

Western Recorder

JULY 13, 1974



Twisted steel, charred wood, and scorched bricks were all that remained as flames swept through two Muhlenburg County churches in the early morning hours of July 4. See page 8 for story and pictures.

Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. William N. McElrath may be addressed: 1016 Pineview Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606. He is a native of Murray, Kentucky. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1964, he was editor of Sunday School lesson courses for juniors at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Sanderson (Brazil) may be addressed at 609 Erie St. Wylam, Birmingham, Alabama 35224. Mrs. Sanderson is the former Martha Masden of Lebanon Junction, Kentucky.

On the field

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hobson may be addressed: Bolanos 141, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. Hobson, the former Wanda Nave, was born in Owensboro, Kentucky. They were appointed by the FMB in 1963.

Mr. Charles P. Love may be addressed: Box 28, Georgetown, Guyana. His wife, the former Mary Leech of Fort Worth, Texas, and her children will remain in the States for three months. Love was born in Salem, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Milam may be addressed: Jl. Flores 8, Surabaya, Indonesia. Before they were appointed by the FMB in 1969, he was pastor of Greenview Baptist Church, Florence, Kentucky.

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Mrs. Larry Pendley, missionary associate to Yemen, may be addressed at Box 4404, Taiz, Yemen. The former Frances Read, she was born in Butler County, Kentucky, and lived in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. Before she was employed by the FMB in 1973,

she worked as a private duty nurse in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham B. Walker, missionary associates to Singapore, may be addressed: 702 Metcalf Building, Orlando, Florida 32801. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky.

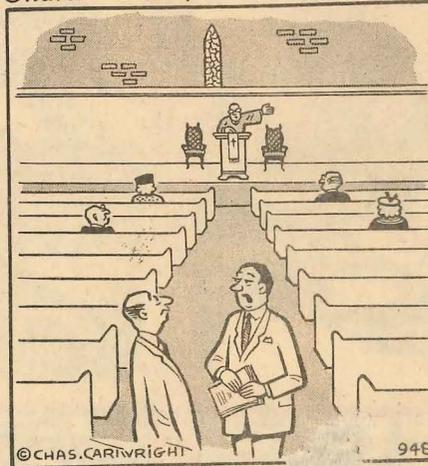
Others

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McMannis, missionary journeymen to Botswana, have completed their term of service and returned to the States. They may be addressed at 1491 Denny Drive, Amelia, Ohio 45102. He was born in Corbin, Kentucky. Before they were employed by the FMB in 1972, he was graduated from Morehead State University and she was graduated from Georgetown College, both in Kentucky.

William W. Marshall, field representative to the Near East and North Africa, on furlough, has received his doctor of ministry degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He may be addressed at 8017 LaGrange Road, Lyndon, Kentucky 40222.

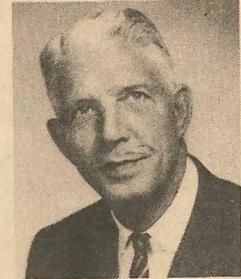
Mrs. C. S. Ragan, mother of Jarrett D. Ragan, died May 27 in Cuthbert, Georgia. Ragan may be addressed at 14 Jl. Glugor, Penang, Malaysia. Mrs. Ragan is the former Charlotte Bruner of Louisville, Kentucky.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We have a few ultra-conservative members who absolutely refuse to go on daylight savings time!"

DEVOTIONAL



H. Stanton Carney
Paducah, Kentucky

Call To Service

I Corinthians 12:12

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

We think of the "call" as a summons from God to an individual to preach the Gospel as an ordained minister. We know the call must come from God in order to insure success.

But the call to service in God's kingdom is not limited to this highest of all offices. Every believer is a member of the spiritual Church, representing the living body of Christ; and as such has a definite ministry in the exercise of the spiritual gifts that are bestowed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus called twelve laymen as apostles to perpetrate His teachings.

You believe God gave His Son that you might have everlasting life (John 3:16). But to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel" (Mark 16:15) would be impossible, you say. Your "world" is where God has placed you to serve.

You think you have no talents to do important things in the service for the Lord. Just remember that the little jobs are just as important, in the sight of the Lord, as the big ones.

You have not received a call? You might try getting down on your knees and asking the heavenly Father what He wants you to do. But do not make the mistake of having in the back of your mind, "Now, God, while you are about it, I would appreciate having an easy job." Just let your will conform to God's will, let it be "Thy will, O Lord, not mine be done."

Isaiah, after his transforming vision, heard the voice of the Lord and answered, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Would it not be a wonderful thing to say "Here am I, Lord, use me in any way you will."

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Really Listen . . . and Look

By John Taylor

If parents would listen to children, so much could be learned.

Dorothy Nolte wrote "Children Learn What They Live." She states, "If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn. If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith."

Listen to children. As you listen to them, you will learn about adults. Children's conversations can be a revelation of excitement, wonder and rich imaginative power.

The children of America are the future of America. In a world where so many of our ways conform to assembly-line methods, parents must be aware that children are still individuals. The times of casting children from a mold are past, but these young minds are treated to other forms of ceramics. We have all seen pinch pots made in art classes. These pots are pinched by force to mold them. As these pots harden, we can see the imprints left by the force of pinching. These finger- or hand-marks show on the finished products. Time and patience were not required to produce this product. Children reared in this way are not learning to get along with others; they are being forced into a role.

This forcing and pinching begins early. A recent book promises to *Give Your Child a Superior Mind*; it helps a child read 150 words a minute; to add, subtract, multiply, and divide; to understand fractions and simple algebra — all before the age of five. The parent has only to make lessons a rigid part of the child's schedule, starting at 30 months of age. This is conspiracy against childhood; these pressures are robbing today's youngsters of much that is precious in childhood. Pressure leaves no place for genuine creativity.

Real differences in children must be recognized and respected. This takes love and understanding. Many young sons have taught their fathers that honor and good sportsmanship are more important than winning. Mothers have learned that school marks are less important than honesty. When parents cease to pound and bend and — respect children, children will

respect themselves and their parents.

When Len, 10, was eating noisily with his mouth open, his father yelled, "Leave the table. You eat like a pig. Do you know what a pig is?" "Yes," cried Len, "the son of a swine." There was an ensuing battle. It could have been prevented if Len's father had said, "Len, that munching noise is most unpleasant to me."

Dorothy Nolte once said in a poem, "If a child lives with hostility, He learns to hate."

The most fascinating phase of ceramics is using the potter's wheel. This method creates a form which is unique. The success of the product depends on the skill of the individual. The product responds to the gentle touch or guiding of a thumb, finger or palm. All pressure must be very gentle. A child reared with very gentle guidance and just the right skill is ready for the tasks involved in growing up. His conversation will reveal excitement, wonder and imagination. These children who are the future of America are telling adults about truths and values. They know life is good and perhaps will be to the very end, and they have learned that evil and sorrow are part of the whole. Children are not interested in solved problems. They are enormously interested in unsolved ones.

If parents would ask for truth and listen to the reply of a child, so much could be learned. Children's voices are authentic and natural. Their unusual striking turns of phrase, their expression of feelings, their ability to see the world of nature, animals and men with powerful clarity and emotion are the truth of a child's innocence.

Children can be seen every day jumping, singing, yelling, discovering — but for a brief moment they have spoken with intense clarity, vision and artistry. Listen to them.

Childhood must never be the product of a mold or a forced pinch pot. Children must be handled gently with skill; each child is unique. They are young adults. Really listen . . . and look.

"If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world." ■

Editor's Note: First place in the annual KBC speaker's contest was awarded to John Taylor of Cadiz for the above presentation. The 16 year old is a member of Cadiz Baptist Church in the Little River Association. Louis W. Belva is pastor of the church. Taylor is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Taylor. He will represent Kentucky at the speaker's tour-nament in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.





Should Churches Provide Pastoriums?

A nice and comfortable pastorium has generally been considered an asset to a church. It has been considered a valuable part of a package plan to offer a prospective pastor or staff member. Added to its worth to the church is its appreciation in value and the fact that it has been tax exempt property.

In recent years there has been a change in thinking about the wisdom of a church owned pastorium. To some pastors who have lived year after year in church owned houses only to awake to the realization they are near retirement and without a place to live, pastorium has become a dirty word. They look at church members and sometimes at fellow pastors who year by year have made house payments and will have their houses paid for before or by the time of retirement. They feel short changed and rightly so.

Churches and pastors or prospective pastors should sit down and carefully consider whether it is wise or unwise to provide a pastorium. In some instances where the salary is limited or the pastor does not want to buy a house, a pastorium is a great help. In most instances, however, it would be wiser and fairer to give the pastor a housing allowance and let him provide his own housing.

This is about the only way a preacher will ever own a home unless he is given one. Few churches pay a pastor enough to take care of a family, live up to other community expectations and then have enough to put aside to buy a house when he retires. Consequently he often comes to the end of his ministry without a place to live.

In a few instances pastors upon retirement are given the home they have lived in. This is rather rare and tends to make the preacher feel obligated.

How much better it would have been to have added a housing allowance to his salary and let him buy his own house. In instances where the pastor could not come up with a downpayment, the church should lend him the downpayment, charge a reasonable rate of interest and take a second mortgage on the property.

In recent years especially the pastor who has lived in church property has come up short in comparison to other pastors who have bought houses. The cost of houses has increased greatly and today most houses are worth far more than when they were purchased. The result is the church has been in the real estate business and considering not paying property taxes for a number of years, the church might have doubled its investment in a house and lot. In the meantime, assuming the pastor has put \$100 aside per month to buy a home upon retirement, his savings will buy only about a half of what it would have when he started saving.

Letting the pastor own his own home also avoids the questionable tax exemption. The pastor's property goes on the tax rolls just like that of every other citizen and he pays, just as other citizens do, for garbage collection, fire and police protection and other services from the town or county.

Let's be fair and thoughtful. A pastor and his family should be buying a home like other families. But nine out of 10 will not do so as long as the church furnishes a pastorium. He will spend all his income for other needs only to wake up some day without a place to live. Then it will be difficult for him not to feel or express bitterness and a church not to feel guilty of turning out their pastor to pasture without a shelter.

Soul Freedom Is A Precious Baptist Tenet

The hardest working Baptists at the annual convention of Southern Baptist are members of the resolutions committee. This is the most demanding assignment in time and ability. The response to the requests that resolution makers send in their resolutions before the Convention begins has helped some but not enough.

One of the reasons the assignment is so difficult is that controversial issues are often dealt with in resolutions. For example, this year the current controversial issues of ordination of women, peace, amnesty and abortion were treated directly or indirectly in resolutions.

Unlike most other denominational groups Southern

Baptists do not delegate authority to a smaller group to speak for the whole body. The resolutions committee is entrusted only to recommend the wording of resolutions and then to submit them to the messengers for approval, rejection or amendment.

Another characteristic of Baptists is the tendency to take the side of anyone who will challenge the establishment. It may be an unconscious way we have of saying we will not be told what position to take but we will do the telling ourselves. The quickest way to get a following is to shout "centralization of power."

This tendency to challenge the position of our chosen leaders is at once the glory and the pitfall of Southern Baptists. It guarantees that the last word always remains in the pew and not in the pulpit, on the floor of the convention and not on the platform. At the same time it means we will be misunderstood by others and ridiculed by the secular press which really does not know what is happening.

To try to rewrite a carefully worded resolution on the floor of the convention where 15,000 or more have a right to be heard is futile and often leaves us saying nothing for fear of appearing to say something with which all Baptists will not agree.

An example from Dallas this year was the treatment of the resolution on peace. Knowing the wide range of opinion on amnesty, the resolutions committee avoided any direct statement pro or con on the subject. Instead, the committee reaffirmed one of the cardinal tenets of the Baptist faith. This is the recognition of soul freedom which holds that every person is free to seek the will of God for his own life and to act accordingly.

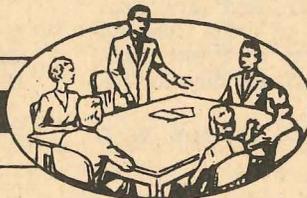
The resolution went on to say this soul freedom applies to determining the will of God concerning participation in war. This statement aroused the fears of super patriots who charged this would encourage "draft dodgers." They proceeded to delete this part of the resolution and in so doing appeared to affirm soul freedom but not in the matter of war.

From our beginnings Baptists have affirmed that man is finally accountable neither to the church nor the state but only to God. Thus he is free to defy church rules and violate national laws if his conscience leads him to do so and if he is willing to suffer the consequences. If he is free to refuse to pay taxes and suffer the penalty, he is free not to participate in war and suffer the consequences.

The New Testament admonishes us to be subject to civil powers and consider them ordained of God for the sake of an orderly society. The same New Testament teaches us that the one supreme thing for man is utter allegiance to God. For this reason Paul suffered imprisonment and probably death. Other early Christians died rather than bow to some laws of the state. Through the centuries there have been those who for conscience sake have said with Martin Luther, "here stand I, I can do no other."

Patriotism is admirable and right but not to the extent of the bumper sticker, "America, Right or Wrong." Our first allegiance is to God, not to the state. Our religion is Christianity, not nationalism and we should never equate the law of the land with the law of God. And if these are in conflict we must obey God rather than man.

BAPTIST FORUM



BAPTISTS NON-CATHOLIC?

Dear Editor:

In the June 22 issue of *Western Recorder*, I note, that, in your editorial, you describe Southern Baptists as being the largest "non-Catholic" religious group.

It is my understanding that the term, non-Catholic, is a Roman Catholic phrase meaning actually non-Christian—membership in the Roman Catholic church being essential to salvation.

Could we not be called simply the largest Christian group?

Louisville, Ky. Margaret K. Combs

OATES: A TRUE SERVANT

Dear Editor:

It seems that I along with many others have reached the time when most of the folk who have meant the most

are coming to the stage of retirement.

Hazlitt observed that the only true retirement is that of the heart: the only true leisure is the repose of the passions. Addison tells us that true happiness is of a retired nature, an enemy to pomp and noise.

There are many who are changing their sphere of activity from one area to another. They may be classified as "retired," but they will probably be busier than ever in their new role. I am thinking of one in particular who has meant so very much to me: Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology and religion at Southern Seminary. His counsel and courses reflected such deep wisdom that he will never be forgotten by thousands. He has meant the difference to me between a life of wretched misery and waste and one of constructive service as a classroom teacher and budding amateur writer, whose

insight into the spiritual realm has been continually curious and insatiable. I thank my God upon every remembrance of him.

Louisville, Ky.

Edith G. Oldham

PLAN FOR NON-RESIDENTS

Dear Editor:

If you belong to a church which has no non-resident members then please skip to the next letter. This letter does not apply to you. Perhaps an idea which surfaced during Adult Training Union discussion at Village Baptist Church, Morganfield, has merit. Perhaps it is so simple that it has been overlooked.

As a matter of church policy—when a member moves away from the church field—the church clerk should be charged with the responsibility of writing to the Superintendent of Missions in the community to which the member moves. The Superintendent of Missions, in turn, could alert the church or churches in the area.

If each church did this, contact with members would not be lost and the

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Seventeen young people from across the state have been selected to serve as members of the summer staff at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly during the summer camp season.

These youth have joined 33 other Cedarmore employees who provide food, housekeeping and maintenance services for the camps and assemblies program of Kentucky Baptists. In addition to these, the counselor staff for Cedar Crest and Rabro, selected by the WMU and Brotherhood departments, are serving at Cedarmore.

The main responsibility of the Cedarmore staff is to provide quality food service to guests at the camp and to maintain control supervision of the lake and swimming pools. Quality food service also involves waiting tables, washing dishes, scrubbing floors and disposing of trash in addition to serving good food, according to Arlis Hinson, camp manager.

Approximately 6,000 people are expected to attend Cedarmore during June, July, and August.

Applications for summer staff positions are available each year during January to persons who will have reached their 16th birthday and completed tenth grade of high school by June 1. Interested students should contact Arlis Hinson, Manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 37, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003, after January 1.

Summer staffers at Cedarmore will be:

SARAH LEE BRATCHER is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bratcher of Utica. She is a member of Masonville Baptist Church and is a senior at Daviess County High School.

LAURA RUTH BRATCHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bratcher of Owensboro, is a member of Lewis Lane Baptist Church. She is a sophomore at Brescia College and served on the staff in 1972.

TIMOTHY RAND COLLINS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Collins of Prestonsburg, is a member of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church. The sophomore at Prestonsburg Community College will serve as waterfront director and boy's counselor.

DEBBIE LYNN FLACK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C.



Miss S. Bratcher



Miss L. Bratcher



Miss Hill



Miss Hairston



Miss Hyde



Mrs. Magruder



Miss Osborne



Miss Peavler

Flack of LaGrange, is a member of Buckner Baptist Church. She is a senior at Oldham County High School.

WILLIAM ANDREW HOPKINS is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hopkins of Louisville and a member of Okolona Baptist Church. He is a recent graduate of Southern High School.

CYNTHIA GAYLE HILL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kolb Hill of Louisville, is a member of Bethany Baptist

Our East Africa mission consists of what used to be Kenya, Tanganyika, and the Island of Zanzibar. Since these countries gained their independence in the 1950's this whole area is divided into two countries called Kenya and Tanzania. Our mission organization is still in process of change.

Our work is in the good hands of 165 missionaries of every sort — evangelists, preachers, medics, nurses, teachers, technicians. We encourage the selection of local nationals as pastors as much as possible. Conceivably, a change of government or policy could deprive us of the direct witness role. It behooves us to build our work through people who would still be there if we should depart.

This puts us quickly into the operation of schools to educate and train indigenous leaders in Christian teachings and ways, in churchmanship, Bib-

lical interpretation, etc. Our missionaries do preach often, but they function more like area superintendents of the work; counselors to the national pastors, distributing the literature that we must publish in the different languages. Medical needs cry so loudly that often we must send out medics, nurses, technicians.

At Arusha Seminary in Tanzania I met headmaster Tom McMillan, former pastor of Hopewell Church, Long Run Association. We ate well at his wife's table who is the former Marilyn Jones of Jeffersontown church. At Nairobi we had dinner with Jim Musen and wife of LaGrange, Kentucky, teachers at our school in Mombasa on the Indian Ocean. At Nyeri, where is buried Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement, we were served dinner in the home and at the hand of Mrs. Charles Evans (nee Elizabeth Young of

Tanzania

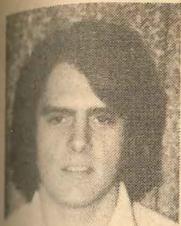
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Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention





Collins



Miss Flack



Hopkins



Miss Lamberth



Miss Logan



Magruder



Miss Shelton



Miss Trent



Miss Umberger

Church. The recent graduate of Atherton High School served on 1973 staff.

LOU ANN HAIRSTON is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hairston of St. Matthews. She is a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church where her father is minister of education. Miss Hairston is a senior at Waggener High School.

MARTHA REED HYDE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillie

T. Hyde of Glasgow, is a member of Glasgow Baptist Church. The senior at Glasgow High School will work as a lifeguard.

TERESA ANN LAMBERTH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamberth of Fern Creek, is a member of Trinity Baptist Church where her father is pastor. She is a junior at Fern Creek High School.

BEVERLY JEAN LOGAN is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan of Midway. She is a member of Midway Baptist Church and a senior at Woodford County High School. 1974 is her fourth consecutive year to serve at Cedarmore. She will work as a lifeguard.

GREGORY CHARLES MAGRUDER, a recent graduate of Georgetown College where he was BSU president, is serving as staff director at Cedarmore. He is a member of Woodland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington where he has been teacher of the 7-9 grade boys in Sunday School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Magruder, live in Columbus, Ohio, where his father is superintendent of missions for Baptists in Ohio.

KAREN LEE (MRS. GREGORY) MAGRUDER graduated from Georgetown College in 1973. Mrs. Magruder is a member of Woodland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington and teaches the 9-10 grade girls in Sunday School. She is serving as girl's counselor and dining room manager at Cedarmore.

JO ELIZABETH OSBORNE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Osborne of Marion, is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She will be a junior at Crittenden County High School this fall.

PAMELA JO PEAVLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peavler of Louisville, is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a senior at Fern Creek High School.

SUSAN WREN SHELTON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hicks Shelton of Louisville, is a member of Westport Road Baptist Church. She is a senior at Ballard High School. Her father is director of evangelism for Kentucky Baptist Convention.

CHERI LYNN TRENT is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel L. Trent of Elizabethtown. A member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, the recent graduate of Elizabethtown High School was a counselor-in-training on the Cedar Crest staff in 1973.

ANITA MARIE UMBERGER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Umberger of Lexington, is a member of Parkway Baptist Church. She will be a junior at Bryan Station Senior High School in September.

Corbin, Kentucky) and here I also met my own former student member at Calvary Church, Lexington, Roy Brent of Campbellsburg, Kentucky, who teaches in our high school there where public education is scarce.

There are 400 churches in the above-mentioned area with about 300 national pastors, and a total of 15,000 members. We had no work here until after 1956 when missionaries Davis Saunders and Samuel DeBord made arrangements that opened the door to our efforts. Now there is a Baptist convention that meets annually, a publishing house, a radio and television center, a hospital with 105 beds, a seminary with more than 100 students, two high schools, one academy, and a state assembly ground like Cedarmore. We can, we must support better our wonderful witnesses abroad. GIVE THROUGH THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM.

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts FOR THE MONTH CLOSING JUNE 25, 1974

	1974	1973
Cooperative Program Receipts (June 1974)	\$ 416,476.16	\$ 351,369.29
Goal to date for this year	3,750,000.00	3,583,333.34
To date this convention year	4,096,708.98	3,648,925.64
Over goal	346,708.98	65,592.30
To date this time last year	3,648,925.64	3,408,995.20
Increase	447,783.34	239,930.44
Percentage increase	12.27%	7.04%
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL		\$375,000.00

Fire Strikes Two Muhlenburg County Churches

By Larry High

Flames raced through two Muhlenburg Baptist Association churches in the early morning hours of July 4 as separate fires, reported only moments apart, leveled the rural church buildings outside Central City.

Gerald Jones, Jr., pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, estimated the value of the destroyed structure at \$350,000 with an additional loss of \$25,000 in contents.

The building underwent extensive remodeling two years ago, church members reported. Jones said the 550 seat sanctuary and education annex was insured for \$100,000.

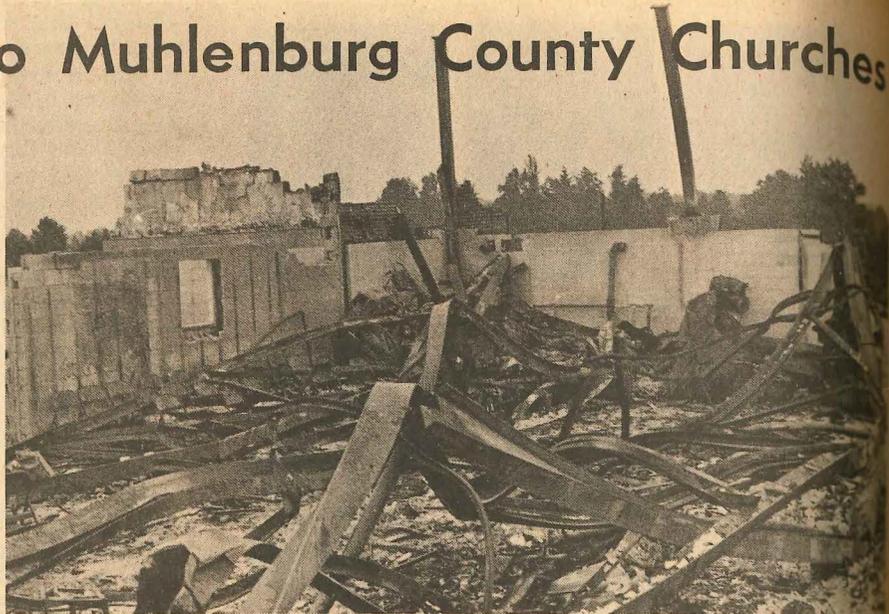
Nelson Creek Baptist Church sustained an estimated \$150,000 damage, according to Robert Grass, pastor of the 200 member congregation.

Contractors were in the process of completing a \$35,000 addition to the building when the fire struck. Mrs. Grass said the congregation had hoped to move into the new wing this month.

Grass said a new baptistry, piano and organ were recently installed in the destroyed sanctuary. He placed insurance coverage of the building at \$50,000.

The fire that razed Cedar Grove, located seven miles west of Central City, was discovered by a passing motorist and reported to fire officials at 2:35 a.m.

Less than one hour later, while firefighters were bringing the Cedar Grove flames under control, they were notified of another church fire at Nelson Creek, two miles east of the city.



Only a few basement partition walls remained standing after flames leveled the building of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. These steel beams fell to rest on the basement floor after the fire had been extinguished.

Both structures were beyond saving when firefighters arrived and they could work only to keep flames from spreading to surrounding fields.

Jones' wife said other pastors in the area were notified by association superintendent Allen Black of possible danger to their churches after initial reports of the fire at Nelson Creek were confirmed.

A 17 year old boy was detained by the Muhlenburg County sheriff for questioning in connection with the fires.

Both pastors said they harbored no hostile feelings toward the person or

persons responsible for the destruction but rather felt compassion for anyone who would do what was done.

The main emphasis at both congregations shortly after the flames were extinguished was to proceed with plans for rebuilding and acquiring temporary meeting places.

The Nelson Creek congregation met two days after the fire to consider offers of several area establishments to provide building space for church functions.

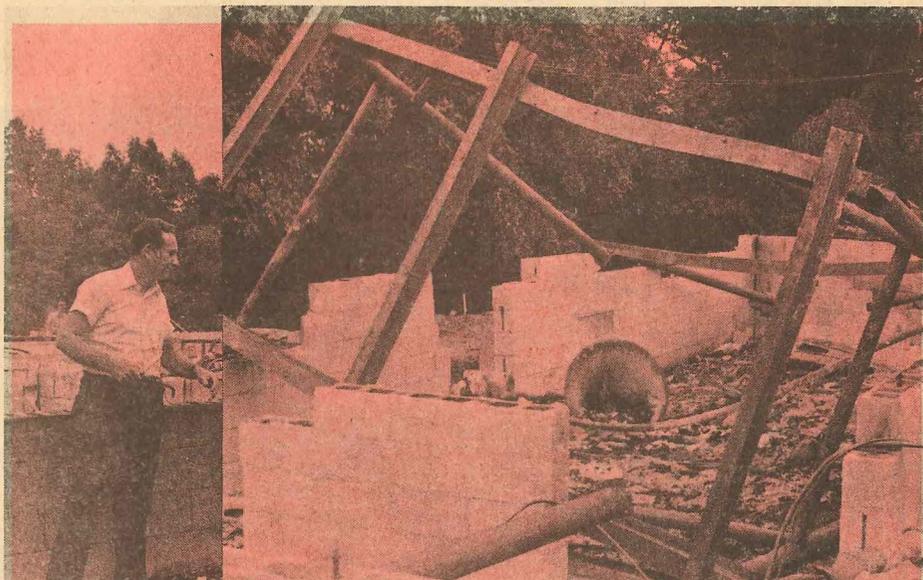
"The most important thing now is for us to get an auditorium built as quickly as possible," Grass said. He explained that Nelson Creek was the church in the east area of the city and "We need to get back in this community with a new building just as soon as we possibly can," he added.

Mrs. Jones said the Cedar Grove congregation met under trees on the church grounds the first Sunday after the fire but would use facilities at Central City Grade School until a church building is completed.

She pointed out that the congregation may decide to rebuild on a recently purchased parcel of land adjacent to the parsonage instead of the present location two miles west.

"But no matter where we rebuild," she emphasized, "it is definite, we will rebuild."

Both pastors and their wives thought the experience of the fires would bring their congregations closer together spiritually and into a deeper harmony with one another.



Pastor Robert Grass inspects damage to the Nelson Creek Baptist Church structure. The early morning fire destroyed the building, leaving only the foundation.



By Larry High

Vacation Bible School for deaf children. At first glance an unusual sight but not so different than any other Baptist sponsored VBS upon further investigation.

The most striking contrast, immediately noticeable and usually foreign to a Baptist VBS, is the low noise level. Although deaf children are not without the capability of speaking there is a strange silence pierced only by an occasional word or two from a child or worker.

The method of communication in an assembly of the deaf is a silent one employing an elaborate standardized language of the hands and body known as signing. Alphabet letters, words and phrases are denoted by a series of movements, usually with the hands and particularly the fingers. The representation at the top of this page shows finger placement to sign 'VBS for Deaf.'

In the school for the deaf, pupils "talk" with their hands and "listen" with their eyes as the teacher relays the parable of Jesus and the lad with five barley loaves and two small fishes with her hands.

Fourth Avenue Baptist Church for the Deaf in downtown Louisville recently completed its first VBS separate from any other church sponsored Vacation Bible School. All workers for the school were members of the deaf church.

The church for the deaf is a mission of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church and occupies the lower portion of the same



building. Herman E. Rowlett is pastor of the "hearing congregation."

Carl Enoch, minister to the deaf, in assessing the church's first independent VBS, appraised it as a valuable experience for the congregation and one that progressed smoothly from the planning stages through completion.

"We had eight children in the school this year and eight church members who served as workers, five of them members of the deaf community," Enoch related. "We almost have to be able to work on a one-to-one basis with the children because they need so much individual attention," he added.

Enoch said the congregation has worked to establish a total communication program for its members. In addition to teaching manual signing to the children, they are taught speech, reading and any form of communication necessary to enable them to function as valuable members of their community.

Children participating in this year's school ranged from four to fourteen years old.

The pupils were presented Bible stories, mission studies of several nations including games native to the country, memory verse work and character stories from the Bible.

Julie Leake, a speech therapist for the Louisville School Board, instructs the children in their memory work and shares Bible stories with them.

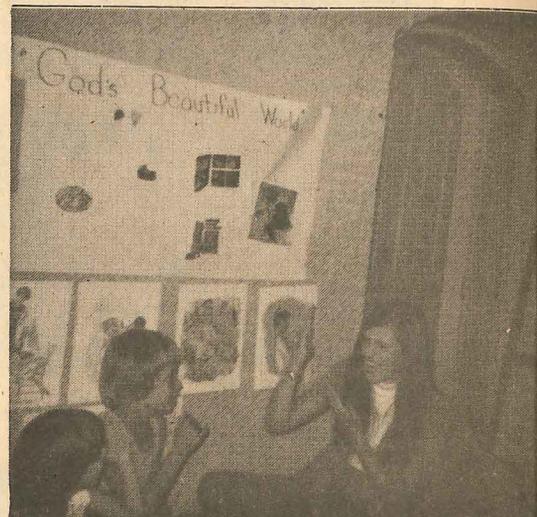
A member of the church since she and her husband moved to Kentucky from South Carolina, Mrs. Leake began working with deaf children while she was in high school.

She and the other workers often employed visual aids in their teaching to further the child's understanding of story ideas and unfamiliar concepts. These included flannel boards with pictures illustrating a Bible story, work books containing scissor and pasting exercises and arts and crafts activities.

A difficulty experienced by the church in other programs was also evident during the VBS.

According to Enoch's wife, Sue, who serves as a teacher at the church, no agency or organization publishes materials specifically planned for use with deaf children in the church.

Mrs. Enoch explained that teachers must use other resources and adapt them to the children's needs. She added that the Baptist Sunday School Board's simplified lesson series is often used as a base model but it also falls short



of providing an adequate tool for work with the deaf.

Another worker at the church, Becky Burris, a student at Southern Seminary, also expressed difficulty in using available materials to teach deaf children.

She explained that because of the wide variation in language development among the children most lesson plan materials are too advanced for use in the church.

The North Carolina native said she would like to continue in deaf education after earning the master of religious education degree at the seminary.

She emphasized that deaf children need to be presented with "concrete things" before advancing to higher levels. "We need to be able to begin with the familiar and go from there to the unfamiliar," Miss Burris said.

As an illustration of the method she uses in teaching the children, Miss Burris said that in trying to communicate the presence of God to the children although they cannot see or reach out and touch him she compares his spirit to the wind. God is like the wind she tells them. He is here but we cannot see him.

"I let them feel the air coming from a hair dryer, the wind blowing outside and trees moving as a result of the wind and then ask them if they can see the wind," she said.

In summing up the experience of her first Vacation Bible School for the deaf Miss Burris said, "They are not a group of deaf children, but individuals. I try to see them as children made in the image of God first and deaf children after that."

BAPTIST HYMNAL, 1975 edition, was unveiled during the recent annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Music Conference in Dallas revealing several changes in content from the hymnal presently used in most Southern Baptist churches.

William J. Reynolds of Nashville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department and editor of the hymnal and chairman of the hymnal revision committee, presented the printed table of contents to the packed ballroom of the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

The volume, to be released in March, 1975, features 187 old hymns and 175 hymn tunes new to "Baptist Hymnal."

The 495 total hymns span a variety of musical styles. While familiar and widely-used hymns have been retained, other familiar hymns not included in the 1956 edition of "Baptist Hymnal," Negro spirituals and the works of contemporary authors and composers have been added, Reynolds said.

Familiar hymns added to the 1975 edition include "Victory in Jesus," "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," "How Great Thou Art," "In Times Like These," "So Send I You," "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me," and "In the Garden."

Negro spirituals added include "Were You There," "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" and "There Is a Balm in Gilead."

Also included are new tunes to the old text, such as "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy," "Redeemed" and "Just As I Am" and new texts set to old tunes.

Hymn titles suggesting the contemporary flavor of the space age are "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens," "God of Earth and Outer Space," "God's World Today" and "Declare, O Heavens, the Lord of Space."

"Baptist Hymnal" (1975 edition) was compiled by a committee of 68 Southern Baptists.

"A survey was made in 1972 to determine which hymns in the 1956 edition were being sung by Southern Baptists," said Reynolds. "With this as a beginning point, the hymnal committee determined which hymns to retain in the 1975 edition.

"The 1972 survey produced a second list of hymns that the churches wanted to use in congregational services. A third list of hymns for consideration was created by suggestions from groups and individuals. These suggestions included both old and new songs.

Worship aids in the hymnal are Scripture passages for individual, unison, responsive or antiphonal reading. Scripture readings, while mainly from the King James Version, are also chosen from the New American Standard Bible, Revised Standard Version and Today's English Version.

Introduction of the hymnal will come during PraiSing 75, March 10-13, 1975, in Nashville. This event will be a festival featuring noted singers George Beverly Shea, Hale and Wilder, The Centurymen, country and gospel singers and church, college and seminary groups. Thirty continuous hours of singing through the hymnal — every word and every note of every song — will be a special feature of PraiSing 75. (BP)

Hymnal More Than Text and Tune

The use of the Baptist Hymnal, 1975, is not limited to text and tune. Under many hymns in the hymnal are found the abbreviations S.M., C.M., or L.M. These refer to the Metrical Index of Tunes found in the back of the hymnal and are there to provide you with an interchange of texts and tunes.

Short Meter (S.M.) means 6,6,8,6; Common Meter (C.M.) is 8,6,8,6; and Long Meter (L.M.) is 8,8,8,8. (When the letter D is added the poetic lines are doubled.)

Using the Metrical Index of Tunes, you can locate hymns which have the same poetic meter. This is done when you want to use a text to a familiar tune. First you would count the poetic meter, then find the tunes having that same meter in the Metrical Index.

Other indices includes scriptural and topical references to responsive readings, authors, composers, arrangers, translators and sources of hymns. The concluding indices alphabetically, topically, and by the first line in the song, list the tunes in the hymnal. Doxologies, responses and benedictions indexed separately.

WESTERN RECORDER

Youth Week To Focus On Bible

Kentucky Baptist youth groups will converge on Cedarmore Baptist Assembly July 15-19 for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annual week.

Under the direction of the Brotherhood department this year, the week will focus on the Word of God and how to study, share and live it.

During conference periods, to be conducted each morning, young people will examine their devotional life, witness and the romance of Christian living.

Evenings at the camp will provide worship opportunities for the youth with leaders including Chester Swor, Gilbert Guffin, Scott Cook and Doug Crawley, who will also serve as music director.

Swor, a native Mississippian, is currently engaged in full-time religious lecture work and counseling. Much of his 25,000 miles of annual travel are to speak to youth groups. He is a former dean of men at Mississippi College and author or co-author of eight books, several dealing with youth and their world.

Guffin, dean of religion at Samford University in Alabama, will also direct evening worship services. The former president of Eastern Baptist Seminary and Eastern Baptist College, both in Pennsylvania, is author of several books for pastors and laymen.

Crawley, a native of Campbellsville, is a student at Indiana University school of music. He is also presently serving as minister of music and youth at an Indiana church.

Cook is a 1974 graduate of Mississippi College and co-authored the book, *Does It Really Matter?*, with Swor.

Recreation leader for the week will be James Trader, special need counselor at an Indiana high school. He is a graduate of Murray State College where he earned the doctorate of secondary education.

Young people attending the special week will have the opportunity to spend afternoons using recreational facilities at Cedarmore.

Morning conferences will be led by Fred Roth, David Jester, Steve Cook and Gilbert Guffin.

Roth, director of guidance services and professor of religion at Cumberland College, has served as a teacher for 29 years. He holds the doctor of education degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Conference leader David Jester is academic vice president of Campbellsville College. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary and was awarded a doctorate from Columbia University.



Swor



Guffin



Roth



Jester

A native of Princeton, Steve Cook is a 1973 graduate of Georgetown College and is currently serving his alma mater as church relations and admissions counselor.

Ky. Deaf Conference Organized

In the mid-1960's the Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf started as an unorganized meeting for fellowship and training. In June, 1973, the group voted to organize. They appointed an ad hoc committee to propose a constitution and by-laws at the 1974 meeting.

The organizational meeting of KBCD took place at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, June 22 and 23, 1974. Twenty-four people registered for the meeting on Saturday. A series of business meetings in which a proposed constitution and by-laws received thorough study and revision by the entire group under leadership of the ad hoc constitution and by-laws committee were held. The constitution and by-laws were later adopted. A nominating committee was also elected. The following officers were elected during the meeting:

President, Truett George, Louisville; first vice president, Clinton Simpson, Lexington; second vice president, Alex Cummins, Louisville; secretary, Sue Enoch, Louisville; assistant secretary, Vicki Thurston, Madisonville; treasurer, Betty Simpson, Lexington; assistant treasurer, James McGaughey, Frankfort; first trustee, Nathan Benton, Louisville; second trustee, Leona Spriggs, Louisville; third trustee, James McGaughey; interpreter, Carl Enoch.

The following committees were elected in that same meeting:

Program: Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Simpson, Mrs. Joyce Jones; Truett George and Joe Buckner, ex-officio members.

Credentials: Sue Enoch, Vicki Thurston, Sylvia McGaughey; Truett George and Joe Buckner, ex-officio members.

Missions: Alex Cummins, Ann Oldham.



George

On Sunday morning thirteen additional people registered, bringing the total attendance to 37. The entire group met together for Sunday School at 9:45 and at 11:00 a worship and officer installation service was held. A business meeting was called between Sunday School and church to elect the necrological committee. Chairwoman is Mrs. Alex Cummins.

The next meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf will be June 21 and 22, 1975, at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.



WOMEN ON BOARD — The first two female trustees at Campbellsville College met with the board at their June meeting on the campus. Marilyn Sanders of Owensboro, left, and Mrs. Janet Chambliss of Hardinsburg were two of the three new members to join the board. James T. Pace of Glasgow was the other new member.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for July 21, 1974)



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Will God Really Help Me?

Psalm 142:1-8

Enemies of the Psalmist had driven him out of Jerusalem and into exile. While in exile, he was not able to have fellowship with his family or to sit upon his throne. What grieved him even more was being deprived of exercising the privilege of worshiping God in the temple. Recalling his past experiences of joyful communion with God in that holy place, he wondered when he would have that blessed privilege again. Alas, so many take their blessings for granted and do not appreciate many of the best things in life until they have been deprived of them. In his distress, caused by being detained in the vicinity of Mount Hermon, the Psalmist revealed his feeling that he simply could not continue without help from God. His desperate yearning for the presence and blessing of the living God was expressed beautifully and effectively in verses one and two.

The Psalmist had frequently seen a deer with open mouth and heaving flanks eagerly seeking water in dried-up brooks. Memories of that sight reminded him of his intense longing for the presence of God in the sanctuary. To him the living God, in contrast to idols, was an absolute necessity. Just as the deer and the stream of water belong together, so does man need to be rightly related to God. Apart from Him nobody can have complete satisfaction. It is good to recall the words of Christ, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." He is the only One Who can satisfy the real needs of your soul, and you will never have a need that He cannot supply.

As often happens with God's children, Satan tempted the Psalmist to question the goodness of God. Because of his unfavorable circumstances, in absentia from the services at the Temple in Jerusalem, he concluded that he had been mistreated. While in an uncongenial environment, it is easy to conclude that our situation and trouble are far worse than anyone else has ever experienced. Overwhelmed by his troubles, trials, and tribulations, he was frustrated and plunged into a deep depression. His critics and enemies tauntingly inquired, "Where is thy God?" The sarcastic jibes of his critics caused

the Psalmist to recall those happy days when he had led the worshipers to the sanctuary to praise God. Thinking of those former days, which he considered far better than the ones through which he was living, and longing for their return, he lost his appetite. When it dawned upon him that his disappointment, discouragement, and depression were only making bad matters worse, the Psalmist decided to talk to himself and rebuke himself for his self-pity.

The Psalmist was discouraged because he felt that his lot in life was very hard, he received the cruel taunts of his critics, he failed to praise God for what He had done for him, and he was betrayed by those whom he had trusted. Fortunately he came to the place and attitude where he believed that God could and would deliver him from his depression and supply his needs whatever they might be. Through implicit faith in God and intimate communion with Him, he triumphed in a wonderful fashion.

Psalm 43:3-5

Always remember that the ultimate secret of triumph over discouragement is faith in God. The Psalmist said, "Hope thou in God." Confidence and faith in God constitute the final bastion of defense against onrushing discouragement and depression. From God cometh your salvation. He is your satisfying portion. When you encounter temptations, trials, and tribulations, just remember that God will not fail you or forsake you, if you are His child, and there will never be a time when you cannot hope in God.

"Trials many will beset my pathway
And temptations I shall surely meet;
But my Saviour promised grace
to help me,
Till I lay my trophies at His feet."

As a Christian, if you will really trust in God, He will demonstrate His love for you and help you. What a blessed assurance! ■

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Partnership In The Gospel

During his imprisonment in Rome, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit Paul wrote the Epistle to the Philippians.

Philippians 1:1-11

In verse one Paul, with true Christian courtesy, associated with himself his beloved comrade and young coworker, Timothy, who was well known to the Philippians, and was soon to visit them again. Paul called Timothy and himself "bondservants of Jesus Christ." This term denotes acknowledged ownership, complete dependence, and faithful obedience. The word "saints" does not refer to persons who had attained rare heights of sanctity, but it is simply God's name for believers in Christ. "Grace" and "peace" are blessings which come only from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, and this is the order in which they come in the Bible. Grace is the root and peace is the fruit. God the Father is the fountain of grace and peace, Christ is the dispenser of grace and peace, and be-

lievers are the recipients of grace and peace.

Paul's noble sense of appreciation of the Philippian's fellowship and partnership in the gospel revealed the state of grace in which he lived. Through the years of his imprisonment and suffering, they had never faltered in their love for and devotion to him. Paul held them in his memory, thoughts, and affections because they were fellow-partakers of the grace of God. were united with him in closest fellowship both in his sufferings and in his witnessing for Christ through the proclamation of the gospel. Paul thanked them for what they had done, and expressed to them his absolute confidence that the Holy Spirit would continue to work in and through them till the day of Christ, when they would be presented faultless before the throne of His glory.

For these who had afforded him such joyous satisfaction this grateful pastor poured out his soul in earnest prayer. Paul prayed that the full tide of their

love might be confined to right channels and kept free from all that was selfish and impure. In praying that they might have an understanding love, he asked God that their love might grow richer in two respects, in an accurate knowledge of the right and in an unusual alertness in applying such a knowledge to the experiences of daily life.

Paul also prayed that they might have a discerning love, or the ability to distinguish the good from the bad, or to distinguish the things that differ—virtue and vice, true and false prophets, and true and false doctrines. He longed for them to have a transparent love, or to be known on the outside for what they were on the inside. Paul asked the Lord that the Philippian Christians might be filled with the fruits of righteousness, as a result of their union with Christ and devotion to Him. The fruits of righteousness include such things as purity, humility, and unselfishness.

Philippians 4:10-13

Paul made it clear to the Philippians that he was perfectly willing to abide within the limits which God had been pleased to impose on him. Even though he had experienced terrible privations and great hardships, Paul was not complaining. He was master of circumstances because of an inward sufficiency and a firm conviction that God's will is best always.

In effect Paul was saying, "Whatever my condition or circumstance, I am in control, I am master of the situation, I am at liberty, I am not dependent on what is happening to me, but I am victorious in spite of my circumstances." Paul knew how to be abased, how to be hungry, and how to suffer need without being worried or holding a grudge. He refused to complain or to be embittered.

Having Christ under all conditions and circumstances, and having found Him equal to every emergency, Paul could and did boldly and triumphantly say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," or "who continues to pour his power into me." Just as long as Christ kept on pouring power into Paul he had adequate strength for every need. Then, now, and always Christ is the source of all power for victorious living and acceptable service. The same divine power, which the Apostle received and used so effectively, is available to all Christians today.

Strengthened by Christ Paul was able to stand up and take anything that came his way in life. When Paul asserted that he could do "all things," he had in mind the things which the Lord had commanded him to do. He could overcome the temptations of Satan, endure his sufferings, discharge his duties, and meet death unafraid. ■

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church could help the member fulfill that part of the church covenant which states that membership would be moved to a church where the spirit of the covenant could be carried out.

This idea presupposes that churches would not be selfish nor jealous at the prospect of removing a non-resident from their membership rolls and that the removed member understands that such notification will be given to the community in which he now lives.

All out promotion of this or a similar idea might relieve churches of burdensome non-resident lists and perhaps be a means of reenlisting workers for the Lord.

Thanks for the opportunity of presenting this idea.

Morganfield, Ky. Matt W. Sugg

PROUD OF HIS 'BOYS'

Dear Editor:

Yes, I'm proud of my "boys."

During World War II while pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, I helped out gratis in the teacher shortage at Louisiana College for two and one-half years. Through the years it has been a source of joy and pride to follow these students in their service for Christ. Many of them have been kind enough to say that I was the one who first introduced them to the riches of the New Testament and made them want to know more about it. Like the author of Hebrews time would forbid mentioning all of them. But here are a few.

R. G. Bryant is the effective executive secretary of missions in the Miami,

Florida, Baptist Association. W. C. Fields is head of our Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Press. The late H. C. Brown, Jr., was professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a brilliant author. Malcomb Tolbert is professor of Greek New Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and also a great writer. Ray Rust is the interim-president of that same school. If your name is not written here, it is forever written in my heart!

But the frosting on the cake came recently in Dallas when Jaroy Weber was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Even back then he was pastor of a church in Orange, Texas, and commuted weekly to Pineville, Louisiana, in order to get an education, later going to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Now after years as a God anointed pastor and leader in evangelism, he comes to this great responsibility — well prepared in heart, mind, and spirit. We should all pray for him, his family, and his church as he leads us to greater endeavor and achievement in the Lord's work.

Incidentally, when one you taught in college is now president of the Southern Baptist Convention, it means you are getting on in years. But so long as people say, "Gee, you're looking fine!" and my boys keep on serving the Lord so wonderfully well — I am happy.

Yes, I'm proud of my boys!

Oklahoma City Herschel H. Hobbs

MURRAY STUDENTS IN HAWAII

Dear Editor:

Four students from Murray State University are in Hawaii this summer. What they are doing and how they got there is worthy of note. The students, who are Edwina Mills, Kathy Watkins, Sarah Sams, and Rich Thompson, are all working for Baptist churches in Hawaii in an independently-sponsored summer missions program. They are working with both local churches as

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staff personnel as well as assisting Lloyd Cornell, state director of student work for Hawaii. The students are sponsored by the Murray State Baptist Student Union with funds for the travel being provided by the First Baptist Church of Murray (three-fourths), Baptist Student Union (one-eighth), and Kentucky Baptist Convention and respective home churches and associations of the students (one-eighth). We are grateful to all who contributed to this mission project, especially to Pastor Richard Walker and the people at First Baptist, Murray. Living expenses in Hawaii are being provided by churches there.

The students left June 4 and will be serving for a period of ten weeks. They ask everyone's prayers as they serve the Lord this summer.

These four students are a sample of the mission-minded BSU at Murray. Over twenty-five students are involved in some form of full-time mission work this summer with many more providing an active role in their home church and sharing of their faith daily. Such dedication should inspire us all to strive to better serve God and our fellowman.

Murray, Ky.

Mike Robertson

CONVENTION NAME CHANGE

Dear Editor:

I note a committee has been named to consider a new name for our Southern Baptist Convention. If we change our name it should be a name in keeping with the Commission Christ gave. This would be either "World Baptist" or "Universal Baptist." I would like for the brethren to pray about these two names.

Russellville, Ky.

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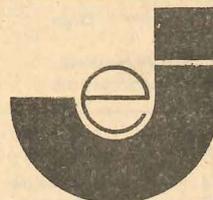
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Staff Changes

Tom McKibbens, Jr., pastor of Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Shelby Association, will exchange pastorates for five weeks this summer with Paul Beasley-Murray, Baptist pastor in Altrinham, England. The purpose of the exchange is to let English Baptists and Southern Baptists learn more about each other.

The young Beasley-Murray is son of George R. Beasley-Murray, Southern Baptist Seminary professor. He arrived with his wife and three children in early July and will live in the missionary home of St. Matthews Baptist Church while in the states.

McKibbens is a graduate student at Southern Seminary. His field is church history and he spent some time last

year in England studying English Baptists. He left for England on July 8 accompanied by his wife.

Fred T. Moffatt, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, for the past 11 years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Heritage Baptist Church in Annapolis, Maryland.



Moffatt

His resignation will be effective July 28. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr. He was born in Horse Cave, Kentucky, but spent most of his early years in Frankfort where his father was pastor of Frankfort's First Baptist Church. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in Virginia and received a master of arts degree in history from the University of Kentucky and earned the BD and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Before going to Shelbyville he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paris, and as associate minister of Broadway Baptist in Louisville.

He is married to the former Jane Morrison of South Dakota. The Moffatts have one daughter, Mary Jane, and one son, Bruce.

Moffatt has served in various places of leadership in Shelby Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Presently he is a member of the Kentucky Baptist public affairs committee.

Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, has announced that **Ray Alexander** has been named executive vice president and **Lindsey Apple** has been named dean of students and dean of men.

The board of trustees approved these appointments at the May meeting held on the Georgetown College campus.

Alexander had served as a faculty member, chairman of the education department, and director of the graduate program before being named acting executive vice president and academic dean last year.

A native of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, Alexander completed his undergraduate work at Georgetown. The MA and EdD were completed at the University of Kentucky.

He and his wife, the former Lorrene Gross, have three daughters.

Apple was born in Peewee Valley, Kentucky. After obtaining his BA at Georgetown, he completed master's work at the University of Kentucky and the PhD at the University of South Carolina.

He and his wife Judy have two children.

Bomb Threat At Walnut Street

A bomb threat interrupted the morning worship service at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, on July 7. The service, which was being televised, was halted a few minutes after it began when a telephone call announced a bomb had been planted in the church.

The church was cleared and the police searched the building but found nothing. The service was resumed after about a 20 minute delay.

Wayne Dehoney, Walnut Street pastor, was on vacation and not in the service. The guest preacher for the day was James E. Wood, Jr., of Washington, D.C. Wood is executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

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Grief and Death Topics at Confab

Grief in the Face of Life will be highlighted during a conference and concurrent workshop sessions sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Hospital's department of pastoral care on July 25-26.

The two-day meeting will feature general assemblies examining family events often leading to sources of grief and small group workshops will focus on the problem in greater detail.

Divorce and job loss as forms of grief and attachment and separation will be discussed in assemblies conducted by Wayne E. Oates, director of clinical pastoral education of Norton-Children's Hospital, Louisville, and family counseling service consultant at Baptist Hospital.

Ted E. Dougherty



Oates

will lead in the examination of theoretical and practical issues in death education and practical issues in death education during a general assembly.

Dougherty is death education consultant of the Pediatric Leukemia Clinic and associate director of the pastoral counseling center at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Lost possessions — a crisis in identity is the theme for the assembly to be led by Vaughn Michael, director of clinical pastoral education, Weston State Hospital, West Virginia.

In a workshop discussion Michael will lead an examination of grief and loss in disasters. It will study the grief experiences of disaster victims. He has been intimately involved for three years as pastor to persons in West Virginia who have suffered the loss of home, possessions, and community in the wake of devastating slag slides.

Dougherty will conduct a workshop providing "an opportunity to confront, discuss, and learn about grief and death

as personal experiences, as cultural-social events, and as factors in daily living," according to Walter C. Jackson, director of pastoral care at Louisville Baptist Hospitals. The workshop will include Dougherty's research which resulted in his recent doctoral dissertation in the area of death education.

Anyone wishing to participate in the summer workshop should register with Kentucky Baptist Hospital, 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville 40204.

An advanced deposit of \$3.00 is required. Overnight double accommodations are available for \$2.00 in addition to the \$15.00 fee for the session. The fee includes conference, workshops, banquet and break refreshments.

AT SOUTHERN —

11 More Kentuckians Receive Seminary Degrees

Eleven Kentucky students received seminary degrees during spring commencement exercises at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They

were among 241 students receiving degrees from the oldest and fastest growing Baptist seminary.

This list is in addition to information

previously supplied *Western Recorder* and published in an earlier edition.

Kentucky students who received degrees were:

Master of religious education: Marilyn Sue Pinson of Ashland, James Edward Wortham of Louisville; diploma in church music: Suzanne P. Scott of Jeffersonton; master of divinity: William Eugene Ritchie of Winchester, Mark Willis Tassie of Louisville; doctor of ministry: Benjamin Stanley Baker of Louisville, Daniel Stark Lovell of Lancaster, William Walter Marshall of Louisville, and Richard Harrington, Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moulton of Frankfort, received their seminary degrees together during the spring commencement.

Moulton, a native of Florida, received the master of divinity degree. He presently serves the Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, as minister of music and youth.

Mrs. Moulton, the former Louise Ann Jumper of South Carolina, was awarded both the master of church music and the master of religious education degrees.



Miss Pinson



Wortham



Ritchie



Marshall



Baker



Moulton



Mrs. Moulton

Not pictured:

Miss Scott

Lovell

Harrington