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*"But when the fullness of time was
come, God sent forth His Son . . ."*
Galatians 4:4

Seminary Prof. McGlon Dies Of Cancer

Charles A. McGlon, professor of speech at Southern Seminary, died December 17, following a long bout with cancer.

Ordained in 1959, McGlon had served as interim pastor for churches in Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah and Covington.

McGlon, 64, joined the seminary faculty in 1943 as its 13th professor and nine years later originated the nation's first regularly scheduled religious television series.

A native of Flor-



McGlon

ida, he earned degrees in education from University of Florida and received the Ph.D. from New York's Columbia University.

McGlon held every major office in the Southern Speech Association, was president of the Kentucky Speech Association four times and was a member of the Speech Communication Association of America.

He also served the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the American Education Theater Association and several honorary fraternities.

Survivors include his wife, the former Jessie Marshall Lowe; a daughter, Mrs. John R. Corbett, Sr., of Elizabethtown; and a son, Kenneth A. McGlon, of New York, New York.

Funeral services were held December 19 at Pearson's Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Cave Hill Cemetery.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.

Revival Reports

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church of Louisville recently conducted revival services and reported 34 additions to the church. The Charles Masseur team from Dallas, Texas, led the church in the meetings. Dallas Vincent is pastor of the church.

First Baptist Church of Tompkinsville recently concluded revival services. The church reported 13 candidates for baptism and numerous rededications. C. Wyman Copass, pastor of the Reidland Baptist Church in Paducah, was the evangelist. Frank T. Florence, Jr., is the pastor of First Baptist. Robert Jordan, a student at Southern Seminary, led the singing.

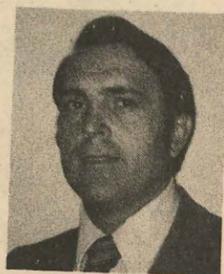
Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Nelson County Association, conducted revival services November 15-17. Basil Franklin, a student at Southern Seminary, was the evangelist. Owen Egeberg of Paoli, Indiana, was the song leader and Sarah Perkins, a Southern Seminary student, was the pianist. Charles E. Dickerson is pastor of the church.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Jim's made a New Year's resolve to attend church more than in the past — which still won't put much strain on him!"

DEVOTIONAL



Orion Bell, III
Pastor, Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville

The Light Of The World

John 8:12

When Jesus walked on this earth he often described himself by identifying himself with something that was well known to his hearers. In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Many times we ask ourselves why it is that more people do not come to Jesus to receive the "light of life." Why would anyone prefer to live outside of God's grace rather than to live according to the Divine Light which is found in Jesus? The answer to this question is found in John 3:19-20, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

Our evil nature and deeds cause us to try to escape from the Light of God. We do not enjoy being exposed to that which exposes our weaknesses. Many people are reluctant to play a game against a person they are pretty sure can beat them. We prefer to play someone who is near equal to us or a little bit less capable than we are. By the same token we do not like to have our lives compared with the perfect standard of Jesus. It seems much less complicated to ignore the perfect standard than it is to try to live up to it. Therefore, we avoid the Light of Jesus.

The truth of the matter is that if we do not make the Light of Jesus our guide, we miss out on much that is good and beneficial. Begin to walk with Jesus and enjoy the Light of Life.

**Give Baptists Facts
And They Will Usually
Make Right Decisions**

The Day The Church Door

By Mrs. Alice J. Kinder
Pikeville, Kentucky

Mr. Moneylane counted his bills carefully. "One dollar, two, three, four, five." His voice rose smugly by degrees over the accumulated wealth.

"Five hundred, five hundred fifty." His tones reached a gloating crescendo by this time.

He finished counting the nine thousand dollars he'd saved and watched the shoppers on the street.

"Humbug!" declared the twentieth century Scrooge. "What people get out of Christmas squandering lies beyond me. I'm glad no relatives sponge on me for presents and I don't have to spend anything on them."

Again he gazed fondly at the money. He thought of the eight thousand dollars he'd saved last year. He had hidden that beneath the kitchen tile. The seven thousand from two years ago lay securely behind a closet shelf. Mr. Moneylane trusted no bank in town.

In fact, he trusted no one. He had no use for the intangibles in life, the intangibles such as trust and faith and reverence. Yet he did go to church twice a year, at Easter and Christmas. He went because of a promise he'd made his wife before her death.

The next day Mr. Moneylane drove to church. He entered the door and sat by Mr. Sanders.

He looked around. The auditorium was dark. "Someone should turn on the lights," he whispered.

"Can't," replied Mr. Sanders tersely. "The power company turned off the electricity since the bill wasn't paid last month."

"Humph," said Mr. Moneylane. "But the church has always had light."

"Won't any more until the bills are paid," said Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Moneylane watched for the Sunday School children to stream from their rooms before the service. No children came.

"Where are the children?" he asked.

"Not here," answered Mr. Sanders briefly. "No money to buy literature so they quit coming."

"Umph," said Mr. Moneylane. "But the children have always had their quarterlies and leaflets."

"Won't any more until there's money to buy them."

"I'm cold," said Mr. Moneylane.

"Hasn't the gas been turned on?"

Mr. Sanders buttoned his overcoat. "No gas." His teeth chattered. "The company turned it off because the last two bills weren't paid."

"Eh?" Mr. Moneylane questioned. "Who ever heard of a church without heat?"

He buttoned his overcoat also. "Say, I forgot to get a bulletin. May I read yours?"

"No bulletins," muttered Mr. Sanders. "We're behind payments on the last ones so the bookstore won't fill our orders. Besides, the clerk who types them quit because he hasn't been paid for months."

"But we've always had bulletins," said Mr. Moneylane. "I didn't realize they cost money and that someone had to type them."

He moved on his seat and noted dust on his sleeve. "Of all things!" he declared. "Hasn't someone cleaned the church this week?"

Mr. Sanders looked him squarely in the eye. He uttered a sole syllable, "Who?" before snuggling closer in his overcoat.

"But somebody always cleans the church! I don't know who, but someone—"

"The girl who cleaned it quit. We can't expect her to clean it for nothing. Some of the ladies used to clean it," Mr. Sanders said, "but they were so involved with busy lives that we finally hired the girl. She quit," he finished.

"Um," said Mr. Moneylane.

"The brooms and mop wore out. The vacuum cleaner went bad. She ran out of furniture polish and wax, soap powders and cleanser. Besides, she couldn't work without heat and light."

"You say a girl cleaned it? Why didn't the church hire a woman?"

"Women ask higher wages," replied his companion. "The girl was May Ellen Jones."

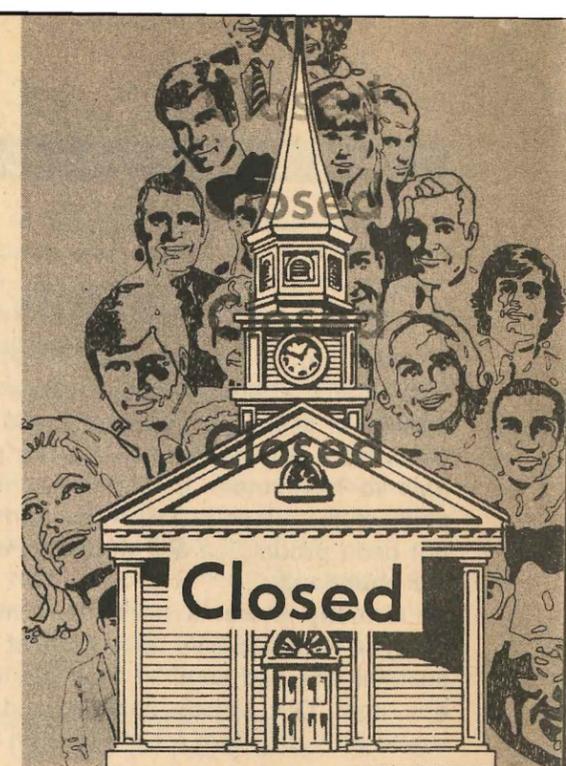
Mr. Moneylane remembered May Ellen Jones skipping by his house on her way to Vacation Bible School.

"Say, Sanders," he said, "does the church still have Vacation Bible School for the kids?"

"No, we quit that two years ago. No money for supplies."

"Where is the pastor?" asked Mr. Moneylane.

"He may not come this morning. The gas and lights have been turned off in the parsonage. And his car went bad last week. Of course, if it would still run



Pastor Trainer has no money to buy gas. We cut off his automobile allowance three months ago."

"Really? Well, what about his salary?" asked Mr. Moneylane. "Somebody pays him a salary, I guess."

Mr. Sanders uttered a "humph" this time. "You guess?" he said. "Yes, the church used to pay the pastor a salary. He hasn't been paid lately, though."

"What's he living on?" asked Mr. Moneylane.

"Don't know. And his wife is sick just now. If the church had sent in the payments for their health insurance, her hospital bills would be paid. They won't now."

"I'm going home if the pastor's sermons have stopped," Mr. Moneylane decided as he placed a worn hymnbook in the rack. "We have no money for new hymnbooks," Mr. Sanders apologized.

Mr. Moneylane drove home. "A man has a right to attend church and hear a sermon at Christmas," he muttered in a vexed tone.

When Easter rolled around he remembered his promise to his wife and decided to attend church again, even if no pastor appeared. But when he drove there he found the church door closed.

"Closed for lack of funds," the sign read.

"Well, what do you know?" asked Mr. Moneylane. "It seems strange to have no church in a community. I thought all communities furnished churches for people. A man has a right to attend church at Easter!"

Mr. Moneylane returned home to count the money he'd saved the previous week.

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

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Integrity Must Accompany Ingenuity

Standing on the threshold of 1975, we think we face many shortages. Not since colonial days, periods of economic depression and a few wartime years have Americans with buying power not been able to have more than they want in necessities and luxuries. Our problem through the years has not been production but finding a way to consume our abundance.

Actually there is no serious material scarcity today in America. We have more of everything that sustains life and comfort than any other people of any age. Our waste baskets and garbage cans would be better fare for millions on earth than they now have.

The two items which concern most of us as we look to 1975 are food and fuel. These affect all of us and we want unlimited supplies of both at an economical price. We reveal our greed and selfishness when we hoard scarce items and justify our riding everywhere and mostly with one in a car.

Indeed, our wanton consumption of food and fuel has created what shortages we now have. We want what we want and when we want it without regard for the needs of others. If we cannot secure it ethically and honestly, we too often abandon ethics and honesty.

This brings me to the point of this editorial. There is a serious shortage in American life but not in the realm of materials. The short supply is in the moral and spiritual realm. The one thing most limited in supply today is integrity in every realm of American life.

If this sounds like preaching, it is just that and without apology. We can survive and not even suffer if we have to give up many material things we now have but we face national collapse and anarchy if we don't find and use more integrity.

Integrity is moral soundness and uprightness. It is taught in the revelation of God and is his intention for all persons from the highest in prestige to the lowest in rank. To abandon it is moral and spiritual suicide. Without it nothing else can be alright very long.

Americans are the most ingenious people on earth. Our technology surpasses that of any contemporary nation or any previous civilization.

For this reason it is almost certain our scientists will find and develop other energy sources which far surpass the petroleum we now depend upon. The oil age may be about over so far as our total dependence is concerned. Necessity has always proved to be the mother of invention and will be so in the present energy crisis.

Potential for production of food in America is unlimited. This was impressed upon me as a boy when I saw hogs killed and crops plowed up to get rid of surplus food. For many years until very recently farmers were paid to keep land out of production.

And so we have the ingenuity to produce what we need but ingenuity to produce without integrity to use what we produce properly is tragic. We have been asked to exercise self restraint in the use of fuel so as to avoid rationing but who is driving less and walking more? Even 100 percent rise of gasoline prices has not reduced our driving noticeably.

Steel companies, auto manufacturers and food merchandisers have been urged to hold down prices but one increase follows another. By now it is apparent that voluntary restraint is only a dream.

Labor is asked to exercise restraint in requests for wage increases but every contract goes higher and higher. Producers having to pay higher wages pass on the costs to the customers who, in turn, go back to seek more wage increases. And so it is an endless merry-go-around which is really not merry for anyone.

No economic system is better than those who work in it. The price we pay for free enterprise is to be gouged by some enterprisers who are without integrity. Ingenuity without integrity only adds to chaos and hastens our national suicide.

God cannot be mocked. The moral as well as the physical laws which the Creator set into force at the beginning of creation still apply. We cannot break them without being broken ourselves.

The same promise from God applies to us in 1975 as it did to Solomon nearly 3,000 years ago. "And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, . . . then I will establish your royal throne over Israel for ever." (I Kings 9:4-5)

Some Thoughts On Mandatory Retirement At 65

Mandatory retirement at the age of 65 takes many able leaders from churches and denominational posts. To arbitrarily set 65 as the age when one passes from effectiveness to ineffectiveness really makes no sense. Indeed, many of the most able people in leadership places of the world today are past 65.

Youth and old age are more of an attitude and spirit than the number of years one has lived. Some people are old at 45 and some are young at 75. We cannot deny the natural years we have lived but we can refuse to fit into the mold society has set for 65 year olds.

Illustrative of persons beyond 65 who are still in the peak of their service and ministry are all around us. An outstanding Kentucky example known by many is Dr. O. W. Yates in Lexington. He was a pastor and college faculty member for many years before I came to know him when we were together at Georgetown College more than 20 years ago. He raised most of the money for the beautiful John L. Hill Chapel.

Later he led in raising funds for Baptist hospitals in Kentucky. Still later he defied the idea of retirement and became pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington. Many of his friends regard this as the most effective ministry in his life. He wore out more shoe leather and knocked on more doors than some pastors less than half his age.

Two Kentucky Baptist Executive Board employees forced to retire were quickly selected for mission superintendents in local associations. Each did an outstanding job. Roy Lyons retired from the Thornhill church in Frankfort, moved to Louisville and started a supply ministry. In only a few weeks he was persuaded to become pastor of a fine rural church. But he and the church are happy.

Retirement at 65 does have advantages. It provides for new and fresh leadership much needed in some instances. It allows for an orderly removal of ineffective leadership without open confrontation and bitterness.

Facing retirement is more of a problem for the employee than the employer. A person approaching retirement had better make some plans and preparations. Otherwise, what he has worked and waited for might be the most miserable experience of his life. A healthy, well adjusted 65 year old person doesn't rock long on his front porch nor spend many weeks on the golf course or fishing lake before he misses and longs for meaningful work and responsibility.

In many instances an organization or church is a greater loser than the person who retires. This would argue for some flexibility in retirement policies. Why not have it understood official retirement is at 65 but allow for reemployment on an annual basis upon mutual agreement? This would make room for extended service of one who is much needed.

A person should start preparing for retirement long before it comes. Some enjoyable hobbies can be turned into full-time and profitable activities. A vigorous person can look toward 65 not to set down and waste away but as a time to change jobs and do things he has always loved but never had time to do.

Local pastor conferences would do well to sponsor a clinic devoted to preparation of ministers for retirement. Some helpful material for such a clinic is available from the Church Services Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



ALCOHOLISM A SIN

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reply to an article in the *Western Recorder*. The article was on alcoholism and was written by James E. McReynolds.

I haven't read any of the volumes on alcoholism that the article mentions but I read in one volume, *The Holy Bible*, that

alcoholism is not a disease, but sin. I Corinthians 6:9-10 tells us this. All through the Old Testament and in the New Testament there are admonitions against the use of wine. Proverbs 23:29-32 perfectly describes an alcoholic.

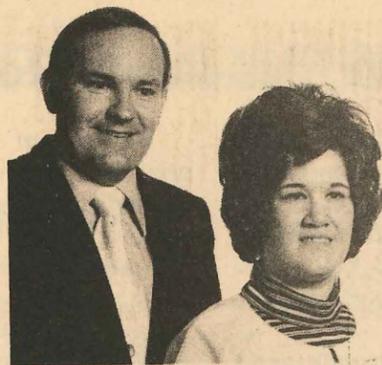
We, as Christians, need to take the love of Jesus to these people. We need to wake up and see sin as it is. The natural man or the unsaved man cannot see sin until the Word of God points it out to him. We

cannot educate, counsel, talk or persuade sin from people's lives. If we can stay with these people all hours of the day and night when they are drinking, why can't we be around until they sober up and, with an open Bible, tell these people about Jesus until the Spirit of God takes this word deep into their hearts and they are saved. They can become new creatures in Christ Jesus (II Corinthians 5:17).

Frankfort, Kentucky Mrs. Betty Gilbert



Mr. and Mrs. Bibb



Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Copeland

Kentuckians Appointed Missionaries

Two former Kentucky ministers were appointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board December 10, during a meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

Tollie M. Bibb, Jr., and his wife Linda, were appointed to work with students in Ghana.

A Texan, Bibb graduated from Kansas State College and Southern Seminary. He has served as minister of activities at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, and worked as a track coach at the University of Louisville.

Mrs. Bibb is a native of Oklahoma. She graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and also attended Southern Seminary. While in college she was a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board summer missionary in Illinois.

They are currently living in San Antonio, Texas, where he is minister of activities at Trinity Baptist Church and she has taught elementary school music in the public schools.

E. L. Copeland and his wife Linda were appointed to serve in Colombia where he will work in religious education promotion.

A native of Tennessee, Copeland graduated from the University of North Alabama and Southern Seminary. He has been minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia; pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and associate pastor of Rolling Fields Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Mrs. Copeland, a native of North Carolina, graduated from Mars Hill College and attended Southern Seminary. She was choir director for the Kentucky Children's Home and served as a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Chicago as a student. They have two children, Edward Scott and Shelley Lynn.

Currently the Copeland family is living in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he is minister of education at First Baptist Church.

Generosity Brings Early Christmas



Viola Andersen, right center, receives the round trip ticket to American Samoa from Janet Newbolt, president of KBH's Christian Student Union. Miss Newbolt conceived the idea of the special Christmas gift. Looking on are Linda Blair, right, director of the school of nursing, and Billie Patterson, CSU director.

Three years is a long time for a young lady to be away from her parents. But that was the price Viola Andersen was willing to pay when she left American Samoa and headed for Louisville. Here she would study in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital's nurses training program. Then she would see her parents again.

But thanks to the generosity of the students and faculty of the school, Miss Andersen is spending this Christmas, her second since leaving the Pacific island, reunited with her parents.

Students donated their yearly dues toward the purchase of the plane ticket. The Christian Student Union chipped in proceeds from their booth at the school carnival. Together with profits from a cookbook sale by the faculty, enough funds were raised to provide a little spending money for Miss Andersen's two week stay.



A life is just like an edifice or a city. It has to be built. Stone by stone, brick by brick, nail by nail, pillar by pillar a life is built. Whatever one puts into it as he builds, he shall be when he is finished. Every brick of kindness, every brick of evil, every stone of love, every stone of hate, every pillar of faith, every pillar of doubt, every beam of good, every beam of bad will all be there when your life is built. The total product we call character. Whether it is good, bad, or negligible, through its mediocrity, it is the sum total of character—a life.

If you want to have friends, you have to make friends. If you want to have a home, you have to build a home. If you want to have a station in the world, you have to build a station in the world. It has been wisely said, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." We might add, it gathers nothing else either. Its only contribution to life is to knock other stones loose and start an avalanche of rolling stones like unto itself.

If we go through our span of years without building a life, having no friends because we make none, having no home because we build no home, having no niche in which to lodge ourselves because we create none, then ours will be a most pitiable plight. Our complaints over this plight will excite sympathy from our fellows, but it will be too late for it to do much good.

How goes it for you? The years are slipping away. What are you building out of them—friends, love, character, a happy environment? You have the tools; you have some time left; you must spend this time at something. Build a life. A New Year is starting. Read Matthew 7:24-28 and resolve to spend 1975 building a life, an eternal life in Christ.

(Our "fast gift" for world hunger is receiving good response. I don't know how many have fasted, but people are responding fast. Thanks, and God bless you. More on this soon from our Christian life department and committee.)

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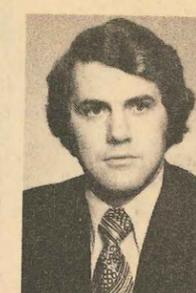
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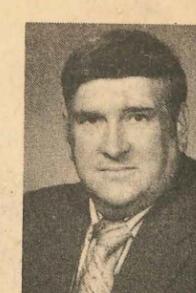
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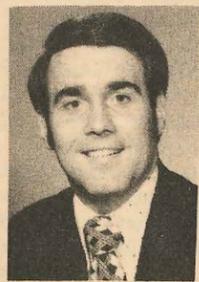
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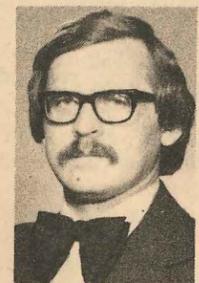
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19 Kentucky Students Receive Degrees From Southern Seminary

Nineteen students from Kentucky received their seminary degrees during graduation exercises December 20 in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. H. Cornell Goerner, Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Africa, delivered the commencement address which was followed by the presentation of degrees by seminary president Duke K. McCall.

Students from Kentucky receiving their degrees and their hometowns are:

Master of Religious Education: John Mark Carter, Louisville; Dona Jon Crowe, Louisville; Larry Dayne Insko, Brooksville;

James Edward Maddox, Independence; Larry Gene Mulberry, Louisville, and William F. Halbrooks, Louisville.

Master of Divinity: Michael Ray Crain, Texas; Ralph Wayne Hodge, Corbin; Robert Dale Hopkins, Newport; Don R. Mathis, Hopkinsville; James Stewart McKenzie, Ashland; David Lynn Moore, Louisville; Diana Moore, Pikeville; Larry David Nichols, Owensboro; John Elvis Sowell, Louisville; and David Boswell Hazelwood, Owensboro.

Doctor of Ministry: Bill Douglas Whittaker, Bowling Green (now of Sturgis); and Doctor of Philosophy: Wallace Anson Clinton Williams, Louisville, and Altus Newell, Crestwood.

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EMPLOYEES HONORED — Seven employees of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board were honored Thursday, December 12 during the board's winter meeting. At left, business manager Garnett B. Morton presents Mrs. Esther Weller, receptionist and switchboard operator at the Kentucky

Baptist Building. Mrs. Weller has held that position for 10 years. At right, Arlis Hinson, left, poses with six Cedarmore employees who were honored. From left they are Mrs. Ray [Martha] Quire, 10 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long, 10 years; Samuel Satterley, Sr., 10 years; and Albert Hall, 15 years.

Administrative Committee Guides Convention Most Of Year



Warf



Burhans

Since the Kentucky Baptist Convention has empowered the Executive Board with the jurisdiction to act in its behalf between regular convention sessions, the Executive Board is an influential group.

But since the Executive Board has delegated to its executive committee charge of board affairs between full-board meetings, this 11 member committee is probably the most influential group among Kentucky Baptists.

The administrative committee is composed of the convention president, who also serves as chairman of the board, eight persons chosen by him to head up the board's eight standing committees, and the two KBC vice presidents who are also vice-chairmen of the board.

Among the committee's responsibilities are the organization, planning and scheduling of Executive Board work. It has authority to resolve the responsibility assignment on matters before the board. The administrative committee also directs and evaluates the work of the executive secretary as well as serve as the Executive Board's personnel committee.

A major charge to the committee is the authority to serve as the "ad interim Executive Board" and to "act in matters that are truly of an emergency nature." In each case the committee's actions are subject to board ratification.

Composing this year's administrative committee are John Wood, Paducah, board chairman; Curtis Warf, Pikeville, first vice-chairman; A. L. Meacham, LaGrange, second vice-chairman; Rollin S. Burhans, Bowling Green, nominating; Curtis Erwin, Glasgow, program; Jim Highland, Williamsburg, Christian education; Jim Taulman, Fort Mitchell, Christian life; Bill Simmons, Lexington, campus ministries; Louis Walters, Louisville, camps and assemblies; and Jesse Hatfield, Princeton, finance.

Executive secretary Frank Owen is an ex officio member of the committee.

By Bob Terry
Associate Editor

ROLLIN S. BURHANS serves as chairman of the administrative committee and its nominating committee for the second straight year. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

The Missouri native is now serving his second three year term on the board of directors of the *Western Recorder*. He has formerly served as chairman of the personnel committee and as a member of the administrative committee of the board.

Burhans is a graduate of Southern Seminary where he earned the ThM and ThD degrees. He also holds the LLD degree from William Jewell College in his native state.

He has been active in the Southern Baptist Convention and has served as a member of the committee on committees, the social action committee, and on the board of directors of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Prior to being called to Bowling Green Burhans held a pastorate at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville from 1946-1960.

He is the last president of Kentucky Southern College, having held the position from 1960 until the college closed in 1969.

CURTIS WARF is first vice chairman of the Executive Board and first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. At the time of his election Warf was serving on the state Executive Board.

A native of Green County, he is a graduate of both Campbellsville and Georgetown Colleges. In 1956, Warf received a degree from Southern Seminary.

The Pikeville pastor is currently serving as a member of the board for the Kentucky Baptist Child Care program. Previously, he served as a member of the board of trustees for Campbellsville College. Warf has also served on the convention's committee on committees. Executive Board responsibility has included tenure on the finance and nominating committees.

Before accepting the First Baptist Church in 1969, Warf served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sturgis. He has also served three other Kentucky Baptist churches as pastor.

Warf is married to the former Jean Akin of Franklin. The couple has two children.

A. L. MEACHAM serves as second vice chairman of the board and second vice president of the KBC. He has been pastor of the DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church in LaGrange 22 years. Prior to that time Meacham served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs. He has been pastor of other churches in Christian and Trigg counties.

Five different times, this LaGrange pastor has been elected to membership on the Executive Board and has served on practically all the board's committees. He has also served on the convention's committee on committees.

A graduate of Georgetown College, this Christian County native holds the ThM degree from Southern Seminary. He has also been a school teacher and coached basketball and baseball.

Meacham is married to the former Helen Hale. The couple has two children.



Meacham



Walters

LOUIS WALTERS Pastor of Ralph Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville for the past 10 years, Louis Walters is chairman of the board's camps and assemblies committee.

A native of Paducah, Walters is a graduate of Murray State University where he was captain of the football team. Following graduation, he became teacher and football coach at Trigg County High School. Military service in the Navy followed where Walters saw combat in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of war. He was discharged as a senior lieutenant.

Walters earned the MA degree from University of Louisville and later entered Southern Seminary which awarded him the BD degree in 1958. He has done additional study toward a PhD degree at Indiana University.

For 20 years he has been pastor in the Louisville area. During that time he has been moderator of Long Run Association, associate moderator twice, and served on most all associational committees. He has also been president of the Long Run Pastor's Conference.

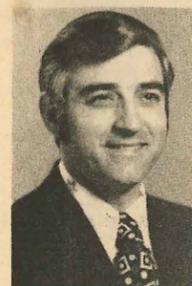
Five times the Shively area pastor has been a member of the Executive Board. Walters is married to the former Dorothea Virginia Froste of Hazard. The couple has two children.

JIM HIGHLAND heads up the Christian education committee. For the past two years he has been a member of the administrative committee as chairman of the board's campus ministries committee. Highland is pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg. Previous pastorates include Salt River church, Danville; Hopewell church, Harrodsburg; First church, Liberty; and Cumberland church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

While in Tennessee he served as president of the Knoxville Pastors' Conference. He has served as president of the Whitley County Mental Retardation Association and president of the Cumberland College church advisory board.

JIM TAULMAN serves for the second year as chairman of the Christian life committee. He is pastor of Fort Mitchell Baptist Church.

The native of Oklahoma and graduate of Oklahoma Baptist College has served two churches in his native state and three in Kentucky. The pastorates in Kentucky include East Bend Baptist, Burlington; New Salem Baptist, Cox's Creek, and his present position in Fort Mitchell.



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CURTIS ERWIN is also serving his third consecutive term on the administrative committee. He directs the work of the board's program committee. The Tennessee native is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and Southern Seminary. Bethel College in Hopkinsville awarded Erwin the doctor of divinity degree.

He is also chairman of the convention's special committee on aging.

Before coming to his present pastorate in 1968, Glasgow Baptist Church, Erwin was pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville. Prior to that he served the Macedonia church in Owensboro and the Madness Memorial church in McMinnville, Tennessee.

He has been a trustee at Bethel College, Campbellsville College and Georgetown College. He was president of the board of Bethel College at the time of its closure.

Other denominational activities include a previous term on the administrative committee of the KBC Executive Board and membership on the Radio and Television Commission.

While in Tennessee he served on the state executive board and as president of the Sunday School Convention.

BILL SIMMONS currently serves as minister of education for Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. For Kentucky Baptists, he is chairman of the board's campus ministry committee.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Simmons is a graduate of Emory University and Southwestern Seminary. Before coming to Kentucky he served the First Baptist Churches of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Birmingham, Alabama.

He has been first vice president of the Florida Baptist Convention, president of the Kentucky Religious Education Association, president of Kentucky's Southwestern Seminary alumni, and a member of the KBC order of business committee.

On numerous occasions, the religious education worker has served on the faculty for state camps in Florida, Alabama, and Kentucky.

Simmons, an Air Force veteran of World War II, is married and the father of four children.

JESSE HATFIELD is pastor of Princeton's First Baptist Church and chairman of the finance committee of the Executive board. Twice before he has served on the Executive Board and twice he has been a member of the administrative committee.

A native of Louisville, Hatfield holds degrees from Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Barbourville, and Beechland Baptist Church, Louisville. Clear Creek Baptist School and the former Kentucky Southern College tapped him for service as trustee.

Hatfield worked with the Church Training, Sunday School and Brotherhood departments of the KBC as teacher and leader in many training clinics. He has also served on the Ridgecrest faculty for Foreign Mission Week. [Picture not available.]

This is a brief look at the men composing the administrative committee of the Executive Board. The one omission is KBC president John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church in Paducah. A more complete profile on this year's president will be printed in an upcoming issue.

Music Association Holds Annual Meet, Elects New Officers

The Kentucky Baptist Music Association had a record turnout for its annual meeting, November 11-12. This fact was reported by state music director Eugene Quinn, Thursday, December 19.

Quinn said a record number of ministers of music also registered for the two-day event.

Program highlights included concerts by David Ford of Nashville's First Baptist Church, planning for "PraiSing 75" and a message by veteran music leader C. A. Holcomb.

Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah hosted the meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year are John Boggess, Frankfort, president; Tony Whitfield, Paducah, vice president; Ronnie L. Smith, Campbellsville, secretary; and Bill Turner, Lexington, pastor-advisor.

Christians And World Hunger

1. Hunger is in your own community — In Kentucky, agencies as the Salvation Army have been swamped this Christmas with a 50 percent increase in requests for aid and have already stopped taking names. Many die in Kentucky each year from diseases brought on by insufficient diet.

2. In America, there is hunger in the midst of affluence. It is estimated that 10 to 15 million Americans are in urgent need of food aid, and that another 10 million need some nutritional help.

3. The world faces critical shortages. The United Nations just completed a World Food Conference in Rome. South of the Sahara 25 million people suffer in seven drought-stricken countries. As many as half of the 280 million Latin Americans live on moderately to seriously deficient diets (population there has tripled in 40 years). From Biafra to Bangladesh, people are dying — 10,000 every day — from malnutrition and starvation.

4. It took all of history until 1830 to reach one billion population. This doubled in the next 100 years. By 1960 (30 years later) population reached three billion. The present four billion is expected to be a crowded seven billion by the year 2000.

5. The United States uses 85 percent of its grain to feed animals. The American steer can take 21 pounds of inexpensive grain protein and reduce it to one pound of expensive meat protein. A decrease of 10 percent in our meat consumption per year alone would yield enough grain to feed 60 million starving people.

6. In the United States, 16,000 tons of grain are used daily in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

7. The quadrupling price of oil has put fuel for irrigation and tractor machinery and petrochemical-derived fertilizers and pesticides out of the financial reach of poor nations.



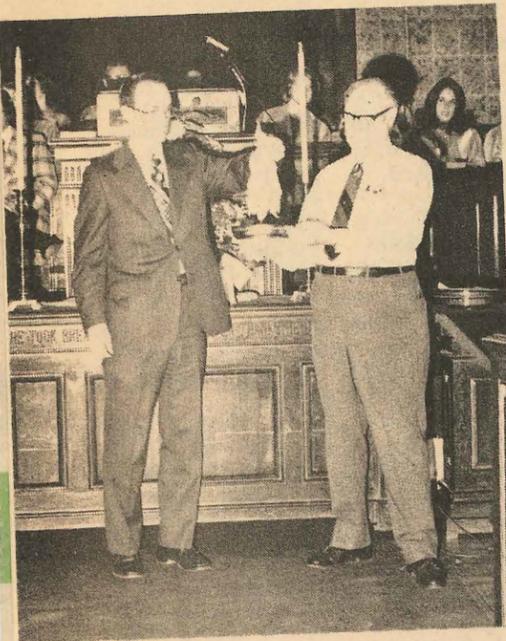
8. The United States is the world's prime supplier in grains, exporting as much wheat as the rest of the wheat-surplus nations combined. Spring floods and summer droughts have reduced American grain reserves to the lowest point since the 1940's.

9. Inflation and world competition for U.S. food have driven prices up making proper nutrition very difficult for persons on fixed income (elderly, welfare, disabled, etc.).

10. The United States is part of six percent of the world's population that consumes 40 percent of the world's resources. The average American eats five times the amount of food considered as minimal for developing nations.

11. James 2:15 — "If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

12. Fasting is more than doing without. It is abstaining for a purpose of prayer, repentance, awareness, concern, and dedication. (Matthew 25:31-46; Isaiah 58:6-11; Matthew 6:16-21; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:21-23; Matthew 2:18-20; Daniel 10; Exodus 34:27-28; I Kings 19:4-18; Matthew 4:1-2) •



NOTE BURNING SERVICE — The Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, recently held a note burning service to celebrate the retirement of a \$220,000 loan for the Robert H. Alston Education Building. Alston, who was pastor from 1952-1971, delivered the message and was elected pastor emeritus. Robert Langdon, pastor, and Albert House, a church deacon, are shown burning the note.

Child Care Study Group Seeks Input From Interested Persons

The Kentucky Baptist Convention committee charged with studying the program of Child Care has asked for help from all Baptists of Kentucky. At the committee's first meeting, December 17, the members voted to ask each Kentucky Baptist with information about the child care program to share that information with the committee.

Such communication may be directed to committee chairman Austin Roberts of Danville. He may be addressed at 444 Pleasantwood Drive, Danville 40422.

Other committee members are John Dunnaway, Corbin; Jewell Barrett, Paducah; Mrs. William Ellis, Shelbyville; John Huffman, Mayfield; Mrs. J. T. Miller, Whitesville; James B. Sawyer, Louisville; Joseph Stopher, Louisville, and Bill Tichenor, Scottsville.

Those desiring to do so may contact any member of the committee to share helpful information, Austin said. •

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November 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Bridges:
I greatly appreciated your and Dr. Mills' visit on Thursday, November 7.

For months, I had been trying to decide on a will. The testimony which I related made me realize that all I had came from God, and that I was just a steward of God. The question then was: How could I be a good steward? After much time, thought, and prayer, my decision was a ——— Scholarship Fund, for Georgetown College for worthy and deserving students.

I have served people all of my life and now I can go on serving through this scholarship fund at Georgetown College. This institution is, and will continue to be a College where students will have a Christian influence, as well as get good scholastic training.

It is a joy and a privilege to leave this portion of my estate to benefit future students.

Very sincerely yours,

People who experience the joy of giving can express better than anyone else what motivated them to give. I received a letter on November 20, 1974. I want to share a portion of it with you:

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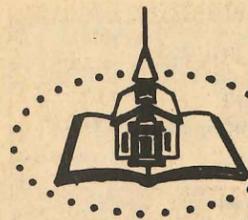
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Staking All On God

Genesis 12:1-4

While Abram was living quietly in Ur, supervising the company of servants who were looking after his large flocks and herds, a summons came from God pleading with him to get out of his native country and away from his kindred, and to go into a land which He had chosen for him. God wanted to get Abram away from his pagan forebears and their form of worship. The call of God is always away from the sinful manner of life. In God's call to Abram we see the sovereign grace of God in action. His call was "from" and "unto." It was from the idolatry of his own land, from fellowship with his kindred, and from occupation with the pursuits of his own people. It was unto fellowship with God, unto purity of worship, and unto the purposes which had been formulated in heaven.

This divine promise should serve as a reminder to us that God's protecting care is guaranteed to all of His children today who are engaged in doing His will. Those who honor Christ will be honored and blessed by the Father.

Genesis 15:5-6

Abram's attention was concentrated on his major personal problem — the fear that he might never have a son. Chafing at the long delay in the fulfillment of God's promise, Abram thought about what he should do to help make it come true. Taking Abram outside his tent, God told him to look toward heaven and observe the multiplicity of the stars. When Abram observed that the stars were innumerable, God declared that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Abram was convinced that what God had promised to do He was both able and willing to perform in His own good time. His faith was clearer and stronger than it had ever been before, so Abram believed that God would give him a son, just as He had said that He would do. Because Abram believed God, his faith was counted unto him for righteousness.

Genesis 17:1-5

When Abram reached the age of 99, God's promise was yet unfulfilled. Then God confirmed His purpose of grace saying: "I am the Almighty God: walk

before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." Abram fell on his face before God in humility, reverence, adoration, worship, and submission, and God then talked to him about His purpose for him. God reminded His servant that He had never been unmindful of His solemn promises to him.

Genesis 21:1-3

When Abraham was 100 years of age and Sarah was 90, Isaac was born, in fulfillment of God's promise. Isaac became the channel through which God fulfilled His purpose of redemption. In miraculous ways, that are far beyond the comprehension of human beings, God works in accordance with His will and purpose.

Genesis 22:10-12

In His own good time and manner God tested the faith of Abraham. The test to which God subjected him was for the purpose of revealing the quality and maturity of his faith in Him. In infinite wisdom, goodness, power, and love God

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Matthew 5:17-20

When Christ assumed the role of Teacher many wondered what He believed, and whether or not He would be a true Hebrew. So much emphasis was placed upon the Mosaic Law that a man was accepted or rejected by the Jews on the basis of his attitude toward the law. To avert any possible misunderstanding concerning His own attitude toward the law, Christ spoke to His disciples in the hearing of the multitude and told them plainly that He had not come to destroy

took years to prepare Abraham for this supreme test of his faith.

After Abraham had undergone thorough preparation, God made this shocking request of him: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering."

Abraham's response to God's command was swift. His obedience was unquestioning, unhesitating, resolute, and decisive. When he and Isaac arrived at the place designated, Abraham built an altar, arranged the wood on it, bound Isaac and laid him on the wood, and prepared to do what God had told him to do. When Abraham lifted the knife to sacrifice Isaac, in whom his hopes were vested, reasoning that God was able to raise him from the dead, his obedience had gone far enough to prove that he would give his very best to God, so God interposed by calling out and staying his hand. Accepting Abraham's intention for the actual deed, God prevented him from slaying Isaac. Through faith in God, each Christian can do what Abraham did, namely, go where God wanted him to go and do what God wanted him to do.

the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them.

Christ did not come to destroy the law, nor to brush it aside as something of little or no significance, but rather to fulfill its literal demands. Through His sacrifice at Calvary he showed the end toward which the ceremonial law pointed. Christ considered the moral law as perpetually binding on all mankind. Would to God that all who profess to be His followers had the same high regard for God's law which Christ had! If they did, they would not be so ready to ignore it or to attempt to explain it away. Some contend, "We are not under the law, but under grace." Admittedly Christians are not under law as a means to life, but the law remains the expression of God's will for them. God's



law is eternal, never to be abrogated or set aside.

In verse 19 Christ denounced those religious leaders who were minimizing the importance of the commandments. It is certainly a mark of wisdom to do and to teach the law of God.

Matthew 7:24-29

Christ here told about two men who were impressed with the need of building a house. Alike in their desires to be shielded from the rains and protected from the winds, these men resolved to obtain what they needed. They resolutely set to work to build a house. Naturally the first consideration in the erection of each house was that of the foundation. The character of a foundation is determined by the importance of the structure that is to rest upon it. Since the foundation imparts strength to the superstructure, any wise builder will be careful about his foundation.

The sensible man built his house upon the rock, but the foolish man built his house upon the sand. Externally both houses appeared to be well built and comfortable. The main difference in these two buildings was out of sight, under the ground. The stability of any house depends ultimately on the solidity or strength of its foundation.

Each of us is engaged in building the house of life. All of us have a choice of foundations. Only the person who builds on the right foundation is equipped to meet whatever life may bring. No matter how well it is constructed, or how attractive its appearance, any structure is unsafe if it has a poor foundation. Rock is a symbol of Christ, and sand is a symbol of anything except Him. A life built on anything except Christ will crumble and fall when the testings come, as they most assuredly will.

All foundations will be tested. Sooner or later the winds of adversity batter us. The dreary drenching rains of sickness, suffering, and sorrow get us down. Only those who build on Christ are prepared to meet whatever life brings.

Matthew 13:33-35

In both the Old and New Testaments the word "leaven" is used uniformly as a symbol of evil. However, there are commentators who claim that in this passage there is an exception and that here it is a symbol of good. They proceed to make the leaven represent the gospel of Christ and the meal to be a symbol of the world, thus teaching that in due time the entire world will be saved. This position many of us cannot accept. Nevertheless, the leaven does give us a familiar picture of the power of influence.

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Robinson Declines Augusta Church

R. Jack Robinson has declined an offer to become again the pastor of First Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, where he served 21 years. Robinson resigned the pulpit August 18, citing doctor's orders as a major reason. He was under treatment for bleeding ulcers and spent several weeks in an Augusta hospital. In September he and Mrs. Robinson were divorced. She now lives in Houston, Texas.

In late October, the Augusta church's pulpit search committee asked Robinson for permission to recommend to the congregation that he be recalled as their pastor. On December 15, Robinson declined the offer. He said, "I have come to the firm decision that I cannot attempt this demanding task alone. 'I have discussed the matter in depth with my physician . . . I have agonized in prayer for six weeks over what is best for

me personally and for our church.'" He said, "My love for First Baptist Church of Augusta will remain unending." Robinson told the congregation he will take a managerial position with an Augusta business firm, January 2. Robinson preached the June, 1974, Southern Baptist Convention sermon in Dallas. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the SBC and was president of the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1971-72. He and his daughter Frances live in the home which the church gave the family on his 20th anniversary as pastor in 1973. She is a student at Augusta College. (BP)

Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell Dies

Lilian Yarborough Leavell, widow of the late, former New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary president, Roland Q. Leavell, died in New Orleans Friday,

December 13, following a heart attack, a seminary spokesman said. Mrs. Leavell's death came 11 days after her nephew, Landrum Leavell, II, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was named president of New Orleans Seminary, effective January 1, 1975.

Roland Q. Leavell was president of New Orleans Seminary from 1946-58 and died in 1963. Mrs. Leavell, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, took up residence on the New Orleans campus following her husband's death and became director of the women's division of the seminary's board of development.

Her hobby was writing poetry and hymns. The text of her "We Lift Our Hearts in Songs of Praise" will appear in the Baptist Hymnal (1975) to be released in March.

Landrum Leavell, II, conducted a special memorial service in her honor in Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus. Burial was in Oxford, Mississippi. She has three daughters surviving. (BP)

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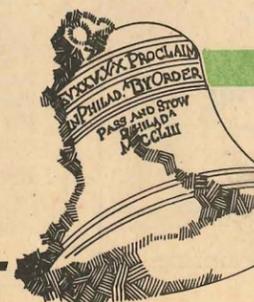


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