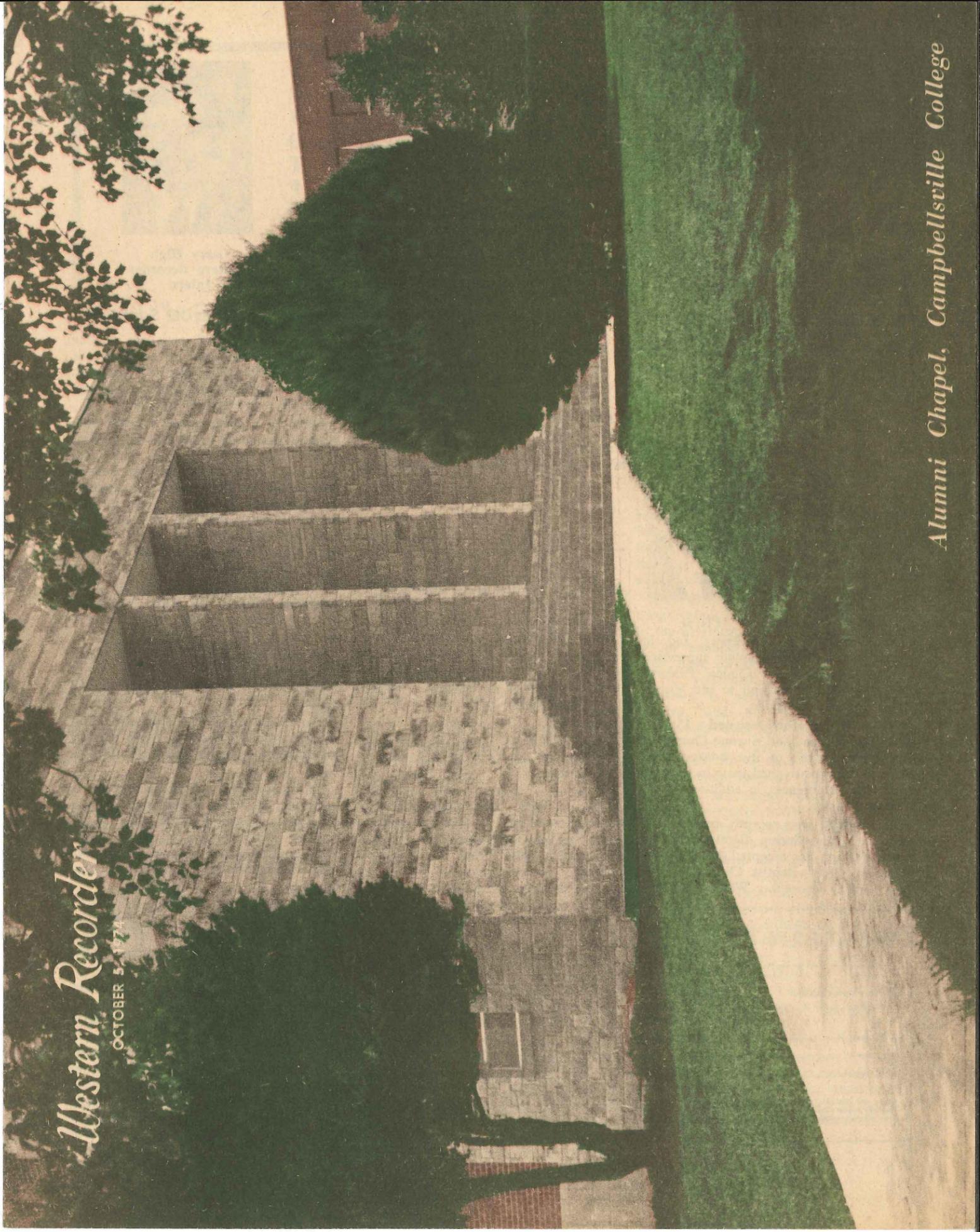


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# Staff Changes

Jay O. Reeder is now serving as minister of education at Second Baptist Church in Madisonville. He comes to this position from Pilot Grove Baptist Church in Missouri. Reeder holds the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tom O'Neal joined the pastoral care department of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, recently as supervisory chaplain. A native of South Carolina, O'Neal is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary. After serving as associate pastor for a Florida Baptist church, he was involved in a three year program of clinical pastoral education at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. O'Neal earned the MA degree in pastoral counseling from Wake Forest University and is certified as an acting chaplain supervisor by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He is married to the former Dawn Duvall of Louisville.



O'Neal

Walter K. Price has resigned a 13 year pastorate at Woodland Avenue Church in Lexington. Author of five books, Price plans to continue to participate in revivals and Bible conferences in addition to his writing ministry.

Robert Hill, who recently resigned as pastor of Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, has accepted the pastorate of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville. Hill is succeeding William Martin,

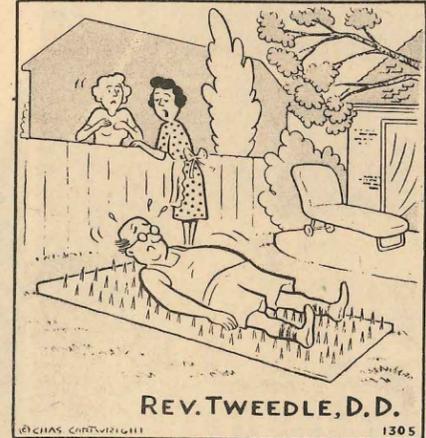
who resigned the Cedar Creek pastorate in April after 27 years. Hill is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Bob Jones University and Southern Seminary. Prior to the Lawrenceburg position, he was pastor of the Millville Baptist Church, Woodford County, and Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville. He has also been pastor of churches in Georgia and Michigan. Hill, 47, is married to the former Marguerite Hovis.

Dan Straw has accepted the pastorate of Glade Spring Baptist Church in Virginia. He is former pastor of Hillsboro Baptist Church, Versailles. Straw attended the University of Kentucky and received the bachelor degree from Georgetown College. He is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary. He has served the Hillsboro church since 1971.



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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Just getting himself toughened up for the church's annual stewardship drive!"

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## Down With God's People

The abundance of scripture dealing with our relationship to neighbors is evidence of its importance to Christians. How we interact with other men and women is a standard of Christianity.

There is a poem about a priest who became committed to give his all to God. Under such conviction he took pen, paper, and Bible to the top of an isolated tower. Here he spent months in supplication and study but felt no closer to God. Finally in desperation, he cried out, "My God, my God, where are you?" A still reply came from the heavens, "Down here with my people."

Like the priest, we often disregard our neighbors, tucking the Bible under our arm and climbing an ivy tower seeking to be closer to God.

Christianity is not to be found there, nor anywhere isolated from the world. We are to be a part of the world though not of it.

Our neighbors are all around us. But we often think of them as those persons on the same economic and social level as we.

The man with the drinking problem is below us. He can't be worth helping or sharing the gospel of Christ with. So we walk by pretending not to see his need. With nose held skyward we run for the man wearing the new suit further down the road.

The young man suffering from drug addiction can't possibly be worth our time. So off we go in the other direction murmuring how terrible these young people are nowadays.

We have no right to call ourselves Christians until we recognize all men and women as children of God and equal in His sight.

It's not easy, but Christ never said His way would be. Let's come down from our towers and get with the people—all the people. Everyone needs to be told the Good News, not just those pleasing to our eyes.



# WITNESSING IN APARTMENTS

By Gary Baskin, Jr.  
Pastor, Bashford Manor Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

To minister or not to minister—that was the question for our suburban Baptist church located in the midst of a densely populated apartment area. With more than 15 complexes within a one mile radius of our church, Bashford Manor in Louisville, we were compelled to ask ourselves, "Will we minister to the apartment dweller?" We responded by extending our outreach program. An apartment ministry was soon begun under the able leadership of a laywoman, Mrs. Linda Dyson.

At the outset we realized that ministry to the apartment dweller was a pioneer venture. But a Davy Crockett or Daniel Boone we discovered we were not. Our trail-blazing strategies met with nothing but failure. For one whole year our church tried to secure a favorable response from the apartment dweller with no success. We were able to get inside the complexes; but, once inside, the residents turned a deaf ear to our efforts. Those early pessimists who had despaired at our venture seemed to have been great prophets. "It can't be done in the apartments" was the prevailing attitude of the time. In fact, the laymen and

laywomen of our apartment ministry began to believe the impossibility of the task. We had all settled down for a long disappointing summer when two things happened, awakening us to a hidden hope for the survival of our ministry.

In the April, 1974, issue of *Church Administration* an article written by C. W. Bess entitled "One Way to Get into Those Apartments" came across my desk. From that article we adopted Mr. Bess' suggestion and soon started a reception service on an experimental basis in an apartment complex managed by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Kesterson, members of our church. The response has been so encouraging we intend to expand this service into three or four other complexes which have shown an interest.

The second optimistic note was sounded at one of our own apartment ministry strategy sessions. One person casually mentioned volleyball as a way of ministering to the apartment dweller. Three questions quickly arose—"Why will this work when other strategies won't?" "How can we compete with sophisticated city-wide athletic programs?" "Can our church afford such a venture?" Notwithstanding the objections, the Crockett and Boone spirit was awakened in us; and we committed ourselves to try this idea in

spite of our past disappointments. After all we reasoned, if we couldn't go to the apartment dweller, maybe they would come to us.

This is how the league became a reality: Detailed planning sessions for the league were held. When plans were complete, intensive publicity in the apartment complexes, in the local newspapers, and on the local radio stations were initiated. A preliminary registration was taken of all interested individuals. After the pre-registration, a league organizational meeting was held. The response has been unexpectedly encouraging. Fourteen teams and two competitive divisions (men's and co-ed) are the initial results. As many as 150 new people participate in our league weekly. Excitement is rampant in our church and the community because of the progressive stem of faith taken by our people.

There were some important considerations involved in the endeavor. First of all, we committed the project to dignity. It is our experience that apartment dwellers will respond very favorably to an organized yet simple project. For this reason we require a minimum team entry fee, provide referees, award trophies, follow regulation rules, etc. Participants must be confident that the church is serious about the venture.

Secondly, we utilized as much of the congregation and its resources as possible in the establishment of the project. Two of our members, both business executives, have contributed in valuable ways to our volleyball league. Mr. Wilson Mathews is serving as the league director, and Mr. Ches Alwes has volunteered labor and materials in the construction of a lighting system for the courts. And others, all committed laymen and laywomen, continue to help.

Thirdly, we began with a low-key evangelistic approach. The view of apartment ministry should be to develop relationships primarily. Patience is the key. Apartment ministry is more a long-term than a short-term venture. Our experience has been that too much of an aggressive evangelism will defeat almost any endeavor in apartment ministry. The only evangelistic tool we have at this time is our church paper. By publishing the weekly volleyball results in the paper, we are able to get into the homes of many new people. This will serve as a stepping-stone for future ministry.

The potential for ministry in our area is now beyond our comprehension. A vibrant faith in God that always innovates for His glory is what we've found to be the key to apartment ministry. It can be done in the apartments. Athletics is one way.

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### The American Bible Society Is Worth Support

While attending a briefing session at the American Bible Society in New York recently, I was reminded of an incident in our family life which still brings smiles. When Dale, our 24 year old son, was only 4 or 5 years old he exemplified the customary outlook of preachers' children.

One day after hearing about breakins and robberies of homes, he asked his mother if she was not afraid to stay home without Daddy. She reassured him by saying even thieves know preachers have little money or other valuables at home and robbers would hardly pick a preacher's house to rob. After a moment's reflection Dale said, "That's right. We don't have anything around but old Bibles and nobody wants a Bible."

He was right so far as many in this part of the world are concerned but so wrong for millions of the spiritually hungry in the world who never have read a word of the Bible in their own languages. Many cannot even read and many others use a language into which no part of the Bible has been translated.

Providing scriptures in his own language for every person in the world has been the objective of the American Bible Society since its beginning in 1816. Its success has been marvelous but its goal is still far away. At last count at least some of the Bible has been translated into 1526 languages and dialects but there are many more languages some of which are used only by small primitive tribes in remote areas of the world.

There are still 183,000,000 people on earth who cannot read and so getting scripture to them is a literacy problem as well as a translation one. What is more amazing is that seven out of eight Christians in the world now do not have the whole Bible in their own language. If this sounds unbelievable remember many portions of the Bible have been translated in hundreds of languages in which the entire Bible has not been translated.

And so the task is still stupendous. Presently there are 300 translators working on 600 translation projects and many more translation needs await. The American Bible Society distributes 250,000,000 Bibles and Bible portions each year but even at this rate many years would be needed

to translate and distribute scripture to the 3,000,000,000 people on earth today.

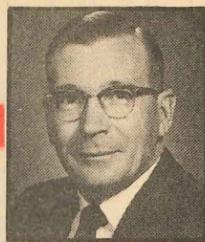
Seldom on this page is recommended any giving plan except tithes and offerings through the local church and on to the vast missionary ministries of Baptists at home and around the earth. Baptists have a challenging missionary thrust including providing the Bible in order to carry out the Great Commission and I rarely give support to outside causes.

The American Bible Society is an exception. Its objective and goals fit perfectly into our Baptist worldwide efforts. Scripture is being distributed by the Society in 150 countries including the 76 in which Southern Baptists are at work. We are natural allies and so it is no wonder Southern Baptists top the list of all denominations in financial support of the American Bible Society. Rightly we find a place on programs of associations, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention to endorse this ministry.

The primary objective of the Society and how to accomplish it sounds as Baptist as an associational sermon. Evangelism is its ultimate goal and its methods are designed to enable local churches to take the good news to every person. What could be a higher goal than to provide the Bible for every person in the world in his own language and without doctrinal comment and financial profit?

The founders of the American Bible Society believed as do its leaders today that world evangelization begins from the human side with the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his ministry described in the Bible. Baptists believe that an open Bible can be used by the Holy Spirit to bring any seeker to Jesus Christ without the help of an interpreter or a preacher. The Bible tells its own story and to provide it without doctrinal comment is a true witness.

The American Bible Society is worthy of our prayerful and financial support as individuals, churches or conventions. No gifts are more directly used to tell mankind the good news. More of the American Bible Society ministry can be learned by writing or visiting its headquarters at 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.



### And Now, Preacher Power

In past years we have heard about Black Power, Woman Power, Chicano Power and a parade of others claiming rights for their particular group. Soon Baptists will have another name to add to that growing list—Preacher Power.

As result of a "Fulfillment in Ministry Conference" held in Nashville September 18-19, Baptist ministers will be espousing their "rights" with more clarity in the months and years ahead.

This does not mean that Baptist ministers plan to organize a labor union as some clergymen in other denominations have done. Nor does it mean that preachers will withhold services to attain economic goals. Preacher power does not imply written contracts between minister and people or collective bargaining by associations.

What it does imply is a growing number of ministers are tired of the unrealistic demands placed on them by their church, community and, in some cases, their fellow church workers.

Among things called for was a manifesto outlining the rights of the pastor and his family as well as what a church can legitimately expect from its servants. A guideline for ministerial pay was asked for along with a program of help in securing a place to serve. Vocational counseling and continuing theological education were high on the list of needs mentioned by the more than 300 pastors attending.

If these needs seem overly stated, consider the pastor who gets a call late Thursday night. On the end of the line is a church member asking the pastor to take her husband his new false teeth so he can have them for his lunch break at 10:00 p.m. Is this a legitimate expectation of the minister?

Consider the pastor who too often views his fellow ministers as competitors rather than helpers. Consider the isolation and loneliness that comes when one feels that he has no one to share problems with or to support him in his work.

Consider the pastor whose mate must be wife, mother, housekeeper, entertainer and co-pastor.

#### KENTUCKY BUDGET GOAL PLEASING

Dear Editor:

My heart rejoiced at Frank Owen's report in the September 14 issue of the *Western Recorder* that our gifts state-wide through the Cooperative Program exceeded the adopted budget by \$665,896.04. To me it was not a result of

inflation, renewed interest or coincidence that this was our greatest overage ever. Nearly two years ago when the budget for this year was proposed the State Conven-

**By Bob Terry** Consider the pressure for children who **Associate Editor** are told they can or cannot do something **Western Recorder** because of the position their father holds as a minister.

**Consider the pastor who accepts a** church believing the members are committed to his care as he leads them in the Lord's service, only to find that three years has elapsed and no salary raise has been given despite gains in all of the church programs.

Consider the pastor who longs to sharpen his ministerial tools in a structured continuing education program. The church may be agreeable, but only if he pays all of his own expenses plus the supply preacher while he is away. That education is a life long experience is sometimes forgotten at budget making time.

Consider the minister who occasionally struggles with himself about what he wants to be and what he feels pressured to be by the traditions of the church he serves.

Terms like "manifesto" may evoke a negative reaction in some of us. And pay guidelines and placement aid might seem to violate the autonomy of the local church. Yet, it must be remembered that these suggestions come in the light of long standing, widespread problems, serious problems that face Southern Baptists.

Some answers must be found for the problems of ministers. An annual loss of 1,000 ordained persons a year will sap the denomination's strength. And this figure does not include the number of problem plagued pastors who choose to endure despite the hardships.

It is encouraging to note that the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee plans to bring initial recommendations about counseling of ministers in February. This is a beginning. Much more will have to be done.

Perhaps a little 'Preacher Power'—a clear articulation of the rights and responsibilities of the preacher—will help the laymen better understand the preacher as well as the preachers better understanding themselves.

tion adopted an amendment stating that 31.5 percent of all overage for this year would go to SBC causes world-wide rather than keep the overage all in Kentucky.

I feel that God has honored our world-wide faith and vision by enabling

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## People And Places

**Billy N. Siress**, minister of education and administration at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, was recently ordained. He formerly served as minister of education at Immanuel Baptist, Paducah.

**Bob W. Brown**, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Lexington, was elected Chairman of the Kentucky state school board on September 10. Brown has been on the state board since 1972.

**C. Hodge Hockensmith**, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Lexington, is now recuperating in Central Baptist Hospital. Hockensmith arrived at the Baptist hospital September 26 following a transatlantic flight from Portugal where he had been hospitalized since August 29. He is listed in fair condition by the hospital.

In Portugal he underwent surgery to place steel plates in his leg. He was struck by a motorist while walking on a Portugal street.

Hockensmith continues to suffer from compound fractures of the thigh, bruises and cuts, and a severed artery that produced blood clot problems.

As of September 30, Hockensmith was in satisfactory condition, according to Central Baptist Hospital.

**Beechmont Baptist Church** in Louisville is offering a 10 burner, two oven stove to any church or mission that will pick it up at the church. According to church administrator Lowell Lawson, the stove is in good condition. It is being replaced during a church kitchen remodeling effort. Anyone interested may contact the Beechmont church at (502) 368-5806 or write to the church at 4574 South Third Street, Louisville.

**Warren C. Hultgren**, an Oklahoma pastor and member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has been named to chair the Southern Baptist Committee on Mission Challenge.

Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will fill the post left vacant by R. J. (Jack) Robinson, who resigned recently for health purposes.

**Erwin L. McDonald**, former Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary for Christian education and retired editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, was recently designated editor emeritus of that publication. The emeritus status was granted

by a unanimous vote of the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention in Little Rock. McDonald's term as editor of the state newsmagazine was the longest in the paper's history. He served as editor from March, 1957 to January, 1972.

**G. R. Tredway**, chairman of the social science department at Campbellsville College, has been acting as a resource person for the production of a CBS television special. The program will be aired January, 1975, and will deal with constitutional rights and how they were affected by L. P. Milligan of Huntington, Indiana, during the Civil War. Tredway included a study of Milligan in his book "Democratic Opposition to the Lincoln Administration in Indiana."

**L. D. Kennedy**, chairman of Campbellsville College's department of literature, languages and library science, is included in the 1974 edition of *Contemporary Authors*. A professor who has taught courses in literature, journalism, creative writing, linguistics and communications, Kennedy is also pastor of the Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church in Taylor County. He has written numerous poems, articles and sermons for publication.



**Campbellsville College** recently promoted two faculty members H. E. Coker and Jerry Kibbons.

Coker, associate professor of Bible, was promoted to full professorship. He has served the college for eight years as both teacher and administrator.

Kibbons, assistant professor of bible and religious education, was promoted to associate professor. He also serves as co-ordinator of "In-Service Guidance" for Christian vocation students.

**Georgetown College** will show the film series "Civilization" beginning October 8. The series, narrated by Kenneth Clark, traces the cultural life of Western man from the fall of the Roman empire through the twentieth century. The 13-part series focuses on art, music, literature and history.

The "Civilization" series will be shown beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel. It will continue on each successive Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 p.m. through November 19. The public is invited.

## State Missions



FRANKLIN OWEN  
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

I have enjoyed the September state missions emphasis. I don't believe I have ever filled more scattered speaking engagements. For example, Sunday morning at Hopkinsville and night at Paducah. Again, Sunday morning at Elkhorn City and night at Lexington.

Under our Executive Board operations in behalf of the Convention are about a dozen departments of work and witness in the name of Christ. Each one has its particular thrilling stories and activities among the associations and churches and beyond them in mission outreach.

In addition to these departments directly superintended and funded by the Executive Board are the many activities handled entirely through committees of noble pastors and laymen who are willing to give such extra service. Work that could well have full-time departments but cannot because our funds won't reach that far.

Then, there are the institutions and agencies operated by the Convention through their own boards of trustees, like our three colleges and two special schools, two child care institutions, our state paper, four hospitals. These, too, are our concern. Though the Executive Board does not superintend them, it does have to do with the allocations made to all our institutions and agencies.

In all our operations we must seek two clear marks of identity. Revelation 3:7-13 indicates what they are. The Lord declared to have placed before the church at Philadelphia an "open door" of opportunity, even as we have in Kentucky an opportunity of ministry through our Baptist agencies. The Spirit declared through John, "Thou hast kept my word—Thou hast not denied my name." To me, that spells faithfulness and authenticity. It's hard for us in the modern world to remember that our first duty and calling is not necessarily to succeed but to be true to what we are. These earliest Christians were not, in their lifetime, successful, but they were faithful and they were authentic.

We want to succeed, if possible, but not through methods and manner that embarrass the name of our Lord. Even more than to succeed we want to be faithful. Above all, we must be authentic.

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY —

# New Readers Find Help In Scripture Selections

Can you imagine the frustration of staying away from Sunday School and church because you can't read the Bible and are afraid someone will call upon you to read?

This and a multitude of other dilemmas daily face over 783 million people, more than a million of whom are Americans, who lack the ability to read and write.

Scores of programs aimed at eliminating illiteracy have sprung up across the globe in recent years as societies become more technologically oriented every day.

The programs have taught people to read, but without reading material to lead them from the Dick and Jane primer level to the common, everyday language level, many lapse into functional illiteracy.

For lack of practice, the skill of reading is never really gained, never truly mastered, and therefore the ability to read is lost.

To meet this gap in reading material, the American Bible Society has initiated an ambitious program designed to help the world's new literates attain normal reading skills through a unique scripture literacy program.

"The most bruised people on this planet, the naked, the hungry, the fallen among thieves, the sick, the imprisoned in mind and the soul are the illiterates." — Frank C. Laubach, "The Silent Billions"

The \$63,000,000 project, Good News for New Readers, plans to produce and distribute 725,000,000 specially designed Good News Scripture Literacy Selections in more than 200 languages over the next 12 years.

Good News Selections are a series of 36 publications that start the new reader with simple words and short parables and stories from the life of Jesus. They then move through more structured material with deeper meanings and more complex knowledge until the new reader is able to read at the normal language level.

The short, four to eight pages, publications are printed in large type with only 10 lines or less on each page.

Large color drawings fill the remaining space on each page depicting the action described in the story.

"New readers are beyond simple primers but far short of having the skills needed to master average reading material," according to John D. Erickson, an executive secretary of the American Bible Society.

"Our aim," he added, "is to offer new readers the opportunity not only to increase their reading skills, but to do so through scripture translations specially designed to fit the needs and experiences of each group of new readers."

The selections are graded at five levels of reading, each progressively more demanding.

The first level is barely above the primer level of basic literacy training, the fifth is near the common language level of much available reading material.

"The latest count for Good News selections at the first two levels which are now in translation and distribution is 98 languages in more than 37 countries," Warner A. Hutchinson, United Bible Societies world service officer, said.

It is a proven fact that throughout the world when most people learn to read there is nothing for them to read. As a result, in some countries more than 50 percent of new readers lapse back into illiteracy.

Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the society, described the program by noting, "We are not teaching basic literacy, indeed, we are not teaching literacy at all. What we offer is a systematic series of publications that any individual and organization anywhere can use to bring increased literacy."

Good News selections have been under study for some 25 years by Bible Society officials. They have been successfully field tested for the past five years in Latin America.



New readers of all ages can use Good News selections as they move toward greater literacy. Here a woman, young girl and child all read American Bible Society material designed to increase their reading skills.

## Binkley Named Study Director For Committee Of Seven

Olin T. Binkley, retired president of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, will serve as study director for the special committee appointed to study and evaluate the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in light of Bylaw 9 of the Convention Constitution and Bylaws. This committee was also asked by the 1974 convention in Dallas to consider the matter of a name change for the convention.

In its first meeting on September 17 the committee also elected officers and adopted guidelines for its study of the two matters. Dan C. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was elected vice chairman and Harold Bennett, executive secretary of Florida Baptists, was chosen secretary. The committee chairman, C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, was named by the 1974-75 convention officers who choose the committee members.

The committee chose to call itself the Committee of 7 because its two duties could not be included in one descriptive title. It was noted with some concern that in the minds of most Baptists the name change study is its primary duty. Almost all mail received by committee members so far has dealt with the name change question. While the committee takes seriously the name change study, the original purpose

of the committee was to study and evaluate the Executive Committee of the convention. This is considered a very serious and important assignment for the committee.

Binkley, a member of the committee, was asked to do much of the groundwork for the committee due to the heavy schedule of other committee members. He will arrange personal interviews and group conferences with all Southern Baptist Convention agency heads, state secretaries, state editors, present and former Executive Committee members, pastors, laymen and other Baptist leaders.

Binkley was chosen because of the wealth of his experience and the high esteem with which he is held by Southern Baptists. Some or all other committee members will join Binkley for some of the conferences and Binkley will share his findings periodically with the rest of the committee. His chief responsibility will be the Executive Committee study and not the name change matter.

The name change study will make extensive use of opinion polls. Three separate polls are being planned. One of these is a professional and scientific poll conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The state paper editors are being requested to conduct a poll of their readers. A uniform ballot is being prepared to be offered for use in one issue of the papers. Any reader could use the ballot to register opinion on a name change and send it directly to the study committee for the cost of a stamp.

Still another poll is planned to be used only in pioneer areas of Southern Baptists. The committee feels these areas would be mostly affected by the convention name and they should receive special consideration in the study.

In the meantime all Southern Baptists are invited to express their opinions in writing on both these matters. These can be sent to the chairman, C. R. Daley, Box 43401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, or to any other member of the committee. Other members are Miss Alma Hurt, 600 N. 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203; H. H. Hobbs, 1202 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103; W. A. Criswell, 1707 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas 75201; Harold C. Bennett, 3636 Cathedral Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida; and Dan C. Grant, 1049 N. Phelps Circle, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923.



## Miss America Glorifies Jesus

The glitter of the Saturday night walk down the long runway in Atlantic City had scarcely died out when Miss America 1975 proclaimed, "I glorify Jesus for being where I am."

Shirley Cothran of Denton, Texas, a Southern Baptist, said after winning the Miss America title, "I wasn't worried about winning, but that I would do my best. I thought, 'Lord, just help me not to trip and fall and help me to do my best.'"

The new Miss America has been a Christian since she was 14 and has been a member of Sunday School at the First Baptist Church of Denton since she was "three weeks old. . .when my mother enrolled me in the cradle roll."

"My church has always been a vital dimension in my own life. I've been active in Vacation Bible School where I believe I got a lot of my fundamentals about what life is all about. . .my morals and beliefs.

"I've been active in Sunday School . . . and my church family is a very dear one to me," Miss Cothran said.

After winning only second runner-up in local beauty pageants for two years Miss Cothran felt defeated. But after examining her attitude, she said, "I found out I had not put God in the proper perspective. . .By proper perspective I mean keeping God first and myself second."

The day after she won the pageant, Miss Cothran went to Calvary Baptist Church in New York City.

"It was great to be with Christian friends there," she said.

## Pastors Acknowledge Clergy-Laity Gap Is Widening

A battery of prominent Southern Baptists acknowledged a widening gap between clergy and laity and offered a variety of suggestions for narrowing that gap during the recent "Fulfillment in Ministry" conference held at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The conference, attended by 350 persons—mostly pastors from 29 states, the District of Columbia and five foreign countries—dealt with meeting the vocational needs of Southern Baptist ministers.

Gene Garrison, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, suggested that the clergy-laity gap has been caused by the division in life between the sacred and secular.

"God never intended this to be so," Garrison pointed out. "Life is not divisible; all of life is sacred. What a man does on Monday is just as important as what he does on Sunday."

The clergy-laity gap has been widened by poor interpersonal relationships, said E. B. Bratcher, consultant on the ministry from Southern Seminary. There is a gap between clergy and laity concerning their understanding of the church, the role of the minister and basic Christian beliefs.

"Many times the minister is blamed and criticized for matters over which he has no control or responsibility," said Bratcher. "Also, most ministers are not trained in conflict management. In fact, it might be added that most ministers are afraid of conflict."

Bratcher added that he feels many ministers tend to look upon any difference of opinion as a personal affront. Therefore, when many ministers meet opposition they take it personally and become exceedingly defensive.

Layman Guy Rutland said that the minister is not looked up to as the all-knowing person on Biblical subjects and is facing more frequent questions from the laity.

In Rutland's opinion, the church is a business and must be run as a business. "The pastor and minister of education are gauged on their productivity just as I am as a layman," added the Georgia businessman. "The pastor is the leader and has to have a knowledge of how to get that productivity through the laymen."

Participants of a discussion group called "Measuring Success in Ministry," took exception to Rutland's view of the church. They agreed that far too many people measure success in numbers, using the three B's—buildings, budgets

and baptisms. They contended that the church is more than a business and that the pastor is more than just a production manager. However, this group did not clarify what the church and pastor's role are.

Continuing, Rutland turned his attention to higher education and called for a stronger foundation for pastors. This foundation would include a new curriculum in the seminaries and specific guidance in helping seminary students understand where they are, who they are and why they are there.

As a denomination, Southern Baptists need to find more ways to involve lay people in the work of the association, state conventions and Southern Baptist Convention, Rutland concluded.

In response, Ira J. Porter, chairman of the executive committee of Louisville, Kentucky Trust Bank, took issue with Rutland saying, "I'm wondering if the problem isn't a God gap rather than a clergy-laity gap. There is bound to be a difference between the clergy and laity. I can't imagine being on the same level with my pastor. There is a difference between the clergy and laity just as there is between a bank president and a bookkeeper."

Calling for the recognition of areas of responsibility by pastors and lay persons and for a sense of security for the clergy was W. Ches Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tifton, Georgia.

There is a desire for security in the call of the pastor, Smith added. He then explained, "Pastors are considered to be in a different category from other professions. An executive who gets the short end of the stick can move out and find another job, but the pastor can't. If he conveys the idea he is jockeying for another position, he's viewed as being less than Christian."

Concerning salaries, it was the consensus of the participants that pastors' salaries tend to be lower than those of the average church member. The present economic conditions tend to intensify this fact. "Many pastors and church staff members are falling further and further behind financially as inflation soars higher and higher," said George Knight, editor of *Home Life* magazine, representing the group discussing "Financial Support of the Minister."

In support of this opinion, Bratcher reported that various surveys show salaries for ministers are comparatively lower than those of individuals in other vocations that require comparable training.

The "Fulfillment in Ministry" conference, called to discuss the vocational needs of Southern Baptist ministers, was sponsored by six SBC agencies—Annuity Board, Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Seminary and Sunday School Board. (BP)

## National Bible Sunday Set For November 24

National Bible Sunday, annually sponsored by the American Bible Society, has been named "Good News Sunday" this year to emphasize the work being done around the world for new reader programs.

November 24 will kick off National Bible Week in churches of varied denominations as the 74th annual celebration of the week gets under way.

The society's program, Good News for New Readers, will keynote the week because of the urgency to provide new readers with suitable reading material.

To help churches plan their Good News Sunday observance, the Bible society is providing free program packets to all churches upon request. American Bible Society offices are at 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.



**DON'T MISS THIS**—John Wallace, center, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Lexington, and Ross Figart, associational missionary for Boone's Creek Association, talk about the Conference program with Robert Humphreys, chaplain at Veteran's Hospital in Lexington. About 20 of the conference attenders were Kentuckians.



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## Weber Challenges Blacks . . .

In the wake of a reprimand by black Baptists, Southern Baptist Convention president Jaroy Weber has offered challenges of cooperation to two black Baptist bodies.

In addresses to the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc. (NBC-USA), meeting in Buffalo, New York, and the Progressive Baptist Convention (PBC), meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, Weber extended "the hand of Southern Baptists to you to join in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the purpose of God."

The addresses came soon after the NBC-USA had scolded Southern Baptists for taking a parental stance toward relations with black Baptists.

Because he addressed the two conventions meeting in the north, Weber was unable to attend a third black Baptist convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, that of the National Baptist Convention of America (NBC-America).

"With an open Bible and an open mind, we stand ready to learn from you and others who are committed to evangelizing the world," Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, said. "I've come to challenge you to join us in trying to win America to Christ." He cited the election of a black man, Charles King of Frankfort, to a vice presidential post in the SBC, as a major step in the right direction, for white Baptists.

The NBC-USA reelected Joseph H.

Jackson, pastor of Chicago's Olivet Baptist Church, as president for the 22nd time. The NBC-USA is the world's second largest Baptist body, and the Buffalo meeting was attended by more than 20,000.

"We should not allow ourselves to be used by those who are members of movements to divide, weaken, and destroy our democracy," Jackson said in his acceptance speech. "We must reject members of our race who advocate a return to segregation and discrimination. . . . I believe America cannot exist half integrated and half segregated."

The PBC drew some 4,000 participants to its Cleveland meeting, and among the program personalities were Jesse L. Jackson of Chicago, founder of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) and Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union president Mrs. R. L. Mathis.

Jackson (Jesse) said the black church is the most stable institution to administer many federally funded programs and that it should be playing a large role in food stamp and revenue sharing efforts.

In Nashville, James Carl Sams was elected to his eighth term as president of the NBC-America. In his presidential address, he spoke of racial problems:

"Black is not more beautiful than brown or white," he said. "If you buy a car you don't sweat over the color, you raise the hood to see if a motor is there and if it is working. . . . If it is working, you can ride."



Weber

## . . . They Respond, No Thanks

The National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., after hearing Jaroy Weber's plea to join with the Southern Baptist Convention to "win America to Christ in our lifetime" unanimously turned down the proposal.

Delegates to the all-black convention meeting in Buffalo, New York, drafted a resolution rejecting "any type of relationship with any Baptist body or religious group that ignores or tends to disrespect the autonomy, the independence, the freedom, and the right of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. to determine its policies and programs."

The convention claims 6.5 million members, more than a quarter of the U.S. black population.

The resolution also asserted that the convention "does not wish to be considered or dealt with as a missionary field of any other religious groups, be they black or white."

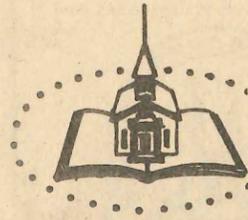
Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Convention, concluded the presentation of the resolution by urging Southern Baptists to take under consideration the changes that have taken place in the U.S. since 1845.

He referred to SBC literature written then which described the responsibility of a board of domestic missions, as an agency "instructed to take all prudent measures for the religious instruction of our colored population."

Jackson also told the black delegates, "Our convention is not rich in worldly goods, but it is too rich in self-respect, love of freedom, and a faith in ourselves and in our God to become a missionary field for any other religious body or organization."



FRIENDLY PAUSE  
Mrs. R. L. Mathis, right, president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, talks with her counterpart, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, president of Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention of America. The presidents met at the national black group gathering in Nashville, Tennessee.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for October 6, 1974)

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

# Discipline And Forgiveness

### II Corinthians 1:15-18

In all sincerity Paul had announced his intention of making a trip to Corinth. Not foreseeing all the circumstances connected with the fulfillment of his noble intention, and unable to predetermine the will of God in detail, Paul had not given due consideration to the fact that it might become advisable for him to change his plans. Later, when he received the impression that it was the Lord's will for him to change his plans and to postpone the accomplishment of his purpose, Paul did so without any hesitation, not anticipating that such action might afford his character. A few within the church at Corinth charged Paul with fearfulness, vacillation, duplicity, dishonesty, insincerity, and unreliability, but the fact that he had changed his mind with reference to the timing of his visit with them did not indicate that he was fickle or dishonest.

Having spent 18 happy and profitable months with the Corinthians, it is easy to understand why Paul had complete confidence in their willingness to understand his motives for postponing his intended and previously announced visit with them. Moreover, Paul had shown them the courtesy of informing them in advance that existing circumstances had made it advisable for him to change his plans and to postpone his visit. Furthermore, the change in plans would enable him to visit them twice instead of once, which should have meant to be a "double pleasure."

Their challenge of Paul's veracity and reliability was born of maliciousness. Their argument was to the effect that if you cannot trust the veracity of the man you cannot believe his message. Had they been able to prove the charge which they leveled against Paul, such proof would have had a disastrous effect on his ministry. Deeply grieved because of their false accusations and charges, Paul proceeded to deny them strongly, and to declare that he had been justified in altering his plans. Paul informed his

listeners that his character was a product of the ever faithful God.

### II Corinthians 1:23 — 2:11

What had transpired in his own soul was without human witness, so Paul called upon God to bear witness for him as to why he changed his plans. The reason for the delay was due to his desire to spare the members of the church. If their interest had been served best by his getting to them promptly, Paul would have gone immediately. His visit at the time which he had intended would have entailed severe disciplinary measures. Paul told them that his joy was not in coming to them with the rod of correction. It was his desire to avoid disciplining them, not that they might prolong their abuses, but that they might be inclined to correct them of their own volition. At least, Paul wanted to avert the exercise of his apostolic authority in

disciplining his wayward converts.

There were occasions on which it was necessary for Paul to rebuke evil-doers, but it was his practice to use severity and rebuke sparingly, or only in those cases when there was nothing else for him to do. Paul's aim was to help or to bring about the transformation of those who had pursued the wrong course. Because of his great love for those who did wrong, Paul wrote, said, and did what he fully believed was for their good.

Paul could not bring himself to the place where he was willing to return to Corinth with grief in his own heart. He was hoping to go after his heart had been relieved. When the church had disciplined his children in the Christian faith and the penitent had received forgiveness, Paul rejoiced. He wanted them to have complete restoration to fellowship.

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To worship means to attribute worth to an object. Whatever receives one's first allegiance is what he worships. The act of worshipping God is the inestimable privilege and solemn duty of man. God's desire for our true worship of Him is expressed in Psalm 107:8, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Worship is something that we owe to God.

When one worships he waits in his presence in reverence, gratitude, adoration, and praise. Any man who does not worship God accepts a low rating for himself, dwarfs his life, misses life's highest and best, and fails to give God his rightful place in his life. True worship of God elevates life and guarantees greater achievements.

### II Chronicles 5:7-10

With a work force of 180,000 men, Solomon was seven and one-half years in building the temple in Jerusalem. It was his desire that this great structure should be a constant reminder to those who gazed upon it that God was far greater than any other god. When the temple was finished, Solomon commanded the elders, the heads of the tribes, and the princes of the fathers to bring the ark into the newly-constructed edifice. In the ark were the stone tablets on which were inscribed the Ten Commandments. The ark was a symbol of God's presence among His people.

### II Chronicles 5:11-14

After they had placed the ark in the holy of holies, the priests came out of the

temple. They were joined by the singers "arrayed in fine linen," and by 120 trumpeters, all of whom led the people in their worship service. The people were overwhelmed. Upon leaving the service the worshipers were aware that they had been in the immediate presence of God. The theme of their worship was, "He is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." God expressed His mercy by withholding punishment from those who had merited it. Even though it was their task to offer sacrifices to God on behalf of the people and to represent them before God, the priests were so overshadowed by the majestic presence of the Lord that they "could not stand to minister."

### II Chronicles 7:12-14

After the dedication of the temple to God, Solomon uttered a remarkable prayer in which there was a distinct recognition and acknowledgment of the fact that God's people sin, and that chastisement for correction will follow their sins. Solomon also made it known that God has made adequate provision for the forgiveness of sin.

God came to Solomon at night, when all was quiet, and graciously informed him that He had chosen the temple as His dwelling place among his people, and that is an appropriate place for them to make their sacrifices unto Him.

In verses 13 and 14 I see two important things:

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"Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." God cannot hear our prayers unless we pray, He will not forgive our sins until we confess them and turn from them, and until then we cannot expect Him to heal our land.

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Dear Editor:

I give full support to an appropriate name change to the Southern Baptist Convention. The name is honorable, the work has been great, but there are limitations, especially if maintained for sentiment.

As a chaplain in the Air Force, I sense the subtle and not so subtle hindrances in my world-wide preaching. One's identity must be explained, then justified, and only then can a witness be shared—if anyone is left to hear.

Let us be proud of our past, but not tied to it. Let us open every door for God to "do His thing" now and in the future.

Several good names have been proposed. I do not have a new one. However, I pray for you and the committee as you consider the one most appropriate.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Editor:

One of the first official acts of a small body of Christians gathered in Augusta, Georgia, in May 1845 was to declare: "This body shall be styled the Southern Baptist Convention."

That name, given at the outset by less than 300 determined Baptists, has taken on meanings far beyond the boldest expectations of that little handful.

It has meant missions—at home and abroad. Two boards, made strong by deliberate purpose, have ever moved forward to this missionary thrust.

It has signified evangelism. The fervent zeal to win souls has been the heartbeat of its people.

It has defined doctrine. Methods and literature have made clear the certainty of God's gracious purposes.

It has stood for a trained ministry, through six seminaries for advanced study. It has signified the support of the ministry, even into the senior years of retirement.

Today the Southern Baptist Convention is the world-wide endeavor of God's people to "elicit, combine and direct" their total energies for the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth and to the end of time.

Verily, that name given to them in 1845 has meaning accumulated in their eventful history. It is significant as an identification of their present far-flung scope.

All of these deep meanings in that good name are essential now in consideration of the proposal of change.

Nashville, Tenn. Joe W. Burton

### Read Western Recorder

## Churches Feel Bite Of Inflation

Many Baptist churches starting building programs are feeling the bite of inflation, according to Robert H. Kilgore, director of the division of church loans.

Soaring interest rates and a shortage of loanable money has doubled loan inquiries at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The board makes loans totaling some \$10 million to about 250 churches annually.

In the past the HMB has been able to grant approximately 20 percent of all loan requests. But in light of the increased number of inquiries, the board is being forced to consider how to set priorities and how to restrict loans.

Churches that have ordinarily received

local financing for new buildings or remodeling are finding that no money is available locally.

The HMB has been able to keep interest rates at 8.5 percent because of commitments made more than a year ago. But those commitments have been exhausted and the next borrowing will cost 11.5 percent.

Not only are interest rates up and money hard to find, but construction costs have spiraled. "It wasn't long ago when we could figure on about \$15 to \$18 a square foot for church construction," Kilgore said. "Recently one church got an estimate at \$45 and another at \$65."

Many churches or contractors are even having difficulty in getting construction bonds. The companies issuing the bonds don't have any idea about the final cost. Bonds are insurance that guarantees the church will get the building constructed for the cost agreed upon.

They are reluctant to issue a contract with inflation as it is unless there is a good margin for error.

Kilgore offered this advice to churches going into a building program: Build only what is absolutely necessary and make the building for multiple uses. . . . Be sure to get a bonded contractor and make sure you have detailed plans before ground is broken. All costs have gone up but churches compound the problem with changes in plans after a building is begun."

## Baptists Send Aid To Honduras Hurricane Victims

"The worst hurricane to strike the coast of Honduras this century" has resulted in almost 4,000 confirmed deaths and has left an estimated 50,000 homeless.

Responding to this tragedy the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has released \$5,000 of relief funds to be used in part for medical supplies.

Baptist missionaries in Honduras and hard hit Guatemala were reported safe. Honduras missionary men were busy helping with relief efforts in San Pedro Sula.

W. David Harms, missionary physician in Honduras, worked with the government by helping disaster victims waiting to be picked up by helicopters.

Efforts to get immediate medical help to many were hampered by storm damage to highways. Also, helicopters

from the Panama Canal Zone were delayed in arriving in Honduras because of the storm's intensity.

Damage to Baptist churches and injury to church members has not been determined. However, Mrs. David Harms said only 14 houses were left standing on the Island of Utila.

Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Missions Board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said relief funds can be channeled through the Foreign Missions Board. The funds will be directed to the missionaries in Honduras for use in relief efforts.

## Challenge Made to Read Bible

Southern Baptists are being challenged to read the entire Bible in a 12 month period beginning October 1, 1974.

"Read the Bible Through in 1974-75," a plan designed by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be implemented through churches and church leaders.

Church members will find outlines for daily Bible readings in 22 Sunday School periodicals, including most teachers' and adult members' quarterlies.

Two devotional magazines, *Open Windows* for adults and *Encounter!* for youth, along with *Home Life* will carry both the devotional readings and the scripture references for reading the Bible through. The devotional passage will be part of the larger reading for each day.

Items prepared for use in promoting and conducting the effort in a church include Read the Bible Through streamers, to post throughout the church building; Read the Bible Through commitment slips, to sign up people to participate; Read the Bible Through bookmarks, to be given to people when

they agree to do the reading, with a place on the back to keep an individual record; Read the Bible Through stickers, to be used in the home as a daily reminder to read the Bible; and Read the Bible Through certificates, to be awarded at the close of the year to persons who complete the reading.

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## Posthumous Award—

# Japan Emperor Honor Garrott

W. Maxfield Garrott, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan who died in June while home on furlough, has received the highest honor awarded a non-citizen from Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

Garrott, who died following open heart surgery in a Winston-Salem, North Carolina, hospital June 25, had been nominated for the "Third Order of Merit" award prior to his furlough. The Third Order is the highest form of recognition conferred by the Emperor to non-citizens.

Nomination was made by the executive committee of the board of trustees for Seinan Gakuin (the Baptist university in Fukuokd, Japan), in hopes that the award would be presented to Garrott upon his



Garrott

return. Due to his untimely death, a posthumous recognition ceremony took place September 16 in Japan.

The work and ministry of Garrott in Japan was to have entered its 41st year this fall under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His widow, Dorothy Carver Garrott, has returned to Japan for the burial of her husband's ashes and to continue for the present her portion of the mission efforts there.

Mrs. Garrott is a former Kentuckian and the daughter of W. O. Carver, long-time professor of missions at Southern Seminary.

Actual approval for awarding the honor took place on the same day Garrott died, and only a few hours before, though he had no knowledge of it. The presentation was made in the form of a formal document containing the seals of heads of state in Japan, and accompanied by a

ruby-studded medallion. The document reads the following (in Japanese, of course):

"His Majesty the Emperor of Japan invests William Maxfield Garrott, American citizen, with the Third Order of Merit with the Order of the Sacred Treasure. Sealed with the Great Seal of State at the Imperial Palace on the twenty-fifth day of June in the forty-ninth year under the reign of His Majesty."

## Guinn to Join Seminary Faculty

G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana, since 1951, will become professor of Christian preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville effective February 1.

Guinn, a native Mississippian, was pastor of First Baptist Churches in Sterlington, Jennings and Bossier City, Louisiana, and was chairman of the department of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, before assuming the presidency at Louisiana College, his alma mater.

He holds the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prominent as a preacher throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, Guinn has led special preaching weeks at Midwestern and Southeastern Baptist Seminaries and was co-author of *Southern Baptist Preaching*, published in 1959.

The veteran college administrator is immediate past chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission. In 1970-71 he was president of the Association of Southern Baptist College and Schools. He is currently president of the Louisiana Foundation for Private Colleges and is a member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.



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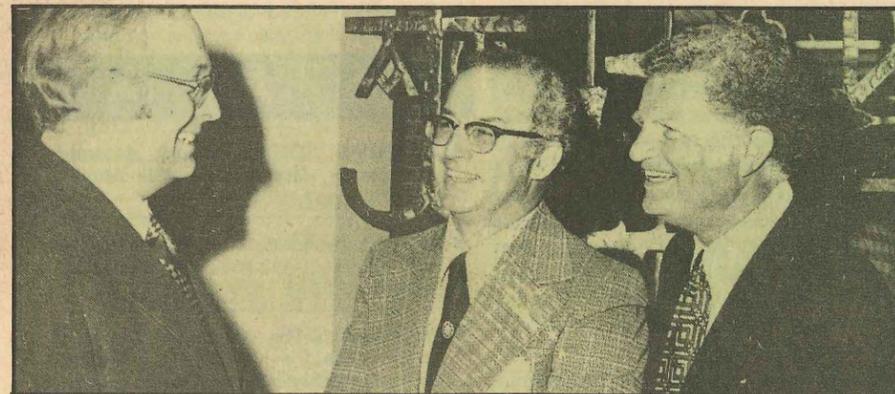
## Graham Team Celebrates Anniversary

The Billy Graham Crusade recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its first exposure to television in a Hollywood, California, meeting.

In a three day crusade sponsored by *Christianity Today* magazine and Hollywood area churches, the Graham Crusade team remembered a night in a Los Angeles tent meeting in 1949 when a TV cameraman took a few feet of film for television viewing.

Conducted in Hollywood Bowl, the recent meetings featured Graham's preaching, the direction of the crusade team, and visits by several dignitaries. Among them was Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian missionary whose life story has been filmed for release soon.

All offerings at the Hollywood Bowl crusade above expenses have been designated for famine relief throughout the world.



**BROADCASTING CONSULTANTS**—Kentucky pastors Curtis Warf of Pikeville [left] and W. Webb of Marion [center] chat with Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Warf and Webb were attending the SBC's first broadcasting consultation seminar in Fort Worth, where conferences were designed to meet the needs of churches using radio or television. More than 70 pastors and laymen from throughout the SBC attended the event.