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Thou, even thou,
art Lord alone: thou hast
made heaven, the heaven of
heavens, with all their host, the earth,
and all things that are therein.

Nehemiah 9:6a

Handbook To Guide Baptists Away From Home Is Produced

The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has produced a new handbook of Biblical truths and Baptist beliefs for use by Baptists away from home.

Written by William L. Clark, associate director of the division of chaplaincy, *A Guidebook for Baptists Away From Home* is shirt pocket sized and in addition to selected scriptures and bylaws contains brief articles on the Christian church, confessions of faith, the church covenant, the ordinances, the Bible, how to become a Christian, the Christian life, witnessing and stewardship.

Also covered are such subjects as marriage, alcohol and drugs, gambling,

where to inquire about attending English language worship services in other countries and a brief outline of a worship service.

Clark, former Air Force deputy chief of chaplains and retired major general, said he produced the booklet because many Baptists through the years had requested help in getting a better understanding of their faith. Many asked for help in sharing their faith and explaining Baptist beliefs to persons they met in their travels.

The guidebook was designed for distribution by Southern Baptist chaplains in the military, hospital or industrial settings. Sample copies will also be sent to home missionaries, state executive secretaries, mission directors and superintendents of missions and churches and denominational agencies for use by Baptists in away-from-home activities.

It is available free through the Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. (BP)

Senior Adult Confab Set For July 9-11

The second Senior Adult Conference this year at Cedarmore will be July 9-11. "1974, What Now," is the theme for this time of Bible study and relaxation.

Clarence Cranford, retired pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., will lead the Bible study-meditation periods.

Concert pianist and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary New Testament professor, George Beasley-Murray, will play and speak at a banquet Wednesday evening.

Several choices for small group conferences will be offered which will help the senior adult meet problems unique to his age. Among these conferences is one in which ideas will be shared which will help in organizing and maintaining a senior adult fellowship group in a local church.

The conference will begin with dinner Tuesday evening, July 9, and close with lunch, Thursday.

Reservations to the Senior Adult Enrichment Conference should be mailed to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Check their background! He's got beady eyes and I'll bet she's wearing a wig!"

DEVOTIONAL



Bill Rogers
Child Care Board
Middletown, Kentucky

Growth Toward Life

Someone declared, "I know I'm going to die, but I want to die living" Browning said:

Grow old
Along with me.
The best
Is yet to be.
The last of life
For which
The first
Was made.

The psalmist declared: "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works, Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not..." (Psalm 71:17-18)

My maternal grandfather lived to age 86. It may have been my childish imagination, but he seemed to be alive until a few days before his death. I remember him as a rather human person and yet one who was at peace with himself and his Creator. When Grandpa (as we called him) was around there was laughter but there were moments of sage wisdom. All we grandchildren delighted to be with him. His life inspired me to want to grow old gracefully anticipating life.

We are born into this world with a thrust toward life. We can retreat toward death or we can grow toward life. This is the freedom God gives us. "The best is yet to be" is true if we take seriously the Biblical claim of resurrection. Peter Marshall once said, "Birth is the process by which life enters this world. Death is the birth process by which life enters the next."

Against the background of Paul's early life, conversion and his subsequent discipleship, Paul could face old age and inevitable death and beyond with confidence. "I am now ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." (II Timothy 4:6-8a). This claim Paul made for others "...and not to me only, but unto all them (including this writer) that await with love for Him to appear."

On April 27, 1973, my doctors told me that I had only three months to live. The diagnosis was Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. When I entered Baptist Hospital in Memphis, they said I had less than four pints of blood in my body.

Only a year before I may well have been one of the healthiest and strongest men of my age anywhere on the planet Earth. But for several months I had been feeling weak and not up to par. I blamed this on the fact that I had stopped working out in the gym which I had regularly done for years. During this period I continued to carry on my duties as editor of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition, I was serving as the interim pastor of the Prescott Baptist Church on the Memphis State University campus. On top of this, I continued my habit of writing several thousand words a week (I have written or edited 31 books since 1947).

The doctors did not understand how I could have maintained this pace because they felt that I had had the leukemia for more than six months before I arrived at the hospital. They claimed that my willpower under these conditions was simply unreal.

When I was given the sentence of death by my doctors, I found out something I should have already known. I was not afraid to die. My faith in God was just as strong as it had always been. I may have had a few rough moments but I slept soundly that very night and have every night since.

One of the first things I did was to get down on my knees and thank God from the very depths of my heart for the many wonderful and happy years He had already given me on this earth. And then I thanked Him earnestly and with a full heart for allowing me to have this disease rather than for my dear wife or two healthy sons to be so afflicted.

Later that night, after I told my wife, Sarah, and my pastor, Paul Caudill, about the verdict of the doctors, I talked to the Lord again. I prayed something like this: "Lord, I am going to claim your promise that you are the Great Physician. I pray for your healing touch. Lord, you know that I am tough. I may not have all the good qualities that I would like to have, but

Until I Die

By Darrell C. Richardson

nobody has ever accused me of not having guts. About all I ask is that you give me a little bit of strength to fight with. And Lord, I'll fight this disease to the very last drop of blood in my body. I will not give it an inch. I'll fight it every moment of every day. I will never give up."

The next morning I started doing some push-ups on the floor of my hospital room. The following day I started a plan of walking at least a quarter of a mile each day in the hospital corridors. The nurses tried to get me to stop. They said they had never seen any leukemia patient act like that in their entire lives. One of them told me that I had so little blood that I was medically dead. She said, "You shouldn't even have the strength to lift your head from the pillow." But I had the strength. The Lord was giving it to me each day because I had claimed His promise. The doctors were amazed, but they supported my unusual plan of physical exercise. Every day I was supposed to get worse but instead I got better.

The transfusions were started. Eventually I received 12 pints of packed red blood cells. Treatment, using five powerful drugs, was begun. The doctors said that these drugs worked better than the textbooks claimed possible.

I don't believe I ever wasted a single moment being sorry for myself. And why should I? Every day, the Lord gave me strength for that day. And that's all I ever asked. The wonderful faith and solid moral support given me by my wife and sons were a constant inspiration.

I made my hospital room into a kind of an office. I spent very little time in bed. I studied, I read, and I wrote. I kept my wife and others busy bringing books, notes and papers to me. During the first four weeks of my hospital stay I edited an entire anthology of short stories (I was under contract to a publisher with a deadline), finished the last 30,000 words of a book I was writing, and averaged reading a book each day. On the fourth weekend, I was allowed to go home on a pass for Saturday afternoon. While

home, I mowed my lawn and edged the sidewalks.

During the entire period of time, both before and after I entered the hospital, I never lost my terrific appetite which the doctors said was simply not possible. But they considered it very significant. It was one of the many things that puzzled them about my case. I continued to improve, and even though the diagnosis remained the same, I was released from the hospital after six weeks, on June 1. My doctors said I had broken every rule in the book, that I fitted into no category known to them but that I had proven one thing to them: "With such an indomitable willpower and an attitude of almost total faith, nothing was impossible."

An infection caused probably by impure blood from one of my transfusions, brought about a high fever which took me back to the hospital in July. This time it was to the Veterans' Hospital where I also acquired two new doctors. Since my blood count even then was less than 50% normal, they gave me 9 more blood transfusions. Because of my improvement and because I just didn't seem to fit the picture of an acute leukemia patient, they ran several new tests on me. The verdict: I no longer had acute leukemia! In some manner, unknown to medical science, the leukemia was no longer acute, and had changed to a rare type called histiocytic leukemia, in a chronic form. (The difference between acute and chronic is literally the difference between life and death.)

In the nearly eight months since this time, I have continued to improve almost every day. I am still in the active military reserve as a chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) and in August I had two weeks active military duty at Command & General Staff College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. On Labor Day weekend I spoke at the World Science Fiction Convention in Toronto, Canada, and drove 3,000 miles through several eastern states. I have made two trips

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Time For A Name Change Is Overdue

Periodically someone suggests a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention but such a suggestion never has gotten very far. The latest voice raised in favor of a name change is that of W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. (May 25 issue of *Western Recorder*, page 16) Texas editor John Hurt agrees with Criswell. So does this Kentucky editor.

It simply doesn't make sense that we have work in all 50 states and still call ourselves Southern Baptists. The name itself is a misrepresentation and has to be explained to almost everyone except a Southern Baptist. More than a few pastors who have gone to pioneer areas for Southern Baptists, especially in the Northeast and the West, say the name is a hindrance to their efforts to begin a new work.

The strongest argument of those against a name change is that the name, Southern Baptists, stands for a conservative doctrinal stance more than for a geographical area. Dr. Criswell well answers this by pointing out a name change in no way means a doctrinal change. A rose by any other name is still a rose but it's better to call it what it is. In 1845 the name was chosen because it did mean a geographical area and it also had a pro-slavery connotation. It's past time we forgot both these and a name change would help accomplish this.

This makes Dr. Criswell's suggestion that we change our name to "Continental Baptist Convention" highly worthy of consideration. Hopefully some messenger will make a motion in Dallas that an appropriate committee be named to study the matter and make a recommendation at next year's convention.

More Issues Possible At Dallas

Often what appears to be a quiet Southern Baptist Convention without big issues ends up with several explosive though not monumental issues. We seem to be so oriented that we feel our time is wasted if we don't get into some hot debates and emotional issues. So it appears next week in Dallas.

The election of a new president is always exciting, especially when there is no front runner and the possibility of a dark horse winning the race. Dr. Criswell's call for a name change of the convention also adds some spice to the convention.

There are two more emotional issues that could evoke stiff debate. One is the matter of ordaining women as Baptist deacons and ministers. This was unheard of until several years ago but the past year has seen more churches ordaining women than anytime in Southern Baptist history. Each church is autonomous and not bound by any convention action. However, a resolution or motion calling upon churches not to ordain women is altogether possible in Dallas. If presented, such a motion or resolution would win overwhelmingly.

The other matter surely to engender hot debate is a recommendation from the Christian Life Commission that women comprise at least one-fifth of the

membership of convention agencies, boards and commissions by 1980. It is doubtful that the recommendation will pass this year but it recognizes the growing place of women in responsible convention leadership.

It is the function of the Christian Life Commission to challenge us with such recommendations. This is how we grow in the understanding and practice of Christian truths. I would not favor a motion setting a deadline for one-fifth women on all our denominational boards by a certain date. I would favor a resolution or motion pointing out the place of women in the ministry of Jesus and calling upon the convention Committee on Boards to seek out more able and dedicated women to serve on our boards, committees and commissions.

For several years now we have had at least one woman on the Board of Directors of the *Western Recorder*. Mrs. Julia Woodward is now one of the most valuable of our board members. She serves as secretary and came to the last meeting on crutches. No other director I remember has shown up for a meeting on crutches.

In an editorial last week the likelihood of a motion calling for a separate commission for evangelism instead of leaving it as a division of the Home Mis-

sion Board was mentioned. Evangelism is a magic word for Southern Baptists and any move promising to enhance it would be popular. However, a hard and fair look at the present organization should be taken and a consideration of the judgment of state and con-

vention-wide evangelism leaders should be made before voting for such a motion.

All in all it should be an interesting convention though not a more decisive one in Southern Baptist history.

BAPTIST FORUM



ABOUT BUS MEETING

Dear Editor:

I agree with Editor Shackelford's editorial statement that it would be unwise to schedule any group meetings during the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Or during the annual state conventions. Or during the annual state evangelism conferences.

It is unfortunate that the information about organizing workers in the bus evangelism and children's worship areas was not clear at this point. The intent was that these would be during the week of these annual sessions, not during the actual sessions themselves.

I feel sure that the idea is that they would be before the sessions begin, in between the regular sessions, or after all the sessions were concluded.

The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship has no formal relationships at all with this proposed organization of bus workers and children's church workers. And I do not foresee any relationships ever existing between them. Atlanta, Georgia Bill Powell

JESUS FIRST

Dear Editor:

It seems that every time I read the letters in the Baptist Forum in the *Western Recorder*, I read nothing but Southern Baptists arguing over "Will the real Southern Baptists please stand up and make yourselves known?" This really disturbs me! I hate to believe that we are putting our denomination before our Lord Jesus and the name that He has given us: "Christians." It looks like the Baptists think that they are the only ones who are going to heaven.

The definition of a Christian is as follows: "One who believes in Jesus Christ and practices His teachings." His teachings? To love one another as He loved us. To care for one another and bear one another's burdens and share each others joys and build one another up in the faith. We are not to argue with one another but to be at peace with one another. We are not to judge. Who are we? Only the Lord is the fair and just judge and we cannot

argue that! We are to help those who fall away from the faith to gently bring them back into the way — not to ignore them and leave them hanging on tiny shreds of worn rope.

Either you are going to walk with Jesus all the way or you are not going to walk with Him at all! In Romans 10:12 Paul says: "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." From this I firmly believe that it doesn't matter what church you go to or what denomination you belong to whether it be Southern Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, or Assembly of God or whatever. You can be as religious as you like. You can go to church every day and every night of the week, but it isn't going to get you to heaven. Our Lord Jesus is the only Way and Means for us to get to heaven and to have eternal life!

All of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to edify the body of Christ — the Church. All who believe on the Lord Jesus are members of the Church. These gifts are for all believers and as I Corinthians says all of us have different gifts but we're to use these gifts to make the body of Christ stronger! Paul goes on in chapter 13 of I Corinthians and speaks on Love and its importance, and then in chapter 14 he speaks about the gift of Prophecy. All of the spiritual gifts are important and you can't say that one is more important than another. Whatever spiritual gift you may have, I am praying that you will use it to edify the church and not to weaken it!

Owensboro, Ky. Sharon Brandle

REVIVAL

Dear Editor:

I would like to share with you and the readers of the *Western Recorder* concerning the moving of God in the eastern Pike County section of eastern Kentucky. On April 29, Hardy Baptist Mission, a mission of First Baptist of Belfry, began revival services. Jess Franklin was the evangelist. There were two professions of faith in Christ

and a high attendance of 70. The membership of the mission is about 25.

Then, beginning the week of May 6, First Baptist Church of Belfry began revival services with Walter K. Ayers, full-time Southern Baptist evangelist of Garland, Texas. On the opening night there were 105 present. By Wednesday night, the church was packed, chairs were out, kids were sitting everywhere, and there were many saved. Before the Wednesday service, we had decided to move the Thursday night service to the Belfry High School gym. On Thursday night of the meeting there were between 650-700 present for the service. First Baptist of Belfry has a Sunday School enrollment of 154. The services continued in the gym until Sunday morning. After the Sunday morning service, Ayers had to catch a plane for Dallas, but Sunday night the church was again packed out with standing room only. Many were in the foyer looking through the doors. There were five saved Sunday night for a total of 58 professions for the week. We praise God for His moving during these two weeks of revival, and for the revival that is continuing. There are so many lost under conviction that it is hard to make the rounds to all of them. Please pray that this genuine revival will continue, and that literally hundreds will come to know Jesus in this area of Kentucky.

Belfry, Kentucky Bob E. Norman

TEACHER NEEDED

Dear Editor:

Our church is serving the inner-city of New York. Both our co-pastors are appointed by the church extension department of the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

We need a non-teaching director of Day Care-Kindergarten. We have 200 plus children enrolled. Director must possess at least a BA in elementary education with a major in early childhood education. He/she must also have a minimum of 2 years experience as a group teacher of a certified preschool group, and be able to be certified by the New York State Board of Education. Starting salary is \$8,500.00 to \$9,600.00. We also need two teachers with the same educational requirements, no experience necessary. Starting salary for this position is \$7,540.00. Applicants, who are dedicated Christians, can apply to Mack Adams, 87-10 162nd Street, Jamaica, New York 11432. Jamaica, New York Mack Adams

Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, recently held a celebration of the third anniversary of its Special Education department. Kathryn Coke, a church member, and a staff of trained leadership in the department provide Bible study, music, hand work and worship for handicapped persons in the community.

At the Sunday night birthday service the group provided the music for the congregation. The church uses a minibus to provide transportation for this group with a current enrollment of 14.

Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, recently ordained Louis Cohn, Lyle Bowling, Bennie Maffett and Scott Bryan as deacons.

Milton H. Lewis, III, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the congregation of First Baptist Church, Pineville, recently. He is a second year student at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Charles F. Jones is pastor of the church.

Jimmy Longacre, Louisville Walnut Street Baptist layman and former electrical contractor, has gone out of business and has some electric equipment on hand. He will be interested in contributing the usable equipment he has to churches damaged by the recent tornadoes or otherwise in need of electrical equipment. He can be contacted at 1808 Herr Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, telephone (502) 425-4747.

Bill Keith, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, will serve on the faculty of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly during church recreation week, June 15-21. He will direct a premiere performance of a youth musical, *A Common Cup*, written by Ed Seabough and Bill Cates.



Keith

Southern Baptist educators and leaders focus on the needs, problems and successes of Southern Baptist education efforts at two meetings at Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, June 23-26. The first gathering will be the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Education Commission which will meet June 23-24.

The association of Southern Baptist colleges and schools will begin a three

day session at 7 p.m. on June 24 and will feature sessions of inspiration, problem-solving and planning for school administrators. Among the program personalities will be D. M. Aldridge, president, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Kentucky.

Two Kentucky women were among the 1974 graduating class of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tennessee. Miss Rita Gay Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Davis, Jr., of Williamsburg and Miss Cathy Lorraine Woodress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Woodress, Lexington, were both graduated from the Tennessee Baptist Convention operated four year coeducational high school.

Joseph L. Crichton, son of R. H. Crichton, Central City, received the master of divinity degree during graduation ceremonies at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 25. Presently serving as pastor of a church in Osborne, Missouri, Crichton plans to continue in the pastoral ministry in a Missouri church.



Crichton

First Baptist Church, Bellevue, dedicated its new sanctuary and related facilities on June 2 with a special service and reception. Program personalities included former pastors and staff members. Lee Hopkins is pastor of the church.

The executive board of the **Greenup Association of Baptists** recently voted to go on record as opposing the ordination of women to serve as deacons, chaplains or ministers in the churches of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The resolution also expressed the belief that "woman can have a fruitful and full life of Christian endeavor without the rite of ordination which places them and the churches participating in conflict with the teaching of the scriptures."

Mary Jane (Dulin) Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dulin of Columbia, Kentucky, is among candidates for graduation June 7, from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Simpson, a candidate for the master of religious education degree, holds the bachelor of science degree from Campbellsville Baptist College, Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California, is one of six seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention.



FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

We are grateful for an uptrend in so much of our work in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I've been almost hesitant to report the very healthy trend of our receipts which have continued to accelerate during this year. We are running ahead of the goal in our rate of receipts, and never before have we been ahead of goal so early in the fiscal year. This, in spite of the fact we increased the goal by \$300,000. I almost hesitate to report this for fear that people will think we don't need the money. Please remember that we don't keep it. It just goes through our office to the causes that the Cooperative Program budget calls for.

The thing that makes me mention the uptrend at this moment is a phone call from Brother Arlis Hinson, the director of our Cedarmore Camp and Conference Center. He told me that as of May 20, the Youth Camp reservations had reached the maximum of our capacity. Last year, by May 31, we didn't have a single reservation made, yet last year we had reached capacity by the time of the camp in late June. This experience currently raises the question concerning the wisdom and cost to the denomination of possibly two youth weeks next year.

Speaking of Cedarmore, there is a marvelous uptrend in the use of Cedarmore facilities on the part of our people, generally. This magnificently beautiful place is being appreciated more and more by people who want first class facilities at a conference center, summer or winter, associational or church.

Great expansion of facilities has been achieved at Cedar Crest on the next hill, which is the Woman's Missionary encampment, and at Camp Rabro for boys on yet another hill top. Facilities in the adult conference area have been greatly upgraded in the cottages and motels, and we have a goodly number of facilities now equal in quality to beautiful Boone Lodge. When you add to all this the fact that Leon Larimore recently caught a 6 pound bass in our Dragon Lake, you just have something that's real hard to beat.

We're proud of Cedarmore. The more people use it, the more they are apt to want to use it. It is a fine facility to gather Christian people for fellowship, recreation, and inspiration.

Floods Damage Churches And Homes In Brazil

Recent devastating floods in the state of Ceara, Brazil, damaged church buildings, perhaps irreparably, and destroyed the homes of Baptist families in the area, according to Southern Baptist missionary Jerold E. Golston.

Golston said that 33 counties were under water and Aracati, a city of 20,000, was completely evacuated for more than two weeks. Six feet of water stood in a Baptist church building for more than a month.

A Brazilian newspaper reported that 112,000 in the state have lost their homes. That figure is increasing every day and transportation has just about come to a standstill, Golston said.

Baptist churches in Aracati, Limoeiro do Norte and Acarau have all suffered perhaps irreparable damage, he said.

The Baptist board in Ceara has collected food, clothing, medicine and

money to aid Christian families with- out homes, work and personal effects.

Golston said that while a complete list was not yet available, they know that ten Baptist families in Limoeiro do Norte lost their homes as did eight Baptist families in both Aracata and Sobral, five in Acarau and one in Jaguaribe. Over half are agricultural workers who now have neither a job nor a prospect of finding one for perhaps another two months.

A landslide behind a retreat house used by Southern Baptist missionaries near Ceara buried 13 people alive. The house wasn't damaged, but the caretaker has evacuated since more slides are probable, Golston said.

An estimated one million head of beef stock have drowned in the flood and many crops have been destroyed, Golston said. The nation fears epidem-

ics will follow when the water goes down, he added.

Six Christian families are living in the church in Sobral because their homes were completely demolished. Sobral has 15,000 homeless, Golston noted.

"Our work here needs the prayers of Christians around the world," Golston said. "We are perhaps entering one of the most difficult years in the history of our state." (BP)

Open House Celebrates Camp Joy's 25th Year

In preparation for its 25th anniversary celebration, Camp Joy Baptist Assembly, near Brownsville, will sponsor an open house, Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

This will mark the beginning of the camping season for the assembly and the public is invited to attend the open house.

The day's activities will consist of recreation, including softball, swimming and ping-pong. In the afternoon at 3:00 there will be a music festival featuring various choirs and groups from the area.

Closing the day's events will be an evangelistic service conducted by Steve McSwain at 7:00 P.M.

Choirs or groups wishing to participate in the afternoon music festival should contact Camp Joy, Box 111, Brownsville, Kentucky 42210.

Ronnie Wallace is manager of the Baptist assembly.

Jonathan Creek Assembly Day Set

At a recent meeting of the directors and advisors of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, the decision was made to set aside June 16 (Father's Day) as Jonathan Creek Day. Churches in the 11 supporting Baptist associations are being asked to take a special offering in an effort to raise \$100,000. The money will be used to build a much needed conference center.

An anonymous supporter of the camp has pledged \$25,000 to begin the campaign and another \$25,000 if the 11 associations, who own and operate the camp, would raise \$50,000.

There are over 300 supporting churches in the area served by the camp

and it is anticipated that the goal will be exceeded. According to Alton Mitchell, Sturgis, Kentucky, coordinator of the "\$100,000 Campaign," the first check received was a \$500.00 contribution from the Sinking Springs Church near Murray. Lawson Williamson is pastor.

Jonathan Creek has a \$60,000 yearly operating budget, and the only avenue to new facilities is by special drives.

All contributions should be addressed to Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Hardin, Kentucky 42048 and designated "\$100,000 Campaign."

Baptist Produced Films To Be Aired In Tokyo

Five Baptist-produced dramas and documentaries will be aired in Tokyo, one of the three largest cities in the world, in June.

The 30 minute films, part of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's "The Answer" and "The Human Dimension" series, will be shown each Sunday morning during the month.

"There are 12 television channels to serve Tokyo's more than 12 million people as well as a cable system that covers the city and goes to the Japanese industrial centers of Osaka and Kobi," said J. O. Terry, Far Eastern Radio and Television Representative for the Foreign Mission Board.

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts FOR THE MONTH CLOSING MAY 24, 1974

	1974	1973
Cooperative Program Receipts (May 1974)	\$ 421,098.55	\$ 431,212.58
Goal to date for this year	3,375,000.00	3,225,000.06
To date this convention year	3,680,232.82	3,297,556.35
Over goal	305,232.82	72,556.29
To date this time last year	3,297,556.35	3,072,322.07
Increase	382,676.57	225,234.28
Percentage increase	11.60%	7.3%

NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL \$375,000.00

Staff Changes

Charles Nail, pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church in the Warren County Association, has resigned effective June 17 to accept the pastorate of Capital Heights Baptist Church in Pierre, South Dakota.

Charles H. Mitchell has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Silver Grove, to serve as pastor. He has also been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Who's Who in Kentucky*.

Bellview Baptist Church of the West Union Baptist Association has called **Ron Joyce** to serve as assistant pastor and minister of music.

First Baptist Church, Corbin, has called **David Carter** to serve as minister of music and education. He will begin his duties on June 9. John T. Dunaway is pastor of the church.

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, has called **Mike James** as youth and education director. Recently married, James and his wife will begin their new ministry this month.

Bill Day, pastor of Oakland Baptist Church in Warren Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Hollywood, California.

Friendship Baptist Church has called **Bill Lee** to serve as pastor. The third year Southern Seminary student works with the Louisville welfare department in addition to serving the Warren Association church.

Dan S. Crawley, III, Frankfort, has accepted the call of the Stamping Ground Baptist Church in Stamping Ground. This church was constituted in 1795 and has continuous minutes of every meeting since that date. The third building of this historic church was completely destroyed by the April 3 tornado and it is in the process of adopting plans, securing a contractor and rebuilding. Crawley has previously served pastorates in South Carolina and more recently has served seven years as pastor of the East Frankfort Baptist Church, Frankfort.



Crawley

Ray Gilliland has begun his new duties as pastor of New Palestine Baptist Church in the Taylor County As-

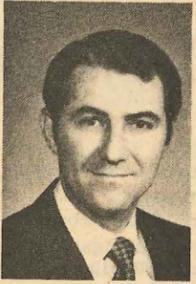
sociation. The Austin Peay State University graduate previously served as pastor at East Union Baptist Church in Graham. He has also served as pastor of Mason Baptist Church in the Crittenden Baptist Association and Salem Baptist Church. He and his wife, the former Sharon Kay Richardson, have two daughters.

Roy M. Alexander has been called to serve as pastor of Duke Memorial Baptist Church, Somerset. During the past four years he has served as pastor of Richland Baptist Church in Owen County Association. Alexander has been pastor of churches in Pulaski, Taylor and Madison counties.



Alexander
He began his new duties at Duke Memorial on May 26.

Billy N. Siress, minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, has resigned to accept the call of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. Siress will serve as minister of education and administration at his new position beginning June 15. Ted Sisk is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.



Siress

Missionary News

Death

Harry W. Bell, father of Mrs. I. Grundy Janes, Jr., missionary to Chile, died May 6 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Janes may be addressed at Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile. Janes was born in Louisville and lived in Lexington. Mrs. Janes, the former Jean Bell, was born in Louisville and lived in Shepherdsville and Owensboro. Before their appointment by the FMB in 1966, Janes was assistant principal of a Lexington, Kentucky, high school and a teacher at a junior high school in Louisville.

Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott (Japan) may be addressed: Box 182, North Greenville College, Tigerville, South Carolina 29688. She is the former Dorothy Carver of Louisville.

On the field

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar R. Ables may be addressed: Casilla 4775, Manta, Ecuador. She, the former Linda Wood, was born in Kansas and lived in Kentucky. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1968, he was pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Prospect, Kentucky.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Duvall have completed language study and may be addressed at Box 1, Kediri, Indonesia. He is a native of Lexington, Kentucky. She, the former Sarah Eddleman, was born in Tiberias, Palestine, to Southern Baptist missionaries and lived in Louisville and Georgetown, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon may be addressed at 9 Ayer Rajah Garden, Penang, Malaysia. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1971, he was minister of music at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett D. Ragan may be addressed at 14 Jl. Glugor, Penang, Malaysia. She is the former Charlotte Bruner of Louisville, Kentucky.

Other

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard (Kenya) may be addressed at 1521 Maple Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. She is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrod (Brazil) may be addressed at Route 4, Box 245, York, South Carolina 29745. He is a native of Versailles, Kentucky.

Miss Pat Hopkins (Philippines) may be addressed at 429 E. 4th Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071, her hometown. Before her employment by the FMB in 1972, she was graduated from Cumberland College in Kentucky.

CORRECTION

Reporting errors caused two mistakes in the Staff Changes column of May 25. Dale Hottle was listed as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Morganfield. He should have been listed as minister of music and youth for First Baptist Church, Walton.

James Austin was listed as minister of music at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro. He is not serving that church at present.

Western Recorder regrets the errors.

The June 1 issue of *Western Recorder* listed Steven Sawyer as appointed a summer missionary by the SBC Home Mission Board. The correct name is Steven Sawyer Ivy. He is a Hopkinsville native and will serve in the north-west United States.

WESTERN RECORDER

A Brief History Of Georgetown College

In 1787, five years before Kentucky became a state, Elijah Craig, a Baptist minister, opened a classical school on a bluff overlooking the Royal Springs. Tuition for this school was \$4.17 per quarter — half payable in cash and half in such produce as skins, tobacco, and meats of bear and buffalo. Primitive though it might have been, this was the beginning of what was later to develop into the first Baptist school west of the Alleghenies—Georgetown College.

At the start of the nineteenth century, a spiritual awakening swept the country arousing interest in religious and missionary activity. The time was ripe for an enlarged and organized educational system for young men preparing to enter the ministry.

Issachar Pawling, a New Jersey native who had planted his roots in Kentucky, donated his estate in trust to a board of Baptist trustees for the education of Baptist preachers. Realizing that a school of some kind was imminent, towns in this new state began making efforts to draw the school to their area. Although Harrodsburg and Shelbyville made noble gestures, Georgetown was awarded the college, perhaps because the Rittenhouse Academy had already located there and some of its facilities could be used by the new college.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1829, Dr. Silas Noel, first president of the Board of Trustees, reported "... it was decided to put the institution into operation ... by commencing with one professor and one tutor." The man destined to be the first president of this new college, William Staughton of Philadelphia, died enroute to Georgetown.

Although times were often bleak, Georgetown College struggled through its infant years during the early and middle 1800's by weathering numerous challenges. One of the most difficult was the formation of a rival institution, Bacon College, founded just down the street from Georgetown. To make matters even worse, Bacon not only hired Georgetown College professors but also wooed its students. Soon Georgetown's president resigned and enrollment dwindled to twenty students and one professor. However, as a result of this near collapse, a young man from Colby College (Maine) was called to be President of Georgetown College and his subsequent work and influence changed Georgetown's destiny.

After his arrival, Rockwood Giddings left the administration of campus affairs to three professors and a tutor while he spent his time securing an adequate endowment and permanent financial footing for the college.

While president, Giddings secured subscriptions amounting to nearly \$100,000 and, with J. E. Farnum, drew up plans for what is now Giddings Hall, the first permanent building on the campus. President Giddings did not live to see this structure finished. After spending only one year at Georgetown, the twenty-eight year old preacher died in the pulpit from what many considered to be overexertion and exhaustion resulting from his work for the college.

Under the leadership of the new president, Howard Malcom (former pastor and builder of the Georgetown Baptist Church), Giddings and Pawling Halls were completed by faculty and student labor.

By 1856, student enrollment had reached 257, and in 1861 a bright new Academy Building had been built

and was dedicated on April 12. Sadly enough, on this same day Fort Sumter was attacked. When news about Fort Sumter reached Georgetown, students rioted and classes were dismissed.

THE CIVIL WAR decimated the once-promising student ranks and the fall session had to be suspended due to hostile armies in Kentucky. Seemingly by Providence, the college survived the grim years of 1861-1865, and with the rest of the nation, began to start anew after Appomattox.

In 1885, a new era started at Georgetown as the Board of Trustees allowed students of the Female Seminary in Georgetown to attend classes and receive college-equivalent degrees. Meanwhile, Professor J. J. Rucker was on the verge of rocking the academic foundation of the South by establishing coeducation and merger of the Female Seminary and Georgetown College. In 1892, the Board of Trustees authorized coeducation as part of the regular and permanent lifestyle of Georgetown College.

The 1890's saw such innovations as the campus newspaper, the first coach-athletic director, full-fledged athletic teams in football, track, and baseball, as well as tennis for girls, plus an all-new dormitory — Rucker Hall.

After the turn of the twentieth century a new president, Arthur Yager, assumed his position, but only for a brief period. In 1913, he resigned to become governor of Puerto Rico, and Malcom B. Adams was named his successor.

The years following World War I brought a new period of prosperity and growth to the college. On the athletic side, the Georgetown College Girls' Basketball team won the state championship by defeating its opponent 44-0. Soon the drive for a new gymnasium was underway.

The twenties were obviously roaring on Georgetown's campus. The annual Halloween prank of herding a mule, cow, or horse into the chapel tower became a ritual. One year, after unsuccessful coaxing, a crane was needed to free the animal from its confinement in the belfry.

The depression years and following were especially dreary. On April 26, 1930, the college chapel was destroyed by fire. The library, which was housed in the same building, was reduced from 30,000 to about 5,000 volumes. Despite these circumstances, Georgetown College continued to offer a program of academic excellence under the leadership of Presidents Henry Eugene Watters and Henry Noble Sherwood.

ALTHOUGH WORLD WAR II took its toll on Georgetown, as in all places, the forties and fifties did bring an era of capital improvement to the campus. During this time numerous buildings or additions to existing ones were seen at Georgetown.

In September, 1959, Dr. Robert Mills was inaugurated as Georgetown's twentieth president. As never before, progress has been the byword of Georgetown's recent history. Besides noticeable renovation of existing buildings, fourteen new structures have been built, one more is underway, and work on two more is to be started soon.

Though facilities have changed, the spirit of Georgetown College remains the same. As in the days prior to 1800, the basic goal of Georgetown is, through the spirit of Christian guidance and teaching, to enhance the life of the student in the liberal arts tradition by helping him as he faces continuing challenges of this world.

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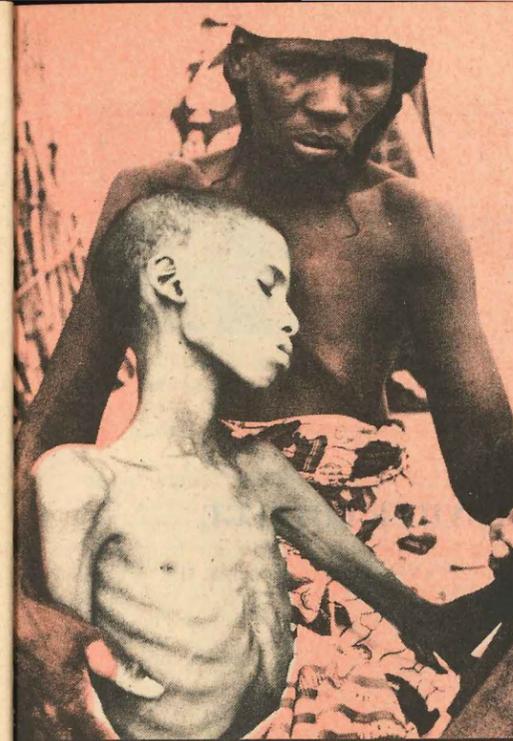
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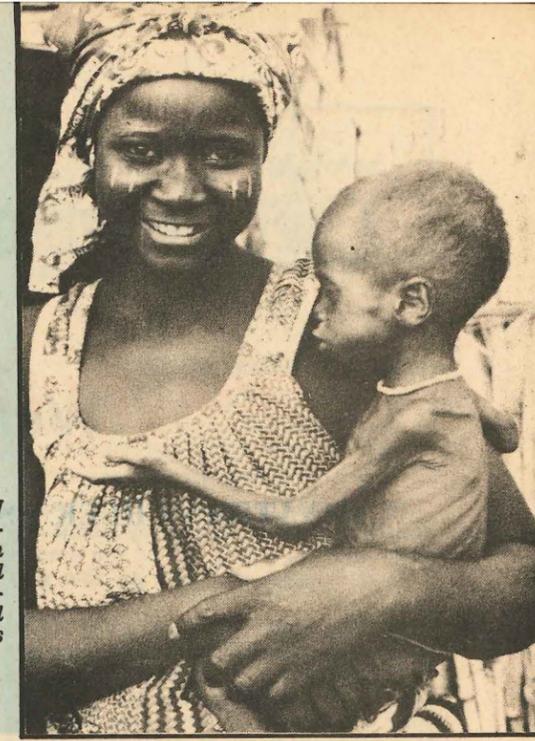
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HUNGER PREVAILS — Abu is 14 years old and weighs about 70 pounds. Shown here with his mother, Abu is just able to walk again after months of confinement to his grass mat. He, like many of the famine stricken refugees in Maradi, Niger, has been receiving medical care and food from the two Southern Baptist missionary couples in Maradi.



MOTHERS HAVE LOST CHILDREN — Mariana had already lost two children to the famine in Niger when Southern Baptist missionaries found her. They taught Mariana to spoon-feed her other baby with liquids and medicines until it could regain its strength.

Mission Board Responds As Famine Spreads

During its May meeting, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board responded once again to needs created by spreading famine conditions in Africa with appropriations of \$30,969 in relief funds.

The board also heard reports from its executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, and other staff members.

In recent months the famine in Africa has spread to include parts of several countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve. In light of that fact, the board appropriated \$9,000 for famine relief in Ghana, \$5,000 for relief work in Kenya, \$5,000 for relief through the Baptist World Alliance and an additional \$11,969 for famine relief

in West Africa, which came from funds designated to the Foreign Mission Board by Fairfield Baptist Church, New Orleans, after it liquidated its holdings and ceased to exist.

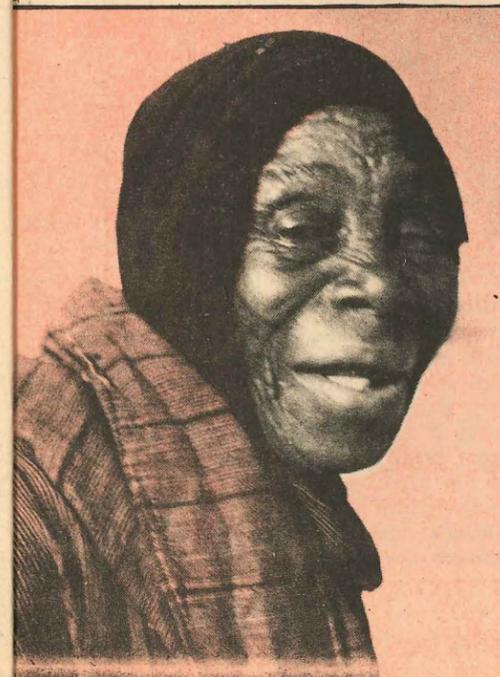
This is in addition to special gifts from churches and individuals which have been channeled through the Foreign Mission Board in recent months.

"The response of individuals and churches to news releases concerning need for famine relief has been gratifying," said H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa. "Almost every day brings checks and letters indicating concern and prayer support."

He reported a total of \$22,818 in spe-

cial gifts received during April designated for relief work in the Niger Republic. During the same month, an additional \$5,000 was sent to the Upper Volta and \$2,000 to Senegal.

In addition to the \$11,969 appropriated for famine relief, the remainder of the \$81,969 received from the liquidation of the Fairfield Baptist Church was designated for several causes. From these funds, \$50,000 will go for upgrading Panama's Baptist Hospital, \$14,000 for additional construction funds for Jordan's Baptist Hospital and \$6,000 for additional operating funds for Baptist Hospital, Eku, Nigeria. (BP)



"BUGGY BEANS" — When Southern Baptist missionaries working in Maradi, Niger, received a shipment of food containing a sack of beans, partially eaten by bugs, this boy begged for the bag — bugs and all. He has been treated for meningitis symptoms and is now able to go from place to place selling the grass mats his family makes.



GRAIN FOR HER FAMILY — This elderly woman finds it hard to fight back the tears as she receives a small amount of grain for her family. Southern Baptist missionaries in famine stricken Maradi, Niger, try desperately to reach the starving and very sick. They are encouraging the people to show them the ones who are too weak to stand in line for food or medicine.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for June 16, 1974)



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Watching What You Say

James 3:1-18

Because of the great power of words, the Bible has much to say about the right and the wrong use of the tongue. This passage is a classic on this subject.

At the time this passage was written many were ambitious to be teachers in the churches. For that reason James sought to check those ambitious persons by reminding them that teaching the Word of God is serious business for which they would be required to render a strict account in the day of judgment. To all self-appointed teachers he pointed out the fact that there are serious dangers connected with the rash assumption of the position of religious teachers, dangers for those teaching as well as for those taught by them.

James readily acknowledged that he was among the erring ones, as has been true of all God's children. None of the holy men of God have claimed sinless perfection. Through the centuries men have sinned with their tongues, both against God and against their fellowmen. Of Moses it was said: "He spoke unadvisedly with his lips." For that reason he was not permitted to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. So, frequently our lips have caused the Lord to withhold His blessings from us. Just as the doctor frequently looks at the tongue of his patient to form an opinion as to the condition of his health, so the spiritual health of the Christian can be noted by his talk.

Like his Lord, James often turned to natural objects to illustrate his lessons. Here he used four different objects to illustrate truths he was imparting. One had to do with the method of governing a horse by means of a bit, or the metal mouthpiece of the horse's bridle. To this bit, which is a small and insignificant thing, reins are attached and by them the horse is held in check and guided in the way he should go. Likewise, the tongue of the Christian needs to be checked and controlled, thereby avoiding injured feelings and damaged reputations. In the fourth verse we have a helm in the hands of the governor or steersman and with it he controls the whole ship. In verses

five and six James pictures the dreadfulness of an uncontrolled tongue by comparing it to a small fire that sets a great fire ablaze. Just as a little fire can start a terrible conflagration, an uncontrolled tongue can sear, ruin, and destroy. In verses seven and eight he tells us that all manner of wild animals may be tamed by men, but that the tongue can be tamed only by the Lord. He is the only One Who can give the victory over this unruly evil. Like a serpent highly charged with venom, the tongue is "an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

Before you ever repeat an evil or false tale about anybody, apply three tests to what you are about to say, namely, Is it true? Is it necessary to say it? Is it kind to say it? Very few evil reports can stand these tests and then be repeated. Through God's enabling grace the Christian can refrain from making malicious and injurious statements about others.

The tongue is a fountain which can

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Many church members now consider the second coming of Christ merely incidental. However, the first century Christians considered it very important, and so should we.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

After hearing Paul preach on the second coming of Christ, some of his listeners in Thessalonica waited, watched, and expected Christ to return during their lifetime. Some of the believers "fell asleep" or died, and their fellow-Christians were disturbed and distressed by the fear that their loved ones who had passed away would have to occupy a position secondary to those who would be living when Christ returned. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote this epistle to give the confused and perplexed Christians proper instruction and set their hearts at rest.

Paul taught the Thessalonian Christians not to worry about their saved,

plead for God, challenge others to do right, inspire to noble and heroic living, encourage the despairing, and comfort the sorrowing. Use your tongue to cheer and encourage, and the world will be much happier because you have lived in it. However, it should be said that you will never use your tongue aright unless you have the right kind of heart, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

If one is to be an effective teacher of the Bible, he must have an intimate acquaintance with the Lord, have a thorough and increasing knowledge of the Word, live a consistent Christian life, control his tongue, and have the ability to impart God's truth. As he lives within the circle of God's will, keeps on growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and yields his tongue to the control of the Holy Spirit, he proves himself to be a faithful witness and an effective instructor in the will and way of the Lord. □

departed relatives not sharing in the glory of Christ's kingdom. When Christ comes again, the first thing that will take place will be the resurrection of the bodies of the saved. Whereas unbelievers do not have any hope beyond the grave, believers in Christ have a genuine hope. Their hope is based upon the resurrection of Christ. As certainly as Christ arose from the dead, Christians will be raised by the power of God also.

When Christ returns, He will descend in person into the atmospheric heaven with a shout. It will be a shout of command, somewhat like that of a military officer. As His commanding voice reached Lazarus in his grave and he arose from the dead and walked out of his tomb, so those who have died in the Lord will respond en masse to Christ's authoritative voice when He returns for His own. The archangel

will rejoice and exult in the tremendous victory which will be occasioned by the resurrection of the saved from the dead, when the blast of the trumpet calls them to their heavenly glory. The living Christians will then be changed from mortals to immortals and caught up to meet their Lord. It will be wonderful to be reunited with our Christian loved ones and friends whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile." We shall recognize, know, and remain with them forever. What a joy that will be! "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thessalonians 5:1-6

On the part of the Thessalonian Christians there was a restless anxiety and an eager longing with reference to "the times and the seasons" in connection with the tremendously important event of the second coming of Christ. To them Paul made it perfectly clear that the return of Christ is an absolute certainty. And he taught them that they should exercise vigilance with reference to His return.

Paul was constantly looking forward with great anticipation to the day when Christ would come again. What a glorious hope and what a blessed prospect! Paul knew that Christ's return would be personal, visible, sudden, and unexpected. The time of His coming was and is an uncertainty. The exact time of His return can never be known by any man. That being the case, Paul was anxious for the fact of His return to serve as a challenge to preparedness, as an incentive to watchfulness, holiness, and sacrificial service, and as a source of great comfort when sorrow comes. Paul urged his Christian readers to watch for Christ ardently, to wait for Him patiently, to wish for Him prayerfully, to walk with Him dependently, to witness for Him faithfully, and to work for Him diligently.

Christian living is the conformity of a life to the will of Christ. God's Word emphasizes the importance of those bearing the name of Christian really living as Christ would have them.

"The day of the Lord" is a period of time in which God will deal with the unsaved in fearful judgment. According to this passage "the day of the Lord" will come "as a thief in the night," suddenly and unexpectedly. Just prior to "the day of the Lord" people will be thinking that they have security, when suddenly and unexpectedly devastation will remove that which they have deemed so important and valuable. Like the second coming of Christ, the "day of the Lord" is certain, but no man knows when it will begin. Those of us who are the children of God will not be subjected to the judgment and punishment as will those who do not know Christ. □

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DISASTER CHECKS IN ALABAMA — George E. Bagley, right, executive secretary, Alabama Baptist Convention executive board; and Earl Potts, church ministries director, look through packets containing 371 checks to assist families affected by spring tornadoes in Alabama. Bagley and Potts flew to four cities in north Alabama to present the checks to directors of associational missions for distribution. The recipients included the church and unchurched with 17 denominations represented. The checks totaled \$206,799. Alabama Baptists have made available \$286,713 for the relief effort with churches and individuals giving nearly \$250,000; the Alabama Convention, \$26,000; Home Mission Board, \$10,000; and the Baptist World Alliance, \$1,000.

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Until I Die

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to Huntsville, Alabama, and had a preaching engagement at Auburn, Kentucky, where I was pastor for five years. This weekend was literally a high point of my life as I met so many old friends whom I love dearly. In December I had two weeks of special active duty at the U.S. Army Chaplains' School, Fort Hamilton, New York.

For the past six months, each of the monthly hospital checkups have revealed at least a two point climb in my blood count, which is now almost

back to normal. The doctors are now puzzled about my case again. They say I don't even act like a chronic leukemia patient. They claim my body has a kind of super-vitality like the old primeval cavemen and is fighting these few remaining cancer cells in my blood in a "never-say-die" battle. They are optimistic that I may go into a complete remission (remission means that the disease vanishes entirely). They say my case is one in a million (at first they thought it was only one in 10,000) and inquiries have come from doctors in 30 cities about my peculiar case. Articles in medical journals have already been written about my case.

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Baptist churches overseas related to Foreign Mission Board work will have one million members by 1977 if they continue a current five year trend of baptizing over 50,000 people a year.

If this growth continues through the end of the century, there will be two million members by the year 2000. In 1973 alone, there were over 62,000 overseas baptisms.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, sees this as "an indication of the phenomenal opportunity that Southern Baptists face overseas today. It would be very difficult to overstate the challenge that this source of responsiveness presents to us."

During each of the past two decades, overseas church membership has almost doubled. The period from 1953 to 1963 showed an 87 percent increase when membership grew from more than 195,000 to almost 365,000. From 1963 to 1973, an increase of 121 percent brought the membership to more than 807,000.

If the momentum of doubling every decade is maintained, two million members would be possible by 1987 with four million by 2000.

Most of the work is being done by nationals, according to Ronald C. Hill,

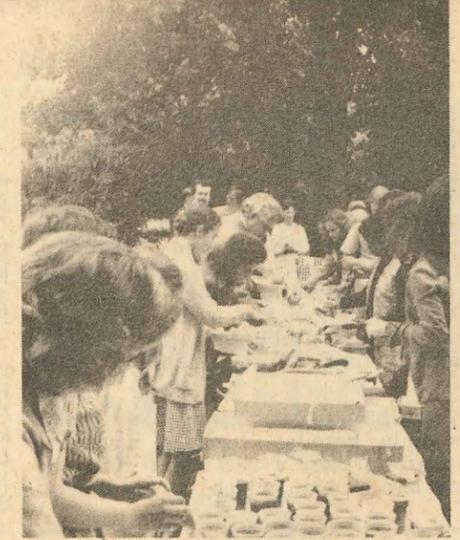
missionary to Thailand who compiled the statistics. He is working on the board's Richmond staff as an associate to the consultant on evangelism during his current furlough. There are 5,884 national pastors and 6,907 national churches.

"However, the fact that these two decades of growth parallel a doubling of the missionary force between 1953 and 1963 and a further 40 percent increase in missionary staff between 1963 and 1973 points up the vital role of the missionary," Hill said.

Baptist church membership grew by seven percent in 1973 in countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries. The 1973 Southern Baptist growth rate was 1.9 percent.

Although some countries show almost no growth at all, several eastern African countries are growing at a rate of 16 percent to 60 percent a year. In Southeast Asia, churches in South Vietnam grew almost 38 percent, the Philippines, 22 percent, and Indonesia, 18 percent.

The ratio of baptisms to church members further indicates the overseas growth. There was one baptism for every 12 church members in 1973 overseas while the ratio for Southern Baptists was one to every 29 members.



THANKSGIVING DINNER — Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, had a dinner on the church grounds after devoting a recent Sunday morning worship service to publicly thank several groups, organizations, and individuals for their help in the days following the April 3 tornado. The community surrounding the church was heavily damaged by the storm. Recognized were the American Red Cross, Kentucky National Guard, Louisville and Jefferson County Police departments, Salvation Army, and Dick Gilbert, a local radio traffic reporter. Edwin F. Perry is pastor of the church.

Radio-TV Programs Win Major Awards

"Country Crossroads" and "MasterControl," two radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will receive two major awards from UNDA-USA, formerly the 25 year old Catholic Association of Broadcasters.

"Country Crossroads" will receive the association's coveted Gabriel Award for excellence, and "MasterControl," an award of merit at an awards ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona, May 30.

Both are half-hour programs designed for broadcast on public service time by the radio department of the Radio and Television Commission. "Country Crossroads," produced by Jim Rupe, is heard on 537 stations across the country and "MasterControl," produced by Charles Yates, is on 632 radio stations. Both are heard on 357 American Forces Network stations around the world.

"This is not the first time that the Catholics have honored the Radio and Television Commission with Gabriel Awards," observed Edwin Malone, III, vice president, radio department. "The commission has received Gabriels before for television programs. But this is the first time that programs produced by the radio department have been cited and we are particularly proud of the work our producers are doing." (BP)

G'town Holds 145th Graduation

Georgetown College awarded 250 graduate and three honorary degrees at the school's 145th spring commencement exercises May 18.

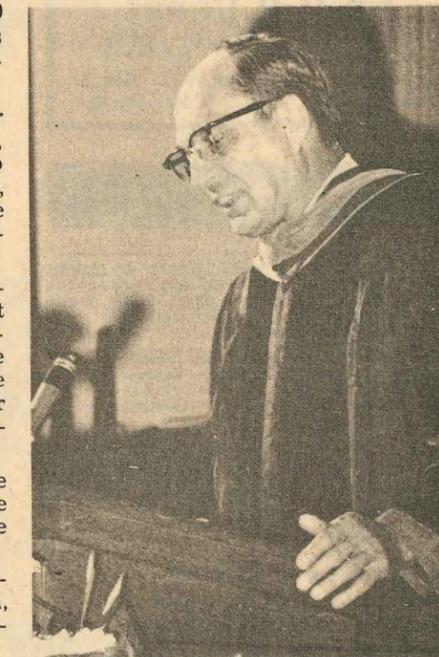
In the ceremony, presided over by Robert L. Mills, Georgetown president, honorary degree recognition went to Mrs. Kenneth Gillaspie of Georgetown, L. LeRoy Highbaugh, Jr., of Louisville and Verlin C. Kruschwitz of Elizabethtown.

Landrum R. Bolling, former president of Earlham College and current executive vice president of Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis, stressed the necessity of allowing our failures to be used as opportunities for growth rather than sources of depression, in his address to the graduates.

Also honored at the event were the 1924 graduates of Georgetown. The class presented a \$5,000 check to the college.

Kruschwitz, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, also delivered the baccalaureate message.

The commencement weekend, which began with a trustees luncheon on Thursday, concluded Saturday with other luncheons.



Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor of the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, delivers the baccalaureate sermon at Georgetown College.