, one of the members of the church who paints under the name Vinciata.

The other is a battered, rock-hard shoe left there last winter by a middle-aged derelict who sought a haven from the cold and a new pair of shoes from the church's clothing cupboard.

Lolley keeps the battered shoe beside the beautiful painting as mute reminders of the church's responsibility and the broad sweep of its ministry literally from gutter to royalty — a ministry he has helped shape since 1962.

He will implement the same kind of philosophy at Southeastern Seminary. (BP)

## Bomb Threat Halts BSSB

Employees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board evacuated board buildings in Nashville for nearly one hour on Monday, May 13, following a telephone bomb threat for the second time in recent years.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., a woman called into the switchboard and said "There's a bomb."

The switchboard operator relayed the message to the office supervisor, who came to the switchboard in time to hear the second call, which was immediately after the first.

"There's a bomb set to go off at one o'clock," the caller said.

When questioned by the operators, the woman assured them there was really a bomb. She then repeated the threat to the other operator, never indicating the location.

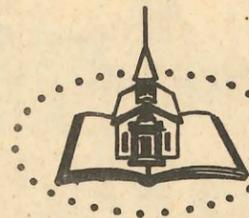
Metro Police officers arrived at the board in a matter of minutes. The one o'clock deadline passed, and after a search of the board by the police officers, employees returned to work. (BP)

### 'Good News' Spreader

Arkansas Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, a Baptist, believes that "proclaiming the 'Good News' is every Christian's duty."

True to his own words, Riley does his "proclaiming" each Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he leads in worship services for guests, employees and other persons.

The service is part of the outreach ministry of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. Nathan Porter, formerly of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff, is the inn chaplain and the pastor of First Church.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for June 9, 1974)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Demonstrating An Active Faith

James 2:14-26

To James faith was more than the mere assent of the mind; it included the affection of the heart also. His readers had received new life from Christ, not through the merit of good works, but by grace through faith. The essence of such faith is a life surrendered to the will of Christ.

James protested vehemently against all attempts to divorce faith and works. He considered them as two vital units of a whole. To him profession without practice was meaningless. He believed that saving faith creates love in the heart, and that this love finds expression in compassion and helpfulness. The faith that brings salvation produces good works. James did not contradict Paul's doctrine of justification by faith, but he did combat the perverters of Paul's teaching. Paul wrote about justification before God on the ground of faith, while James referred to justification before men on the basis that works are an evidence of saving faith. Paul emphasized the faith that works and James emphasized the works of faith. James did not minimize faith, but he did insist that it be demonstrated in good works. Faith is first but works must follow, said he, or there is no proof that real faith exists.

Faith and works are united inseparably. To profess to have saving faith and at the same time to be destitute of practical living and charitable giving to meet human needs is to prove that the profession is false and worthless. One may say that he has faith but unless his declaration is substantiated by appropriate works, it is not any better than to say to the naked and hungry, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," without any effort whatever to supply the clothing and food which are needed. It is not nice words and sweet sentiments that help the needy, but good deeds. Faith lives, moves, and works.

The root of salvation is in grace through faith, but the fruit of the faith which results in salvation is good works. With James it was not a choice between faith and works, but he strongly emphasized the importance of

both. Genuine Christian faith is to be demonstrated in and through dedicated service to others.

The relationship of faith and works was exhibited beautifully in the life of Abraham. Looking at justification from the viewpoint of its source, Abraham was justified by faith when he believed God or exercised faith in Him. Looking at justification from the viewpoint of its effects, Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac as a sacrifice on the altar. Abraham proved that his faith was genuine by his willingness to offer his son in obedience to the command of God. In that act his faith reached its consummation. His faith and his works were inseparable. Abraham's genuine faith in God enabled him to do what he did. His good works constituted positive proof that his faith was living and effectual.

James brought forward a second example of justifying faith in the person of Rahab, and proceeded to illustrate

by her case also that faith produces works. Her works proved that she had a saving faith. Except in their faith in God, perhaps no two people could have been much farther apart or more unlike than Abraham, "the father of the faithful" and "the friend of God," and Rahab "the harlot." By risking her life in helping the spies to escape from her city she demonstrated the genuineness of her personal faith in God. In these two people — Abraham and Rahab, whose characters were so different, we see a splendid demonstration of the saving grace of God.

As certainly as the beating of the pulse proves that one is alive, the performance of good works by the Christian proves that his faith is genuine and acting. Let no man ever belittle faith or works. If we have the faith which has brought us into a vital and life-transforming union with Christ the Saviour, let us see to it that our faith produces deeds that substantiate our faith.



INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### Message And The Messenger

I Thessalonians 2:1-13

At Philippi Paul and Silas were arrested, stripped, beaten, and imprisoned. With the bloody scars on their backs from the beatings which they had received, they were placed in the inner prison and fastened in stocks, as if they were hardened, dangerous, and violent criminals. In spite of those terrible indignities and experiences, those great Christians remained undismayed. Even though they faced the possibility of being subjected to similar insult and injury in Thessalonica, they later journeyed there. They were the first Christians to enter the city.

Soon after their arrival within the city, Paul sought out the synagogue, accepted the invitation to address the assembled congregation, and proclaimed the teaching of the Old Testa-

ment to the effect that the Messiah would suffer, die, and rise again. Paul also preached Christ effectively to some of the Gentiles in their homes, when the opportunity afforded itself. Without hesitation or apology Paul preached that Christ loved sinners, as He had proved by His atoning death on the cross, that He was the only Saviour, and that He was willing and able to save any and all who would repent of their sins and trust Him as their personal Saviour. He absolutely refused to adulterate his message with human speculation. Nothing could dampen his zeal or weaken his courage. No amount of opposition could dissuade him from proclaiming God's message with which he had been entrusted. Paul was determined that, regardless of what the Thessalonian people might think, say, or do, he would

remain true to the glorious gospel of Christ.

Paul's faithful ministry in Thessalonica proved to be fruitful. Within a brief period of time he had introduced several to Christ and established a church in the city. Ere long the members of that church became exemplary in the realms of faith and faithfulness. For this the Apostle was deeply grateful.

Paul had a clear and thorough understanding of the gospel of Christ, and he preached it boldly, simply, and sincerely. With his lips and through his life he bore testimony to the fact that Christ saves, sustains, and supervises those who trust Him. Paul's primary and supreme desire was to please the Lord. As God's messenger, he never attempted to please men, or to obtain their praises. For anybody to seek primarily to please men is wrong. Those who observed Paul's life closely knew that he was a genuine Christian who loved the Lord supremely and served Him devotedly. To Paul the most important thing was not what men preferred or wanted, but rather what pleased the Lord. He knew that the superficial desires and the deepest needs of men were not necessarily the same; in fact, quite frequently they were the very opposite. With him the real test was "What does God think about my life and message?" Paul told the Thessalonians that he was not trying to please them, but to please God.

Paul reminded the Thessalonians that when he was with them he had not indulged in flattery or covetousness. He was not motivated by greed. Instead of depending on them for the necessities or the comforts of life, he had provided for himself by working, not forty hours per week, but night and day. He never had any desire to cheat them in any way. His conduct among them revealed his unselfishness and his sacrificial spirit. He gave himself unselfishly and unstintedly to the work of the Lord. It is no wonder that, inasmuch as he had been so compassionate toward and concerned about them and their spiritual welfare, he asked the Thessalonian Christians to affirm that his conduct in their midst had been above reproach. He was confident that they would do so in honesty and without hesitation. Like a mother with her children, Paul had treated them with extreme tenderness. Knowing that these young Christians needed encouragement more than chastisement, Paul endeavored to deal with them like a good father with his children, lovingly guiding and exhorting them to do the right thing always. He did his best to get them to behave properly under all circumstances. Truly Paul was a marvelous messenger of Christ and a faithful steward of His message.

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### Postal Rate Increase To Be Stretched Out For Second Class Mail

By a vote of 71-11, the U.S. Senate passed and sent to the House of Representatives a bill designed to stretch out proposed postal rate increases for second-class publications.

The new measure, which was considered in committee for over a year before being brought to the Senate floor, passed overwhelmingly with very little debate. Senator Gale McGee (Democrat, Wyoming), the bill's floor leader, said his was "a bill designed to benefit the general public by strengthening the free press."

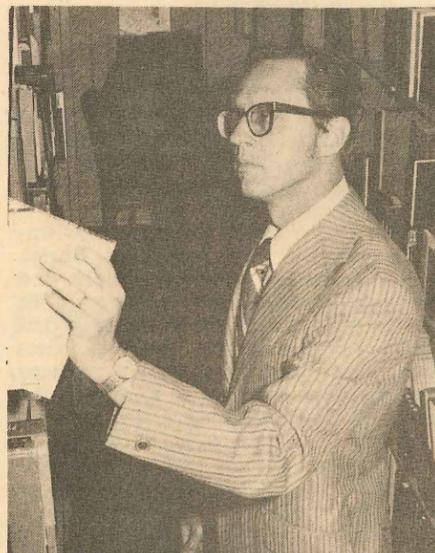
McGee also said much of the bill's benefit would go to non-profit mailers, such as churches, fraternal organizations and charities.

Proponents of the measure pointed out that the action was needed to insure the survival of thousands of journals, periodicals, and newspapers which might otherwise be forced out of business due to escalating postal rates.

The original 1970 act setting up the postal service as an independent agency decreed that regular second-class publications should pay their own way within five years and nonprofit second-class publications within ten years.

Under the new Senate measure, regular second-class patrons would be granted another three years' extension, or until 1978, while nonprofit second-class customers would have an additional six years, or until 1986, before being forced to pay their own way.

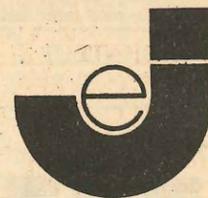
Senator Gaylord Nelson (Democrat, Wisconsin), who also favored a stronger bill, stated that the Senate measure "does not go far enough to remove the threat" to the quality and even survival of "small periodicals and independent journals of opinion." He quoted the publisher of a small periodical as saying that the bill would merely "mean postponement of the death sentence." (BP)



**OVERSEAS STUDENT** — *Ellis Easterly, Th.D student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be taking notes in Hebrew next fall when he studies for a year at Tel Aviv University in Israel. Easterly is the third doctoral student in the history of the school to be approved for overseas study. A part-time copy editor at the Times-Picayune, the former Kentuckian graduated from Eastern High School, Middletown, and the University of Kentucky, Lexington. Easterly edited the Middlesboro Daily News for six years. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Easterly, reside in Frankfort.*

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## Survey Shows Most Baptist Pastors Attend College

A recent study of the educational attainment of Southern Baptist pastors reveals 69.3 percent have either attended college or completed college or seminary training and 71.5 percent of those who attended college went to a Baptist institution.

The study report was released by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of survey and special studies on a survey requested by the board's department of rural-urban missions and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report is available on request from either Larry Bryson, director of the department of rural-urban missions, or Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Education Commission.

The complete report is also printed in the March-April issue of the *Southern Baptist Educator*, published by the Education Commission.

The survey was conducted in 1973 through a mail questionnaire to some 750 superintendents of missions serving 1,089 associations of Baptist churches, covering all areas except Alaska, Hawaii and District of Columbia.

Almost half of the associations, a total of 547, responded providing information on 14,728 pastors. New York's six associations all answered the questionnaires. Even the larger states had response considered heavy for a mail questionnaire. Texas, for example, had a response of almost 56 percent.

Don Mabry, director of the department of survey and special studies, said the magnitude of the response was sufficient to make the report reliable in describing the educational attainment for pastors as a group in the entire SBC.

In the survey the superintendents of missions were asked to list the pastors in their associations by name or number and check off the highest educational attainment of each — grammar school, high school, Bible school institute or trade school, college, seminary or post college. The questionnaire also asked which type college and seminary or graduate school — Baptist, private or state — the pastors attended.

The survey indicates that 11.9 percent completed college but had no further educational preparation for the pastorate. Another 10.4 percent attend-

ed college but failed to complete requirements for a degree.

A total of 6,872 of the 14,726 reported on the questionnaire attended seminaries and 5,337 received degrees. Mabry concluded from the questionnaire that most of those who attended seminary were also college graduates.

Some 22 percent have high school or less in educational attainment — 14.3 percent completing high school and the remaining 6.7 percent failing to complete it. Almost 4 percent failed to go beyond grade school.

Mabry emphasized, however, that the data only indicate the pastors' formal education and do not indicate the abilities of the men to "function effectively in their pastorates."

The survey revealed that Baptist colleges have been the principle educational institutions attended by the pastors. Almost 9,000 attended some kind of college — 6,412 (or 71.5 percent) went to Baptist institutions, 1,840 to state schools and 713 to private colleges.

Of the 6,267 who attended a seminary or graduate school, 5,866 — 93.6 percent — went to a Baptist institution. Only 183 did post-college study at a state school and 218 at a private college or seminary.

Fisher said he felt the study would be of great assistance in that it shows what the Baptist schools are doing to educate ministers and other young people. "It will be a challenge to recruiters to go after ministerial students and other vocational Christian workers," he said.

The Education Commission leader said he was surprised to learn that some 7 out of 10 pastors who had gone to college had gone to a Baptist school.

Bryson, who directs the Home Mission Board's in-service guidance program to provide supplementary education for pastors, said he will interpret the survey findings to other SBC agencies so conferences can be planned to assist pastors. (BP)

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## Education Bill Seeks To Bypass State Laws

The U.S. Senate passed a major education bill which includes a provision for bypassing state prohibitions against public funds for private schools.

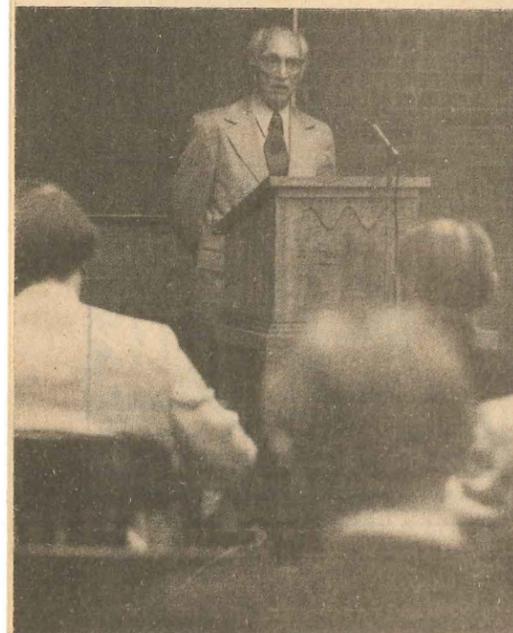
According to the new bill, the U.S. commissioner of education is given authority to provide funds for disadvantaged children attending nonpublic schools even in states which have enacted laws prohibiting distribution of any public funds for such schools.

The Senate bill, which passed by a vote of 81-5, was amended during the final day of debate to include a provision calling for participation of nonpublic school officials in a proposed 1977 White House conference on education. The amendment was introduced by Senator Jesse Helms (Republican, North Carolina), a Baptist.

Much of the debate on the bill centered around anti-busing amendments. The Senate rejected by a narrow 47-46 margin a proposal already passed by the House prohibiting courts from ordering the busing of children for racial balance beyond the school closest or next-closest to their homes.

A much milder proposal, which would prohibit busing across school district lines to attain racial balance, easily passed. (BP)

**CRISIS CONFERENCE** — "Pastoral Ministry to Families In Crisis" was the theme of a conference recently sponsored by the KBC Board of Child Care in the family and child care center in Middletown. The conference was led by Swan Haworth, formerly of Southern Seminary and now director of pastoral counseling, North Carolina Baptist Hospital. About 40 pastors from across the state attended the two day meeting. Another emphasis of the conference was an overview of the services offered by the child care board.



**EXPANSION** — Central Baptist Hospital has acquired the professional building located at 1800 Nicholasville Road next to the hospital. This five story building will accommodate about 20 doctors and is a part of the long-range master plan of the hospital. Also announced in the annual report of the hospital was plans for a mobile cardiac emergency unit. Ben R. Brewer is executive vice president of Central.

### WON'T ADMIT BLACKS —

## Bob Jones University Loses To IRS

The United States Supreme Court ruled against Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, and in favor of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in a case that involves the tax-exempt status of the school.

Although this ruling by the nation's highest court is a setback for Bob Jones University in its battle with the IRS, it is not the final answer in its fight to remain tax-exempt. The road ahead depends on future actions both of the IRS and of the university.

An independent fundamentalist religious school, Bob Jones University has a policy of no admission to black students. This, the school claims, is due to religious convictions that God intends for the races to be segregated and that the scriptures forbid interracial marriage.

In 1970 the IRS announced a new policy that would no longer allow private schools that practiced racial discrimination to be tax-exempt and that contributions to such schools would no longer be tax-deductible. The IRS further requested proof of a nondiscriminatory admissions policy from all such schools. It warned that tax-exempt ruling letters would be reviewed in light of the information provided.

Bob Jones University informed the IRS that it did not admit Negroes and that it had no intention of altering this

policy. Whereupon the IRS commissioner instructed the district director to begin procedures to revoke the school's tax exemption and to disallow gifts as charitable contributions.

The United States district court for the district of South Carolina stopped the IRS from proceeding with its action against Bob Jones University. However, the court of appeals for the fourth circuit reversed the lower court. This ruling was then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld the court of appeals.

Several courses of action remain open. Among them are:

1. Bob Jones University could change its admissions policy and so inform the IRS.

2. The IRS can proceed to lift the tax-exempt status of Bob Jones University and deny tax-deduction status to gifts to the school.

3. IRS could then bill the university for taxes due and the school could either pay the taxes or file suit to challenge the assessment.

4. The case could be taken through the courts for a final determination. The question before the courts could then be, can IRS refuse tax exemption and charitable contribution status to a private school on the basis of racial discrimination in its admissions policy if that policy is based on religious conviction. (BP)