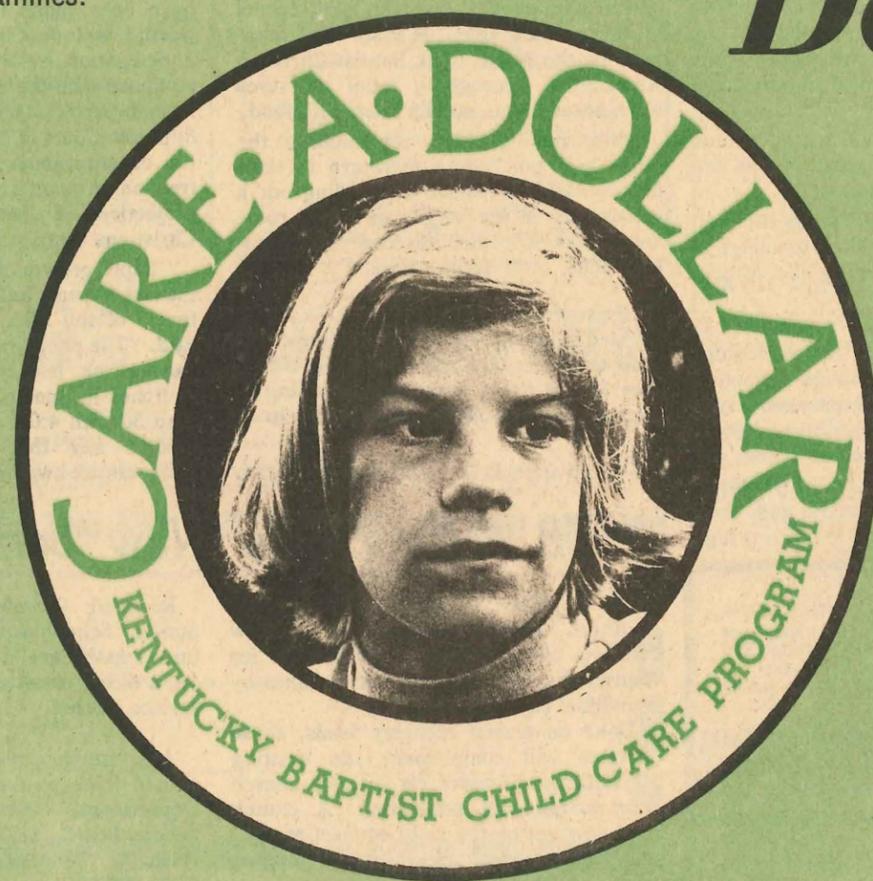


What Will

Really not very much by itself. However, when you put dollars together, a great deal can be done. That is why during these inflationary times we are asking each Kentucky Baptist to care enough about this ministry to share at least one dollar. When you look at the total combined effort of all Kentucky Baptists, the potential for a real impact in the area of meeting needs for children and youth from really troubled family situations, is tremendously exciting.

Kentucky Baptists have through the years been present to the needs of the children and families of this state. This coming year is no less important. If every Kentucky Baptist will give at least a dollar, some really good things can happen for children and their families.



A Dollar Do ?

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Alumni, Others Plan Luncheons

Plans are complete for the alumni association dinner meetings of three seminaries at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, November 12-14, at Paducah. All alumni meetings will be held on Wednesday.

Kentucky alumni of New Orleans Baptist Seminary will meet at 12:00 noon at the West End Baptist Church in Paducah. Eugene Fleming, pastor of the First church, Franklin, is the president of the alumni group.

Southern Baptist Seminary alumni will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Jaycee Civic Center in Paducah. George Beasley-Murray will be the featured speaker. David Bratcher, pastor of the First church, Henderson, is president of the association. Tickets can be obtained at the Beasley-Murray Southern Seminary booth.



Beasley-Murray

Southwestern Baptist Seminary alumni will meet at 12:00 noon at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Paducah. Jack Terry, dean of the school of religious education at Southwestern, will be the featured speaker. Earl Shoemaker, superintendent of missions for Western Union Baptist Association, is president of the seminary's alumni group.



Terry

On Tuesday, November 12, an annuitant's luncheon will be sponsored by the annuity department. It will be held at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Paducah. Baynard F. Fox, vice president, development, research and training will represent the SBC Annuity Board at the luncheon. A bus will be provided from the First Baptist Church to Holiday Inn.

Dallas Sets New Record

The 18,000 member First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, registered 10,278 in Sunday School attendance on October 6.

This record attendance concluded a week long promotion and an observation of pastor W. A. Criswell's 30th anniversary.

Present Sunday School enrolment is 10,600, reported Herschel Creasman, First Baptist Church's education director who formerly served at Walnut Street Baptist in Louisville.

The church's previous one-Sunday high was 7,669. The offering for the day included \$230,035 in undesignated receipts and \$88,000 in designated funds.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"That was a timely sermon on the widow's mite! It helped make up my mind on the amount of our pledge!"

DEVOTIONAL



Roy Carlton
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Middletown

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord . . . My Soul is continually in my hand."
Psalms 119:108-109

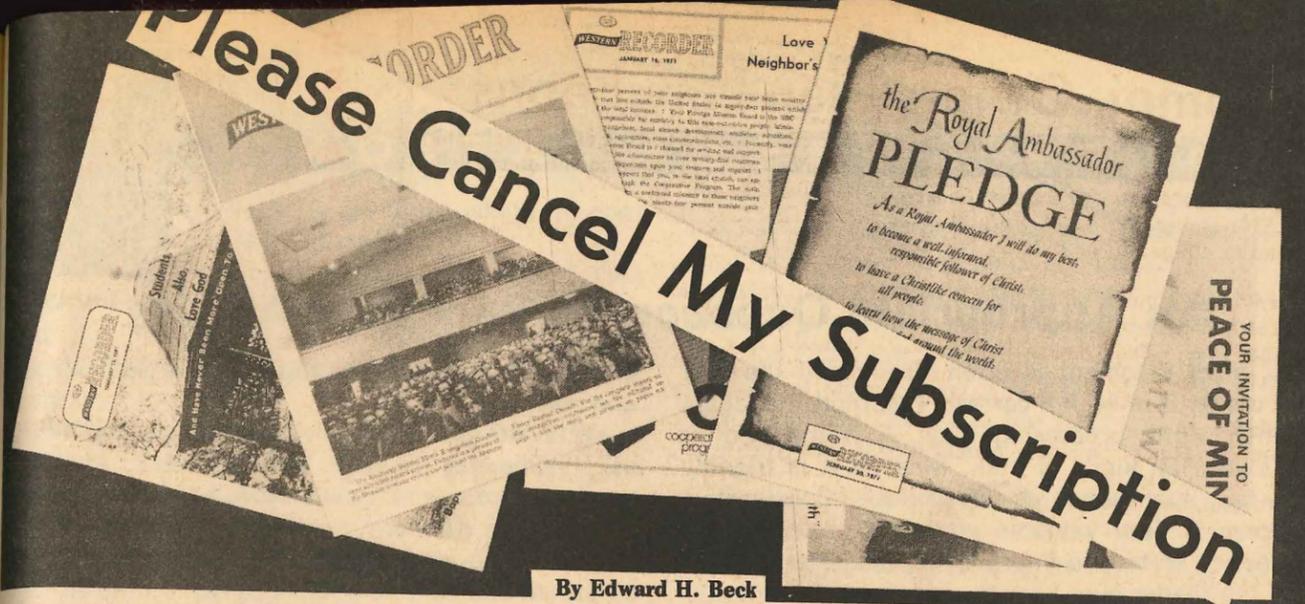
Has it ever occurred to you that God would not accept your offering? Evidently the Psalmist has learned that some offerings were not acceptable to God. That God would be just as apt to say "no thank you" as He would to say "thank you." He had learned that man does not give God anything. Rather, man offers God his gifts with the understanding they may not be acceptable.

In the day of the large commitment for extensive facilities, growing congregation and world-wide ministry the real reason for "making and offering" can be overshadowed by the ever increasing concern for the total amount. This kind of concern fosters the attitude, "God is just waiting for anything I may choose to give Him." But God is not fooled by our generosity. He sees the intent of the heart and knows the difference between a "freewill offering" and a "pay off."

The Psalmist knew this. He had probably tried to pay God off for years with every gift his mind could conceive, only to find after each attempt his gift was not acceptable. The offerings, the rejections went on and on until the Psalmist had nothing left to give. He finally stood before God with nothing but his unhappy life in his hand. Then he offered even that. God accepted it!

The Psalmist has taught us a valuable lesson—God only accepts those offerings which are first preceded by the offering of self. Reconciliation to God becomes the key that opens the way to acceptable giving.

Each of us stands before God with our souls continually in our hands. We may extend them toward God as "living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God," (Romans 12:1), or we may choose to clutch them tightly against ourselves as a possession. When we first offer our souls, then God will also have our possessions.



By Edward H. Beck

" . . . And finally, I think that editorial was a bunch of rubbish. You certainly do not speak for me and for many other members of our church . . . Don't send me your publication any more."

Do such comments express your feelings toward your religious periodical? If so, ask yourself three questions before you cancel your subscription: (1) What is my objection? (2) Can I afford to be without this publication? (3) How can I get my point across?

The Objection

Does your criticism have merit or is it a superficial emotional reaction? Write your complaint. This will help you to get specific.

Are you upset about just one opinion in one article? Try to learn the general thrust of the magazine by scanning several complete issues. Perhaps the editorial stance is different from what you think.

Is the periodical merely reporting something you dislike, rather than commending it? It is not fair to blame an editor for distasteful news which he feels necessary to report so that you may keep informed.

Is your objection to the way an opinion is presented? Study the periodical to find out whether more than one side of an issue is shown.

On the positive side, think through what you really want from the publication. Perhaps other valuable features in it offset the item that bothers you.

The Cost of Ignorance

Second, can you afford to cancel your subscription? A printed periodical is a valuable means of communication. Information can be clipped and saved for later use. More depth coverage of issues is possible through the printed media than can be broadcast over television. You can carry your periodical wherever you wish and read it at your convenience.

Perhaps there are serious shortcomings with your religious periodical. Can you think of another publication that can provide the information you want in place of your religious newspaper or magazine? Secular newspapers can only provide

brief, general coverage of denominational news without taking a particular religious stance.

By refusing to read what may occasionally displease you, you will be at a disadvantage when conversing with other people who do read your periodical.

Even if you dislike your publication's slant, it is wise to get more than one opinion about events and issues.

How To Persuade

Third, if you feel that you have an important opinion at variance with that of the editor of your periodical, tell him about it in a letter. Make your letter brief, factual, and relevant.

It is only common courtesy to tell an editor why you are dissatisfied. Just to cancel your subscription or to let it expire without any explanation is like turning your back and walking away from someone who is speaking to you.

The editor wants to hear from you. Because only a few readers bother to write, your letter will carry extra weight.

If your objection involves misinformation in the periodical, you owe it to other readers to try to correct the situation. Let your editor know. He wants to be accurate.

Finally, this religious periodical that you dislike is really a valuable potential tool for your cause. You can make it into an important forum to gain support from other readers.

If your letter to the editor is written thoughtfully, he will probably print it, even if it disagrees with his own views.

Is not this the democratic way: to try to change something constructively, instead of trying to destroy it or running away from it?

If you are critical of your religious periodical, this may be an indirect compliment to the editor. At least he is challenging you to think!

But no publication is perfect. Your constructive reaction can help the editor to "zero in" on issues that matter. You can help him to do the kind of objective reporting that is journalism at its best.

So think twice about cancelling your subscription. You may want to renew it instead.

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

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An Appropriate Question To Be Asked Always

A snap judgment is often wrong and the first impression is often not correct. I learned this again recently while processing mail. A Baptist editor can expect all kinds of mail. Most of it is friendly and fair even when it is critical. Constructive criticism is very valuable and much appreciated. An editor is helped more by a reader's reaction than the reader ever knows.

So it was recently when I was trying to work through a stack of accumulated mail. My eyes fell on the back page of an earlier issue of the *Western Recorder* which had been returned with one question written across the page. The question was, "Where is Jesus?"

The story over which the question was written happened to be one in which I had a personal involvement. I reacted personally and defensively and proceeded to dictate an answer that would set the reader straight. When my wise secretary began to transcribe my reply, she pointed out what I had overlooked. The same question was written across all 16 pages of the issue.

My attitude changed and subsequently I learned the reader was not being critical but was friendly and sincerely concerned for the spiritual impact of every page of the *Western Recorder*. Then the question which had aroused my hostility became a haunting question driving me to a meaningful self-examination.

I realized again that in the rush and distractions of our daily lives it is easy to forget who we really are and what the primary purpose in life is. All who are genuine Christians are witnesses for

A Big Man For Big Shoes

No leader for any agency of the Southern Baptist Convention was ever more universally and enthusiastically endorsed than Dr. Grady Cothen for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. As a pastor, state executive secretary, Baptist college president and Baptist seminary president he has demonstrated abilities

Christ. His will and purpose become our purpose and way.

It is fitting, then, in every experience of life to ask, "Where is Jesus?" This applies to the work we do each day and by which we earn the needs of physical life. If there is no place for Jesus in our work, it is no place for us. The same goes for our conversations and relationships with others. This doesn't mean his name has to be called in every conversation. Sometimes Jesus is not present even though we call his name and sometimes he is very present without his name being audibly spoken.

The final question to be asked about every Sunday School lesson, every sermon, every letter and every editorial is, "Where is Jesus?" If he cannot be found, we should start over. I confess when I go back to read what I have written through the years I tremble in search of Jesus and his gentle spirit.

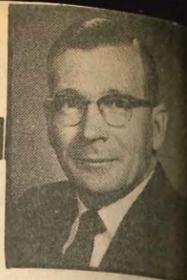
In preparing for a preaching assignment one of the questions I often ask myself is, "What will the congregation think?" And in riding home after preaching I try to evaluate the spoken and silent responses of the congregation. This is mostly vanity and reflects my desire to be approved more than a desire to exalt Jesus Christ.

In preparing and evaluating my preaching and writing from now on I am determined to ask first, "Where is Jesus?"

Thanks, friend. I have never seen you but your scribbling one question on every page of the *Western Recorder* has been used to search my soul. I recommend the same question to every reader of these words.

and insights equal to those seen in the most able Baptist leaders of any era.

In his preparation to assume full leadership responsibility at the Sunday School Board next February, he has been visiting all the state convention offices to hear suggestions and reactions from state Baptist leadership. His visit with



The Kentucky Baptist denominational leadership strongly reinforced the already high estimates of him and his philosophy of Baptist leadership.

This man has a sincerity and openness which prevents any impression he ever gives any answer because he knows it is what those asking want to hear. Nor does he ask for an input which he does not hear carefully and sincerely.

The one salient conviction of Grady Cothen which always comes through loudly and clearly is that the hope of Southern Baptists lies in the honest study and teaching of the Bible and fidelity to its teaching.

Nothing can be more important for the future of Southern Baptists than such a conviction. The Baptist Sunday School Board is by far the most influential human force in Southern Baptist life. People ultimately are a product of what they read and about 99 percent of what Baptists read in

reference to Biblical revelation is produced by the Sunday School Board.

Our hope lies in faithfulness to the inspired word of God. How to be faithful to the written word of God without worshiping the Bible is hard for some Baptists. There is no place for a mechanical view of inspiration which exalts the scriptures above the Lord of the scriptures. We worship Jesus Christ, the revealed Word; not the Bible, the written word. We believe, revere and love the Bible because it points us to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as the only hope for us as sinners. In the Bible we also find the teachings of Jesus we are to follow as believers.

Southern Baptists can be comforted concerning our future as long as we are faithful to Jesus Christ, we believe and obey the Bible and we have such leaders as Grady Cothen.

BAPTIST FORUM



CALL FOR CONVENTION ACTION

Dear Editor:

The messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention should write and pass a resolution calling for a Right to Life Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

When a terrible abomination like abortion (legalized murder) is approved by the government, it causes people to close their eyes and ears to the truth and to harden their hearts. They become conditioned, they adapt, they no longer recognize it as sin.

We see this hardening of the heart process taking place in America today, and because of it the judgment of God hangs heavy over our country.

The abortion abomination and other immorality is why America is like a man mired down in quicksand, trying to get out, only to sink deeper and going from one disaster to another. "Shall I not visit for these things saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" (Jeremiah 5:9).

A right to life amendment will be a step back toward decency and goodness for America; a right to life resolution will at least put Kentucky Baptists on the right side of the issue.

Taylorsville, Ky. William R. Hagan

COMMENDS ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the article written on "Cheap Grace, Bad Policy,"

(*Western Recorder*, October 12). I believe C. R. Daley is not biased or prejudiced in this article or in any of his writings. As for Watergate, many people don't want to hear that name mentioned.

I think President Ford was out of line in pardoning Mr. Nixon who has never admitted his guilt nor been tried before a jury. Evidence shows by his resignation and the tapes he is guilty and should admit it to the American people.

As a Christian I can forgive and if Mr. Nixon would have gone before the Ervin Committee and admitted his guilt, I believe the American people would have forgiven him. Instead he went on television and lied to the people about the cover up. Mr. Nixon said in his resignation he had made mistakes. His was not made in the spur of the moment. They were premeditated, planned and carried out.

Before I could become spiritually free before God I had to come in full repentance and faith in God. Then I received a full and free pardon. I believe Mr. Kendall and Mr. Langley were wrong in their view of this situation.

Ashland, Ky. Mrs. C. G. Lowry

MORE KUHLMAN DISCUSSION

Dear Editor:

I feel it was a mistake for *Western Recorder* to publish the article on Kathryn Kuhlman. Dr. Nolan has taken every opportunity he can to destroy her ministry. Miss Kuhlman tells she doesn't

know why God allows the healings in her services. She is also the first to admit God had called a man for this ministry. The man didn't accept God's call so God then called her. It is very apparent Dr. Nolan doesn't believe in the power of our Lord.

As a Southern Baptist I was taught Jesus was the Great Physician. In the New Testament we see that Jesus spent the better part of his ministry healing the sick. The Bible gives us instructions about what to do for the sick. Read Matthew 10:7-8 and James 5:14-16.

Please let me make myself clear. I believe in doctors, hospitals and nurses. God healed me through the ministry of a Christian doctor. I was very sick three years ago and I had an operation. I asked God to heal me because my family needed me. (I have four children.) Two weeks later I drove the car and was Christmas shopping.

I have never been healed in a Kathryn Kuhlman service but I do support her ministry. The doctors can cut, put together or add to our bodies but it's God who heals us.

Bethlehem, Ky. Mary Euker

Dear Editor:

I have just read the two Forum letters entitled "Kuhlman Reaction" in the October 26 issue of *Western Recorder*.

I have felt for sometime I should like to

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Brownsville Church Marks 100th

The Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church celebrated 100 years of ministry on October 20. Speaker for the special occasion was R. B. Hooks, a former Brownsville pastor who is retired and lives in Bowling Green.

A history of the church was written by Ruth Lindsey for the special occasion. The first recorded minutes of the church revealed that a special called meeting of the United Baptist Church of Brownsville took place on August 15, 1874. The church used the county court house many years for its meetings. The next meeting place was a building given along with land by two brothers: R. C. Hazelip and William Hazelip. The first building constructed for exclusive use by the church was in 1909.

A two story educational building was erected in 1940 and the present beautiful sanctuary was constructed in 1965. The Brownsville congregation is known for its generosity in mission gifts and for its pastors who have moved on to prominent places in Baptist life. The present pastor is James Parker, a Clear Creek graduate. The associate pastor is Grant Minton, who plans to continue his training in a seminary. Church membership now is 287.

Among the interesting things found by Mrs. Lindsey and included in her history was the salary of pastor Joseph Duggins in 1887. The salary for the whole year was \$25 and the offering on the first Sunday he preached was 75 cents.

October Giving Exceeds 1973

National Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget receipts for October — the first month in the 1974-75 fiscal year — exceeded the October, 1973, total by more than \$240,000.

The Cooperative Program receipts, funneled by Southern Baptist churches through 33 state Baptist conventions covering 50 states, totaled \$3,132,304 for this October, according to figures released by John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

That total represents a 15.66 percent — or \$424,216 — increase over the previous

October and amounts to approximately one-third of total Cooperative Program receipts received by state conventions. The remaining two-thirds goes to state convention supported missions ministries.

Designated giving to causes of the SBC, the nation's largest Protestant evangelical denomination, showed a dramatic 67.42 percent increase over the same month in 1973, rising \$162,965 from the \$241,719 given last October to \$404,684 given this October.

Total national Cooperative Program and designated giving for October increased 19.91 percent over last October, rising from \$2,949,807 to \$3,536,988. That represents a \$587,181 increase. (BP)

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts FOR THE MONTH CLOSING OCTOBER 25, 1974

	1974	1973
Cooperative Program Receipts (Oct.)	\$480,372.04	\$427,300.43
Goal to date this year	800,000.00	750,000.00
To date this convention year	738,858.59	681,490.39
Under goal	61,141.41	68,509.61
To date this time last year	681,490.39	502,986.71
Increase	57,368.20	178,503.68
Percentage increase	8.42%	35.49%
NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL	\$400,000.00	

Close Look



FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

The 1975 Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cooperative Program is already seeing a mighty effort on the part of Southern Baptists to get the people to take another close look at his marvelous plan of world mission giving and allocation. I believe the closer the people can be persuaded to look, the better they will like it and the more they will appreciate this as the best means for our sharing with the world the message and work of Christ. In fact, I believe this is already happening.

A letter today from Porter Routh, Southern Baptist chief executive, thanks Kentucky Baptists for \$1,627,286.00 of our Cooperative gifts that went beyond Kentucky borders. This is an increase of 18.85 percent over the previous fiscal year and is, therefore, rather appreciably more than the inflation rate that we have suffered. (We've received letters of thanks from all the Southern Baptist Convention agencies for the advance.) There are increasing signs that Kentucky Baptists are looking seriously and appreciatively at our opportunities through the Cooperative Program and we are thus playing a greater part in world missions, both at home and beyond our borders.

Don't forget Operation One as a central thrust in the special effort to honor this 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, worthily, with a great increase.

The goal is simple, the goal is realistic. The kind of goal that could be met. Our many "littles" would make a mighty advance. The goal is to persuade every Southern Baptist church to do its best to increase the Cooperative Program portion of offerings at least one percent. I repeat, it could be. It is not unreasonable. It is sensible. It would make a mighty Jubilee.

Look again at that Cooperative Program. It can stand close inspection. The closer you look the more you will like it. Keep it before the people from now through JUBILEE in 1975.

Frank Owen

WESTERN RECORDER

Discuss Shared Tasks Educators, Administrators

Theological educators from the six Southern Baptist Convention supported seminaries and the administration of the SBC Foreign Mission Board met recently in a historic gathering to focus on their mutual responsibilities for world-wide dissemination of the Christian gospel.

The dialogue, hosted by the Richmond, Virginia, headquartered board, represented the first such meeting of the two groups in the 129 year history of the SBC.

Duke McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, stressed the significance of the meeting by referring to those in attendance. "If you want to know how important we regard this meeting," he said, "just look around." All six seminary presidents, representative deans and missions professors were present.

The Foreign Mission Board's desire for input toward the development of new approaches for the remaining 25 years of the century was the particular challenge at the meeting, according to Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's mission support division.



MONETARY GIFT TO COLLEGE—William R. Ellison, Sr., of Jellico, Tennessee, recently presented a \$1,000 check to Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell. The gift is the first of a \$5,000 addition to the college student scholarship fund. The check, according to Ellison, is an expression of his desire to help students in the Jellico and Campbell County area.

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"Few people in Southern Baptist life have more involvement with the missionary task than you," Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, told the seminary participants. "All doors are open. The closets are open. Let's probe together into this task and share our common insights."

Fletcher, who coordinated the historic meeting, said discussions on the nature and manifestations of God's call to missionary service, the challenge of preparing potential missionaries through seminary education, strategic problems facing the Foreign Mission Board the next 25 years and continuing education of the missionary dominated the two-day event.

"There was a remarkably open and frank discussion on all points," Fletcher said. "The diversities without our ranks were evident, but they served only to enhance the basic unity which undergirded the whole group."

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, led the board's seven administrative area secretaries in briefing

the seminary professors on the overseas situation.

"We want you to have a behind-the-scene look at the task as we are now attempting it with 2,579 missionaries in 81 countries," Crawley stated.

Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, opened the discussion of the seminary's role in preparing missionaries. "We can do a better job," he said, "but we need your help and commitment to our role in the missionary task."

In an evening discussion dealing with future directions of both the seminaries and the foreign missions task, McCall and Cauthen shared their own thoughts with the group about the next 25 years. McCall dealt with trends in seminary education, as well as particular challenges, while Cauthen dealt with world developments which will encroach upon Southern Baptist witness in the years ahead. (BP)

Dream Comes True For Two Women

When Ethel Bubu enrolled at Cumberland College in Williamsburg recently, a dream had materialized for more than just one person.

Miss Bubu, the first recipient of the Ethel Harmon Memorial Scholarship to Cumberland, is from Ibadan, Nigeria. Her father, Joseph Bubu, worked as a typist and secretary for Miss Harmon while she was in Nigeria.

After Miss Harmon, a native of Corbin, retired after 34 years and returned to her Kentucky home from Ibadan, she received a letter from Miss Bubu's father. In the letter he asked if Miss Harmon might help his daughter get into college in the United States. She wanted to be a doctor, the letter said.

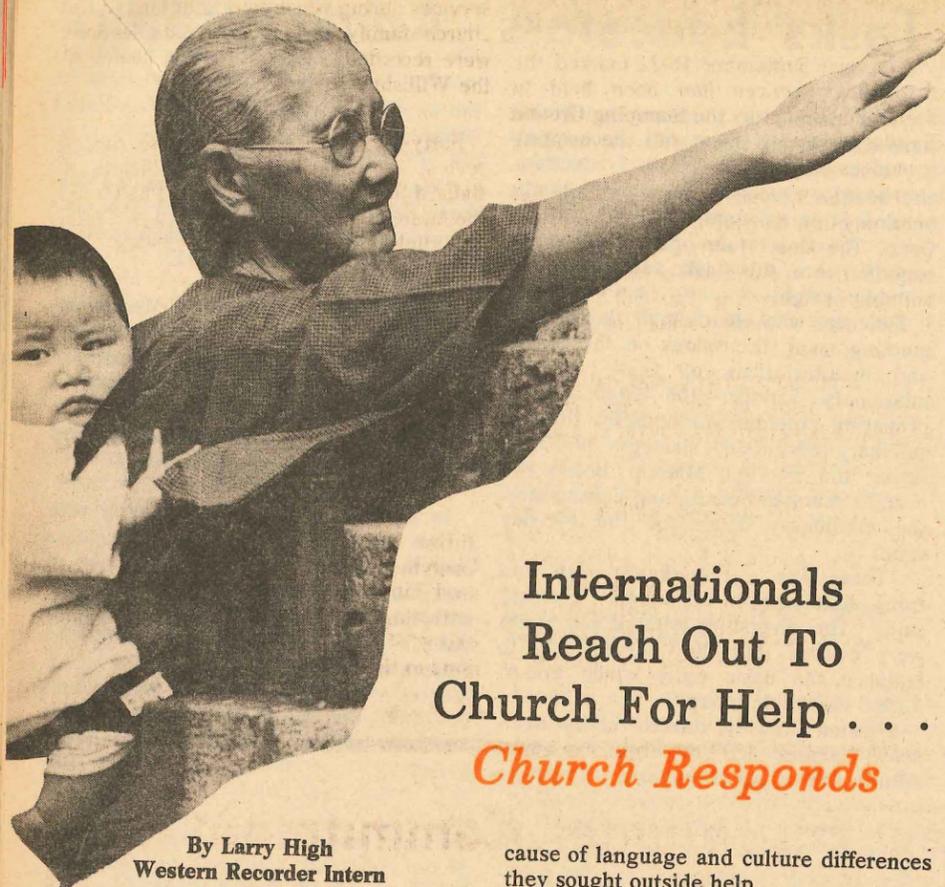
With the help of Fred Roth of Cumberland College, who was interim pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Miss Bubu was enrolled.

Later the current pastor of Central Baptist in Corbin, Ray Cummins, enlisted the support of the entire church in establishing the Ethel Harmon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Today, Ethel Bubu is a pre-medical student at Cumberland College.



Ethel Harmon, left, welcomes Ethel Bubu, the first recipient of the Ethel Harmon Scholarship, to Cumberland College. Miss Bubu, from Ibadan, Nigeria, was given the same first name as Miss Harmon when her father worked with Miss Harmon in Nigeria.



Internationals Reach Out To Church For Help . . . Church Responds

By Larry High
Western Recorder Intern

Millions of strangers from countries many of us have only read about in books cross borders into the United States every year. They are as diverse as the homelands from which they come. Their reasons for coming vary from the man in search of a better way of life for his family to the airline pilot here only a few hours each month.

The problems of adjustments these internationals must face are often insurmountable without help from U.S. citizens.

The congregation of Muldraugh Baptist Church has initiated a new program aimed at helping internationals adapt to their new life style.

Located within the boundaries of the Fort Knox Army reservation, the church has focused its attention on providing help to internationals within the surrounding community.

The perplexity of adapting to a new life style became apparent to several members of the congregation when some Korean soldiers recently attended services at the church, according to Tony B. Carson, pastor of the Salem Baptist Association church.

Realizing the church was not meeting their needs spiritually or physically be-

Conducted by Daniel Moon, a Home Mission Board language consultant to internationals, the assembly met at the church to study methods through which they could minister to internationals.

This was the first such conference conducted by Moon, himself a Korean, since inception of the program by the HMB a few months ago.

Moon said it is necessary for churches to take the first step in a movement of this nature. "They are waiting for us to take the initiative to be their friends, to guide and direct them in the Christian way of living. The most important problem they have is to overcome the language problem," he remarked.

Ways to break down language barriers were a prime target during the Muldraugh conference. Other areas of concern centered around citizenship, cultural, and Bible programs for internationals. Thirty of the church members participated in conference workshops.

The congregation was made acutely aware of the language barrier's full impact when H. M. Kim, a Southern Seminary student from Korea, delivered a sermon totally in his native tongue.

"Our members were placed in the same position as the international who has to listen to a sermon in a language not understandable to him," Carson said.

He added that, "There was no negative reaction from members of the church and in fact they were thankful for a deeper appreciation of the frustration internationals feel."

The congregation has taken the initiative now and on November 1 began to sponsor a Korean mission in the Fort Knox area. Kim will serve as pastor of the new mission.



Several of the language mission conference participants gathered to examine resource materials for the international ministry. From left to right they are Mrs. Yon Ok Bryan, H. M. Kim, Daniel Moon, Tony Carson, Ed Carroll, and Mrs. Lee Reid. U.S. Army chaplains Bob Estes and Bill Hollis are pictured in the back row.

Carson estimated the international ministry could affect as many as 1,500 people in the Fort Knox area. Of these, he said, 400 or more are of Korean descent.

After the conference, which included a banquet for internationals and church members, a citizenship class was begun for aliens planning to apply for permanent residence in this country.

Other groups are joining in now to lend a helping hand. The Salem association Woman's Missionary Union recently made a financial contribution to the program.

In a study manual prepared by Moon for groups engaged in an international ministry he classifies 40 million people of the total 210 million American population as belonging to a language group. Such a group, he says, is one more familiar with languages other than English.

Moon emphasizes that with nearly six million non-immigrants flocking to U.S. shores each year there is no city in Southern Baptist areas without ethnic groups.

Revival Reports

A revival September 16-22 marked the first time services had been held in Stamping Ground by the **Stamping Ground Baptist Church** since the devastating tornadoes of April 3.

The church, nearly 200 years old, has been meeting on Sunday afternoon in the Great Crossing Baptist Church. Plans include the opening of a metal interim building in November. This will house the church until a more permanent building can be erected.

The September revival was led by Joe Tackett, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Lexington. The pastor is Dan S. Crawley, III.

Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, recently completed a week-long revival led by David Butler, youth pastor at Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville. Twenty-one professions of faith were made during the services, according to Marvin Jackson, pastor of the church.

Evangelist David Simpson recently led **Brush Grove Baptist Church** in revival services during which four additions to the church family and several rededications were recorded. Lloyd Turner is pastor of the Willisburg church.

Forty-six decisions were made during revival services recently conducted at **Ballard Baptist Church**. Robert Phalen led the Anderson County church services. W. G. Crossfield is pastor of the congregation.

Fordsville Baptist Church in the Ohio County Baptist Association held revival services recently with Glenn Armstrong. Several rededications and nine professions of faith were made, according to Guy M. Deane, Jr., pastor of the church. Rickey Case served as minister of music for the meetings.

The congregation of **Pikeview Baptist Church**, Albany, recently concluded a week-long revival with Bobby Slagle delivering the messages. Jimmy York, pastor of Pikeview, reported seven additions to the church family.

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Court Rules Taxes Must Be Paid

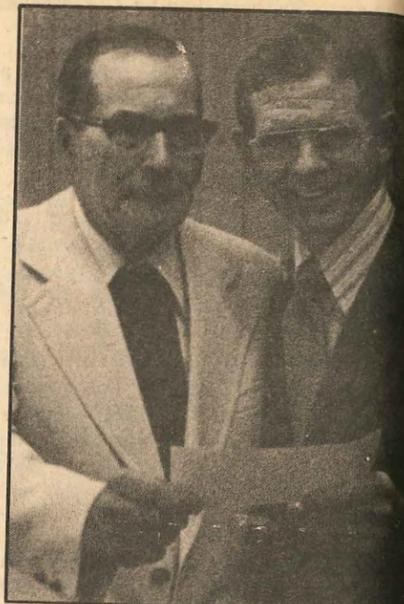
A United States Supreme Court decision recently outlawed any refusal to pay federal income taxes on the basis of religious beliefs.

The case, United States v. American Friends Committee, centered around two pacifist employees of the Quaker committee, who in 1969 requested that nothing be withheld from their paychecks by their employer.

The two alleged that 51.6 percent of every tax dollar in the 1969 federal budget was going into the military budget. Because they are pacifists, they refused to pay the taxes on religious grounds.

The high court held that the Internal Revenue Service cannot be restrained by court injunction from forcing all employers to withhold income taxes from employees who object to paying the portion which goes for militaristic purposes.

The only dissenter was associate justice William O. Douglas, who maintained that the free exercise clause of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment was being violated by the court's decision.



100 PERCENT GIVING INCREASE—Randy Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, right, is wearing a smile as he receives a \$2,000 check from Jeremiah Cox of Taylor Association. The amount represents a 100 percent increase over last year's gift to the school.

New Telephone Number For Improved Service

Next time you telephone the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, to place a literature order there is a good chance your call will get through the first time.

The material services department at the board has obtained a rotating number from the telephone company. The new number, effective November 1, is (615) 254-1592.

"Due to the increasing number of calls we receive about literature orders from our churches, it was necessary for us to obtain the rotating telephone number," according to H. S. Simpson, manager of the board's material services department.

Conference Urges Greater Ministry To Aging

The first Southern Baptist Conference on Aging, recently completed in Nashville, has recommended the establishment of a permanent council on aging for the denomination.

The move, sparked by challenges from several keynote speakers to recognize the plight of and the ministry to the aging, is a major step in an area largely neglected by the denomination until now.

Among proponents of major steps to minister to senior citizens were James D. Williams, professor of adult education at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth; Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina; C. Welton Gaddy, director of Christian citizenship development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission; and David A. Affelt, chief counsel of the Special Committee on Aging in the United States Senate.

Williams, who led a workshop on symptoms of the problem, said that although a step had been taken, the prime responsibility would continue to rest with the local church.

"Churches need trained leaders who understand the elderly and their needs, as well as materials that point up the Biblical responsibility to minister to those needs," Williams stated. "Churches need flexible and practical suggestions in printed form on how to organize and implement ministries."

Affelt, who addressed a banquet at the conference, called attention to the number of achievements in the field of aging in the past few years. He spoke of a 68.5 percent increase in social security benefits, enactment of Medicare legislation, a hot meals program and a national senior service corps.

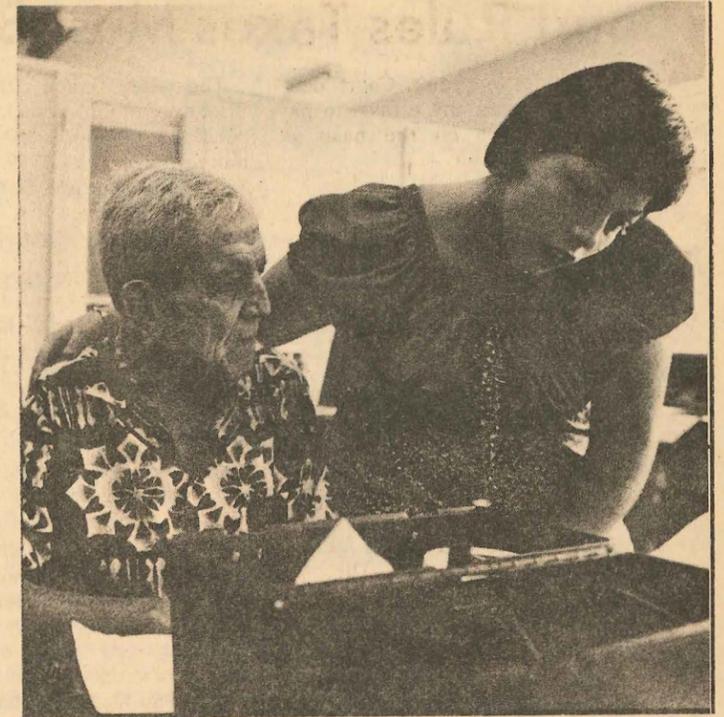
However, he told the group of Baptists, the nation has "struck out" by not solving "everyday problems affecting older Americans." We have "relegated to the sidelines" many of society's most talented and experienced personnel.

One approach that must be taken is alleviating, in our minds and in our literature, "false stereotypes" about older persons and minorities in general, he added. "This is an area where you (Southern Baptists) can be helpful."

Gaddy said healthy integration of the elderly into the total life of the community can be achieved by housing officials sensitive to the needs of aged persons for privacy and social existence.

"Moral outrage against exploitation of the elderly, both subtle and blatant, is most effective when translated into legal action and more sound community planning," he said, pointing to constructive avenues.

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Lolley called on the Christian community to become the "living sacrifice church" and the "dead/alive people of God"—dead to themselves and alive to others.

"It goes without saying that both the church and community must get at the work of geriatrics in our times," he explained. "The dead/alive people of God take the energy of their lives and decide where they are going to pile the one fistful of sand they have, and this is the context in which people of God gingerly shape structures in their communities and in their world," he added.

The council recommended at the confab

would have the responsibility of working with all agencies and programs in the convention to provide support, lead in coordination and development of curriculum materials on aging, and cooperate with other national bodies on aging.

In addition, the council should provide technical assistance and evaluation, public relations and information input, and special projects, like leadership training at all levels of the denomination.

The Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council, which sponsored the conference on aging, will review the move and suggestions in the report, and report to the SBC Executive Committee.

Paschall Heads State Paper Study

A five-person committee on ministries of state Baptist news publications will be chaired by H. Franklin Paschall, former Kentuckian from Calloway County.

Southern Baptist Convention president Jaroy Weber appointed the committee at the request of messengers to the 1974 convention. In the form of a motion, the request directed the appointment of a committee to "work with the editors of Southern Baptist Convention state papers in projecting circulation and underscoring the role and function of state papers in the life of the convention . . ."

Thirty-three state Baptist news publications, with a combined circulation of over

1,750,000, serve Southern Baptists in 33 state conventions which cover 50 states.

Paschall, who presently serves as pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, served as pastor of the Locust Grove Baptist Church in Calloway County, the Hazel Baptist Church of the Blood River Association, and the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. He also served as president of the Kentucky Baptist state board from 1952-55 and as chairman of the executive committee of Kentucky Baptist from 1953-55.

Other committee members are Andrew W. Tampling, Alabama; Glen E. Braswell, Colorado; Richard A. Jackson, Arizona, and Julian Pentecost, Virginia.

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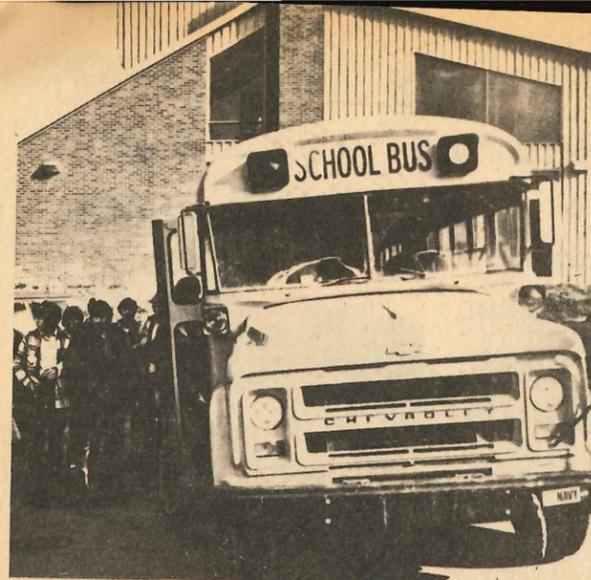
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the story at oneida...

This tiny Kentucky Baptist school in the mountains of east Kentucky continues to defy the constant reminder of pessimists that Christian education cannot survive alone. But Oneida's mission is unique.

By Chris Evans
Western Recorder Intern

The 16 miles from Manchester over the hills to the east Kentucky hamlet of Oneida seem like 50. The trip is shortened by the overwhelming majesty of the mountains.

When you've roller coasted through what's known by locals as "Pump Holler," the next stop is Oneida. When you see the town it's almost as if you've come through the mountains of Austria onto a sleeping village.

The town of Oneida, by some standards dying, is the home of Oneida Baptist Institute, a Kentucky Baptist school that is not dying, but facing tremendous challenges in the future. The large majority of Kentucky Baptists are not familiar with the school, due to its location and its ministry, but Oneida people don't let that bother them.

In its 75th year, Oneida reported its largest enrollment in history this fall—some 265 students. While at other private institutions in Kentucky and elsewhere this would be a flex of economic stability, Oneida's case is different. The school's educative ministry is to a student body comprised of poor mountain children who might not get an education elsewhere, youth in trouble from cities like Louisville and Lexington, and some kids who found the concept of Christian education unavailable elsewhere.

More than 60 percent of the students are on full scholarship. Some are clothed by the school. The most any Kentucky Baptist student is required to pay is \$75 per month. Anyone with any knowledge of living costs today knows that amount is nominal.

Oneida operates on about \$1,100 per

day, and \$100 of that comes from Kentucky Baptists through the Cooperative Program. The remainder comes from individual gifts—many from Baptists in Kentucky and some from outside the state.

Never in its history has Oneida accepted any form of federal aid, not even in getting a federal loan for building construction or participating in the federal school lunch program.

The reasons Oneida's situation is unique go far beyond mere financial framework or location. While about 60 percent of its graduates go on to higher education, the thrust of the school's programs is one of helping any student find his potential in terms of God's will. Bible study and daily chapel attendance are requirements for graduation.

This emphasis is perpetuated not only in the classroom, but during the time the student works on the school's farm, on vocational projects, on campus or in extracurricular activities. Each student is required to work a minimum of 11½ hours per week.

School president Barkley Moore, who attended the school and is a former Peace Corps worker in Iran, sees the situation at Oneida as a "mission," first of all.

"Kids can go anywhere and learn algebra or play on a basketball team, but here we try to do everything in a Christian context," he said. "We have some students who will have PhD's in 10 years, then we have some who have completed eight years of public school and have been victimized by the public schools . . . They can't even read.

"Here, we teach people and not subjects, and we're just as proud when a mountain kid becomes an expert draftsman, welder or farmer as when another

gets his college degree," he added.

The school farm has in the past raised, and continues to raise a large portion of the food consumed by the school community. During the summer, youth who have no home or cannot go home, tend the farm and keep up the campus. Some students commute daily to school from nearby towns or from rural Appalachia, but most live in the school dormitories.

Oneida faculty members—37 in all, most of whom have administrative and extracurricular responsibilities as well as teaching—have an average of two years in graduate study beyond college. According to Moore, teachers must be



Barkley Moore, president at Oneida, spent much of his life in school there, and served six years in the Peace Corps.



willing to give more than just classroom instruction to students before they are considered for positions. They must see a mission involved.

It is not uncommon to hear a faculty member at Oneida talking about the development in the spiritual life of a certain student, or bragging about something like the vocational school's gold medals for the past two years in statewide drafting competition. There is approximately one faculty member for every five students at the school, and classroom ratios are one teacher per class of 15 or better.

The makeup of the community at Oneida Baptist Institute is a conglomeration of city and country, educated and illiterate, and helping and hurting. The

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mountain environment lends itself to Christian training, in that awesome and scenic seasonal changes are ever pointing to the Creator behind it all.

The diversity in backgrounds and cultures of students at Oneida, according to Moore, facilitates student growth. He illustrates the advantage of diversity with an adage from a now-deceased Oneida townsman, Uncle George Brewer, whom he remembers from his childhood. Brewer was married to a woman named Arkie.

"I remember Uncle George telling me one day, 'It's a good thang ever'body don't look alike, cuz then ever'body would wanna marry Arkie,'" Moore reflected. "And I think that says something about our environment here . . . I think we're able to sort out the potential,



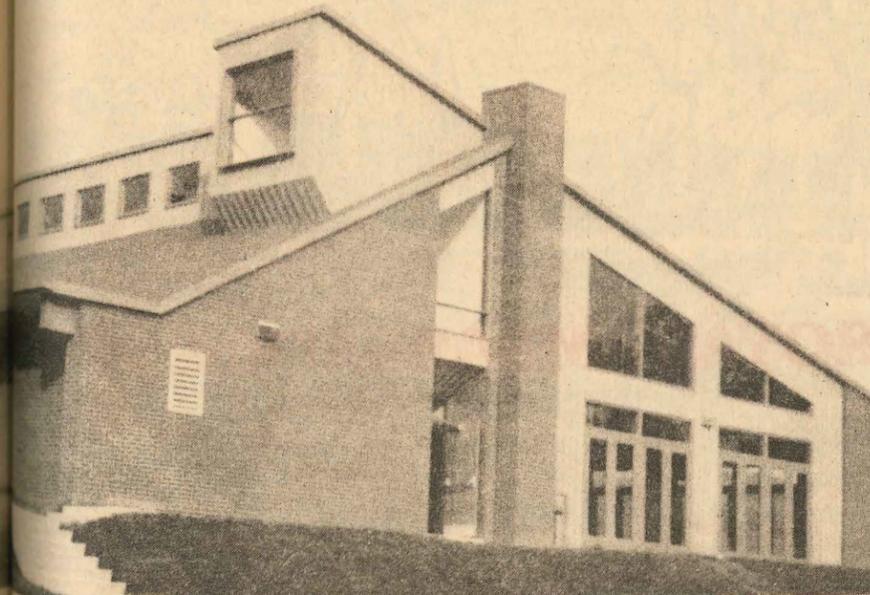
wherever it lies, in most of the kids we get here."

The mission of Oneida Baptist Institute is to demonstrate through the lives of its students that there is an advantage to "Christian" education. The people who run the school believe almost any student, whether a class scholar or a slow-learning problem child, can mature more fully in a Christian environment.

Of the Christmas Day before Oneida opened its history on January 1, 1900, school founder J. A. Burns wrote that the river was frozen over, the mill was broken, there was no lumber to finish the building and "the case seemed hopeless." But when the next Monday rolled around, Burns continued, a hundred Kentucky mountain children shuffled into a completed, coal-warmed building, in hopes they would finally receive an education. Through the years, the school has provided that education.

Today, while prices roll higher, Oneida is still fighting and winning with Christian education.

Members of the staff know the future will be trying, but they also believe their mission is valid.



"The Hill" at Oneida Baptist Institute sits the Student Activities Building, a completely new facility which includes an indoor swimming pool, locker rooms and a recreation area where students gather for planned activities.

PraiSing '75 Set To Premiere New Baptist Hymnal

The premiere of the new "Baptist Hymnal" will be marked by a three day meeting filled with song and praise in Nashville.

"PraiSing '75", as it will be called, will feature top singers from both the country music field and the fine arts field.

The list of guest soloist and groups that will appear includes such people as Jeannie C. Riley, Connie Smith, Jerry Clower, Robert Hale, Dean Wilder, George Beverly Shea, The Centurymen, The Singing Speer Family, the Jake Hess Sound, college, university, and seminary choirs and a host of other performers.

Among other activities, an all night singing will begin Wednesday at noon in Van Ness Auditorium at the SBC Sunday School Board. Sixty choirs will be scheduled over a 30 hour period to sing selected hymns until late Thursday afternoon.

By the time of the final session on Thursday evening, every note and every word of every stanza of every hymn will have been sung and all the scripture selections will have been read aloud.

The church music department of the SBC Sunday School Board will sponsor "PraiSing '75."

Christmas Youth Meets Set At Confab Centers

Winter Youth Celebrations, this year's Christmas holiday program at Glorieta and Ridgecrest, will be held December 28-31.

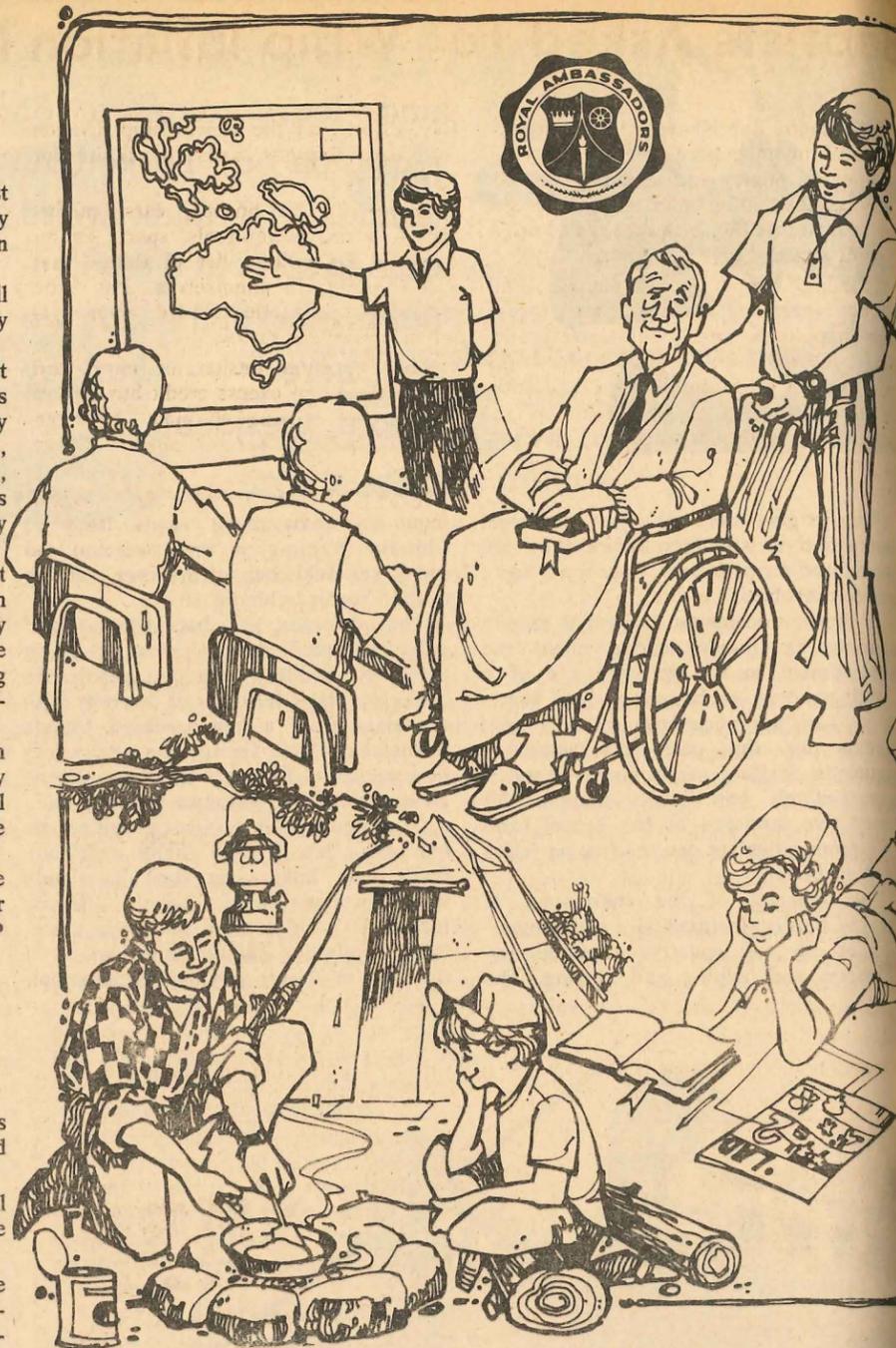
The annual celebration for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will be themed, "Bright New Wings."

Individual conferences offered include "Sharing Faith Expectantly," "Considering Christian Vocations," "Creative Writing," and "Drama, Music and Art Workshops."

A leadership conference for adults serving as youth counselors will also be offered. One adult counselor of the same sex must accompany each eight youths.

Registration will be limited to 1,000 at Glorieta and 800 at Ridgecrest.

To register send \$40 for each person to Winter Youth Celebrations, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770; or Winter Youth Celebrations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK November 3-9, 1974

November 3-9 is Royal Ambassador Week in Southern Baptist churches. During the week, 237,000 boys and leaders in 15,000 churches will be recognized for their involvement in the weekday program of mission education. Through Royal Ambassadors boys study missions, minister to others through mission action projects, support missions through praying and giving, and develop meaningful relationships with others. (Brotherhood Commission art)

Baptists Asked To "Whip Inflation Now"

A Southern Baptist expert on budgeting and economizing cautions that wrong attitudes on money and spending can be costly as the nation sets itself to wage war against inflation, per President Ford's 12-point strategy given in Kansas City.

"Although proper money management will not guarantee wealth, it will mean more happiness and a better attitude toward all of life," says Michael L. Speer, author of *A Complete Guide to the Christian's Budget*, to be released in April, 1975, by Broadman Press, publishing arm of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The problem is not so much the amount of money we earn as it is how we use it," says Speer, associate executive director-treasurer and director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"All of us," Speer continues, "want to get the most value out of each dollar and build a secure financial future for our families. For the Christian it is imperative."

"By adhering to principles of good economizing and conservation, as Christian stewards, we can continue to provide adequately for our families, contribute to the national good, and still support the expanding and urgent ministries of our local churches and around the world through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) of Southern Baptists."

Speer cautions against what Cecil R.

Ray, director of the stewardship division for Texas Baptists, calls the desire for "adult toys."

These can be houses, cars, motorcycles, boats, power tools, sports equipment — an endless list of things that aren't wrong in themselves, but "the individual's attitude toward them" is important, Speer says.

"The constant desire for more and more things and excess credit buying are two of the villains of most American families feeling financial pinch," Speer adds.

Speer, in his book emphasizes several points cited by President Ford in the chief executive's nationally televised address before the national Future Farmers of America meeting.

Among these are: balance the family budget, learn to use credit wisely, save money where possible, conserve energy, be a wise shopper, get the most for your money, "do it yourself" where feasible, don't be wasteful, guard your health and that of your family.

The President's other points included: a plea that business and labor not raise wages or prices more than absolutely needed, that the nation work to eliminate outmoded regulations that keep costs up and to enforce laws and rules stressing safety, health and efficiency.

Ford also called for productivity improvements, balancing of governmental budgets, offsetting of pay increases, national participation in recycling of scrap



materials and planting of WIN gardens "to save on produce." The President's anti-inflation program has been tagged WIN ("To Whip Inflation Now").

Speer told Baptist Press he urges adherence to all points the President stresses:

"When a Christian recognizes God as owner and himself as a trustee of God's ownership he will try to find a way to be a responsible disciple to Jesus Christ through a stewardship of all he has.

"During times of spiraling inflation," Speer noted, "we must each strive to make the most of every available dollar by putting first things first. The New Testament makes it evident that the 'first' of which Jesus speaks is doing God's will."

Stressing "attitude" as a vital factor in individual curbing of inflation, Speer suggests an eight point "yes" or "no" self-examination for Christians to test their attitudes toward money matters:

1—Do you lose the joy in life experiences when you are denied material comforts?

2—Are you willing to hazard the life and health of yourself or your family to secure more money or material possessions?

3—Does your job keep you from having time to serve Jesus Christ?

4—Would you accept a job you did not enjoy simply because it "paid more money"?

5—Do you argue about money matters in your home?

6—Do you try to make all the money you can because money represents power, security and freedom?

7—Are you frequently afraid that people will take advantage of you in money matters?

8—Do you spend money for things you want now rather than save for long-range goals?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of the questions, Speer suggests, "perhaps it's time to reevaluate your attitude toward money matters." (BP)



SENIOR ADULTS TOUR COLLEGE—Lawrenceburg First Baptist's senior adults recently made a bus trip to Campbellsville College for a visit and tour. Pastor Robert Jones accompanied the group.

Baptist State Conventions Not Short On Energy

The annual Baptist state convention meetings are a combination revival, corporate stockholders meeting, pep rally, inquest, fraternity clambake and family homecoming.

Together they outweigh even the mammoth national gathering of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) each June. In many ways they are the most important organizational meetings of the Baptist year.

The 33 Southern Baptist state bodies are prodigies of activity. They are centers of perpetual ecclesiastical motion and the most important energy generators that have yet been created by 34,665 Southern Baptist churches.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas looms largest in the book of numbers. The Alaska Baptist Convention covers the most territory. The South Carolina Baptist Convention is the oldest (153 years). The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey and the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, at three years of age, are the youngest.

Each has a mood and style all its own.

The Alaska convention meets in August, to get ahead of the freeze-up. Five conventions meet the last days of October—Missouri, New York, Ohio, Texas and Pennsylvania-South Jersey.

Hawaii, Illinois and North Carolina meet the first week in November. Kentucky and twenty-one other state groups meet the second week in November. That is enough concentrated activity in one week to set off the seismographs all around the earthquake belt.

The Alabama, Arkansas and Florida conventions close out the Baptist show-and-tell season the third week in November.

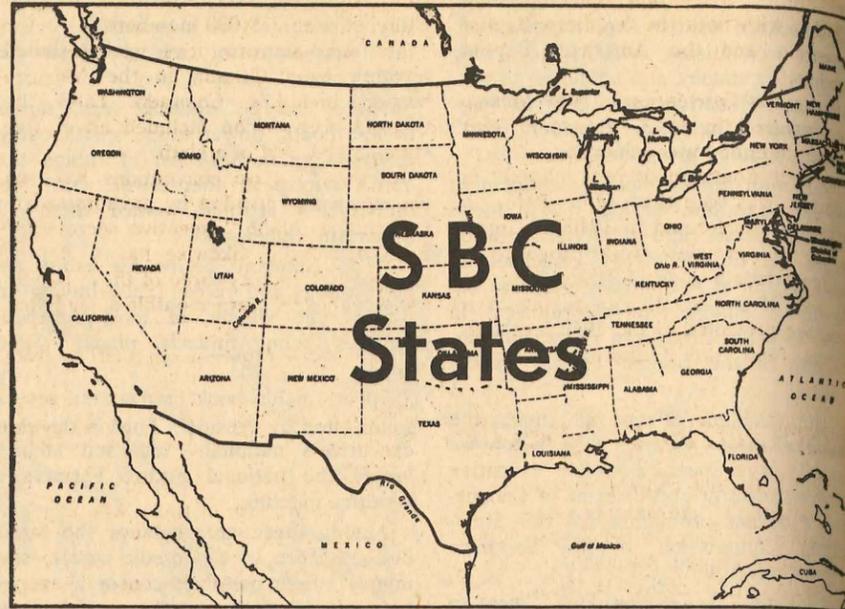
One piece of business that is on all agendas this fall is the 50th anniversary in 1975 of the Cooperative Program, the remarkable plan of financial support through which they all work together in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist state conventions existed nearly a quarter of a century before the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845.

The South Carolina convention was the first, established in 1821. Georgia came along next in June, 1822. Alabama and Virginia followed in 1823.

The 1830's were a decade unmatched in growth of new conventions until the 1940's. Five new state conventions appeared in each decade. The Missouri and North Carolina conventions were established in 1830, Maryland and Mississippi in 1836 and Kentucky in 1837.

Since 1940, 14 state units affiliated



with the Southern Baptist Convention have been organized. The 33 state or regional conventions now cover and have cooperating churches in all 50 states. With 12.3 million members, they make up the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

A major factor in keeping these state organizations dynamic is autonomy, their freedom and flexibility to adapt to their own unique conditions and to move out at their own pace.

Their future? The meetings this fall will give a clue. But growth continues to be a major emphasis—in evangelism, missions and education, with emphasis on lay involvement. Budget goals up for convention action this fall will be higher than ever, but inflation is expected to keep a lid on much desirable program expansion.

As provincialism generally has declined, especially in the south, the Baptist state conventions likewise have broadened their outlook and their emotional ties. Many Baptist church members, however, have little awareness of religious developments beyond their local church.

The most hopeful sign of change in this regard is the fact that church members gave over \$100 million last year through the Cooperative Program to state and SBC causes. "Messengers" to state conventions this fall will be acting on a recommendation to raise this amount to \$150 million by 1976.

In the south and southeast there are Baptist churches all over the place. A year ago Texas reported 3,853 churches with membership now over two million.

North Carolina reported 3,451 churches and Georgia had 2,928 churches, with each state having a little over one million Southern Baptists. Twenty-five states, however, have less than 75 SBC churches each.

The best record in baptisms per capita is in the newer areas for Southern Baptist work. Total SBC baptisms last year were 413,990.

Texas has the most church property (\$750 million), followed by North Carolina (\$489 million) and Georgia (\$463 million). Total church property in the SBC a year ago was \$5,022,607,547.

These three states also led in total church offerings last year: \$184 million in Texas, \$107 million in North Carolina and \$97 million in Georgia. The SBC total for the same period was \$1,136,238,734.

Florida leads all the state conventions with 46.2 percent of its Cooperative Program receipts going to Southern Baptist Convention causes. Georgia is second with 43.9 percent and Maryland is third with 38.5 percent. The average for 33 state conventions is 33.6 percent.

Oklahoma was the first state convention added to the SBC in the twentieth century, being organized in 1906. Illinois followed in 1907.

Six of the eight Great Lakes states now have separate Baptist state conventions affiliated with the SBC. Five of these have been organized within the past 20 years. The Minnesota-Wisconsin Fellowship of Southern Baptists is growing and aiming for status as a convention.

The District of Columbia Convention is considered a "state" convention even

though the District is politically not a state. It is the successor to a city Baptist association established in 1877. It is the only "state" convention that has dual affiliation with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist churches.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico was organized in 1912, the same year political statehood was achieved.

The first Southern Baptist church in California was constituted in 1936. A convention was formed in 1940. Recognition of this growing work provoked a prolonged debate at the SBC meetings in 1941 and 1942. A minority report of a committee prevailed at the 1942 meeting, however, and the California churches

were recognized as cooperating churches of the SBC. SBC churches in the area have flourished. A year ago the convention reported 903 Southern Baptist churches with 279,000 members.

The Arizona convention once included territory from Canada to the Mexican border, including Colorado. Later the Colorado convention included all of five states and a part of a sixth.

All the 33 state conventions have an executive staff headed by an administrator usually called "executive secretary." Each convention likewise has a Baptist state paper. Twenty-three of these papers are weeklies, six are monthlies, and four are bi-weekly.

The papers range in circulation from

2,500 to the Texas Baptist Standard's 375,000. Six papers have over 100,000 circulation: Texas, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi and North Carolina. The combined circulation for all 33 is 1,750,000.

In the formation of the first Baptist state convention—South Carolina—the founders stated their purpose was to form a "bond of union, a center of intelligence, and a means of vigorous, united exertion in the cause of God, for the promotion of truth and righteousness."

With a variety of agendas, formats and circumstances, over the next few weeks the Baptist state conventions will be working vigorously at that kind of purpose. (BP)

Association Speaks Out On Charismatic Movement

Should a Baptist church, caught up in the charismatic movement, leave the association they are in fellowship with? The Dallas Baptist Association, with a membership of 234 churches, says "yes." In its annual meeting a request was made for member churches to cease charismatic movement or to voluntarily withdraw from association membership.

The strong action followed a story that appeared in the Dallas Times Herald. Featuring Howard Conatser, pastor of a church in the Dallas Association, the story spotlighted the spreading scope and influence of the charismatic renewal movement.

The association's statement read: "We deplore the practice of those who express or imply an attitude of spiritual superiority by this misrepresentation of certain so-called charismatic gifts such as faith healing, glossolalia (speaking in tongues) and exorcism, thus disrupting the fellowship of our churches."

The statement did not mention any churches by name but requested: "If they cannot work in harmony with our historic views, we strongly urge they voluntarily withdraw from our association and seek fellowship with churches of more common practice."

Following the association's action,

Conatser said, "We believe God is restoring the apostolic church and the charismatic movement is part of that plan."

He indicated his church had no present plans to withdraw from the association.

Robert McGinnis, director of missions for the Dallas Association, explained, "This was not a hasty decision. We have been dealing with the problem for five years. Our silence gave the impression we condoned it. Churches not involved in the charismatic movement should not feel they stand alone."

Conatser, whose 3,500 member church reported 325 baptisms in 1973, denied feeling any spiritual superiority in the church ministry: "If anything, anyone who has a true charismatic experience realizes how inferior in spiritual power we are."

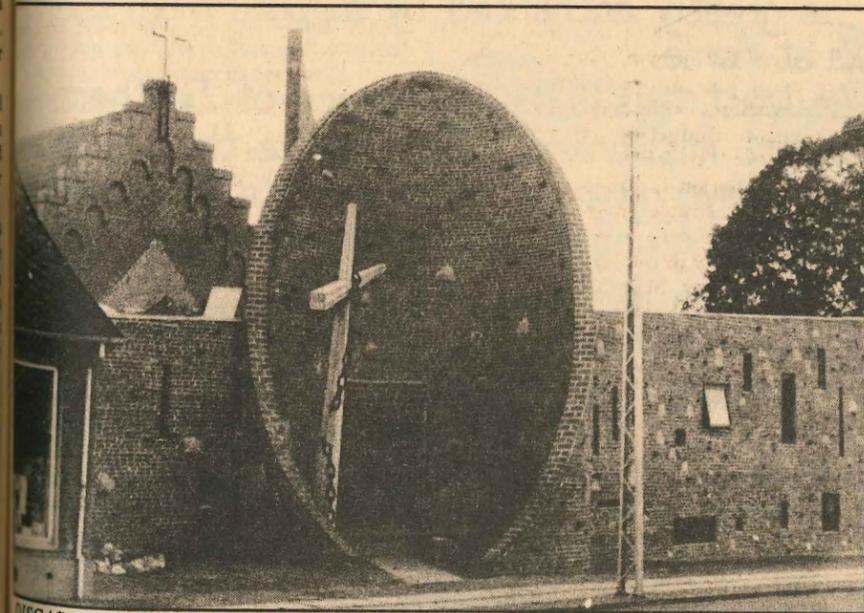
"God speaks to different people in different ways and we can't compare experiences. Because I have been filled with the Holy Spirit is no sign anyone else must. But because I have does not mean it's wrong."

Eddleman Resigns Institute Presidency

Criswell Bible Institute, a school affiliated with First Baptist Church, Dallas, has lost its president.

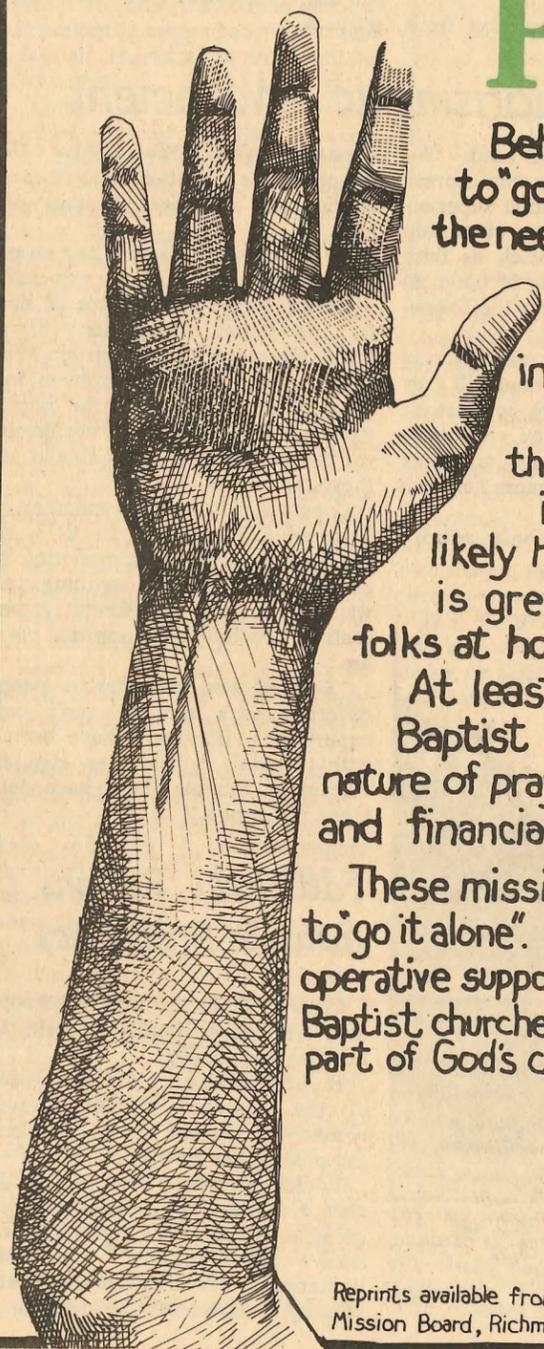
H. Leo Eddleman, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently announced his resignation from the post he has held since 1971.

Eddleman, who served as president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary prior to going to Dallas, cited "growing administrative responsibilities" and "physical limitations" resulting from recent back surgery as reasons for his decision.



DISCARDED MATERIAL USED—Broken bricks, glass and materials from the city dump were used by 95 church members to build the above church in Brande, Denmark. The work was accomplished over a period of three and a half years. The new structure has been referred to as "a fortress ruin" or a portrayal of "the gospel in the street."

A Missionary Parable



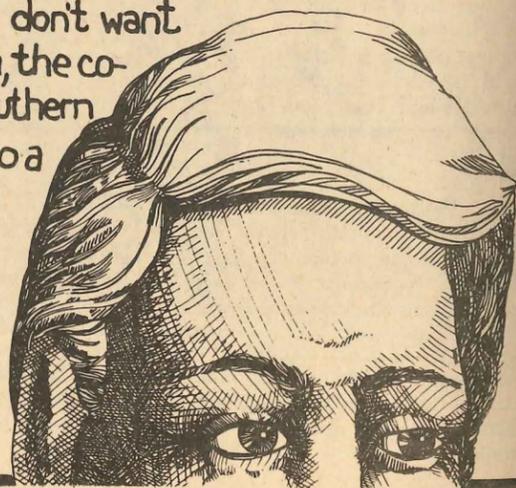
Behold, a certain foreign missionary decided to "go it alone". Just the missionary, God, and the needy people of the world. No prayer or financial support from fellow Christians back home. After all, God's call is an individual matter, he assured himself.

We don't know what happened to the missionary. Maybe he is accomplishing great works for the Kingdom. More likely he discovered that missionary effort is greatly enhanced by support from the folks at home.

At least this is the experience of Southern Baptist missionaries. They realize the crucial nature of prayer support, personnel reinforcement and financial giving by friends stateside.

These missionaries don't want to "go it alone". For them, the cooperative support of Southern Baptist churches is also a part of God's call.

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Space May Be Next Frontier For Baptists

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, said that 1984, in spite of George Orwell's dire predictions, would prove happy for Baptists.

In his address to the commission's board of trustees in Fort Worth, Texas, Stevens "dreamed aloud" that "in 10 years there will be a Baptist-owned satellite in the sky that will make it possible for every home in America, and the world, to hear the Christian gospel."

He said that, hopefully, the Radio and Television Commission, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Sunday School Board will jointly own the satellite.

"All these agencies would, hopefully, be involved in the satellite's use at selected times and periods to broadcast to the heart of America, and the world, the Christian gospel," he said. "We could express our feelings and interpret God's word in a Southern Baptist ministry that would take on new dimensions."

He said he had spoken with representatives of a law firm which specializes in communications and "what they tell us, after careful study, will prevail."

Stevens predicted that the satellite ministry of the Radio and Television Commission, and of other agencies, to mushroom.

"The penetration of all the homes with the gospel is the aim, goal and purpose of the Radio and Television Commission," he declared. "The commission has behind it a great denomination that backs its purpose, loves it and understands it as it seeks to minister to a lost and uncaring world."

Stevens warned the trustees that television is no longer a new instrument in the world of communications.

"We are receiving indications that the doors to free television are being closed," he said. "All these years they have been wide open, but with high prices and the bleak economic picture, we have come to the stage in the life of our agency, in which the Radio and Television Commission will have to fight for everything it gets."

On a brighter note, he said, "No broadcaster in America is in a more favorable position than the Radio and Television Commission to face the future effectively. That is because," he said, "we have a full cut ministry given to us by God. We have to preach Christ unceasingly, and I believe he will see us through from the beginning to the end."

Earlier in the day Charles G. Fuller,

chairman of the commission's board of trustees, asked the trustees to exert their individual influence, to speak up in meetings, to be informed about the Radio and Television Commission and to make the commission's work known in local state conventions.

"We serve in an exciting time," said Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, and president of the state-wide Baptist General Association of Virginia. "The broadcast media says that it only reflects society. I say that it shapes society and as members of the Radio and Television Commission we must do our part to influence the media as it helps shape society."

To do this, Fuller urged that the trustees understand the procedures of the denomination. They should recognize, he said, that the Radio and Television Commission stands in between "a deliberate moving denominational administration—which is, on the whole, what it should be—and a fast-moving media world which does not understand the Baptist way."

Fuller cited such misunderstandings from the media as "a year which begins in October and ends in September, and 12 million people who say they are interested in seeing the gospel on the air, but they can only afford \$2,166,000 to do it with." (BP)

Acts Study Material Available

The Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Convention has made available its list of materials for the annual January Bible Study.

Adults will study the book of Acts, and the textbook for their study will be *ACTS: Working Together in Christ's Mission* by J. Estill Jones.

Supplementary materials for the adult study include a teaching guide, study guide and teaching resource kit. *ACTS: Working Together in Christ's Mission* filmstrip and cassette tape recording are also available.

God's People: United for Conquest by David Jenkins and B. J. Dean will be

studied by youth groups, while older children will use William N. McElrath's *Music in Bible Times*.

Music will also be the topic of study for younger children, and their textbook is *Hymns to Know and Sing* by Jimmy Key and Vivian Hackney. Older preschoolers will use *Me, Music and Others* by Nettie Lou Jones, and the younger preschoolers will explore *God's Outdoors* by Cosette Baker.

All the above books for January Bible Study, along with the supplementary material for adults, are available from the Baptist Book Store.



PRESS BRIEFED FOR KBC MEETING—Radio, television and newspaper representatives met recently to gather information on procedures and schedules for the KBC to be held November 12-14. Pictured are Gary Roedmeier, assistant news director of WPSD-TV, Tom Butler, news director, WPSD-TV, John Wood, pastor, First Baptist, Paducah, Ophelia Lowe and Doris Spees, news reporters, Shopper's News, Keith Todd, news director, WKYX radio, Bob Kersey, associate pastor, First Baptist, Ed Fritts, general manager, WPAD, and John Stewart, news reporter, WDXR radio. The meeting was sponsored by First Baptist Church, Paducah, the host for this year's Kentucky Baptist Convention.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for November 17, 1974)

The Grace Of Giving

Romans 15:25-27

Though Paul was ready to have his projected journey to Spain become a reality, and anticipating that the Romans would provide him with an escort and the necessary provisions as he went through Rome, he realized that he must first minister to the Christians in Jerusalem.

Paul reminded the Gentile Christians in the young churches in Macedonia and Achaia that they had been the recipients of salvation because the Jewish Christians in the Jerusalem church had shared with them the gospel of Christ. Paul appealed to and urged them to prove their gratitude by making contributions to a fund which would be used in ministering to the great physical needs of the Jewish Christians. In Jerusalem many of the Jews lost their jobs and were subjected to persecution simply because they had become Christians. Discriminated against in the marketplace and the business world in general, they were in dire need of financial assistance. Just as spiritual blessings had accrued to the Gentiles from the Jews, the former were encouraged to repay them, as far as possible, with material things. This mutual and reciprocal sharing of what each had would cause them to realize more fully their oneness in Christ. Paul rejoiced in the privilege of reminding the Gentiles that they were debtors to the Jews.

II Corinthians 8:1-9

Paul sought to motivate the Corinthians to faithfulness and generosity by citing the wonderful liberality of the church members in Macedonia, who had given from the depths of their poverty rather than from the abundance of riches. They were not compelled to give; they wanted to do so. Having given themselves to the Lord, it was not hard for them to dedicate their substance to Him. The giving of self is always followed by the giving of substance. The measure of a Christian's love for and dedication to his Lord is seen in his giving.

Under adverse and trying circumstances, the Macedonian Christians generously shared their limited means with the suffering saints in Jerusalem. They

did not lament their trying circumstances, nor grieve because they were less fortunate than anybody. They had an abundance of joy and of poverty, and from this strange combination their liberality arose. Their disposition to give freely of their means was created in them by the Holy Spirit.

The giving of self is what the Lord desires most of all from His followers, and it is always followed by the giving of substance. Love cannot exist without giving. It is useless for one to say, "I love the Lord," when his hands are closed firmly over his possessions.

No more beautiful description of the voluntary impoverishment of our Lord for the enrichment of others can be found than in verse nine. What a wonderful display of grace! The highest example of sacrificial giving the world has ever seen is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was rich in the love of the Father. He was also rich in possessions: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or

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Promise Of Renewal

God had given the people of Israel a good land and numerous other blessings, but instead of being grateful for what He had done for them and in love and appreciation being obedient to Him, they plunged into the depths of wickedness. Unwilling to tolerate their wicked ways, God chastised them by allowing them to be taken into captivity. While in exile, many of them were brought to the realization that they were suffering on account of their sins, and justly so. Their realization was wholesome, but their captivity afforded their enemies a splendid opportunity to dishonor God and to damage His reputation among the heathen by declaring that God's failure to defend and protect them was a clear indication that He was not as strong as the gods of their captors.

The Reason—Ezekiel 36:22-23

Determined that His holy name should

dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him and for him" (Colossians 1:16). Christ had rights such as we do not have in anything. His rights were those that creation gave. They were absolute. Christ was rich in power. Creative power was His for He made all things. Sustaining power was His, for "in him all things hold together." Reigning power was His, for dominions and powers were subject to Him.

Voluntarily Christ left the heavenly world and came to earth via the manger at Bethlehem. Everything He did was for the sake of others. He, the Son of God, became the Son of Man in order that we, who are the children of men, might become the children of God. He was stripped of everything and became the prince of poverty for our sakes, that we might become the beneficiaries of the heavenly riches. As an expression of our love for and dedication to the Lord, we should give through our churches in order to make it possible for the pressing spiritual needs of others to be met.

no longer be dishonored and held in contempt by the captors of His people, God declared that He would exalt His name above the names of all the gods of the heathen by doing something special through the Jews. He announced that His power would be displayed in such a remarkable manner that the heathen would be compelled to acknowledge that He was unique and supreme. God made it clear that He was going to do this primarily for the sake of His great and matchless name and not merely for the sake of the people.

The Restoration—Ezekiel 36:24

Not because of any right or claim that they deserved to be restored to their homeland, but for the sake of that great name which had been defiled and dishonored without justification, God announced the regathering of His people from captivity and their restoration. He



new that the regathering of these exiles would certainly vindicate His name, and that was a matter of tremendous importance to Him. Moreover, it would be a clear demonstration of His sovereign power to all who observed what took place. The Jews did not have any right to expect God to bless them in a significant way in Ezekiel's day or in the present unless they repented of their sins.

The Results—Ezekiel 36:25-30

When the penitent exiles returned to their homeland, they had lost their desire to engage in any form of idolatrous worship. In grace and mercy God had forgiven them and cleansed them as soon as they had genuinely repented of their idolatry and immorality. Through the miracle of divine grace, their former good relationship with God was restored. When people accept God's will for their lives and, above everything else, try to comply with it, they always achieve their highest and best.

The Remembrance—Ezekiel 36:31-32

Through Ezekiel God called to the attention and remembrance of His people the fact that their concentration upon the wonderful demonstrations of His love and mercy would cause them to blush with shame on account of their previous sinful conduct and deeds. Centering the thoughts on the wonderful blessings received from God frequently causes His

children to recall their past sins, to be truly ashamed of them, and to loathe themselves because of what they have done. Many can testify that the remembrance of past sins often brings regret, shame, and self-rebuke. It is important to remember that all such loathing can be avoided by allowing His matchless grace to find expression in their hearts and lives, and by committing themselves fully to the doing of His precious will. His children who worship, obey, and serve Him faithfully, will certainly enjoy His presence, protection, provision, and power. Ever keep these truths in remembrance and be governed accordingly, if you want to be happy and useful throughout life.

Ezekiel taught his listeners, who were vitally concerned about their national restoration, with whose ancestors God had made a covenant, that in God's own time and manner thousands of them would be delivered from captivity and be permitted to live in the Promised Land. He assured them of God's presence with them, protection of them, and provision for them. What more can one ask than that? In the light of what He has done for us, He both desires and deserves our very best in service for Him.

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express my feelings but have hesitated to do so, since I am a dyed-in-the-wool Baptist. Many who read this article know of my father's stand on Baptist doctrine and they know it was well ingrained in my background.

For the past 14 years, I have had much time to meditate and pray and through my many friends I have had any number of experiences right in my family room. Seven people have testified to me of their instant healing. I have found that it's a

real thing and I know they were telling the truth. As yet, the Lord hasn't seen fit to give me a healing (I'm a victim of multiple sclerosis) but I know it can happen.

My Episcopalian neighbor, a Catholic, a Methodist and another Episcopalian come regularly to pray with me because they love me. They have something that I don't feel I quite have. Do we as Baptists believe the scriptures? I believe we are going to witness more and more of these healings in the days to come as predicted by the prophet Joel.

Owensboro, Ky. Phyllis Morgan

Dear Editor:
At first when I read Ms. Walters

article, the thought that came to mind was this is just one more article about something that has been a controversy, at all levels, for many people. Somehow it didn't go away. I recalled a 16 year old girl that the doctors had told the parents that she would die if they did not put her under treatment. They thought the Lord would heal her without care from the doctors. At the last moment, after she was turning blue, they rushed her to the hospital. There was nothing that could be done.

In my own case, although the reason was different and the doctors knew and understood, they had told me that the inevitable would happen. Finally that day came, I had to choose between living or surgery. Luckily I did the right thing, for it turned out things were much worse than the doctors had thought. In other words I would not be here today had they not done such a good job.

I had complete confidence in my doctors and complete faith in my God. You can see why the 23rd Psalm is my favorite. James said, "faith without works is dead." Let's be very careful in what we believe about faith healing. I believe the Lord works orderly and within reasonable bounds.

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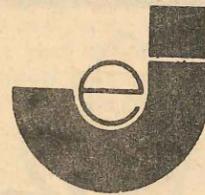
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Baptists Launch Counseling Centers

The Union Baptist Association of Houston, Texas, is launching a program that will operate six family counseling centers throughout the city in the next five years.

If a director and staff can be secured, the first center will open January, 1975, according to Wilson Brumley, metropolitan missions coordinator for the association.

The centers will be staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists and chaplains under the direction of an administrator-director.

The program, according to Brumley, was developed after a "grassroots call" from pastors and laymen in the Houston area was voiced in the association.

He said the number of married couples and families seeking counseling is rising rapidly and is overtaxing the time and experience of local Baptist pastors. Most pastors are trained only to handle simple marital and family problems. They are frequently finding themselves faced with situations beyond their ability and training, he added.

The counseling project is the first phase of a social action program devel-

oped by the association's long range planning committee, chaired by Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and former professor at Southern Seminary.

Besides individual counseling, the centers will offer workshops, retreats and group counseling. Classes to train pastors in counseling techniques and referral will also be scheduled.

In the beginning, the centers will handle only Southern Baptists or persons referred by Southern Baptist pastors. Eventually the centers will be open to the general public.

The centers will rely on professional psychiatric work, but counselors must have an appreciation for the spiritual dimension of life and feel "they have a Christian dimension to bring to counseling," Brumley said.

The center will charge fees, based on ability to pay. Brumley hopes they will eventually support themselves but says the association may continue partial financing, so less financially able persons can afford services.

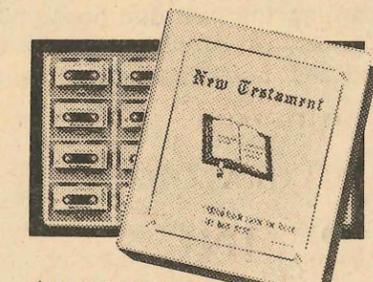


REMEMBERED—Western Recorder associate editor Bob Terry presents an insurance check to Margaret Moore, long-time housekeeper and friend of Joseph B. Graves, a former employee of Western Recorder. Graves, age 61, died in September. He had been a truck driver and delivery man for the state Baptist paper for nine years. Graves is survived by a daughter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. All of Western Recorder's 20 employees participate in the insurance programs of the SBC Annuity Board.

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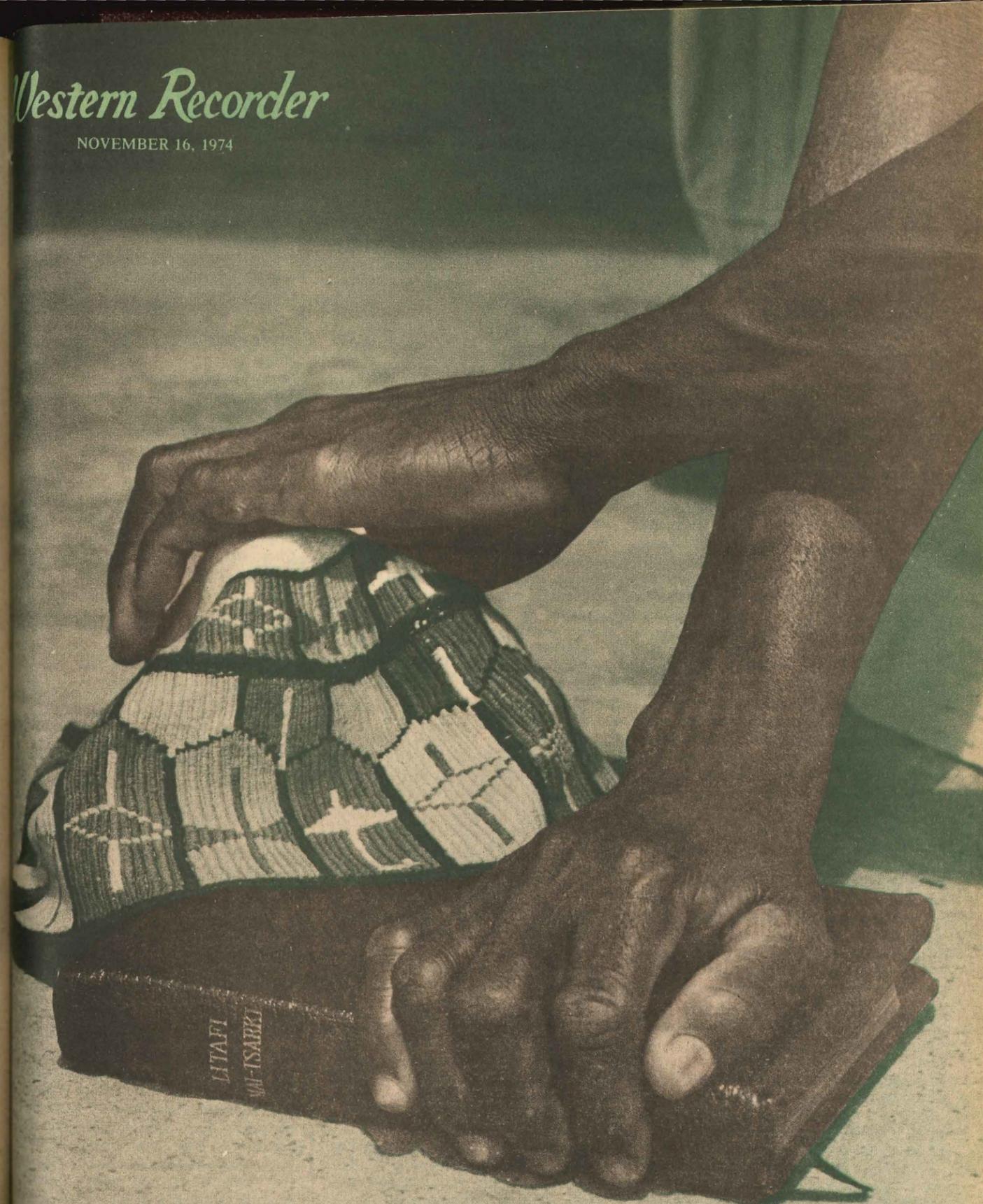
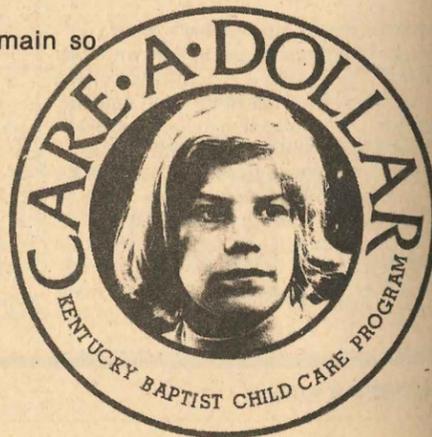
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