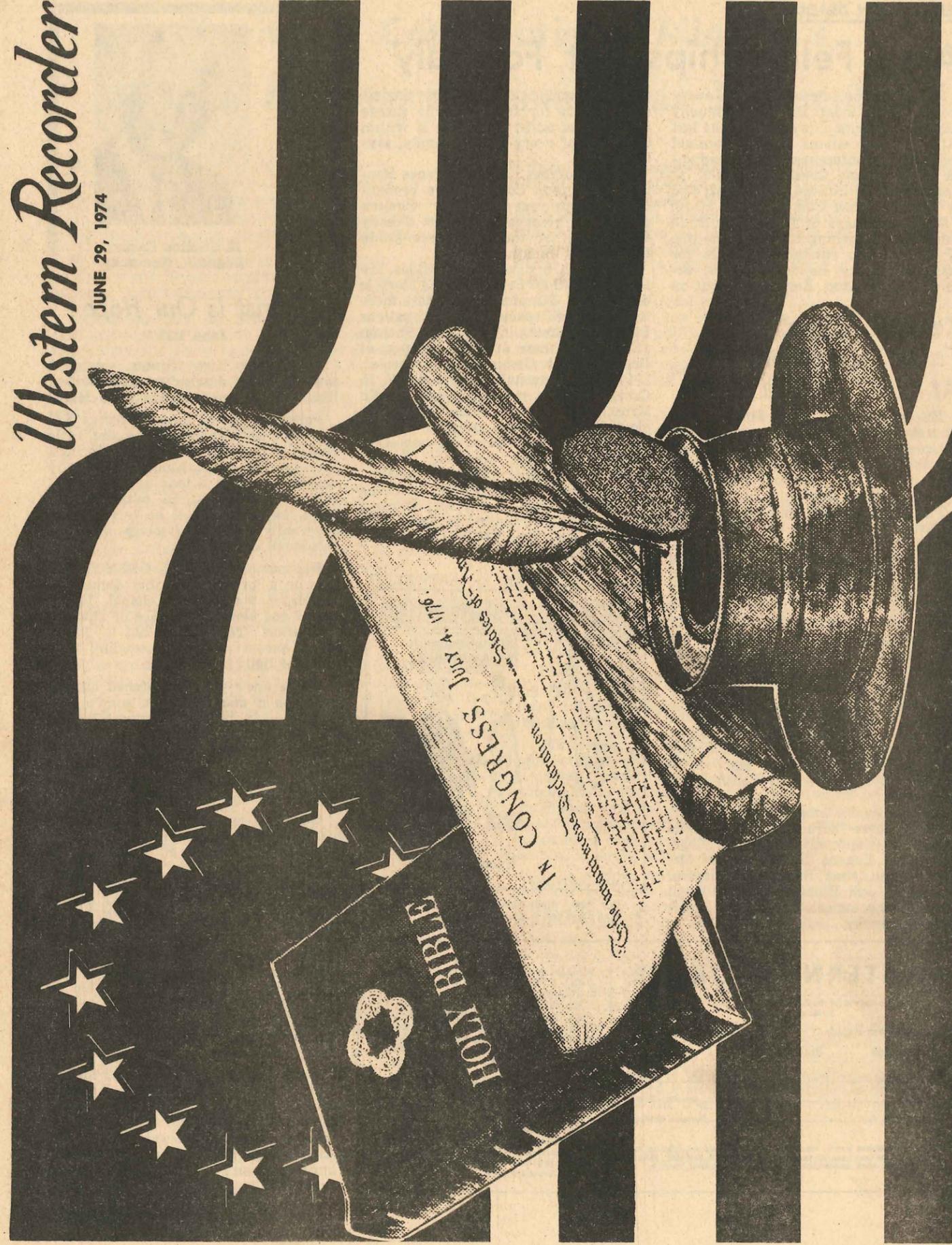


# Western Recorder

JUNE 29, 1974



## Area Fellowships Set For July

Hicks Shelton, director of the evangelism department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is sounding the last call for reservations for the annual Fellowship Conferences to be conducted at Jonathan Creek, July 8-9; at Campbellsville College, July 11-12; and at Boone's Creek Camp, August 12-13.

These two days of fellowship, Bible study and preaching have become one of the favorite summer activities for many Kentucky Baptist families, according to Shelton. Emphasis is put on

### Kentucky Choir Takes Top Honors At Choir Festival

The youth choir from First Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky, was awarded one of three top honors during the 1974 SBC Youth Choir Festivals at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico.

The choir, directed by Charles Douglas, was honored for an outstanding performance in Class B competition. Each choir was classed in either the "A" or "B" competition according to the Sunday School enrolment in their church.

The Alpha Festival, May 31-June 3, and Omega Festival, June 4-7, are the first convention-wide youth choir festivals to be held at Glorieta. The Kentucky choir participated in the Alpha Festival.

Forty church choirs competed in the identical three-day festivals. These choirs participated in associational, district and state level choir festivals to qualify for the 1974 SBC Youth Choir Festival.

Written evaluations were given each choir by three "adjudicators" — Curtis Cheek of California Baptist College, Riverside; Eugene Brasher, New Orleans (Louisiana) Baptist Theological Seminary; and Richard Lin, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

family participation and the modest cost of \$2.50 for adults and no charge for children under 12 makes it within the reach of every Baptist family, says Shelton.

Some churches, like Providence Baptist in Simpson County, have brought large groups year after year. Shelton reports 17 reservations have already been made for the Providence group this year at Jonathan Creek.

Less than a dozen reservations are left at Jonathan Creek but the story is different at Campbellsville where there is unlimited space but reservations have been coming in very slow. Shelton also reports there are still openings at Boone's Creek Camp near Winchester.

Program personalities include W. B. Casey for the preaching and Verlin Kruschwitz for the Bible study sessions. Others on the program include Kentucky Baptist executive secretary Frank Owen and Kentucky Baptist Convention president Henry Schafer.

Reservation requests with a check for \$2.50 for each person over 12 years of age should be mailed to Thomas H. Shelton, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"At least I made sure the Sunday foursome my husband plays golf in are all Christians!"

## DEVOTIONAL



H. Stanton Carney  
Paducah, Kentucky

### Christ Is Our Hope

John 1:32

"And John bare witness, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him."

Paintings by the famous George Ennis were on display in a quaint little chapel at his home in Tarpon Springs, Florida. The artist himself personally conducted us on a tour of the exhibition of his works, all with subjects from the Bible. Then he left and we reverently seated ourselves alone in this small sanctuary.

His masterpiece, THE ONLY HOPE, was on a large canvas that dominated the front wall of the chapel. It depicted the world as a place of absolute desolation. There was not a living thing except a dove descending in a shaft of light from heaven.

While one's gaze is fastened on this dove, as if staring at the sun, a face appears — a face as if it were that of the Son of God. But then it is gone. However, in that fleeting moment the optical illusion created by the master brush strokes of this great artist tells a story of hope.

One feels compelled to sit for a while in that dimly lighted sanctuary, away from outside strife, in reverent communion with God. The presence of the Holy Spirit is very real, giving an understanding of eternal hope, an understanding that provides a justification for our faith.

The reality of this hope being satisfied is greater than any human comprehension. It is a hope that one has by faith in Jesus, the Christ and Son of God, who died on the Cross, arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is coming again.

The scope of this hope affects the life of the believer in two ways — besides the self-centered hope of eternal life is the real meaning given to temporal life here on earth. The certainty of this hope being realized should produce a burning desire to participate in the work for Christ while here on earth. ■

## Charitable Contributions, Minister's Housing Allowance Remain Tax Deductible

No, Congress is not about to remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities.

By John W. Baker  
for Baptist Press

No, Congress is not about to discontinue the provision for the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

In the colorful language of a highly placed member of the staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means, such proposals in this Congress "are dead, cold and buried."

During the past few months rumors — based on half-truth and untruths — have spread throughout the country that Congress is about to act on one of several tax review and reform bills (specifically S. 3657, H. 15230 or H. 636) or that a "blue ribbon" committee is holding sessions on an unnamed bill. The rumor is that any or all of these bills would remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities and will discontinue the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

The research department of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington has checked and double-checked authoritative sources of information and has determined that Congress, in the foreseeable future, has no plans or intentions of tax reform legislation to discontinue the income tax deductibility of contributions or to require ministers to pay taxes on their housing allowances.

This does not mean that tax reforms will never affect the churches or their agencies. In this regard, the churches need to remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

It is proper that the churches be alert to public policy that affects their freedom. However, they must take care that their participation in public affairs shall be positive, constructive and based on solid information and hard facts. Hearsay, rumor, scare tactics, fantasy and imagination are poor bases on which to launch church action.

Here are the facts:

The Mills-Mansfield bill (H. 15230 and S. 3657) was introduced in 1972 — an election year in which general and specific tax reform had become a major issue. Representative Wilbur Mills, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, proposed that each instance of special tax treatment be reexamined over a three year period and then be abandoned if good reasons could not be found for retaining the special and favorable treatment. Tax deductible contributions to "public charities" and ministers' tax-free housing allowances were a part of the category of special tax treatment to be examined.

Less than a month after the bill was introduced, Mills repudiated it in a speech in New York. Mills controls the agenda of the Committee on Ways and Means and his public repudiation meant that no hearings would be scheduled by the Committee.

The Mills-Mansfield bill (H. 15230, S. 3657) officially died with the end of the 92nd Congress in January, 1973. It has not been reintroduced in the 93rd Congress and, according to Mills, it will not be reintroduced.

John Baker is director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Congressman John Heinz of Pennsylvania did introduce H. 636 in the 93rd Congress. It was essentially the same as the Mills-Mansfield bill and, as a result, attracted some attention. However, the Committee on Ways and Means did not schedule hearings on the bill, and in April of this year Heinz publicly abandoned his bill in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

No bills are currently alive in Congress which would abolish either the tax deductibility of gifts to churches, schools and other public charities or the tax-free status of ministers' housing allowances. No committees — either the regular standing committees or a "blue ribbon" special committee — are holding hearings or contemplating holding hearings.

As a result of these false rumors, Congress has been flooded with letters of protest, educational organizations have been urged to mount a major lobbying effort and representatives of religious interests have received concerned inquiries from churches all across the nation.

One new member of Congress has received more than 4,000 letters on this dead legislation in the two months he has been in office. The volume of mail to other Senators and Representatives has been so heavy that many of the offices have found it necessary to use automatic typing machines in answering the questions and protests.

Administrative staff members, trustees and alumni of colleges and universities have written to their educational associations urging immediate and massive action to block the rumored threat to tax deductible contributions.

Church offices in Washington have received an increasing volume of calls and letters seeking information and, in many instances, requesting action from the Washington representatives.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee and Washington representatives of other religious groups encourage such inquiries. Responsible associational, state, regional or denominational leadership should be consulted on rumors — no matter how believable they may be. They have access to the facts on church-state and public affairs issues. Action taken after such consultation will lead to a more effective witness in public affairs.

It is highly desirable that citizens participate in the political processes and that they exercise their constitutional right to petition their government in a number of ways — including the writing of letters to members of Congress.

However, if a citizen's contacts with government come as a result of faulty, out-of-date or false information he or she may appear to be uninformed, and his or her views might be largely ignored.

This could result in a situation dangerously close to that of the boy who cried wolf — a later letter from the same person (or constituency) based on sound and correct information might also be ignored or disregarded. The volume of church-originated mail by dead legislation is damaging to the credibility of the churches in the eyes of government. (BP)

## WESTERN RECORDER

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

KENTUCKY BAPTIST BUILDING MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY 40243  
Vol. 148 June 29, 1974 No. 25

C. R. DALEY, Jr. Editor  
BOB TERRY Associate Editor  
PAUL WHITLEY, Jr. Business Manager

Owned and published weekly, except one issue in January and July, by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Building, P.O. Box 49401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Second class postage paid at Middletown, Kentucky.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WILLIAM D. JAGGERS, Prestonsburg, Chairman; J. BILL JONES, Florence, Vice-Chairman; MRS. J. S. WOODWARD, Lexington, Secretary; ROLLIN S. BURHANS, Bowling Green; WILLIAM CALDWELL, Danville; STANTON CARNEY, Paducah; GLENN DURHAM, Loyall; JOHN KRUSCHWITZ, Fort Thomas; BILLY D. MARCUM, Brandenburg; HAROLD J. PURDY, Madisonville; C. CARMAN SHARP, Louisville; JOHN M. SYKES, Ashland.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

INDIVIDUAL, \$2.75, plus 5% sales tax, total \$2.89. FOREIGN, \$3.00. CHURCH BUDGET RATE, \$2.00 per year. All subscriptions except church accounts payable in advance. Church accounts must have a tax exemption number to be exempt from 5% sales tax. When making change of address, please send a recent label from your paper and the new address, including ZIP code.



## Beware Of Commercial Appeals To Our Vanity

Have you been nominated and selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Who's Who In Kentucky*? Apparently several thousands of Kentuckians have and some have let their vanity play into the hands of unscrupulous, unprincipled enterprisers.

More and more biographical sketches of preachers, church staff members and educators which come across our desk includes membership in *Who's Who In Kentucky* or *Who's Who* somewhere else or for some supposed distinguished service. We have reluctantly used this questionable status symbol in some news stories but no more. It's a hoax so far as I am concerned and anyone who pays for his own name to appear in such a publication is a victim of his own vanity.

The approach is not made in a way that one can easily discern it as a scheme. The approach sounds genuine. In one reported case, at least, a copy of the Kentucky governor's signature is used as an endorsement along with a replica of the seal of the state.

Here's how it works. The schemers purchase a mailing list probably from a mailing list service which sells names and addresses. The list includes thousands of names of supposedly outstanding people in a state. Then comes the first letter informing the recipient of his selection for the *Who's Who In Kentucky* list which is to be published. All one is asked to do is to fill out a biographical sheet which is furnished and place an order for the *Who's Who* volume for \$30. In some cases a wall plaque with the person's name and the award is also offered for \$19.95. If the first letter is not answered, others follow.

Such a scheme apparently is not illegal if it is carefully operated. The present sponsor of this scheme in Kentucky gives the address: United States Public Relations Service, 1677 Tully Circle, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

My call to this company handled by a young lady verified its existence and provided additional information. When I complained because I was not to be included in this volume and asked how to be included I was told that probably I was overlooked by Chambers of Commerce, selected individuals and other Kentucky organizations which were asked to make the nominations.

The young lady said another volume would be done for Kentucky in two years and maybe I would be nominated for that volume. She said it was too late now for the present volume because it was scheduled to be mailed to Kentuckians on June 12. She also said the North Carolina volume had already been mailed and the Texas volume was due to be mailed this month. All the states are to be worked eventually according to this lady.

The company, she said, was started in 1964 and only worked in public relations until about a year ago when they went into the *Who's Who* business.

Similar schemes have been operated also in other states apparently by other companies. In Pennsylvania the state attorney general has instituted charges against a company using the name, *The National Register, Inc.*, Atlanta, Georgia, for using a false address and for using letters to "cajole, flatter and entice" recipients into purchasing a 1974 volume of *Who's Who In Pennsylvania* for \$27. The company had mailed 80,000 letters, received 4,000 biographical sketches and obtained 1,100 orders for the volume.

This company has been ordered to stop using the misleading letter, to take no more orders for its book unless the solicitation is approved by the court and to return any money paid for the volume. When I asked the lady in Atlanta about the National Register, Inc., she had heard of it but thought it had gone out of business.

The scheme is enticing and more tempting because of the more respectable Marquis *Who's Who* list which has been in business many years and appears to be based on merit instead of vanity.

We can expect unprincipled schemers to come up with many money making gimmicks. It is more difficult to conceive of discerning persons and especially ministers of the Lord falling for such shoddy prestige. On the basis of facts those who have responded in sincerity should hide the volume, take down their wall plaque, charge it up to experience and drop all such solicitations in the waste basket. The Lord's *Who's Who* should be our only concern and that is not bought in a \$30.00 volume nor a \$19.95 wall plaque.

## Time To Be Informed But Not Alarmed

In the very important area of church-state affairs often we know too little, too late. In one instance now we apparently have too much, too soon. The special area of concern is what Congress might do about disallowing income tax deductions for contributions to churches and charitable organizations.

For several months now a report has been circulated that bills have been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate which would disallow tax exemptions for church contributions. Where this report originated is not known but apparently it has been picked up by pastors for use in church bulletins and even in state papers.

After seeing it in several church mailouts which urged members to write their representatives and senators urging opposition to this legislation, I became concerned because I had not remembered seeing anything about this in news from our Baptist Press bureau in Washington.

My concern led to a call to Barry Garrett in Washington who is an associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee and the Baptist bureau chief in our nation's Capitol. Garrett is more familiar with what's going on in church-state affairs in Congress and the Supreme Court than any Baptist journalist. He is a stickler for the facts, rumors do not cause him to panic and in hundreds of news releases and observations over the years from Washington he has very seldom been found wrong.

Garrett says this is not the time to fire our strongest guns on this issue. He confirms that all kinds of legislative proposals have been made including some which would disallow church contribution deductions. But he says he has checked with sources in Congress and finds no indication that present tax reform efforts include church contributions.

It is a fact that the House and Senate are in the process of taking a hard look at all tax exemptions. Congressman Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said in 1972 religious and charitable contributions would be included in this look but Garrett believes this is a dead issue for this session of Congress.

Since the above paragraphs were written we have received an updated report prepared by John Baker, another very able associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee. This report appears on page 3 of this issue and readers are urged to read it to assure themselves and to allay the fears of others who have become alarmed due to false reports.

The one encouraging thing about the flood of mail on this issue to members of Congress is that people care about what happens in Congress and are willing to express their convictions. Let's keep in this frame of mind and with the help from on-the-spot observers we will sound the alarm when the facts justify an alarm.

## BAPTIST FORUM



### ROLE OF WOMEN

Dear Editor:

Much to my dismay, I regret to learn, our Baptist leaders have allowed their egotism to overpower their Christian approach to the role of women as Baptist leaders.

Jesus regarded women very highly as followers and in forming and maintaining a Christian home. With today's recognition of women as humans with equal rights, I believe it is another example of the "Church," as always, being way "behind the times." Think about how this reluctance to change almost destroyed the Roman Catholic Church.

Two of our most active missions (Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong) were started by women. Most of our Christian homes are the direct result of mothers insisting their children attend Sunday School and/or Church.

Sometimes they are successful in getting the father there also.

I would venture to say that at least 80% of the teaching, planning and executing all phases of Sunday School and Church study and activities is done by women.

We may have always had male "leaders," but if it were not for female workers the Baptist Church would not be in existence today.

Let's give credit where credit is due and allow our women their equal and just rights.

Louisville, Kentucky John M. Carr

### WHICH CHURCH?

Dear Editor:

One Forum writer said it makes no difference to which church we belong. May we humbly disagree? Since it makes a difference what food we eat,

doesn't it matter what food we feed our souls, and doesn't much spiritual food come from the church and its teachings? The schools, food, clothing, shelter, company we keep, marriage partners we choose are important; why not the church? The first Baptist was John. (Few faiths know who their first member was.) God sent John the Baptist to prepare a people for the Lord. Luke 17:1, 3:4. The church Jesus established had doctrines, some controversial. He taught by precept, word, and example, and in the Great Commission he commanded his disciples to observe (obey) all things he had commanded.

Can it make no difference which church when one teaches there is no hell, when one is of homosexuals, when several teach salvation by works and good deeds, when many are not evangelical, some have multiple man-made ordinances contradicting Scriptures, when a majority do not believe in eternal security through salvation by grace and faith cannot be separated from it, when some teach there is more than one God, when countless doctrines of many have no Biblical foundation, though God's Word says neither add to nor take from it?

(Continued on page 22)

## Fellowship Conferences

**FRANKLIN OWEN**  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



I always look forward to the Area Fellowship Conferences. For one thing, I count Fellowship to be one of the biggest things in Baptist life. I like to yell hello again to fellows like "Krusch" (I and II) and Eldred, "Dave," John, Wendell, Bill, Henry, "Archie," Gene, Jesse, "T. A." Lee, Rollin, "Jim," Odell, "Bob," "Sam" — Not the least of my enjoyment is having another occasion to "fuss" a little with people like "Sid" and George, "T. L.," Wayne, "Ed," Joe, Earl, John, "Hix," Herman, Austin, Forrest, Leon, "A. B.," Fred, Chester, R. D. Seriously, the informal discussions and exchanges of ideas at break times in meetings like this bring forth some of the greatest plans and achievements in our denomination. These wonderful times of fellowship together last long in memory and bring new strength through sharing our Christian joys and sometimes heartaches.

Don't sell the program, itself, short either. (Even if I am on it.) The meetings this year (choose the one you like) are at:

Jonathan Creek — July 8-9  
Campbellsville College — July 11-12  
Boones Creek Camp — August 12-13  
(Winchester)

### RESERVATIONS NOW THROUGH

Thomas H. Shelton  
Kentucky Baptist Building  
10701 Shelbyville Road  
Middletown, Ky. 40243

You will hear such men as J. S. Bell, W. B. Casey, Verlin Kruschwitz, Henry Schafer, and singers like Allen Chamness, Henderson and Stephen Hale.

Two-thirds of our staff leaders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be present, including new God-sent leaders like returned missionary Fred Halbrooks in our Sunday School department and Missouri-Kentuckian John Carney, our first youth consultant. You can also help us welcome back to our staff William Rogers, formerly director of interracial department, now to take up the same work again in an expanded department of Cooperative Ministries (with national Baptists) and Christian Life.

Come to one of the Area Fellowship Conferences. Let's have a good time in The Lord.

—Frank Owen

# Students Serve As Summer Missionaries In Kentucky

(Reading from bottom row, left, and up the stairway)  
(Cities given are in Kentucky, non-Kentuckians are listed by states.)

*Cristal Pendencygraft, Lebanon;*  
*Phyllis Nowell, Mississippi;*  
*Marsha Hampton, Fort Knox;*

*Leda Coffman, Tennessee;*  
*Michelle Anderson, Owensboro;*

*Martha Jane Manry, Georgia;*  
*Marilyn Franklin, Pennsylvania;*

*Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stokes,*  
*Williamsburg;*

*Kerry Neuhardt, Texas;*  
*Phyllis Riley, Texas;*

*Mari Lynn Packer, Texas;*  
*Jenny Lewis, Paintsville;*

*Gwen Devine, Grand Rivers*  
*Ruth White, Princeton;*

*Phyllis McIntyre, Texas;*  
*Mattie Jackson, Mississippi;*

*Cathy Harris, Texas;*  
*Tony Peffer, Grayson;*

*Dale Spencer, Auburn;*  
*Ted Browning, Worthington;*

*Mark Modlin, Ludlow;*  
*Recie Young, Beaver Dam;*

*Richard Tillotson, Mississippi;*  
*Keith Jenkins, Calvert City;*

*Virginia Nolan, Texas;*  
*Lin Salmon, Texas;*

*Dan Byrum, Earlinton;*  
*Marjorie King, Ohio;*

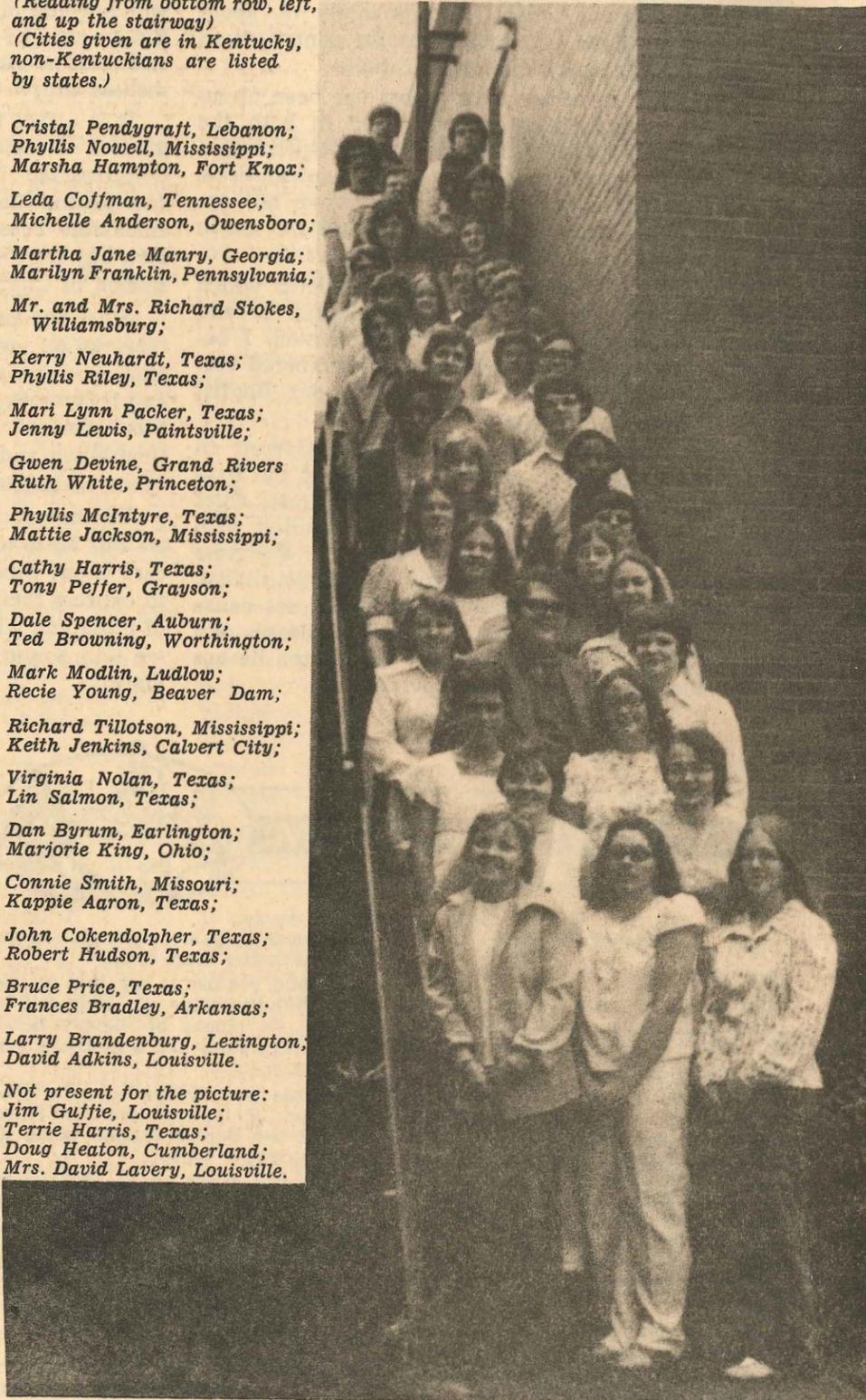
*Connie Smith, Missouri;*  
*Kappie Aaron, Texas;*

*John Cokendolpher, Texas;*  
*Robert Hudson, Texas;*

*Bruce Price, Texas;*  
*Frances Bradley, Arkansas;*

*Larry Brandenburg, Lexington;*  
*David Adkins, Louisville.*

*Not present for the picture:*  
*Jim Guffie, Louisville;*  
*Terrie Harris, Texas;*  
*Doug Heaton, Cumberland;*  
*Mrs. David Lavery, Louisville.*



## People And Places

The Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield has announced plans for a Summer Seminar, July 15-21, for those interested in beginning an advanced refresher course in manual communications with the deaf. The seminar will be led by Mari Lynn Packer, a student at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Those interested in such training should contact the college to make arrangements.

Gene Ritchie was ordained to the gospel ministry by Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, on Sunday evening, May 12. Ritchie is a native of Lexington, Kentucky, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will receive his master of divinity degree in commencement exercises this month. The ordination message for the occasion was delivered by Wayne E. Oates.

East Baptist Church, Paducah, was highly commended in a recent editorial in the *Baptist Record*, the state publication of Mississippi Baptists. Joe T. Odle, editor of the *Baptist Record*, is a former pastor of the church and was invited back for a homecoming celebration. Odle characterized the church as great on the basis of its faithfulness to the gospel, its outreach and its perseverance amid difficult periods.

Earl M. Wilburn of Cloverport was honored June 16 at Grace Baptist Church, Lexington. Wilburn, formerly pastor of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Louisville, spent 45 years in the ministry and attended Southern Seminary. Wilburn was presented a painting by his son Ronald, minister of music at Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, and a plaque at the reception. He was also guest speaker.

The South District Association will conduct an Areawide Gospel Spectacular, June 30 - July 7, under a tent to be erected on the athletic field of Boyle County High School, Danville. The evangelistic team of Angel Martinez and Steve Taylor will lead the meetings. A crusade choir, composed of local church members, will rehearse together prior to the meetings and will present the music for the crusade. The

crusade will begin at 8:00 p.m. each evening and is open to the public.

Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, has achieved recognition as an executive stewardship advisor. A special certificate has been awarded to him. The same citation has been awarded to three state stewardship secretaries including Jesse Stricker, director of promotion for the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board.

Mrs. Bonnie Grantham Hicks of Louisville has written an outline for conducting mission Vacation Bible Schools in the June issue of *Royal Service*, Baptist Women's publication. Mrs. Hicks is the mother of two sons and has written for several denominational publications.

Grady Randolph, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, has been elected vice president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives.

Others elected include Cecil J. Pearson of California as president and Glen Bryant of Louisiana, secretary.

Gilead Baptist Church of Glendale celebrated its 150th anniversary June 23, in conjunction with the homecoming program at Glen Dale Children's Home.

Wayne S. Hanley, professor of chemistry at Georgetown College, was recently awarded a two year Petroleum Research Fund grant by the American Chemical Society. The \$6,600 grant will fund research involving preparation and study of a novel class of compounds called sulfonyl iodides, which are thought to be helpful in thyroid gland surgery.

Lewis Lynch, professor of evangelism at Clear Creek Baptist School, is studying for one month this summer at Spurgeon's College, London, England.

Lynch, who has been pastor to churches in Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee, is participating in a study tour led by Lewis A. Drummond, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary. Director of in-service training at Clear Creek, Lynch has been employed by the school since 1969.

The Long Run Softball League has approximately 155 teams participating in the summer program. Leagues are for women, girls, men and boys.

Three Kentuckians were among the 84 graduates of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, May 25. Theodore H. Hubble, Somerset, received the master of religious education degree, while Joseph L. Crichton, Central City, and Donald G. McGuire, Lexington, received the master of divinity degree.

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, June 30, with a homecoming program.

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Midway, marked its 186th homecoming June 9. George Redding, retired professor from Georgetown College, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, had an open house and reception honoring the new pastor W. B. Casey and Mrs. Casey recently.



Lynch



BACK FROM TOUR — The Touring Choir of First Baptist Church, Greenville, recently completed a trip that took them to Tennessee, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Kentucky. After being guided through the White House in Washington the choir sang in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building as guest of Senator Marlow Cook. In each performance the choir presented "God's Love for an Unloving World," a service that unfolded the life and ministry of Jesus from His birth through ascension. The group sang at First Baptist and Rose Hill Baptist Churches in Ashland on their arrival back to Kentucky. The choir is under the direction of Jack Duwall, minister of music. Twelve adults, including pastor David M. Gardner, accompanied the choir on this tour.

## Revival Reports

**Columbia Baptist Church** was in revival April 21-28. It was an outstanding revival in many ways, according to Pastor Jerry D. Oakley. There were 16 decisions made, 12 of which were professions of faith. The pastor served as evangelist for the meeting.

Jeff Brooks, an evangelist from Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted week-long revival services at **First Baptist Church, Drakesboro** recently. J. T. Kline, Maryville, Tennessee, served as music director for the services. Ronald L. Burnett, pastor of the Muhlenberg County church, reported 36 people came for baptism, five joined the church by letter and 20 came forward for rededication of their lives.

**Russell Heights Baptist Church** held its spring revival recently and reported 19 people who accepted Christ for the first time. Ivan Vittitoe, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

**Southern Heights Baptist Church** in Lexington recently completed a New Life Crusade with Evangelist Bill Burkett leading the services. There were 64 public decisions which included 18 professions of faith and two full-time Christian service decisions. Ron Burdon is pastor of the church.

**Fordsville Baptist Church** of Fordsville conducted its Spring revival services with Henry Schafer, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro, and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, leading the services. Guy

M. Deane, pastor of the church reported 12 people came for baptism, one by letter and one for rededication of his life. Ricky Case, minister of music, led the congregational singing and provided the special music.

**Elk Spring Baptist Church**, Monticello, conducted revival services with G. P. Comer of Dallas, Texas, and a former Kentuckian, leading the services. During the course of the revival the church's Sunday School recorded the largest number of people present in the history of the church. Comer spoke daily on local radio stations, held assemblies in area schools and spoke to luncheon clubs while at the church. David Walters is pastor of the church.

**First Baptist Church, Albany**, reports completion of revival services with Bill Burkett from Alabama serving as evangelist. There were four professions of faith and numerous rededications.

**First Baptist Church, Moreland**, was recently led in a revival meeting by C. Michael Watts, pastor of First church, Albany. A total of 56 decisions were recorded. John Robinson is pastor of the church.

**Cave Springs Baptist Church** recently completed revival services led by Lloyd Johnson of Oak Grove Baptist Church. There were 15 rededications and two professions of faith. Ora Morgan is pastor of the church.

**Oaklawn Baptist Church**, Paducah, held its spring revival with Louis Rideout serving as evangelist. Charles Hamilton directed the music. Ten people made professions of faith, five were added by letter and many rededications were reported. Jack C. Naylor is pastor of the church.



Moore Mrs. Moore

## School Names Building In Honor Of Moores

Clear Creek Baptist School honored Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Moore by naming a campus apartment building "Moore Hall" recently.

The Moores, who retired on June 1, had been employed by Clear Creek for 18 years, and had been involved in mountain missionary work since 1950.

D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek, characterized the Moores as "genuine Christians who are dedicated to their tasks."

Moore, a former employee of the New York Central Railroad, entered the ministry in 1950. In 1956, he received *Progressive Farmer's* "Rural Minister of the Year" award.

The couple was also on the staffs of Dessie Scott Children's Home, Pine Ridge, and Magoffin Baptist Institute, Mountain Valley, before going to Clear Creek.

Moore, who recently resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Cumberland Gap, said he and his wife plan to travel.

## New Study Material Released

A new quarterly magazine for adult Sunday School class members, "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator," has been developed in response to continuing requests from churches for more in-depth treatment of background material and factual Biblical information.

"Illustrator," available October 1, is the result of a new idea which is the first in the field of Sunday School literature for any denomination.

Approximately half of this 80-page magazine is photographs and art, with accompanying articles written in a style similar to that used by "National Geographic Magazine." Feature articles are based on sound scholarly research but are written in the popular language of the layman.

Articles in the "Illustrator" develop subjects drawn directly from the printed Scripture passages used in Convention Uniform quarterlies. The focus is on people, places and events.

The first issue — Fall, 1974 — contains articles such as: "The Fullness of Time," "John the Baptist," "Jewish Marriage Customs," "The Ark of the Covenant," "The Chosen People of God," and "Medical Practices in New Testament Times."

WESTERN RECORDER

## Staff Changes

**Jerry Browning** has been called as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church of the Tates Creek Association. The church is located in Garrard County. He was ordained to the ministry at Freedom Baptist Church and plans to begin formal theological education this fall. He is married to the former Pattie Newby and has two daughters.

**Kenneth Griffin**, associate pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, has announced his resignation, effective April 30. He has been elected to serve as director of church development for the Long Run Association of Baptists.



**Griffin** has served as chairman of the association's youth advisory committee and its church development committee.

**Charles Harris**, pastor of Bashford Manor Baptist Church in Louisville, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Smyrna, Georgia. He will begin his new work July 14.

A graduate of Southern Seminary, Harris also holds degrees from Belmont College in Nashville and Truett-McConnell College in Georgia. He was listed in the 1966 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.



**Harris** Previous pastorate includes Park City Baptist Church, Park City, Kentucky, and Fall Creek Baptist Church in Lebanon, Tennessee.

While in Louisville, the Georgia native has been chairman of the associational public relations committee and a trustee of Wigginton Home for the Elderly. In 1972 he appeared on the Kentucky Pastor's Conference program.

**Daniel Myers**, a recent graduate of the University of Louisville, has accepted the call of Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, to serve as youth

director. The Linker Award recipient for human relations began his new position June 16. **Stephen Rayburn**, former associate pastor of Hazelwood, has joined the staff of East Hill Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Robert Langdon is pastor of Hazelwood Baptist Church.

**Bruce Richardson** has joined the staff of First Baptist Church, Morehead, as minister of music and youth. A senior at Morehead State University, Richardson was appointed a summer missionary to Israel in 1973, and was choir director for the Baptist Student Union for the past two years. He previously served as minister of music at an Ohio church and is an Elizabethtown native.

**Richardson** previously served as minister of music at an Ohio church and is an Elizabethtown native.

**Rick Toomey** has accepted the call to serve Central Baptist Church, Winchester, as minister of youth. Toomey, a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, will complete his studies for the master of religious education degree in December and will continue in the post after graduation. He has served churches in his native state of Tennessee and as minister of education and youth at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange. He is married to the former Susie Kelly and has a year-old daughter.



**Toomey** and as minister of education and youth at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange. He is married to the former Susie Kelly and has a year-old daughter.

**Lowell Avenue Baptist Church**, Campbellsville, has called **Phil Carlisle**, a junior at Campbellsville College, to serve as summer youth director. He will have the responsibility of directing the youth in the program of "Sharing Now." Carlisle previously served Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, for two years. Richard DeBell is pastor of Lowell Avenue Baptist Church.

**Don Reed**, pastor of Clover Bottom Baptist Church, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the congregation of the church.

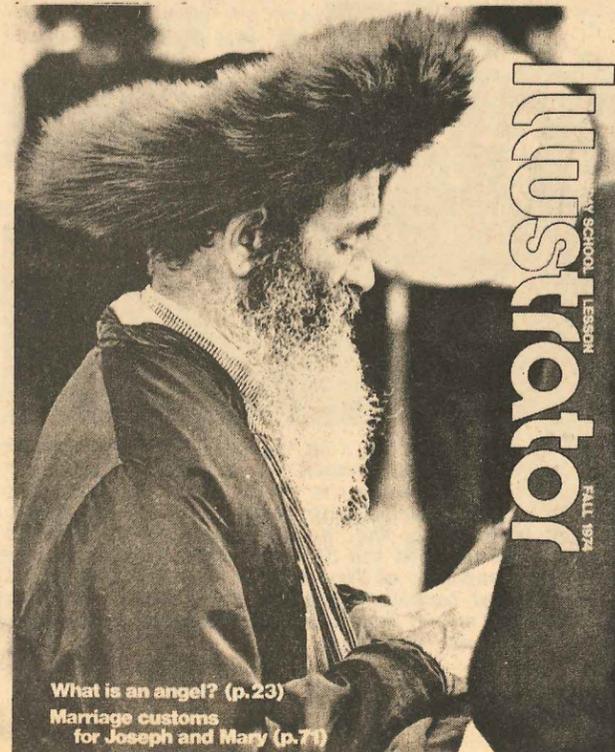
**David Moore** has been called as pastor of a Nashville, Tennessee, church after serving as pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Franklin County for the past three years. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and will graduate from Southern Seminary in December.

**D. Richard Snell**, pastor of Mount Freedom Baptist Church in Wilmore for over 12 years has resigned to accept the call of an Ohio church. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Snell served for two years as president of the Jessamine County ministerial association. Previously he served as minister of music for two Frankfort churches and as pastor of Franklin County's Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.



**Snell** and as pastor of Franklin County's Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

**Ronald Payne**, a student at the Clear Creek Baptist School, was recently ordained to the ministry by the Dawson Baptist Church in Owensboro. He is pastor of the New Prospect Baptist Church, Oneida.



Illustrator

What is an angel? (p.23)  
Marriage customs for Joseph and Mary (p.71)



**GOING AWAY PRESENT** — Cecil G. Irwin, center, former pastor of Greensburg Baptist Church in the Russell Creek Association, and his wife, Martha Ann, were recently presented two pieces of silver by the congregation as a farewell gift. He will assume the duties of chaplain at a veteran's hospital in Salem, Virginia, in the near future. T. C. Winn, chairman of the Greensburg deacons, is pictured at right.

JUNE 29, 1974

## Counselors Prep For Summer With RA Campers At Rabro

Royal Ambassadors from local church chapters across Kentucky have begun their annual influx to Camp Rabro, the RA and Brotherhood site at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad. The camping season at Rabro began on June 17 and will continue through mid-August.

The camp is organized in a manner which resembles local RA groups with the boys divided into small chapters which include a counselor, president, secretary, interest and mission activity leaders.

Several months ago the Brotherhood department, under the leadership of Forrest Sawyer and Calvin Fields began the task of interviewing and selecting applicants to serve as counselors at the camp this summer.

Shortly before the RA camping season began 17 newly appointed counselors spent a week at Rabro going through a training and orientation camp to prepare them for their role this summer.

Calvin Fields, camp director, said the counselors were divided into chapters like the campers would be and their daily schedule resembled that of the actual camping season when a total of 1,000 boys are expected to spend a week each at the camp.

The counselor training week began each morning at 7:00 with reveille, then a discussion of avenues of missions, raising the American flag and finally breakfast. RA campers will follow the



same routine before breakfast each morning.

The week's activities were as varied for the counselors as they will be for the campers. They conducted chapter meetings, Bible study, missions work and even learned how to make projects the campers will be working on during handicraft sessions.

Noting that this type of training provided a dry-run for the counselors in the task that lies ahead this summer, Forrest Sawyer, KBC Brotherhood director, said a more perfect laboratory setting for the training just could not be found. "This is perfect for the counselor to see what he will be doing," Sawyer said.

The only difference between the schedule the counselors kept for the week and that the campers will have was the lack of free recreational time to swim or visit the canteen for the counselors.

When free time arrived on the schedule the counselors were busy preparing last minute facilities for the campers. The B-B rifle and archery ranges were constructed and each counselor instructed in the proper use and safety measures to be taken on them.

Much of the counselor's time was spent preparing himself to teach the camper numerous skills and crafts. Each trainee was expected to know the three methods of building a fire, A-frame, teepee and log cabin, and to actually build each type of blaze. Safety was a large part of the instruction, as it was in all activities, when they were shown how to extinguish a fire properly.

Included among the training sessions was arts and crafts skill in which the counselor was expected to build a replica of a covered wagon, braid several pieces of twine together and design a RA emblem to be worn around the camper's neck. Each of these skills will be taught to the campers.

Competency on the archery and rifle range was also expected along with knowledge of proper procedure in hiking, tenting and canoeing.

A 22 page manual prepared by the Brotherhood department for each counselor detailed the responsibility of the counselor, what he is to do and his relationship to the camper.

The first page in the booklet set the tone for the week-long training session as it described the camper as "the most important person in the camp."



## AT CAMP RABRO—

## Watters And Iglehart: Youth Vs. Experience



Watters

For Keith Watters, the summer of 1974 has been a long awaited one. This summer will be the first as a Camp Rabro staffer for the 16 year old from First Baptist Church, Stearns, in McCreary Association.

While Keith is not unfamiliar to the Cedarmore Baptist Assembly terrain, he does anticipate some newness in what he will be doing this summer.

"This is the second time I've been up here, but since I was old enough to be on the staff this year, I'll be staying the whole summer," said the blond, overalled lad who looks more like Huck Finn than a camp counselor. "This time I'll be here to work, and not to play . . . but I love the place so much that I don't think there'll be many problems."

Keith's job will be working with the kitchen crew — as he describes it, "just serving and cleaning up," but he will also have plenty of time for other things.

"When I came to Rabro for the first time three years ago, I came for the swimming — the fun part of it, but I now feel that the spiritual fellowship is the greatest thing about Rabro," he said.

When asked about goals for the time as a staff member this summer, Keith thought back to his first exposure to the camp. "I would just like to be able to help some of the campers the way my counselors helped me."

Keith's favorite counselor as a camper was Eddie Iglehart, now the most experienced staffer with 16 years of Rabro summers behind him.

"Eddie really showed us some things when I was in his group," he smiled. "By the end of the week, the friends we had made had become part of us and nobody got mad at anyone else . . . Some of those guys are still friends and I met them here that summer."

Whether cleaning tables, swimming, meeting new friends or leading a devotional, Keith Watters will remember summer, 1974 — his first as a Rabro leader.

Though he's more than 50 years old, Eddie Iglehart still gets the urge to head for the hills of Cedarmore when summer rolls around. For 17 years now, he's done it.

When, in 1958, Iglehart consented to serve as a counselor for his church camp, he had little idea how the experience would affect his life.

"I was just up here a week and I fell in love with the place," grinned the tanned Iglehart. "Each year has been a new experience and a spiritual lift."

Iglehart, who represents Glenville Baptist Church of the Daviess-McLean Association, enjoys the job as counselor because it is a challenge. He admits that since he is now "semi-retired," the summers at Rabro have become an important facet of his whole life.

"I think about Rabro year-round now . . . I guess it's become a way of life with me," he said. "The main thing I love is the boys. I have about 40 of them every summer to work with, but if I thought I could witness to just one, I'd be here."

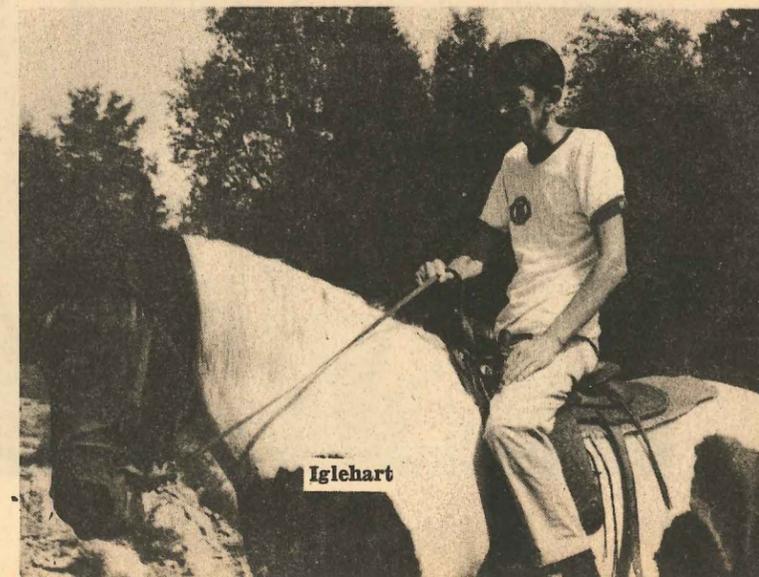
Iglehart's name is mentioned often during counselor training week largely when someone wants to know how to do something, like starting a fire with one match, or setting up the archery range. He is one of the stand-bys who seems to know where everything is, and how everything is supposed to be done. It is not uncommon to see Iglehart chatting with one or more of the younger counselors. His role is varied:

"What I try to do primarily is be a friend to the kids, to listen to what their interests and problems are," he said. "Then I try to react as a friend and a Christian. It's been quite rewarding."

Iglehart said the fellowship that emerges at Rabro is a large reward, but a larger one is when he hears from one of his campers later.

"Sometimes I'll get a letter in the middle of winter from one of them," he said. "I write to many of them year-round, and many of them write back."

"They know they've got at least one good friend," he added.

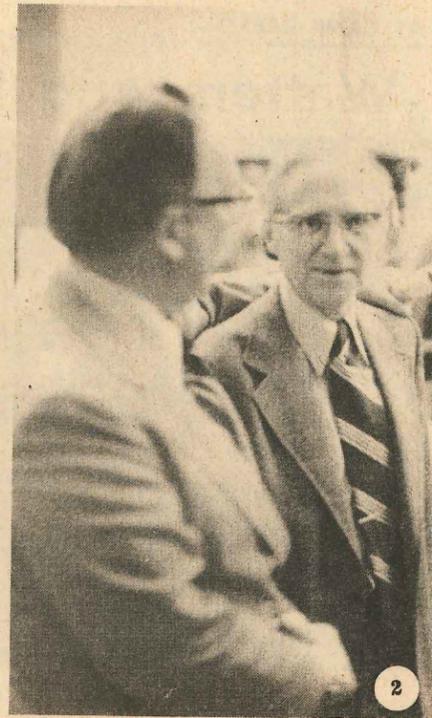


Iglehart

# 1974 Southern Baptist Convention



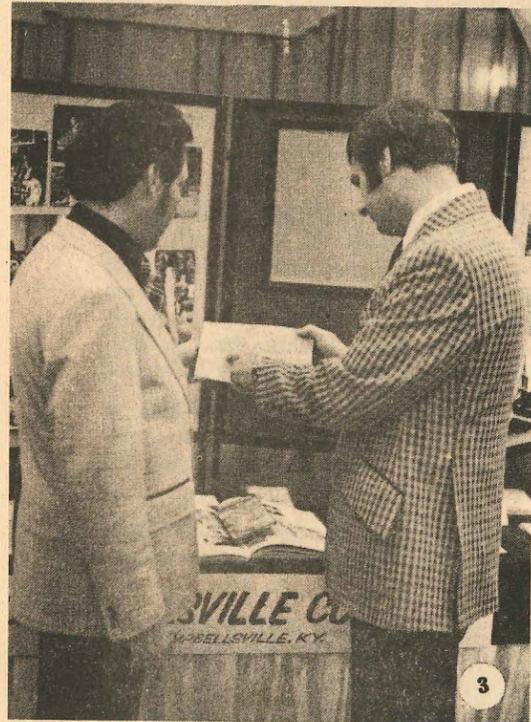
1



2



7



3



4



8



9

## Kentuckians In Big "D"

1. Three members of the Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, found time to visit with Leon Larimore, pastor of Third Avenue church, Louisville. The three are, left to right, Lucille Hehemann, her sister, Doris, and mother Mary.

2. Rollin Burhans, pastor of First church, Bowling Green, congratulates retiring Southern Seminary treasurer P. F. Bufkin. Bufkin was honored at the seminary's alumni luncheon for his 26 years service.

3. Don Zuberer, right, shows Al Hardy a picture of his daughter in the Campbellsville College Annual. The picture was taken during a visit by the Louisville pastor to the college's display during the SBC in Dallas. Hardy is director of admissions for Campbellsville.

4. James Best, pastor of First church, Fulton, scans the convention bulletin.

5. Franklin Owen and his wife Sue, left, greet Louisville pastor Bob Hale and his wife, right. In background is Richard Clements of Owensboro.

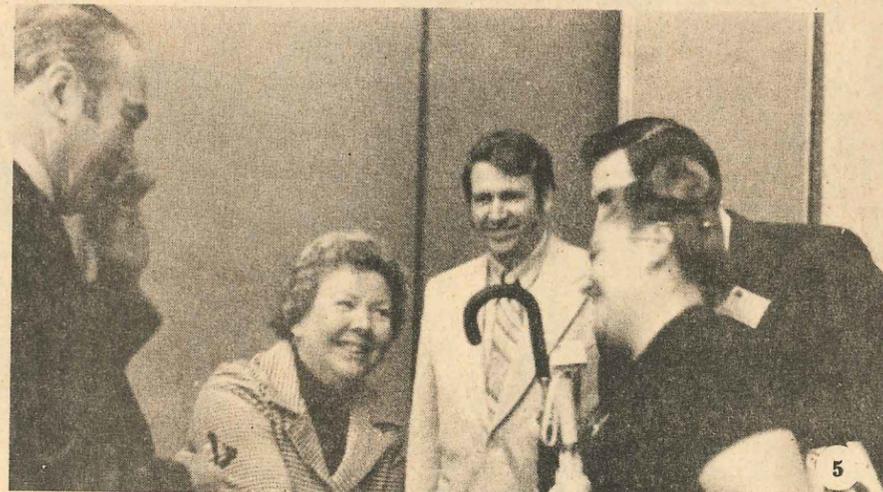
6. Paul Godsey, pastor of First church, Burlington, fellowshipped with former Kentucky pastor William Curl, now of Florida.

7. Kentuckians filled American Airlines flights in the Western Recorder-Southern Seminary sponsored Dallas Airlift. Above, Steve Coppock, public relations director for Southern Seminary, searches for a seat.

8. Louisville pastors Doug Strader, Owen Risk and Charles Harris clear airport security.

9. Wendell Romans, pastor of First church, Mount Washington, relaxes at convention's close.

10. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Meacham, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Allison stand in front of their hotel in Dallas. The two couples have attended state and Southern Baptist conventions together since 1947.



5



6



10

## Floridian To Take WMU Reins

The newly chosen executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union said Tuesday night she had no personal feelings toward the ordination of women by Southern Baptist churches but would welcome an ordained woman to her executive board if the woman had been elected by a State Baptist Convention.

Miss Carolyn Weatherford of Jacksonville, Florida, said she had personally led lay evangelism schools with men in her classes and had conducted worship services.

"I don't feel it has been in violation of the scriptures," she said. "A woman should do the things she can do."

Miss Weatherford takes over the WMU reins in Birmingham on October 5 when Miss Alma Hunt steps down after 26 years of service.

The WMU executive board elected Miss Carolyn Weatherford to head the 1,100,000 member SBC auxiliary in Dallas prior to the WMU national annual meeting and the Southern Baptist Convention. She was introduced formally during the WMU meeting.

She will head WMU's publishing, field services and program design work, which is based in Birmingham, Alabama.

Born in Mississippi, Miss Weatherford was reared in Frostproof, Florida. After graduating from Florida State University in 1951, she served as a high school librarian in Florida schools. While a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, she served as Baptist Student Union director and librarian at what was then Southern Baptist Hospital's Mather School of Nursing.

The new executive secretary began WMU work with the Alabama state WMU office in 1958, serving until 1960 as Young Woman's Auxiliary director. She directed Girls' Auxiliary work for Florida Baptists during 1961-63, then returned to Alabama WMU as promotion division director until 1967.

Miss Weatherford, executive secretary of the Florida WMU, characterized herself as "aggressive" and "strong" in her leadership and said she is interested in persons as persons. She said she hoped to lead Woman's Missionary Union to reach out to women the organization is not now reaching, particularly career women whom she characterized as being more able to affect legislation.

She said she supports continued cooperation between men and women on the local church level in mission education.



Miss Weatherford fields questions from reporters in her first press conference after being elected to head the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

"But I don't think we need only one organization," she said.

She added that she felt mission action and mission education were "part and parcel" and that she would emphasize both.

The new SBC executive said that the salaries of the women on the convention staff had "moved a long way" and she did not feel it was fair to pay her less because she was single or did not have a family to support. (BP)

## Retiring Miss Hunt Honored In Dallas

Miss Alma Hunt, retiring executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union said Monday her organization has no thought of folding despite the increasing activity in the woman's lib movement.

Miss Hunt was honored for her 26 years of service in a program at Dallas Convention Center, that also included addresses by Mrs. James Fancher, a Jackson, Mississippi, author, and C. B. Hogue of Atlanta, director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Miss Hunt said there will continue to be a woman's organization because there is a need for one and because of its purposes.

"I believe WMU lifts a woman above the kitchen sink or desk or industry to see a world of need," she said. "WMU can change a woman's perspective."

She said it also allows women to be molders of their own circumstances and not victims of it.

Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, presented Miss Hunt with a plaque on behalf of the Executive Committee.

"Prayer and missionary education have been and will probably always be hallmarks of WMU, but Alma Hunt will probably be best remembered for the significant contribution she made in bringing a new emphasis to mission action," Routh said.

Mrs. Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, president of the Alabama WMU, Miss Mary Essie Stephens of Montgomery, executive secretary of Alabama WMU, and Mrs. Robert Fling, a past president of WMU, also saluted Miss Hunt. (BP)



## Women Urged To Listen To Their World At Annual Meet

Southern Baptist women were urged to "listen to their world" through a commissioning service for new foreign missionaries, a home missions emphasis on language missions and by a series of speakers at the annual two-day Woman's Missionary Union meeting at the Dallas Convention Center which closed Monday night.

Miss Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in Florida, was presented as the new executive secretary to succeed Miss Al-

ma Hunt who is retiring October 5. (See story, page 14.)

In a program honoring Miss Hunt for her 26 years of service, Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, presented a plaque on behalf of the Executive Committee.

The women reelected Mrs. R. L. Mathis as president of Woman's Missionary Union for her sixth term and adopted a resolution proclaiming support of the Cooperative Program.

In the keynote message, Gardner C. Taylor, black pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York, called for equal quality education for every child.

"The neighborhood concept of education has too often been a mask for preserving privilege based on race and for preserving deprivation, also based on race," Taylor said.

Emphasizing that Southern Baptists worship each Sunday morning in 25 languages, a home missions emphasis presented by Oscar Romo, director of the Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, featured seven language missionaries.

Jimmy Anderson, a Creek Indian from Shawnee, Oklahoma, said that while most Indians consider Christianity a white man's religion, "no white man is smart enough to think up something this good. But by the same token, neither is any red, black, or brown man. The Gospel is God's Way," he said.

Another home missionary, Miss Juana Luz Garcia, who was jailed in Cuba for

her faith, said that the United States is the only country to offer refuge to 400,000 Cubans who have fled communism.

Eugene Nida, executive secretary of the translations department of the American Bible Society, told the women that by 1980 the society expects to receive 400 million annual requests for Bibles for new readers.

More than 8,000 Baptists attended the opening night session featuring the commissioning of 22 newly appointed foreign missionaries. In testimonies, two couples related that the foreign mission emphasis that was part of the Southern Baptist Convention activities in Portland, Oregon, in 1973 was influential in their decision to pursue appointment.

In the Cooperative Program resolution, the women voted to pledge increased support to the Cooperative Program to the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting June 11-13, proclaim June 8-9, 1975, a special time of recognition of the Cooperative Program, make the Cooperative Program a focal point of the WMU annual meeting in 1975 and to urge local church WMUs to educate church members about the Cooperative Program and its role in mission support.

Other speakers at the meeting were Mrs. James Fancher, Jackson, Mississippi, author; Mrs. Olivia D. de Lerin, executive secretary of the Mexico WMU; C. B. Hogue, director of evangelism division, Home Mission Board; and Mrs. George Beasley-Murray of Louisville, Kentucky. (BP)

## Mother-Daughter Overnight Camp At Cedar Crest

The weekend of July 12-13 will bring something new to GA camping at Cedar Crest. The new event is the Mother-Daughter Overnight Camp for girls who have completed the first or second grades and their mothers.

The campers will be meeting Lyla Blakeslee, former journeyman to the Philippines, and Suthell Walker, a home missionary from the Baptist Center in Lexington. These missionaries will be helping missions become real for the girls and their mothers.

The campers will also participate in swimming, recreation, singing, campfire and Bible study.

If you would like to attend this special camp, send \$3.00 to: Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

The balance of \$4.50 will be paid upon arrival at Cedar Crest.

## '74 Lottie Moon Goal Announced

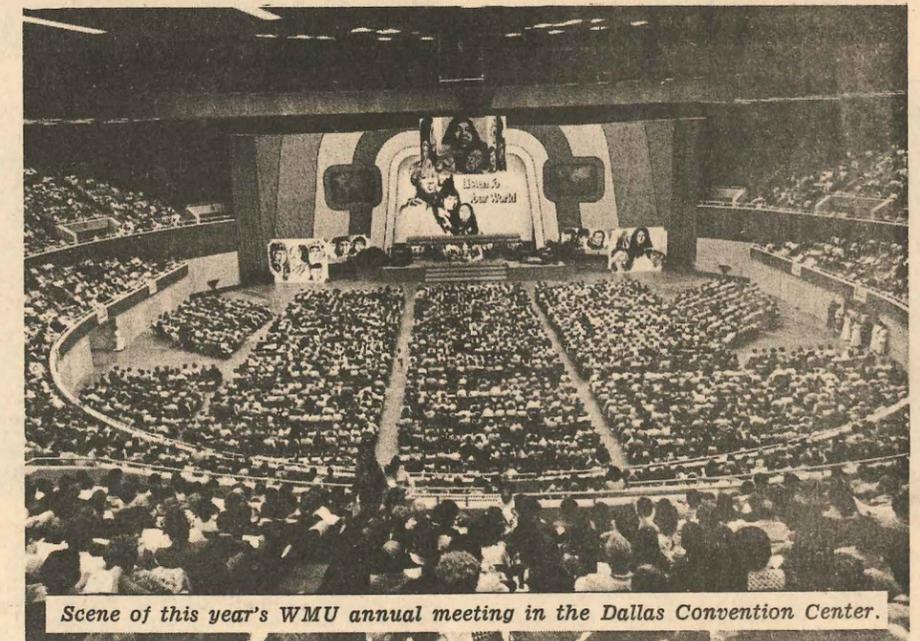
Goal for the 1974 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has been set at \$23,000,000.

The figure was announced by Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), which sponsors the annual offering.

WMU set the goal after the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board completed the tally of the 1973 offering April 30 and announced a total of \$22,232,757.

The offering topped the previous year's offering by \$2,567,785.

The drive for the \$23,000,000 offering will be launched December 1-8 during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Theme for the observance will be "Grace So Amazing, Love So Divine." (BP)



Scene of this year's WMU annual meeting in the Dallas Convention Center.

## Wives Discuss Personal, Family Ties

The role of the minister's wife as she shapes an identity for herself, relates to church members and rears her children was discussed at the annual luncheon of the Conference of Ministers' Wives, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Tuesday, at First Baptist Church of Dallas.

The role of the minister's wife was discussed by a panel which included Mrs. Huber Drumwright of Fort Worth, Texas, moderator, Mrs. John R. Claypool of Fort Worth, a former Kentuckian, Mrs. John J. Hurt of Dallas, and Mrs. Forbes Wood of Dallas.

"A minister's wife could use a little circus training as well as seminary. You have to walk a tightrope," said Mrs. Hurt who represented the view of the church member on the panel.

The panel talked about the tendency for church members to expect the minister's wife to be active in every church organization. Mrs. Wood said she had developed the "I do" syndrome—saying "I do" to a husband, the church, teaching a Sunday School class, lead-

ing a Church Training group, and playing the piano for three choirs.

"We need to let the Lord lead us into where He wants us to serve," she said.

Mrs. Hurt said when she looks back at the minister's wife at churches where she had been a member, "I can't remember what church organizations they were active in. What I remember is when they expressed concern."

Mrs. Claypool said that the minister's wife needs to have her own identity to be a full and healthy individual. "We shouldn't be cramped by a role that may exist only in our own minds," she said.

Mrs. Claypool said that one solution to helping children understand about the church taking up their father's time is a semantics trick — saying "Daddy is going to work instead of Daddy is going to church. Every child's father has a job."

She also said that she did not take her children to church every time there was a meeting. (BP)



Ministers' Wives Conference new officers serving for 1975 are (left to right) Mrs. B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Texas, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Conrad R. Willard of Miami, vice president; Mrs. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, Mississippi, corresponding secretary; and (seated) new president Mrs. Maurice Clayton from Jackson, Mississippi.

## Stormy Session Follows Final Report By Comm. Of 15

The Committee of 15 made its final report at a pre-convention session of the 64-member SBC Executive Committee in Dallas, Texas. And, as in all cases before, the session proved stormy.

The Committee of 15 recommended that the Southern Baptist Foundation be authorized to solicit bequests and gifts from individuals.

Vernon Yearby, director of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, led the

opposition to the proposal, saying that state Baptist Foundation executives, in a poll earlier this year, objected to the proposal 16-2.

Yearby distributed a four-page printed bulletin arguing against the recommendation, charging that the approval of the recommendation would "produce serious conflicts of purpose" between the nation-wide Southern Baptist Foundation and the Baptist foundations operated by state conventions.

The four-page statement, signed by a five-member committee of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives, argued that the proposal would "be a clear violation of the stated and approved intent of the SBC as is evident in actions" voted in 1928, 1956 and 1959.

After Yearby's presentation in opposition to the recommendation, Conrad Johnston, Executive Committee member from Salem, Virginia, made the motion to table consideration of the recommendation until September, saying that the conflicting arguments were so confusing he did not feel the committee could vote without more time for study.

A motion to plan world-wide mission strategy for the last quarter of the 20th century drew no opposition at all. In contrast, last February, when the proposal first came up from a special structure committee called the Commit-

tee of Fifteen, a similar proposal prompted intense opposition.

The two mission boards objected to the strategy study proposed last February because the trustees of the mission boards would not have been involved. After long, intense debate, the Executive Committee asked a special committee to come up with a compromise proposal in time for presentation to the Dallas convention.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, told the Executive Committee he favored the compromise proposal and felt it was "a very important step taken in Southern Baptist history."

The committee recommended and the convention later adopted a plan to appoint a special 21-member committee to correlate the world mission strategy study by 1976.

According to the recommendation, the special committee will be composed of seven members each from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards plus seven at-large members appointed by the new convention officers.

In other action the Executive Committee recommended, and the convention later approved, the operation of the Boyce School by Southern Seminary. The school is designed to train ministers who have not completed college or seminary work.

## RE CONFERENCE —

### Education Workers Study New Methods

A call to be "innkeepers" to the world concluded the 19th annual Southern Baptist Religious Education meeting Monday.

Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, paralleled his own life to that of the Good Samaritan.

"Jesus does not require me to climb down off the mule and pick up the poor beaten man. He does that. It is as He picks them up and brings them to the inn that we can care for them. We are the innkeepers of the world," he said.

The San Antonio pastor called on his brethren to be life support systems in a "warped and diseased world."

In addition to Allen's address, the religious educators heard two other educators discuss trends and methods of education, and elected new officers as they closed their two-day meeting.

It was one of four specialized conferences held Sunday and Monday in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention's three-day annual meeting.

Charles Tidwell of Fort Worth, professor of church administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected president of the organization, replacing Luke E. Williams, Jr., of San Antonio.



MUSICIANS' LEADERS — New officers elected at the Church Music Conference to serve during 1975 are, left to right, Evelyn M. Phillips, Southwestern Seminary, vice president of the educational division; Don Brown of William Jewell College, in his second term as president; A. Joseph King, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, vice president of the local church division; and Sam Prestidge, Texas Baptist Convention, vice president of the denominational division.

Elected vice presidents were Elaine Dickson of Louisville, Kentucky, and Bob Bingham of Atlanta, Georgia.

Earlier Monday, Kentuckian Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Nolan Estes, superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District, took a look at education from their various perspectives.

Atkinson discussed motivation, manipulation and bribes in church life, while Estes peered into the future for a look at what he considers trends in public education.

The seminary professor charged churches often use bribery and manipulation to achieve required results, and often have an obsession to judge the success or failure of an educational program on the single basis of attendance.

Bribery, he said, can be "offering air conditioning, pew cushions, bridal parlors, parking garages, bowling alleys, skating rinks, gymnasiums, dining rooms, theaters, Holy Land Tours and supercruiser buses to make church more appealing to people."

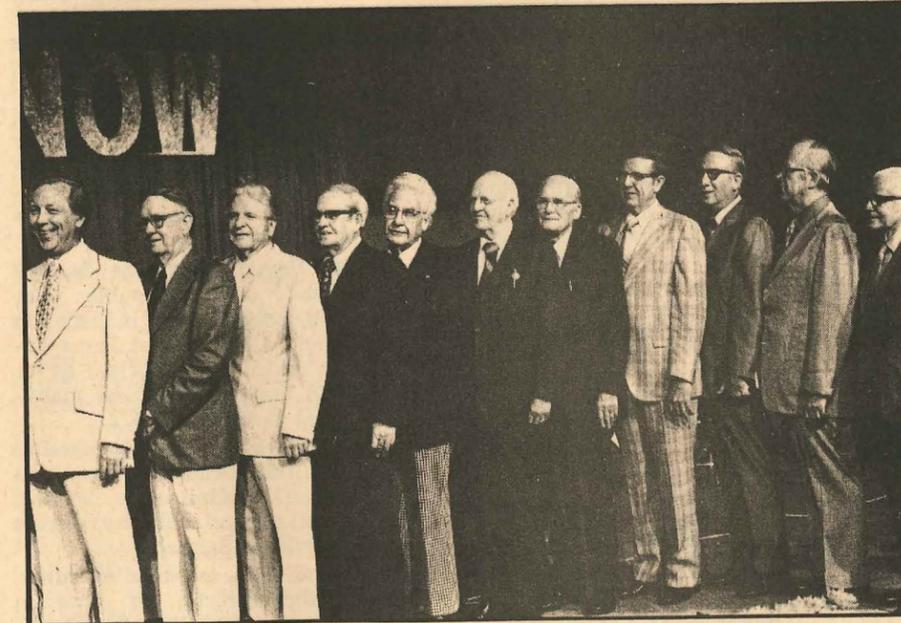
Manipulation can include coercing "church members into accepting responsibilities out of a sense of guilt, fear or morbid duty."

He added: "For the church, it is not enough to do the right deed; it must be done for the right reason. Otherwise it is sin."

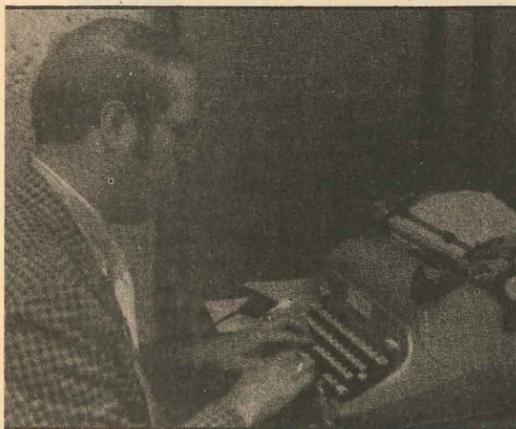
Estes, a Baptist layman, predicted schoolmen will spend more time in court in the next 10 years than they have in the preceding 20 years of desegregation cases.

The reason, he said, is a recent court decision requiring not only equal education for all children but "equally effective education for every child . . . there is a vast difference."

The decision will result in professional malpractice suits against educators, he predicted. (BP)



MR. PRESIDENTS — Ten Southern Baptist Convention past presidents and the present presiding officer were present for the opening day of the 1974 SBC. They included (left to right) H. Franklin Paschall, Brooks Hays, W. A. Criswell, Herschel Hobbs, J. D. Grey, R. G. Lee, Ramsey Pollard, Wayne Dehoney, Carl Bates, present president Owen Cooper and Owen White.



PROVIDING INFORMATION—WESTERN RECORDER Associate Editor Bob Terry, makes use of newsroom facilities in Dallas to keep Kentuckians informed of SBC activities that will affect local Baptists.

## Gleanings

**Leroy G. Cleverdon**, 79, a retired Southern Baptist educator and pastor, died in Summerdale, Alabama.

Cleverdon retired in 1961 after almost 20 years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. Before that he had served for 10 years as president of Judson College, a Baptist woman's institution in Marion, Alabama.

He is also former head of the religious education department at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, former chairman of the trustees of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and was a contributor to the original *Southern Baptist Encyclopedia*. (BP)

**Homer L. Grice**, 91, the man who started the widespread Vacation Bible School (VBS) movement among Southern Baptists back in the 1920's, died in Nashville, Tennessee, following a brief illness.



Grice

Grice, a native of Citra, Florida, became the first secretary of what was then the Vacation Bible School Department of the Sunday School Board in 1924, spearheading a conventionwide program, which is still going strong.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, paid tribute to Grice:

"No one will be able to measure the tremendous contribution Grice made to lives of young people through VBS. The number of children who accepted Jesus Christ as saviour in VBS and the multitudes who have received intensive Bible study comprise a grateful throng."

Grice served from 1930-33 as editor of the board's graded intermediate Sunday School lessons and wrote the lessons for the 13-14 year old pupils' books.

Besides editing all literature on Southern Baptist VBS and promoting VBS work, he authored about 45 books for children, ages 4-16.

His widow, the former Ethel Harrison of Birmingham, Alabama, resides in Nashville. (BP)

President Nixon signed into law a bill authorizing the secretary of state to sell the former consulate office building and residence in Venice, Italy, to **Wake Forest University**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Wake Forest, a Southern Baptist school, has been leasing the property since 1971 for a nominal sum and using it to operate a regular two-semester school year in Venice.

The consulate was closed in 1963 when its functions were transferred to the American Consulate in Milan. In addition, the United States maintains an embassy in Rome.

Among the courses offered by Wake Forest in Venice are art history and criticism, international relations and renaissance history. (BP)

Trustees of **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** have approved the employment of three new faculty members, Bradford Curry of Fort Pierce, Florida, Carroll Benton Freeman, Sr., of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and William B. Rogers of Alexandria, Virginia.

A native of Mercer, Tennessee, Curry will serve as director of the doctor of ministry (DMin) program and as coordinator of continuing education, with the rank of associate professor.

Freeman, who will assume the position of associate professor of psychology and counseling, is area coordinator for the Mississippi Council on Aging and a professional therapist for the West Alabama Mental Health Association.

Rogers, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, will assume duties as assistant professor of religious education.

Presently superintendent of missions for the Indian River Baptist Association in Florida, Curry has served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Texas and Illinois. (BP)

A gift of \$100,000 to establish a Theodore F. Adams Memorial Lecture Room in a new addition to its Boatwright Library has been announced by the **University of Richmond** (Virginia).

The gift was presented by the First Baptist Church Endowment Fund which now has given to the University of Richmond approximately \$385,000 since its first gift in 1946 toward the construction of Boatwright Library.

Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Richmond for 32 years until his retirement in 1968, is a long-time member of the University of Richmond board of trustees and now serves as an emeritus member of the board. He is a former president of the Baptist World Alliance. (BP)

**Joe Ford**, associate in the evangelism department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma since 1972, and a former pastor and youth director, was named director of evangelism for young adults by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, has a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist The-

ological Seminary, Fort Worth, and is currently enrolled in the seminary's doctor of ministries program. He will work on a part-time basis until completing his degree requirements in August, 1975.

Ford was a youth director in Longview, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1967-69, engaged in youth evangelism in 1969-70 and was pastor of Lane Baptist Church, Lane, Oklahoma, before joining the evangelism department staff in Oklahoma. (BP)

**Lynn M. Davis, Jr.**, manuscript analyst at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, has been named coordinated promotion planning coordinator for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Coordinated promotion planning is a process through which Southern Baptist Convention and state convention program leaders cooperate in promoting selected denominational emphases, goals and projects to assist the churches.



Davis

As coordinator, Davis will work with all the agencies which cooperate within the SBC Inter-Agency Council and relay the yearly emphasis to the executive secretaries and staffs of each Baptist state convention.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board, Davis served as editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, Baptist state paper, for nearly five years. Earlier, he was state student secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. From 1960-62, he was assistant director of public relations at New Orleans (Louisiana) Baptist Theological Seminary and editor of *Vision* magazine, a student publication.

In 1966, Davis joined the Sunday School Board's office of public relations as supervisor of the information section, chief of the Baptist Press bureau at the board and associate editor of *Facts and Trends*. He became manuscript analyst in October, 1972.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Davis received the bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University, Athens, and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the SBC Executive Committee, pointed out that "although Davis will be employed by the Sunday School Board, he will work for all the SBC agencies when dealing with the state conventions." (BP)

## INDISPENSABLE TO GROWTH —

# Baptist Associations Are Alive And Well

The Baptist association, oldest organization in Southern Baptist life apart from the local church, is alive, well and indispensable to the continued growth of the denomination, speakers emphasized at the National Convocation on the Southern Baptist Association held in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Sponsored by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and coordinated by the Home Mission Board's (HMB) division of associational services, the convocation was attended by some 1,300 superintendents of missions, pastors and denominational leaders.

Designed to consider the future of Baptist associations and evoke ideas as to how to make them more effective, the convocation featured speakers, dialogue, worship and 32 study groups probing areas of associational concern.

All the speakers underscored the importance of the local association in Baptist life and its strategic role for the future.

Allen Graves, director of the conference and research center at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said he believes "There is a place — an important, continuing place — for effective, autonomous Baptist associations" in the denominational system.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, said that next to the local church the association is the most indispensable organizational unit in denominational life.

And Arthur Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board, said there is a need to help Southern Baptists recapture the mission of a Baptist association. He quoted the definition of an association used by the HMB's division of associational services — "A fellowship of churches on mission in their

setting." The association must identify the barriers to the gospel in its own setting, he said, and move to cross them.

Graves, speaking on "The Association and the Churches," said the associations exist to minister to, for, through and from the churches to the glory of God.

Associations, he said, legitimately serve as a link between churches and conventions, "but they should be more than simply promotional tools to project programs of the larger denominational bodies."

At the heart of all associational programs, Graves said, should be the concern for Christian fellowship, mutual edification and support and doctrinal discussion.

"Two big things that are fundamental to the genius and heritage of the

association are fellowship and doctrinal discussion," he said.

Sullivan, speaking on "The Association and Baptist Doctrine," said it is a "must" for local associations to set doctrinal guidelines and withdraw fellowship from churches which have ceased to be "Baptist."

But he cautioned against hasty action that would create even more of a problem than that posed by churches violating doctrinal guidelines and noted that early churches had doctrinal differences but did not sever fellowship ties.

"They were of differing opinions, yet each remained positive and forward looking," he said. "We need to allow breath-of-air diversity. There is no time when two thinking men ever see things alike." (BP)

## Ridgecrest Statement

Superintendents of missions from most of the 1,189 Southern Baptist associations adopted a 10-point "Ridgecrest Statement" suggesting their titles be changed to "director of missions" and that emphasis continue on "unity without compulsory uniformity" among cooperating Baptist bodies.

The superintendents, denominational leaders and others also reaffirmed the historic pattern of cooperation among associations, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Presented by Ernest J. Kelley, director of evangelism and missions for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, the "Ridgecrest Statement" was a summation of the sentiments of the chairmen of 32 study groups who, during the convocation, pored over areas of concern to the associations.

Debated for more than an hour before being approved, the statement, in addition to suggesting the title change for superintendents and reaffirming the relationships between Baptist bodies, made the following points:

—Labeled the future of Southern Baptist associations "bright and promising."

—Associations, based on Biblical principles, assist and relate churches to each other and the denomination for a broader and more meaningful ministry.

—Major concerns of the association, which identify its role, are: evangelism, missions fellowship, doctrinal soundness, helping church and providing a channel for training and information.

—The association fosters a fellowship of encouragement, love, acceptance and inspiration and strengthens and encourages fellowship.

—The association provides adequate organization for leadership in cooperative ventures.

—Encouraged the six SBC seminaries to provide courses on both undergraduate and graduate levels on the association and encouraged the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state conventions to provide assistance for training associational Baptist leadership.

—Encouraged associations to use public news and other mass media to influence persons with a Christian witness. (BP)

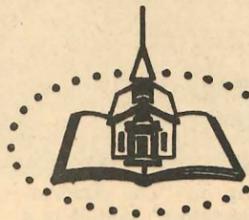
## New Legislation Hits Baptist Hospitals

The U.S. House of Representatives passed, by a vote of 240-58, a bill extending coverage under the National Labor Relations Act to the employees of non-profit hospitals.

The new measure calls for the establishment of a special set of strike and collective bargaining requirements and procedures for employees at all health care institutions.

Earlier in the current congress, the U.S. Senate passed a similar measure. The House bill now goes to a conference committee where relatively minor differences in the two bills will be worked out. (BP)

JUNE 29, 1974



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for July 7, 1974)

### LIFE AND WORK SERIES

#### Psalm 139:1-12

In Psalm 139 David presents God's omniscience, God's omnipresence, and God's omnipotence. Our awareness of these great truths should cause us to give Him the proper recognition and His rightful place in our lives.

#### God's Omniscience (1-6)

David never questioned the existence of God, but rejoiced in the privilege of announcing to others his awareness of God. Having come into an intimate relationship with God, David learned that God had a complete and perfect knowledge of him. God had made an exhaustive search and knew all that was to be known about David.

God knew David's thoughts from which sprang his motives, desires, words, and deeds. David readily and frankly acknowledged that God knew all that could be known about him.

What David said with reference to God's Intimate, thorough, and perfect knowledge of him is true of all others. God knows everything about every man—his thoughts, motives, purposes, words, and actions. God sees you as distinctly as if you were the only person in all the world. Nothing about you or your circumstances is hidden from Him. God does not lose sight of you in any group relationship, but He sees you personally. Nothing escapes His observation and knowledge. Everything lies open to Him. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3). God beholds the ways, walks, and works of every human being. To prove this we have David's statement: "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways." God hears every word that every person speaks. "For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether" (Verse 4). God possesses an intimate knowledge and a perfect understanding of every person which extends to every detail of that individual's life. Regardless of the direction in which one turns, he cannot escape the all-wise God whose knowledge extends to the most minute details, such as standing, walking, working, sitting, relaxing, or reposing.

## Is God Real?

#### God's Omnipresence (7-12)

It is a great comfort and inspiration to know that God is present everywhere. Many people would gladly flee from His presence if they could, but that is an utter impossibility. God is in all parts of the universe and near each individual. There is a fuller manifestation of His presence in some places than there is in others.

To David God's presence everywhere was not just an opinion, but a reality. In all of the circumstances of life he had an awareness of the divine presence. David informed his readers that it is impossible for one to escape from the presence of God, regardless of how hard he may try to do so. Through the centuries that have gone into the tomb of time many have sought to flee from God's presence, but none have ever succeeded in this foolish attempt.

Neither ascent into heaven nor descent to sheol—the place of the dead—can cause one to escape from God's presence. Both heaven and sheol are

### INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## God's Eternal Purpose

#### Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul's imprisonment in Rome was due to the hatred and persecution of the Jews caused by his proclamation that the gospel of Christ was intended for all the world, that Christ was ready to save Jews and Gentiles alike, and that God had called him to minister to the Gentiles. Paul never ceased to marvel at the fact that God had chosen him for the high and holy task of preaching His gospel of grace to the Gentiles. He readily acknowledged his stewardship of God's grace and was loyal to his commission. That Paul became a minister of Christ is a very extraordinary fact. He had not only rejected the gospel message, but he had also persecuted the followers of Christ. Then, at a given time and place he was saved, and he later became a great minister.

As used in God's Word, a "mystery" was a truth once hidden or hitherto

under the control of the omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent God. Instead of attempting to flee from His present, one should live in such a manner as to be able to rejoice at the glorious privilege of being in God's presence and complying with His wishes. No matter into what part of the universe one may go he will never get beyond the presence and loving care of God. Whether one is in the darkness or in the light, he cannot hide from God.

An awareness of God's constant presence should restrain Christians from indulging in sinful practices, should cause them to hold humble thoughts with reference to themselves and to have exalted ideas about God, should be an incentive to godly living, and should comfort and strengthen them when they are called upon to endure temptations, trials, and tribulations. When God's children are called upon to perform some difficult task, He encourages them with the blessed assurance, "My presence shall go with thee." ■

withheld and later revealed. A mystery is something that is undiscoverable apart from divine revelation. The mystery which God revealed to Paul concerned Christ and centered in Him and the relationship which He desired to have with the Gentiles. The mystery which Paul declared and explained was that God in Christ was able to reconcile to Himself those who were estranged from Him, and also to make the Gentiles, who were estranged from the Jews, fellow-heirs of the promises in Christ through the gospel. Christ made known His hitherto hidden purpose to save both Jew and Gentile and make them His very own for eternity, but someone had to convey this message to the Gentiles; otherwise they would have lived in ignorance of it.

Paul said that the source of his ministry was the gift of God's grace and the working of His supernatural power. He



readily and gratefully acknowledged that all the power of his ministry came from God. As to Paul's spirit, he was completely overwhelmed by the sense of his personal unworthiness. His humility was the direct and immediate product of the grace of God in his heart. Thinking of himself as "the chief of sinners," because of the way in which he had persecuted the children of God, he expressed his humility of spirit by coupling a comparative with a superlative in referring to himself as "the less than the least of all the saints." Without hesitation Paul acknowledged that all that he was and ever hoped to be was due entirely to God's wondrous grace.

It was God's will and purpose that Paul should preach the unsearchable and indescribable riches of grace in Christ. "The unsearchable riches of Christ" constituted the message which Paul delivered. Present-day Christians are under obligation to proclaim the same message. The words "unsearchable riches" convey the idea of something precious being exceedingly abundant, which is not usually the case. Paul mentioned the riches of Christ's goodness (Romans 2:4), the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7 and 2:7), the riches of His gifts (I Timothy 6:7 and Romans 10:12), and the riches of His glory (Ephesians 3:16). The riches of Christ, or the boundless resources in Him, must not be hoarded in miserly fashion, but they must be distributed freely and cheerfully to all. Paul yearned to be able to enable his readers to understand the almost unbelievable truth that through the gospel of Christ God's grace is offered to all who hear it.

Since God made the world and what is in it, He is certainly entitled to do with it what He deems best, and His creatures do not have any right to object or to interfere with His doings.

The intent or purpose of Paul's ministry was set forth in verses nine to twelve. It was the Lord's purpose for him to make known the gospel of Christ to those who had not heard this message or received salvation from Him. Of course, it has ever been the purpose of God that His manifold or many-tinted wisdom shall be made known by His children in and through His churches. It remains that responsibility of every Christian to carry out the Lord's purpose by proclaiming the gospel to unbelievers everywhere. The grace and strength which are needed for this important service are made available to us through Christ, the One Who has made it possible for us to have free and unrestricted access to God the Father. ■

"Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission."

JUNE 29, 1974

SERVING ALL RELIGIONS  
Prices to satisfy every preference and need

AIR CONDITIONED

PARKING AREAS

1310 S. THIRD Phone 634-3628

149 BRECKINRIDGE LANE Phone 896-0349

PEARSON FUNERAL SERVICE  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Members: Kentucky Funeral Directors Burial Association  
Members: National Selected Morticians by Invitation

GEORGE HERMAN KENDALL  
503 Euclid, Lexington, Ky.  
"The Golden Rule Realtor"

See Me  
for a new Olds  
or a Preferred Used Car

TRI CITY OLDS  
3920 Dutchmans Lane, Lou., Ky.  
Bus. 897-6541 Home 239-7668

Charles W. Woodson

COLVILLE  
Aluminum Co.

KAISER

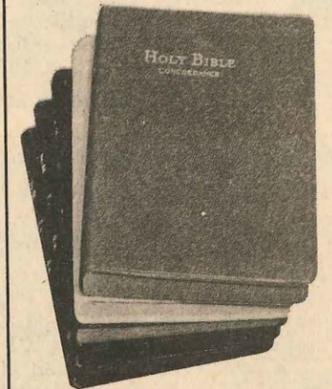
TRIM and SIDING  
SPOUTS

368-1100  
368-1388

In Louisville since '63

"Your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest!"

Luke, 6:35



### GIFT & AWARD BIBLES

Turn a child's special occasion into a meaningful, formative event with a Collins+World GIFT AND AWARD BIBLE. Full-color illustrations and maps with selected study helps, bring the message of the ages to children clearly and simply. Available in popular colors, from \$4.25 to \$10.95.

COLLINS+WORLD

Available at all Baptist Bookstores

BAPTIST BOOK STORE

317 Guthrie St. • Louisville, Ky 40202 • (502) 587-7453  
221 Williamsburg Sq. • Lincoln Mall Dr. Owensboro, Ky. 42301 • (502) 685-4901

## HERBERT C. CRALLE FUNERAL HOME

Edwin R. Hillock, President

Wallace C. Hatler

Phone 896-8821

Frankfort and Peterson Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky



(Continued from page 5)

While the one true church IS all born-again believers, regardless of membership or none, who could really believe that the church one selects makes no difference?

Langley, Ky. Mrs. Edgar R. May

## BILL GLASS CRUSADE

Dear Editor:

Kentucky Baptists will be glad to know that the Bill Glass Prison Crusades in Kentucky were successful by every standard. Bill and his team were at LaGrange Reformatory May 24-26 and at the Eddyville penitentiary May 31-June 2. There were more than 400 professions of faith in the two week ends. Volunteer lay counselors are going back to the two prisons each week for a follow up program and they report other professions of faith during these follow up visits.

Glass was accompanied by outstanding Christian athletes and more than forty laymen who came as counselors, at their own expense, to the two prisons.

Special thanks to the Wardens, Chaplains and staff at Eddyville and La-



**Wiedemann Industries, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 672, Muscatine, IA 52761 • Phone 319/263-0642  
Write for free information kit Dept J21

## Lee E. Cralle Co. Funeral Home

LEE E. CRALLE, JR., President

PHONE

634-3646 • 634-3647

1330 South Third Street  
Louisville, Ky.

Grange. Thanks to Governor Ford and Commissioner Charles Holmes. And to the Christians in Kentucky who prayed for the two Crusades. We still need financial donations which can be sent to Bill Glass Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 356, Dallas, Texas 75221.

Hopefully Baptist people will give attention to improving the rehabilitation program for prisons in our state while they are in prison and when they are released.

Lexington, Kentucky Bob W. Brown

## ONEIDA GRADUATION

Dear Editor:

I attended commencement exercises at Oneida Baptist Institute on May 26 and I have not had an experience that inspired me as much, or that showed me more clearly, how important our Baptist work is at Oneida. I don't know of a place anywhere that Baptists are getting more for their money in educating our mountain youth "for time and eternity" than at this institution. And our scope there is not limited to people from our immediate area. Of the 42 seniors who graduated, among the Allens, Bakers, Bangers, Barretts, Collins, Combs, Gays, and Spurlocks, names that are endemic to that area, there were a Shu, a Sarshad, a Tassew, a Telahoun, and a Jsein-Yuan. These were from all parts of the world. In addition, the first American Black was among the graduates. As president Moore so aptly put it, while he was the first, he would not be the last.

This event as you know was the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of OBI. From the time I arrived for the baccalaureate service at Oneida Baptist Church at 11 a.m., until the awarding of diplomas at 5:30, I was proud and pleased and thankful to be a Kentucky Baptist. Here were 42 young men and women who had received an excellent secular education in a Christian context, many of whom were going on to such colleges as Georgetown, Berea, and Belmont, who but for Oneida and Kentucky Baptists, may not have had the privilege of going to college, or even high school.

There were many firsts for the school during this 75th anniversary. A school band and an academic procession, just to name two. And under the inspired leadership of Barkley Moore, I'm sure there will be many more.

Somerset, Ky. Oscar Davidson

## INTERESTING QUOTES

Dear Editor:

Some fifty years ago it was my privilege to hear a great Baptist layman, George E. Hays, Sr., of Louisville, Kentucky, speak. Recently I found a notebook, long since stored away in my files, which contained some interesting quotations from that message. These are:

"Christians are not concerned about the will of God because they are not willing to pay the price."

"The more nothing we are, the more God can do with and through us."

"The Holy Spirit is all about us, waiting to come in. You do not have to yell to get him in."

"The greatest sit-down strike is not by labor unions, but by church members, disciples of Christ, who sit down in their churches and do nothing."

"You don't learn to be a blacksmith by memorizing *The Village Smithy*."

"God can use any kind of vessel, white or black, ignorant or learned, crude or cultured; but he cannot and will not use a dirty vessel."

"We are spending twice as much for cigarettes as we give for all church work, three times as much as we give for all missions."

"There's good bread in a garbage can but who wants to eat it? Or, eat around a cockroach because there's good crust in the pie? Why then take the filth of Hollywood to get a little good from the movies?"

"The world is looking for better methods; God for better men."

Nashville, Tenn. John D. Freeman

## NAME CHANGE SUGGESTION

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your editorial in the *Western Recorder* for June 8 concerning a name change for the Southern Baptists. There is one simple solution that I have not seen recently advanced, namely just to stick to the name that we always use in the mountains — the Missionary Baptists.

With true deference to W. A. Criswell, that great man of God, I feel somewhat cold toward the word "Continental." Fine name for a car, of course, and nobody would ever presume to suggest that such an august Convention was "not worth a continental." Further, it carries the same limitation that the word "Southern" bears, namely it is parochial and limited, albeit less so.

"Missionary" Baptists. Is that not what we should be, in very deed, and not in name only? Should not the proclamation of the Word, which is our chief responsibility, go beyond geo-

graphical boundaries? Indeed it does, and our name should express it.

Doubtless, "Missionary Baptist Convention" could be held to be open to misinterpretation, giving the impression of a Missionary Society rather than a convention of churches. "Convention of Missionary Baptist Churches" is clumsy. Then let the other be chosen, and let those who are its supporters see that its Lord and their Lord is honored in their endeavors to carry His Name from sea to sea.

Now whether you all decide on a new name and change the title of the Convention will make little difference to us. We are Missionary Baptists, and I wouldn't be surprised if we will always be Missionary Baptists.

Ary, Kentucky Keith W. Cameron

## NAMES NEEDED

Dear Editor:

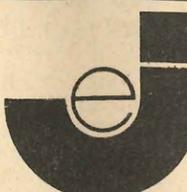
Serving students through Baptist Student Union in the nation's capital, as we do, presents many challenges, not the least of which is the problem of identifying our Baptist student constituency. Since the universities in Washington, D.C., are national rather than local in their scope and reputation, their student bodies are drawn from every state and, indeed, from around the world.

Perhaps readers of your paper know of students from their churches who are currently in Washington or who will be coming here in the near future. It would be a real service to us, and we believe, a service to the students, if their names and addresses could be forwarded to us for followup and ministry.

The principle schools to which we relate are American University, George Washington University, Gallaudet College, Howard University, and the University of Maryland. Names can be sent us c/o Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Joseph and Margaret Smith  
Washington, D.C.

**CHURCH FURNITURE  
PEWS AND CHANCEL  
GRAHAM MFG., INC.**  
P.O. Box 308  
Auburn, Ky. 42206  
Area Code 502-542-4192



**Church Design, Remodeling or Redecorating.** Let us help. Latest samples in carpeting, draperies, baptisteries, lighting and furnishings brought to your church. Call J. E. Designs, 3529 Dixie Highway, Erlanger, Kentucky. Ask for Russ. 606-342-8000.

## CLC Examines 'Liberation For Women'

"Christian Liberation for Contemporary Women" is the issue that will be discussed at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's conference to be held at the Glorieta Conference Center, July 27-August 2, 1974.

Specific topics to be explored include the Bible and women, a history of women's liberation, women alone, abortion, divorce, myths about men and women, and the woman's role in the church. Treating these subjects in the light of Bible teachings will be Sarah Frances Anders, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Mace, and Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

David R. Mace, one of the world's foremost authorities on Christian family life, is professor of family sociology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Vera R. Mace has authored several books with her husband, David Mace. She took her master of arts at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, with a thesis on "The Christian Institution of Marriage."

Sarah Frances Anders is chairman of the sociology department at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana, writes professionally, and speaks at an average of 25-30 family life conferences annually. She is a graduate of Georgia Tech, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Florida State University.

Harry N. Hollis, Jr., is director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission. A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Hollis is a member of the American Association of Sex Educators and Counselors and has written vari-



Mace



Mrs. Mace



Miss Anders



Hollis

ous articles on topics related to Christian ethics. He has appeared before the President's Commission on Obscenity and has just completed the manuscript for a book on a theology of sex.

To make reservations for the conference, write Larry Haslam, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535. For further information on the conference itself, write the Christian Life Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

## Criswell To Give Church 'Every Penny' He's Earned

W. A. Criswell, the pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, is giving back "every penny" he earned in salary during his 30 years as pastor.

He has started to return more than \$600,000 to the 18,000 member congregation.

His pledge will be fulfilled upon his death, he said.

It is estimated Criswell's annual salary now is about \$25,000. He owns his own home, and a church member has provided an automobile for several years.

"God has abundantly blessed my life. God has given me the ability to save money and (the knowledge) how to invest it wisely."

Criswell has written 15 books, which have received wide sale. He also has filled numerous speaking engagements and has received some "private gifts," said mainly to be investment opportunities.

"I think the ability to make money is part of a gift or blessing from God. It was never looked upon in any other way in the Bible," he explained.

Criswell's net worth is not known, but he said his financial commitment to the church will not jeopardize the security and well being of his family.

He concluded, "I think every man ought to have a last will and testament. And, in that will, I think he ought to do something for God's work on earth — whether little or big. (BP)

## Court Rules On Sunday School Board Property Taxes

After 18 months of deliberation and one complete rehearing, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled on the property tax liability of the Baptist Sunday School Board and United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee.

The 3-2 ruling affirmed in part the decision of the Chancery Court handed down April 15, 1971.

The state court's decision determined that publishing and printing of materials for distribution to members of

the parent denomination or to be used in specific programs of the parent denominational organization are uses of property which are exempt.

This would appear to include materials produced by the Sunday School Board's church services and materials division, including Convention Press items.

Publishing and printing of books for the general public, according to the state Supreme Court decision, even though the subject matter of such books

is religious, is not a use of property which is exempt. The Chancery Court earlier had held that materials of a general religious nature are exempt.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, stated, "We cannot determine our property tax liability until several confusing aspects of the decision are clarified. The complexity of the case is demonstrated by the lengthy time taken by the state Supreme Court before the decision was handed down and by the lingering misunderstanding concerning printing.

"We own no printing presses," he continued, "yet one of the justices refers to the printing operations of both the Methodist and Baptist houses as if we did own printing presses. The decision raises a number of still unanswered questions."

The majority opinion cited some areas of the board's work which are clearly exempt from property tax, some which are clearly not exempt and set forth a general formula for determining liability on areas which are not clearly in either category.

## Annuity Board Divests Alcohol-Related Stocks

An agency of the Southern Baptist Convention has divested itself of large blocks of Pepsico and Braniff International stock because Pepsico owns a winery and the airline offers alcoholic beverages on its flights.

The SBC Annuity Board, which handles retirement programs for Southern Baptist church and agency personnel, has a policy not to own stock in companies involved in "morally questionable" interests, such as tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

The Annuity Board has divested itself of nearly \$400,000 worth of Braniff

International stock and Pepsico stock amounting to nearly \$330,000.

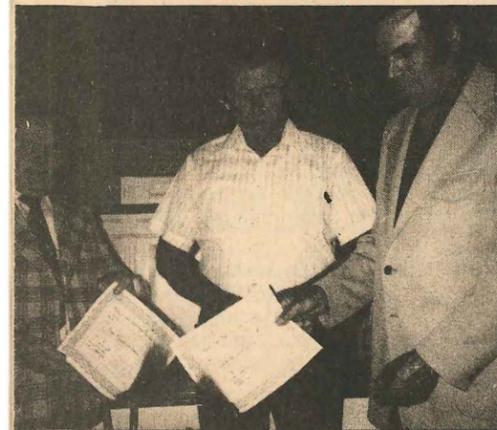
Prior to these stock sales, the Annuity Board sold about \$100,000 worth of Holiday Inn stock two years ago because the motel chain sells alcoholic beverages, a board spokesman said.

In addition, the spokesman said, the Annuity Board avoids investments in corporations which are not concerned about the environment, fair hiring practices and other social concerns.

The board constantly is keeping track of corporate mergers to make sure its policies are not compromised, a spokesman said. He noted it's becoming extremely hard to find companies not connected with tobacco, alcoholic beverages and other "morally questionable" interests due to the conglomerate nature of corporations today.

The Annuity Board, which has assets of more than \$350 million, owns stock in 45 major corporations. (BP)

The WESTERN RECORDER will not be published next week, July 6. The next issue will be on July 13 in accordance with postal regulations.



**BOND BURNING** — Island Baptist Church, Island, recently conducted a bond burning service as a debt incurred by the construction of a new sanctuary was retired. The bonds, which went on sale in April, 1968, were to be paid off in 10 years, but were paid off in less than six years. Above, three members of the church's finance committee (left to right) Ed. Bidwell, E. W. Carter and David Bolton burn the last remaining bonds. Pastor of the Island church is Wayne Dozier.

## Missionary—"Citizen Of Recife"

Southern Baptist missionary David Mein was declared an honorary "Citizen of Recife" by the city council of that Brazilian town.

Mein, appointed to Brazil by the Foreign Mission Board in 1944, is pastor of Cordeiro Baptist Church and president of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary. The "Citizen of Recife" title was presented at a public ceremony.

Mein spent his childhood in Maceio and Recife, Brazil, where his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Mein, native Kentuckians, were Southern Baptist missionaries. Mein succeeded his father as president of the seminary in 1953.

He came to the United States as a teenager but stayed only long enough to prepare for a missionary career. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown (Kentucky) College and the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. (BP)