

# DEVA STATION ION

**REVISITED**

MULLINS HALL

*Western Recorder*  
APRIL 5, 1975



Wesley Shipp, Pastor, Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist, Louisville

**He Who Has Ears...**

Amos 8:11; 2:6; 3:1; 4:1 & 5:12; 5:24; and Matthew 11:15

The hour is late. I sit alone preparing to teach from the book of Amos. I ponder the events of the day — a day filled with work, decision, disappointment, hope, despair, joy, tears, certainty and doubt.

"Behold the days are coming . . . when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread . . . but of hearing of the words of the Lord."

A famine of hearing the words of God. There is surely no famine of words in this day. But whether what we hear most has anything to do with the words of God is another matter. There surely are some things which one had better not say in some places if one is not prepared to move or die or . . . ?

" . . . they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes. They trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth . . ."

When did he write these words? Was it 2,800 years ago or yesterday or today or . . . ? Who was he speaking about? . . . Israel? . . . America? . . . You? . . . Me?

Not us — surely not us! At least not those of us who are in the Christian Church. We are His chosen people.

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities."

Look Amos! Who do you think you are

talking to? We are the people of God. We build huge church buildings and form strong associations and give money for missions and have grand conventions in the name of our God. We are those who — " . . . who oppress the poor, who crush the needy . . . who take a bribe . . . who afflict the righteous . . . and turn aside the needy . . ."

Let us be done with all this gloomy talk. Let great church buildings be built. Let the budgets be increased. Let bigger and better choirs sing better music. Let more money be given to missions. Let better preachers preach more eloquent sermons. Let bigger and better conventions be held. Let . . . !

What's that you say? " . . . let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream."

Shut up, Amos! We will have no more of this. We have heard enough!

"Behold, the days are coming, (Says the Lord God) when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread . . . but of hearing the words of the Lord."

"He who has ears to hear . . . let him hear . . ."

**Church Chuckles** by CARTWRIGHT



"I can honestly say that Ed and his Bible are very close—he uses it to prop up a sag in his mattress!"



**THANKS** — Austin Roberts [right] of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, receives a commemorative plaque from Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan at his final annual trustee meeting in Dallas. Roberts rotates this year from membership as a trustee of the SBC Annuity Board.

**Confabs Offer Help With Youth Programs**

Robert D. Meade, vocational guidance consultant for the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be featured April 7-11 in seven workshops throughout Kentucky designed to help pastors in directing summer youth programs.

On April 7, conferences will be at Olivet Baptist Church, Paducah, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, from 7 to 9 p.m. April 8 conferences will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Bowling Green Associational Office, and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Owensboro Associational Office.

A single conference will be April 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Louisville Associational Office, with two more April 10. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon a conference will be conducted at Irene Cole Memorial Church, Prestonsburg, and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington. The final meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon April 11 at First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.



Meade

**SECOND LARGE APPROPRIATION IN MONTH —**

**Baptist Missionaries In Vietnam Get \$250,000 For Refugee Relief**

A recent plea of South Vietnam Southern Baptist missionaries for emergency relief aid has been met with a \$250,000 allocation from the Foreign Mission Board.

Evacuated earlier in the week from the war-torn cities of Hue and Dalat, the 10 Southern Baptist missionaries — four couples and two journeymen — requested that \$600,000 from the FMB be sent for use in refugee relief and resettlement.

The evacuations, according to R. Keith Parks, FMB secretary for southeast Asia, were "precautionary in light of recent South Vietnamese troop withdrawals."

Evacuated from Hue were career missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Davis, Jr., and two-year journeyman John L. Parsons. Mr. and Mrs. James J. Bobo and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lassiter, two missionary couples in language study in Dalat, left that city for Saigon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bengs, Jr., missionaries, and journeyman Rosalee Beck, had already evacuated Dalat and will not return.

Mission work in South Vietnam has been concentrated in the area from Danang to Nhatrang and in Saigon.

Neither of those areas has been evacuated. There are 36 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to South Vietnam.

The money, sent during the fourth week in March, was the second largest sum in the month sent by the FMB for relief. An earlier appropriation of \$225,194 went to Bangladesh.

According to Southern Baptist missionary William T. Roberson, the South Vietnamese government has estimated that about 500,000 refugees will infiltrate the coastal towns of Nhatrang, Phantheit and Phanrang. About the same number, Roberson added, are expected to come into Danang.

When the request for \$600,000 was received from the Vietnam Baptist Mission, board officials phoned the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in Nashville, along with several state Baptist conventions concerning the request. The one-quarter million dollars that was produced includes money received earlier from churches and individuals by the FMB.



The large relief sums—both for Vietnam and Bangladesh—were made possible in part by state Baptist conventions in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Texas. Other state conventions, including Kentucky, are also collecting money for world relief.

**Operation One**



Operation One '75 is a continuing effort by God's people to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission in our lifetime. His command says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19 RSV). We may be doing many worthwhile activities already but none of these must take precedence over this one great priority.

Operation One '75 is a bold challenge to every Kentucky Baptist to follow Jesus' command to take the good news of his coming to the entire world. Should we not be called to go personally, we are under the same orders to send others who are called. Either way, we are responsible for bearing witness of Christ to all men everywhere.

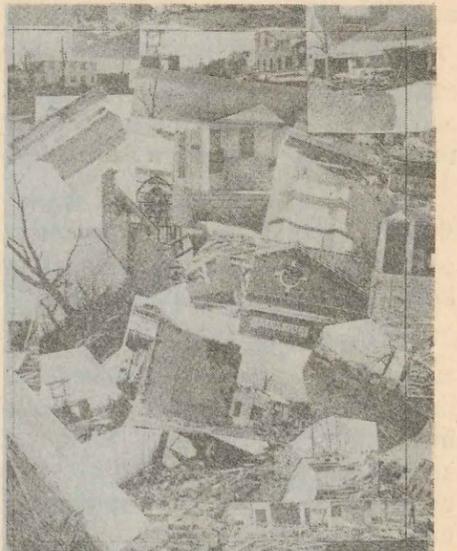
Operation One '75: Declaration of Cooperation is the Cooperative Program emphasis for 1975 in Kentucky and across

the Southern Baptist Convention. Materials are being provided each church for a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Cooperative Program Sunday, April 20, or on a day selected by the church. We are asking each Kentucky Baptist to sign a Declaration of Cooperation. It is hoped that over 200,000 Kentuckians will sign and three million in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is designed to lead the members of every Southern Baptist church to continually be aware of the mission needs of the world and to enable them to respond in a positive way. It is a challenge to churches to reflect this response this year by increasing their gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least one percent of the total church budget and also by increasing associational mission giving in keeping with the amount suggested by the local association.

Operation One '75 reminds every Baptist: We have ONE LORD — Jesus Christ; ONE MISSION — taking the gospel to the ends of the earth; and ONE PEOPLE — committed to advance world mission support. Through Operation One we declare our cooperation and unity as Southern Baptists in support of world missions through the Cooperative Program.

—Jesse Stricker



A year ago this week, a devastating tornado struck Kentucky killing scores of persons and leaving behind property damage in the tens of millions of dollars.

Among the property damaged were Baptist churches and institutions. This issue of *Western Recorder* examines some of the hardest hit Baptist areas a year after that tragic April 3 day.

**WESTERN RECORDER**

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

KENTUCKY BAPTIST BUILDING MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY 40243

Vol. 149 April 5, 1975 No. 13

C. R. DALEY, JR. Editor

BOB TERRY Associate Editor

PAUL WHITLER, JR. Business Manager

Owned and published weekly, except one issue in January and July, by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Building, P.O. Box 43401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Second class postage paid at Middletown, Kentucky.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

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



## The Greatest Of These Is Love

The ingenuity of man knows no bounds when it comes to providing for his physical needs and appetites. In our advanced technological civilization we have almost anything we want and many times it is available in fresh, frozen or bake and serve form. By now the business world is not only making what we want but also is creating wants designed to make us strive for more and newer products.

Man has needs, however, which cannot be satisfied with products which he makes. And so we probably have more crying needs and gnawing hunger than any generation in history.

The one quality needed most today is redemptive love. Almost every person we meet is longing to be loved no matter how self sufficient he appears or how cheerfully he smiles.

Our generation is being victimized by the permissive society we live in. We think we can gratify our animal appetites without guilt and remorse but this is not so because we are more than animals.

We don't have to look beyond or outside the church to find need for redemptive love. The person on the same pew with us on Sunday likely longs to be understood and loved.

There are so many destructive forces at work today inside as well as outside the churches. A prime example is divorce which blights multitudes, including choir members, Sunday School teachers and even ministers. Today's life style makes ministers especially susceptible to moral temptations.

What attitude is proper for Christians toward victims of permissiveness? How are church members to treat fellow church members who are divorced? Are divorced persons disqualified to serve as deacons, Sunday School teachers, choir members, etc.? Should a divorced Baptist preacher be given another chance as pastor?

These are difficult questions and individual circumstances must always be taken into account.

There are no rules that can be universally applied.

What does redemptive love demand? One thing is certain. It does not demand overlooking sin and indulgence toward sinners. There are moral absolutes not affected by situation ethics.

On the other hand it does not demand judgment and punishment on our part. God alone is the judge. There is no place for the legalism of the scribes nor the self-righteousness of the Pharisees.

Our attitude toward victims of sin must be dependent upon their attitude. Has there been genuine confession and repentance? Unconfessed sin cannot be forgiven nor is there restoration for the unrepentant.

A church led by the Holy Spirit doesn't need a set of rules to exclude or include those who have fallen. The example of Jesus is enough. On earth he was the perfect personification of redemptive love. The woman at the well and the woman caught in the act of adultery testify to this.

Let us always return to the gospel accounts. Did Jesus ever fail to forgive and restore anyone repenting sincerely? On the other hand, did he ever take sin lightly or forgive and restore unconditionally?

The term, redemptive love, may sound redundant. Actually it is if "love" is understood in the New Testament sense but this is not always the case. Much that goes under the name of love is not redemptive. Its motive is to exploit, not to redeem. Its purpose is to gratify the lover instead of helping the loved. As Jesus demonstrated it, to love was to redeem and to redeem was to love.

Redemptive love is available but at a high cost. It does not come with natural birth but with spiritual rebirth. It is not costly because it is scarce but it's scarce because it is so costly. The price for its expression in Jesus was the cross and he promised no cheaper price for us.

## Guest Editorial—

## A Lifetime In One Church

By Bill Rogers

Director, Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention

He is a legend in his own way. Homer Nutter has been pastor of only one church in his lifetime. Right out of college, 48 years ago, he was called to pastor First Baptist Church (Black), Lexington, Kentucky. Forty-eight years may not be a record length for a pastor with one church, however, it is a very rare occurrence among Baptists. A native of Paris, Kentucky, all of his education and ministry have been in this state.

Nutter knows most of the great Black Baptist preachers in America. Many of them have, at his request, graced the pulpit of First Baptist Church. He and his church have been in the forefront of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. He served as moderator of that body for six years. His leadership has been felt in every facet of the work. He is a lover and encourager of young ministers. He has encouraged them in quality education in preparation for the gospel ministry.

This writer had an opportunity to spend an

entire afternoon with him some time ago. With a keen memory for dates, facts and names, he took me across almost 50 years of history.

Early in December Nutter suffered a light stroke. Determination, discipline and careful following of doctor's instructions has him back on his feet with only a slight limp. With a gleam in his eye and a smile on his face he said, "I am hoping that I can serve 50 years as pastor of First Baptist." With a pause and a stare into the distance he continued, "It just could be that the good Lord will continue to smile on me and let me fulfill that dream." And the Lord just might do that. A recent visit in his home found him articulate about the goodness of the Lord, the faithfulness of his wife, the kindness of his preacher brethren and the love and care of a gracious church. The doctor will probably put him back on limited duty soon. I predict he will fulfill his 50 year dream with one church. At about the same time that dream is fulfilled, Baptists in Kentucky will be ending the celebration of a bicentennial of preaching. Nutter's ministry will have spanned one-fourth of that period.

of the attitude in the New Testament account of those who, while striving to validate their position on the law, violated the law.

Corbin, Kentucky Roger D. Martin

Dear Editor:

The Harlan Baptist Church and others like it should be commended for their stand on the Baptism issue. One thing that makes us unique as Baptists is that no one can have authority over the local church.

Some of our associations need to re-evaluate their purpose. The associations should have no ecclesiastical authority over the local churches.

Nowhere in the Bible is the word re-baptism spoken of to my knowledge. If we are so narrow that we feel that only Baptists are born again Christians, we have a lot to learn.

Lebanon, Ky. Mrs. Eileen Olive

### LIKES BURKE ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

The feature article by Don Burke, "A Baptist Experience of Roman Catholics," in the March 8, 1975, issue of the *Western Recorder* was terrific and so well written!

Christians in the military services have

(Continued on page 15)

## BAPTIST FORUM



### ALIEN IMMERSION

Dear Editor:

Each Baptist church has a sacred obligation before Christ to see that its members are validly baptized. The Bible is clear on this matter, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

For baptism to be valid (one baptism) the person must be saved before being baptized. The baptism must be by immersion. The church and the person administering baptism must be authorized by the Lord to baptize. If the person is lost, it is not real baptism; if it is by sprinkling or pouring, it is not real baptism. If the church or person administering baptism believes in false doctrine, it is not real, because Christ does not authorize those who believe in false doctrine to baptize.

The Upper Cumberland Association should be highly commended for withdrawing fellowship from Baptist churches that accept members from churches of other denominations without baptizing them.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention should withdraw fellowship from those same churches and from other erring Baptist churches. This would assure each Baptist church of being able to accept letters of membership from other affiliated Baptist churches, in good faith, and without question.

Taylorville, Ky. William R. Hagan

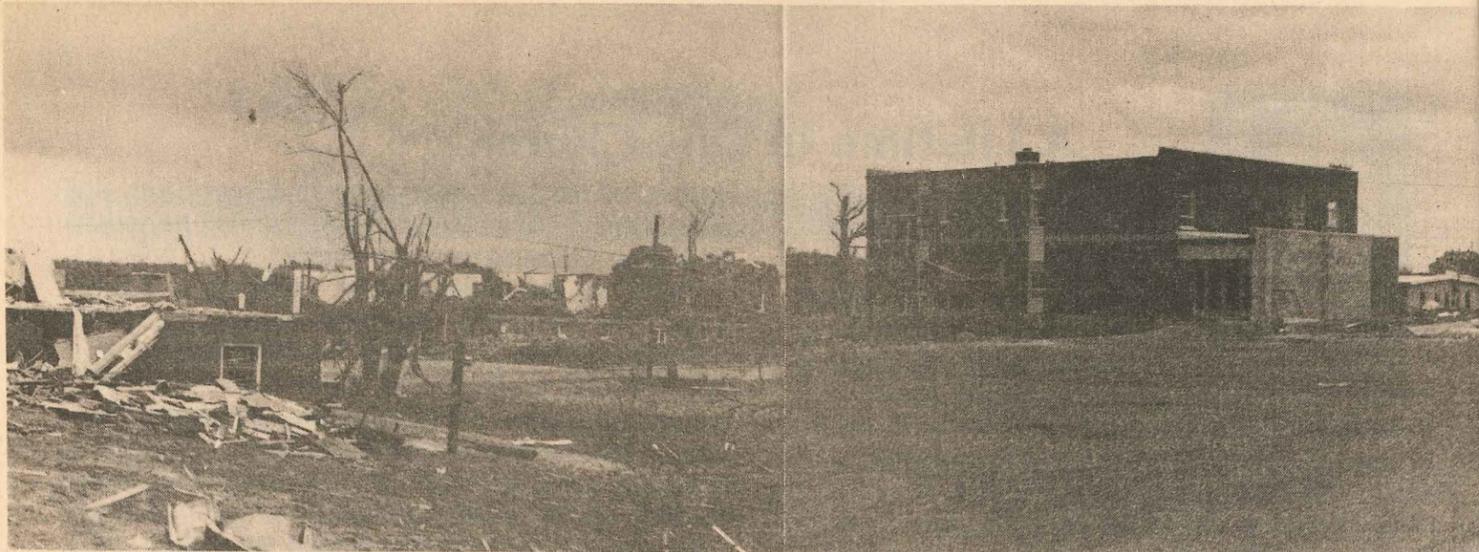
Dear Editor:

Re: The Harlan County baptism controversy.

It seems as though the Baptist position concerning the autonomy of the local church is being violated by those who would prove their "Baptistness" by holding the line.

While feeling personally in agreement with the position of the Harlan Baptist Church, I would be just as concerned by the imposition of a pseudo-ecclesiastical edict upon a congregation in the other extreme.

The situation reminds this contributor



Phillips Memorial Baptist Church building was destroyed by the wind. A year later the church looks toward a new building.

## Brandenburg Recalls Afternoon Of Killing Wind

There is a special kind of uneasiness in Brandenburg. It comes from living through the ravishings of a killer tornado—an experience the town's 1,600 residents will never forget.

On April 3, 1974, about five minutes after four in the afternoon, the killing wind attacked the town, claiming more than 30 lives and destroying property valued at millions of dollars.

Among the devastated places were the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church and parsonage. The year since that eventful day has taxed the congregation strenuously.

The sanctuary was totally demolished. Initial inspection of the educational building indicated it would have to be razed and rebuilt from the ground. The parsonage could be rebuilt on its original frame.

Phillips church pastor Billy Marcum and his wife moved into a trailer with his

By Bob Terry  
Associate Editor

daughter in nearby Irvington. Later the family moved into another trailer where they lived until the parsonage was rebuilt in September.

On Labor Day, 1974, the Phillips moved back into the parsonage.

"We were luckier than many people in Brandenburg," explained Marcum. "Our insurance firm immediately declared the parsonage a total loss and wrote a check for the insured value. That was not quite enough to pay for rebuilding the house but it did let us get started right away."

Several homes near the parsonage are still in early stages of reconstruction and many Brandenburg residents still live in temporary housing, some in other communities.

But the church work goes on. Since the end of April, 1974, the congregation worshiped in the high school gymnasium each Sunday morning.

"I have not found a gym-seat length sermon yet," mused Marcum.

Sunday School attendance dropped more than half, to a present average of about 110. The pastor said most of the drop was due to lack of adequate facilities and classes being combined.

"We used to have eight adult classes," Marcum pointed out. "Now we have three. We had to combine all the youth classes and put the preschool departments with the nursery."

"It is not a good way to go but the high school limited the number of rooms they wanted us to use. We were grateful for what we could get done," he added.

The local Episcopal church was the site of the Baptist congregation's Sunday evening and Wednesday prayer meeting services.

"The Episcopal church did not want to take any rent for letting us worship there. We vacuumed the church each week and mowed the yard as a symbol of our gratitude."

Gratitude was a frequently used word during the afternoon's interview.

"Words can never express our gratitude for the help we received," Marcum declared. "All together we were given about \$50,000. Together with our insurance these funds made it possible for us to rebuild our church buildings."

The church debt will be between \$100,000-\$125,000 when the new sanctuary is occupied sometimes in December of this year. Before the tornado, the church debt was about \$40,000.

Marcum also expressed gratitude to the members of Phillips Memorial. "We have not missed a time on our Cooperative

Program giving," the pastor stated. He added that when churches in Muhlenberg Association were burned the church responded with a special offering for them.

"People helped us in our need and we want to help others when they are in trouble," he said.

In February of this year things took a turn for the better. The congregation was able to move into the basement of the educational building for services.

"Some people never felt that any service outside our own buildings was a church service," observed the pastor. "Now things ought to pick up."

While Sunday School dropped off

drastically, worship service attendance dropped only about 20 percent. Offerings remained stable.

The basement of the educational building will seat about 200 people, slightly more than the average of past months. Classrooms are being finished each week, adding space for the classes and departments to divide once again.

"It will be hard and it will take a lot of time but we will get back to where we were before the tornado," Marcum declared.

As if to emphasize their commitment to that recovery, the church began a revival crusade April 3, 1975, one year to the day of the tornado.



Yancey Sanders, pastor of Evergreen Church, recalls the April 3 devastation.

## Evergreen Picks Itself Up; New Building Hides Scars

By Greg Hancock  
and Chris Evans  
Western Recorder Interns

There are sheets of corrugated metal still twisted around high tree limbs along route 1665 in Franklin County. The crushed shell of a church bus lies rusting at a salvage yard beside highway 60. At scattered intervals, crumbling foundation stones mark places where houses once stood.

Other than these, there are few memorials to the afternoon of April 3, 1974, for the people of Evergreen Baptist Church near Frankfort.

There is no need to remind them of the strength and suddenness of the tornado that cut a mile-wide swath through the community, leveling the parsonage, the educational building and the new sanctuary. The twister also caused heavy damage to the home of the minister of

education and took the lives of two members of the congregation.

Standing on the front porch of the new educational building, Yancey Sanders, pastor of the church, recently pointed out the scars left by the tornado—somewhat hidden but not yet healed in most cases.

"That house across the street was all shaken up," Sanders pointed out. "The frame houses stood it but the brick houses exploded."

"That house was all right, but the next lot over is where two young people were killed," he added as he peered at a lot less than 50 yards from the church.

He then turned and looked at a row of buses that were parked in front of the unfinished sanctuary that has been erected since the disaster.

"The bus that was parked nearest the front of the church, here, out a little closer to the road . . . the engine out of it was found over about where that piece of equipment is," he remembered, pointing

to a spot in a field some 100 yards away. "The chassis was down in the hollow (about 300 yards from the church) and we never have found the body . . . It was carried over into the woods."

Evergreen Baptist never ceased to function as a church, even through the adversity. In the months after the storm, Bridgeport Elementary School, in an adjoining community, offered facilities to the stricken congregation. The gymnasium was used as a sanctuary and the classrooms housed Sunday School and church training programs. Worship services were conducted on a regular schedule. During the weeks that followed the membership met at the church to clear debris.

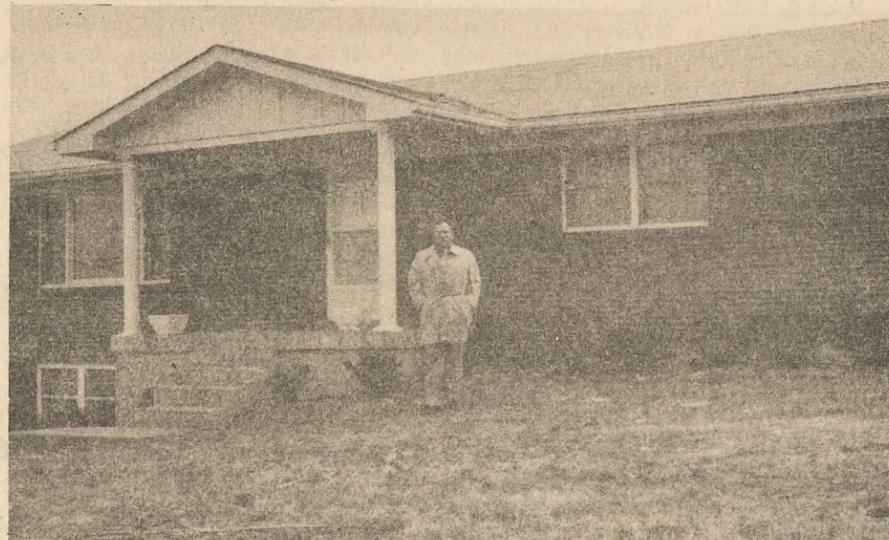
From the ruins of their newly occupied \$110,000 auditorium, only six pews, two pianos and a fiberglass baptistry could be salvaged. The April rain that began in the evening and continued throughout the night finished what the wind had begun.

When asked about the days immediately following the disaster, Sanders' response was quite positive:

"To a certain extent it drew us closer together," he commented. "The first service we had was a moving experience. I didn't preach. People just got up and made statements—gave testimonies. There was a closeness . . ."

Sanders and his family were housed by friends in the community while the rubble was cleared from their lot and the parsonage was rebuilt. The new sanctuary and educational building have recently been enclosed although the auditorium is not scheduled for completion until June of this year.

The congregation met for worship last Sunday in the basement of the education-  
(Continued on page 8)



Billy Marcum, pastor, stands in front of the rebuilt church parsonage.



The new steeple of Evergreen Baptist Church towers above the rafters of the unfinished sanctuary. The building is scheduled for completion in June.

al building. Sanders smiled when he mentioned the location of that service to the *Western Recorder*. "It's not as if we were expecting anything!" he chuckled.

Still, there are those of the community who do expect something. This first anniversary of the disaster recalls unpleasant memories. People who lost homes or loved ones find it difficult to maintain a passive attitude toward inclement weather. Gathering storm clouds

frighten not only the children but adults as well, Sanders said.

When heavy rains hit the area during the third week of this past month, many families moved into their basements, he explained. The chief fear is not only of the recurrence of the disaster but also in the possibility that this time it may come—as it did in Atlanta, Georgia, only last week—at night when everyone is asleep. There is general refusal to

speculate on what the outcome would have been had such been the case in April of 1974.

Silhouetted in the doorway of his new auditorium, Sanders watched workmen burn piles of rubbish to clear the parking lot for paving. In a simple comment he captured practically every opinion of the area's devastation one year ago: "It's just amazing," he said, shaking his head, "how much damage was done."

## Seminary Buildings Like New But Landscape Shows Scars

By Larry High  
News Director,  
Southern Seminary

Students at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville have just completed celebrating Missions Emphasis Week, four days dedicated to focusing attention on missionary work in this country and abroad.

Baker James Cauthen and Arthur Rutledge, executive secretaries of Southern Baptists' foreign and home mission boards, joined Ralph Bethea, medical missionary on furlough from East Africa, and Barry St. Clair, director of youth evangelism for the Home Mission Board, to discuss avenues of mission involvement with the seminarians.

It was Missions Emphasis Week at the seminary this time last year also. But students didn't have time then to listen about mission involvement; they were involved!

A ravaging tornado struck the seminary campus and the surrounding Crescent Hill area at 4:42 p.m., April 3, 1974. Students responded quickly, rushing down the rolling hill behind Mullins Hall

to aid neighboring victims of the fierce wind.

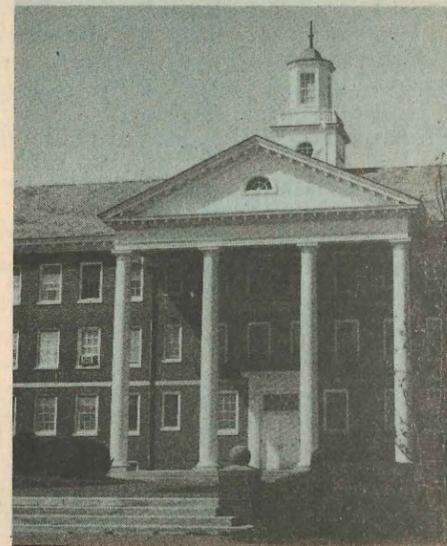
The seminary campus was without electric power and heat for 12 days following the storm as student teams worked day and night in emergency rescue and repair efforts.

A lot has happened in the 12 months since the disaster struck.

Almost 600 homes across Grinstead Drive from the campus have either been repaired or torn down, and hundreds of tiny trees are beginning to produce spring leaves where once giant oaks and elms provided dense shade.

Trucks have hauled 1,818 loads of debris from the 106-acre seminary campus and more than 1,500 window panes have been replaced. Workmen have restored a five-ton copper-domed cupola on the crown of Mullins Hall, a two-ton cupola atop Fuller Hall and a 1,000 pound steeple on Williams Hall.

The Mullins top was hand built from original blueprints of the first cupola, constructed in 1926. According to Kenneth Herren, director of the physical plant, the new 67-foot-tall structure is an exact replica of the original.



A new cupola and columns adorn a restored Fuller Hall.

Herren also reported that repairs, with the exception of roof work, were completed on March 17. Repairs to the distinctive slate roofs should be finished by the end of May.

Cost of all roof repair is expected to run as high as \$500,000. Along with the \$375,000 bill for other repair work to the buildings, it was completely paid for by insurance, except for the \$1,000 deductible portion of the policy.

Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs, said that all insurance coverage on seminary property is updated annually to compensate for such things as inflation.

"It's difficult to believe," he said, "but our policies were updated last year one day before the tornado struck."

In looking back over the past year of rebuilding, Dillard commented that, "Life is amazingly normal one year after the tornado."

A massive grounds clean-up, which lasted all year, is now complete. Because of the staggering cost of professional debris removal, the student grounds crew was totally responsible for this phase of recovery.

Restoration of the 460 lost trees is in the planning stage, according to Dillard. "We have not yet moved into the area of

relandscaping," he said, "because we want to be certain that we spend the funds wisely and for the beauty of the campus."

Since last April, alumni and friends of the seminary have contributed more than \$34,570 to the campus Restoration Fund, which will help purchase some of the new trees.

Like the 1937 Ohio River flood in a generation past, the 1974 tornado will remain a vivid personal experience for the 1,700 students at Southern Seminary during the year just ended.

A community-wide worship service called "A Time To Remember" was held during the 1975 Mission Emphasis Week on the anniversary of the windstorm. The service permitted students and faculty to gather and express thanks for the dramatic recovery of the Crescent Hill community and Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.



Torn treetops and patches of barren ground scar a hillside on the Southern Seminary campus. In places, new saplings have replaced trees uprooted by the wind.

## Court Struggle Ends In Victory For Union Baptist Church

By Bob Terry  
Associate Editor

While other churches rebuilt after the April 3, 1974, tornado, Union Baptist Church near Cynthiana has been fighting another kind of battle—a lawsuit.

Although the church building suffered extensive damage from the tornado, no settlement could be reached between the church and the insurance company, Hurst Home Insurance Company of Lexington.

"We had a lot of problems deciding whether or not to go to court in this matter," explained Tom Shelton, pastor of the Union church. "Our conclusions were that if we did not get the insurance money we would have to close the church

doors because we could not build a place to worship."

Accordingly, a lawsuit was filed. It was not until March 13 that a settlement was agreed to. On that date a Harrison County jury awarded the church \$50,000 damage on the building (the full amount of the policy), plus \$4,574 for furnishings. In addition, the court awarded six percent interest on that total from June 20—60 days after the damage report was filed—to the settlement date.

"We thank God for the victory," said Shelton. "That is more than our lawyers thought we could get. It is almost the total face value of the complete policy."

However, despite the insurance settlement, the church's future is still questionable. Estimated to rebuild the sanctuary run about \$110,000. Toward this amount the church has \$50,000 from the insurance, after lawyer's fees, and \$14,600 in the building fund. Kentucky Baptists contributed \$8,195.22 to the building fund total.

"The church has made arrangements with the Small Business Administration to borrow \$50,000," Shelton added. "This is a special disaster loan. But I don't know if the church can afford to meet the annual payments."

"We operate on a \$12,000 budget which doesn't leave us much room for a large loan payment."

Another possible source of help is the Oldham Little Church Foundation in Texas. "They told us we would probably be eligible for a grant," the pastor said, "but it is hard to build a building on possibilities."

Building a building will be one of Shelton's main responsibilities during the coming months. The church trustees voted to make him responsible for supervising the rebuilding efforts.

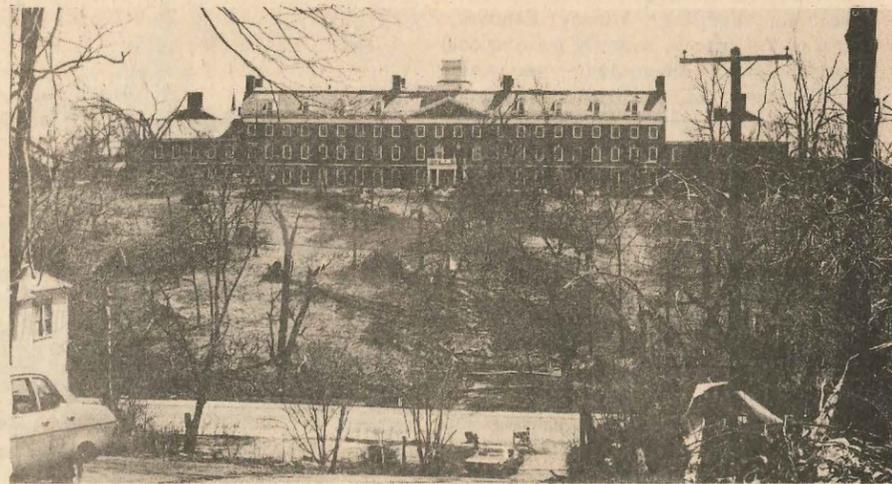
"I worked in construction in the Navy and before I surrendered to preach," said Shelton. "So now I will try and use that knowledge to build a building for worship."

His pastoral work has suffered this year at Union, admitted the Campbellsville College graduate. "I've barely been able to get my hospital visiting done and sermons prepared for each service. The lawsuit has involved us almost completely."

From the beginning, Shelton's involvement with the Union church has been unusual. When he accepted the congregation's call to be pastor, he had no home, as well as no church building.

The church pulpit committee had been considering him for pastor. When the tornado struck, a church member called and said, "Please come help us."

All day April 4, Tom Shelton worked alongside church members, salvaging what could be gleaned from the building's wreckage. On the following Sunday he accepted the pastorate even though



Twisted trees and rubble clutter the landscape between Grinstead Drive and the Southern Seminary campus in the wake of the April 3 tornado.



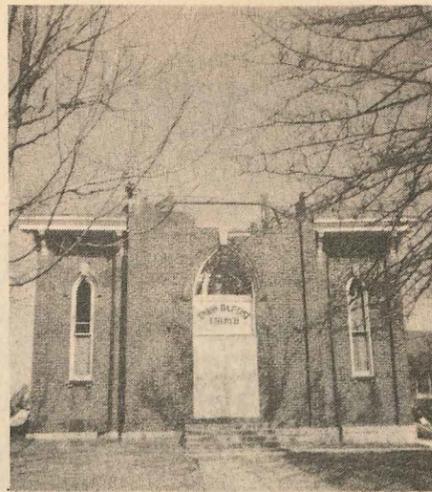
Damage the tornado started at Union has since been finished by winds and rain.

the trailer used as a parsonage was scattered by the wind over a two mile area.

"From April to June, I lived in this office," explained Shelton. "I still have furniture in every room in the building," he said, referring to an eight room educational unit which survived the devastating wind.

In June, a used trailer was purchased and set up for the pastor and his family. The church hopes to add two rooms to the mobile home, which will make it big enough for the pastor to live in comfortably.

Worship services are conducted in the educational unit's basement. Pulpit furni-



One year later . . . nothing has changed.

ture and some pews are lined up there to accommodate the 70-80 persons who attend. Shelton described the area as "real packed," with that many people in the basement.

Sunday School attendance is about 55. "We've got a real good youth group . . . that is about the life of our church right now. But when we get our building back, then we ought to get back to where the church used to be," Shelton said.

In April of 1974, the Sunday School average was in the 70's.

"There are a lot of people around here. If we can love them with the power of Jesus, then God's Holy Spirit will bring them back," he predicted.

STAMPING GROUND A BETTER PLACE—

## Pastor Finds Hope For Church And Community

By Bob Terry  
Associate Editor

It is not an imposing structure, the green metal building sitting a hundred or so yards off the road in Stamping Ground. But to members of the only Baptist church of that town, it has been an instrument of God.

When the tornado struck April 3, 1974, the church was left in shambles. The Christian church was leveled, as was the school adjacent to Stamping Ground Baptist Church.

Nowhere in the area was there a suitable place for the church to carry on its program of worship and education. Until December 22, the Stamping Ground congregation met at the Great Crossing

Baptist Church each Sunday afternoon. Great Crossing is about eight miles from Stamping Ground.

"Our attendance was off about 20 percent while we met at Great Crossing," said pastor Dan Crawley. Much of this time people were living in Lexington area motels or with relatives out of the community.

"But being out of the community you are trying to serve is difficult," Crawley confessed. "When we moved back here in our metal building we were saying to the people that we were going to continue serving God in this community on this site. We could put our services back on schedule and have a place to identify as ours."

Cost of the metal building was about

\$15,000. The congregation figures interest earned on insurance settlements will help offset much of that cost.

But the green metal building is not the congregation's ultimate home. In the next few days, a contractor will break ground on a new T-shaped sanctuary and educational building.

"Our first estimates ran between \$350,000-\$450,000," the pastor stated. "That was simply beyond anything we could do. We finally worked out an arrangement with the contractor building the Evergreen church.

"We do not know, but hopefully it will end up in the \$225,000-\$250,000 range."

The Stamping Ground pastor said that with insurance settlement of \$80,000 and about \$10,000 in gifts from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and individual donors, the church would still have to borrow money.

"We have put on a building fund drive among our members that has raised a sizable amount in pledges, but not nearly enough to cover our rebuilding cost," he said.

In addition to rebuilding the church building, the congregation also was faced with extensive repair to the church parsonage.

About half the roof was ripped away by the tornado. Rains and hail then destroyed all the walls and hardwood floors in the exposed area. Replacement cost totaled more than \$15,000.

Crawley and his family moved back into the parsonage July 4. He accepted the pastorate of the congregation May 5, about a month after the twister hit. At the time the tornado struck he was

(Continued on page 11)



This metal building serves as worship site for the church. Curtains divide classes.

interim pastor. In fact, he was in the church study preparing for prayer meeting when the church began to crumble. He dove under the desk to escape falling debris. When the wind had passed, he pushed his way out—only to find a devastated building. Only the study walls were still standing.

"We were all stunned, needless to say," Crawley recalled. "But the response to our situation was overwhelming."

"People came to help clean up, every possible organization moved in with assistance. Even small groups called and asked what they could do to be of special help. They were not satisfied with giving a hundred dollars to the Salvation Army or American Red Cross."

Prospects for Stamping Ground are bright now, the Baptist pastor predicts: "We are getting a new sewer system, something we never had before. A small shopping center is going in with a grocery store. The school is like new.

There are new homes and buildings all over.

"But the best thing about Stamping Ground right now is the feeling of concern that has emerged among the residents," Crawley continued. "Most places don't seem to care about one another but here we seem to be involved in a caring relationship."

At the church things, too, seem to be approaching normalcy again: "We had a fine Easter service with about 135 present," Crawley said. The usual Sunday School average is around 90.

Thursday, April 3, 1975, will find the residents of Stamping Ground gathered for a service of praise and thanksgiving for God's watchcare.

"The tornado was a very personal thing," the Baptist preacher remembered. "But it was also a community tragedy.

"We want our prayer service to be expressions of personal appreciation to God, but done in a community setting," he added.



Stamping Ground Baptist Church the day after the tornado struck.



Inspecting the parsonage, it is hard to find signs of the extensive wind damage.

Announcing  
A Special  
Choral Clinic  
for your music ministry  
Featuring  
JOHN W. PETERSON  
April 28, 1975  
Carlisle Avenue Bapt. Church  
3548 Taylor Blvd.  
Louisville, Kentucky

Call or Write:



Now only a water filled hole stands behind the church sign. Soon a new building will be erected here.

### HERBERT C. CRALLE FUNERAL HOME

Edwin R. Hillock, President

Wallace C. Hatler

Phone 896-8821

Frankfort and Peterson Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for April 13, 1975)



### LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## Called To New Understanding

### Ephesians 1:15-23

When Paul received the good news about the progress which the Ephesians had made in the Christian life, he commended them for two things — their "faith in the Lord Jesus," and their "love unto all the saints." His reference was not to their initial faith in Christ, when they trusted in Him as Saviour and committed themselves to Him as their Lord, but to the expression of their faith in Christ through their continuing genuine love and good works.

### Thanksgiving — 1:15-16

One cannot love Christ without loving others also. With Christ in control of their lives, they had a genuine love for all who were believers in Him and were really concerned about their welfare. For this reason, it is not surprising that Paul said: "I cease not to give thanks for you."

### Intercession — 1:17-19

It is evident that Paul's conception of prayer was not the expression of generalities for the relief of the mind or a psychological reaction of some sort. To him, prayer was a personal dealing with God, Who is ever ready and willing to listen to earnest petitions.

After Paul had thanked God for what his readers were, he prayed unto Him for what he wanted them to become. Paul had a profound reverence for God, and approached Him with a consciousness of deep and inexpressible wonder.

Knowing that God was the source of all that was good for His children, Paul asked Him to give unto the Ephesian Christians spiritual discernment and wisdom. He was anxious for them to have a spiritual disposition which would enable them to understand and appreciate what God was doing for them, and to appropriate the divine truths. Paul prayed that God would give them such a spiritual revelation that they would be able to know and understand three things:

1. The hope of God's calling (verse 18b). This calling looked to the time when God summoned sinners to salvation in and by Christ, and it became effectual when they believed on Christ and came

into a saving relationship with Him. Hope is a subjective grace and an objective blessing. It is a grace in the soul of the believer and a blessing laid up in heaven for him.

2. The glory of God's inheritance (verse 18c). Paul prayed that the believers at Ephesus might know "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints," meaning the riches God possesses in them. It is good to know that the saints have an inheritance in God, but it is also marvelous that God has an inheritance in His saints. They are trophies of His wondrous grace and power.

3. The greatness of God's power (verse 19). Paul besought God to let believers know the greatness of the power which He was prepared to exert toward them. Here he was referring to that power which was manifested in raising Christ from the dead. His resurrection was the greatest demonstration of power which the universe has ever known. That proved that God's power is stronger than man's

sin, and His purpose cannot be stopped by any action of men.

That same power, which raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, will work in us during our Christian lives, will raise us from the dead after we die and will bring us to glory. God's power was exercised also in the exaltation of Christ to His right hand, the seat of authority and power, and in giving to Him the headship over all things.

### Adoration — 1:20-23

Inasmuch as God has exercised His mighty power in raising Christ from the dead, in exalting Him to the place of honor and authority at the right hand of God and in giving to Him the supremacy over all things, it certainly behooves us to adore Him and bring to Him all the honor and glory possible. He deserves the best adoration, praise and devotion that loving hearts can present to Him. When His power is released through us—our personalities, our possessions, and our plans—it heals, restores, purifies and enables us to work effectively. ■

### INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## Man's Responsibility For Creation

### Appreciation — Psalm 8:1-2

In these two verses we have a recognition and an acknowledgment of the excellence and majesty of God. The fact that God is infinite and perfect should cause all to appreciate and worship Him. God's magnificence is exalted above the heavens.

### Admiration — Psalm 8:3-8

Surveying the outward canopy of the heavens in the stillness of the night, the Psalmist was overwhelmed with all the beauty and grandeur of the vast expanse with its starry glories. By their splendor and stability the heavens manifested the glory of God in an impressive manner. One wonders how anyone can remain an unbeliever when he reverently scans the heavens and sees the marvelous work of God.

With all the glories of these heavenly manifestations before him, the Psalmist turned his thoughts to frail and apparently insignificant man. He marvelled that God should consider man at all, and even more that He should make him the crowning manifestation of His glory. He wondered that God should choose so insignificant a thing as man to be the object of His special regard. The word which He used for man in verse four is very remarkable. It signifies a being who in himself is frail, weak and mortal.

These verses set before us in powerful contrast the littleness and the greatness of man. Although little in himself, there is something in man which separates him from all other creations—something which enables him to think of God, to come to know Him, to love Him and to

serve Him. There is nothing which gives such dignity to man as the fact that he is the crowning achievement of all God's creation. God endowed man with the ability to think, dream, hope, aspire, reason, invent and build. Whereas the rest of creation accepts the world as it is, man undertakes to make it what he thinks it ought to be. God has given man dominion over his environment. He has cared for man every day of his life. He has provided salvation for him. On the basis of what God has done for man, obviously He rightfully expects much from him. He certainly has a right to expect His children to be faithful and dependable.

### Adoration of God—Psalm 8:9

It is interesting to note that the Psalmist here speaks of the greatness and majesty of God as the fundamental reason for praising and worshiping Him. This passage magnifies the majesty and surpassing grandeur of God. His greatness is incomprehensible. Praise to God for His majesty is an indispensable constituent of spiritual health.

Psalm 8 closes with the same exclamation of reverent wonder and great adoration with which it began. Therefore, it behooves every Christian to admire, appreciate, adore, love, worship, and serve our heavenly Father until He calls us home. We are challenged to glorify Him in our thoughts, words and deeds.

### Authority of man—Genesis 1:26

In this verse we are told for the first time that the three persons of the Trinity counseled together. The Trinity consulted, agreed and decided to create man. The creation of man was the result of God's sovereign decision. If God had not decided to create man, he never would have been called into being.

When God created man, He made him in His own image, so there is an unspeakable dignity attached to man. What does it mean when the Bible tells us that God created man in His image? In no sense of the word does it mean that God is a corporeal being. There is nothing in the Bible which indicates that man looks like God because He created him in His image. This image was not material or physical, but rather a likeness in personality. Just as God knows, feels and wills, so man, made in His image, knows, feels and wills.

God gave man the authority to control the animals and other living creatures. Man is responsible to God for the way in which he controls and uses the things which He has placed in his custody. ■

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

APRIL 5, 1975

WESTERN RECORDER

SERVING ALL RELIGIONS  
Prices to satisfy every preference and need

AIR CONDITIONED PARKING AREAS

OLD PEARSON & SONS  
Since 1848  
FUNERAL HOMES

1310 S. THIRD Phone 634-3628  
149 BRECKINRIDGE LANE Phone 896-0349

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

Geo. Herman Kendall  
Church & Locations  
Bought - Sold - Traded  
Realtor - MLS  
503 Euclid Lex. Ky.  
Ph. 606-255-4496

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ALUMINUM SIDING, exterior decorating, quality work. Call Colville Aluminum Co., (502) 368-1100.

GOSPEL PIANISTS: Add chords, "runs," progressions. Twenty lessons, "Playing Evangelistic Style Piano." \$4.98. Evangelical Music, WR-1, Wawar-dan, Iowa 51023.

# WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?

"The decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life." Use the knowledge and grit that earned your diploma to make those decisions wisely now.

### Working Things Out

Stephen Hollaway and Bill Junker College students are constantly bombarded with challenges to their faith. Hollaway, a student himself, presents questions faced by students and gives answers in up-to-date language. paper, \$2.50

### Old Wine in New Bottles

John F. Havlik Dedicated to teenagers, this book is for "those who have tasted the good wine of renewal" and "who have been honest with God about themselves." Based on Good News for Modern Man. paper, \$1.95

### So You're Going to College

Ed Seabough The lyricist of the popular musical Joy chats with high school students about college. \$1.95

### Your Next Big Step

G. Kearnie Keegan Presents the challenge to strengthen faith, accept responsibility, and project one's Christian witness on the college campus. Comes attractively boxed. \$3.50

### The Gospel According to Norton

Grady Nutt The thirteenth disciple speaks out on such topics as "the bland leading the bland" and "the gospel has to be experienced and not argued." paper, \$1.95

### Rags, Tags, and Gentle Tears

Billie Pate Word pictures, prose poems, photographs, and art combine to explore the private struggles and hopes of youth. paper, \$1.95

### Poems

Ragan Courtney The popular lyricist of Celebrate Life has compiled a collection of his lyrics and poetry into one gift book. The celebration of the Christian life is his theme. \$4.95

### Touch Life

Billie Pate and Mancil Ezell The joy of love can expand your everyday experiences. Billie Pate's poetry and prose and Mancil Ezell's graphics portray a new dimension of living. paper, \$1.95

At your Baptist Book Store

BROADMAN



Dixie Mylum



Letha Casazza



Marie Mathis



Michael Speer



Bill McElrath



John Hughston



Ethel Harmon



Roger Smith

## Kentucky WMU Annual Meet Features Presidents And Mission Personalities

The 1975 Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Middlesboro April 24-26, Thursday evening through Saturday noon.

Appearing on the program at each session will be Mrs. O. B. Mylum, an Eastern Kentucky State University faculty member. She will lead a meditation period interpreting the meeting's theme, "The World to Christ We Bring."

Among the other program personnel are all the presidents of woman's missionary work of which Kentucky WMU is a part. Presiding will be Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, the president of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. The president of Baptist Women of North America, Mrs. Lawrence Casazza, will speak Friday morning. That afternoon Mrs. R. L. Mathis, the president of WMU, SBC, and the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance will speak.

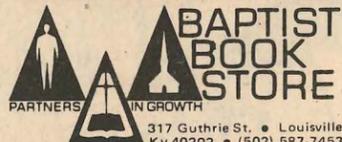
Beginning with "With Mission Friends" at the first session, each age-level director on Kentucky WMU's staff will participate in a special feature at each of the sessions showing how the "World to Christ We Bring" is carried out through the organization she directs.

Special emphasis on the Cooperative Program's 50th Anniversary will be made on the first evening at which time Michael Speer, director of Cooperative Program promotion and associate executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission, will address the group.

Missionaries speaking during the meeting are: Bill McElrath, a Kentuckian who serves in Indonesia; John Hughston, assigned to the Boston area; and Ethel

Harmon, retired from service in Nigeria. Rogers Smith, a Foreign Mission Board staff member who works with Margaret Fund students, will also be among the missionary personnel who speak.

Soloist and director of music for the event is Joe Tarry, a member of the music faculty at Cumberland College. Singing on Thursday evening will be the choir which he directs from Cumberland College.



**BAPTIST BOOK STORE**  
317 Guthrie St. • Louisville, Ky 40202 • (502) 587-7453  
221 Williamsburg Sq. • Lincoln Mall Dr Owensboro, Ky. 42301 • (502) 695-4901

**available now!** **9% to 10%** first mortgage church bonds  
interest per annum  
... with maturity dates ranging from 1 to 10½ years and interest payable semiannually.  
This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy. The offer is made by prospectus only.



**A.B. Culbertson and Company**  
1408 Continental Life Building  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102 Call 1-800/433-2423 (toll free)  
Gentlemen: Please send information on available first mortgage church bonds.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid Notice**  
Bids will be received until 12:00 noon May 1, 1975 by the Kentucky Baptist Convention for paving of approximately 2.5 miles of roadway and parking lots of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky. Plans and specifications can be secured from Dr. Franklin Owen at the Kentucky Baptist Building, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

**DISTINCTIVE CHURCH SIGNS**  
• Aluminum Frame  
• Interior Lighting  
• Changeable Letters  
• Locked Door

Custom Designs and Accessories available. Write for information

**DISTINCTIVE SIGNS**  
915 E. Kentucky St. - P. O. Box 4284  
Louisville, Ky. 40204 - 502-637-1165

**Lee E. Cralle Co.**  
**Funeral Home**  
LEE E. CRALLE, JR., President  
PHONE 634-3646 • 634-3647  
1330 South Third Street  
Louisville, Ky.

**WOLFE BROS. & CO.**  
**PINEY FLATS, TENN.**  
Manufacturers of **DISTINCTIVE CHURCH FURNITURE**  
Since 1888—Write for free estimate.  
Dewitt F. Godby PH. 776-4944  
2433 Duncan St. 776-4091  
Louisville, Ky. 40212

**600 ASSORTED SWEET ONION PLANTS**  
With free Planting Guide \$6.00 Postpaid  
**TONCO**  
Home of the sweet onion  
**FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS 75031**

Stockholm  
**BWA Congress Tour**  
with  
**DR. WAYNE DEHONEY**  
Past Pres. of SBC  
Optional Extensions to:  
**Holy Land - Russia - Europe**  
For Details, Write:  
2103 High Ridge Road  
Louisville, KY 40207  
Phone: (502) 893-5424

**LITTLE GIANT**  
The name to remember for  
**FIBERGLASS BAPTISTRIES WATER HEATERS SPIRES—CROSSES—SIGNS**  
Church credit plans available. Free colored brochure.  
**LITTLE GIANT MANUFACTURING CO.**  
Box 518 / Orange, Texas 77630  
Phone: 713-883-4246

**Drexel Church Furnishings**  
Formerly Southern Desk Company  
Superior Seating—Solid wood and Deepfoam Cushioned Pews Pulpit and Chancel Furniture  
Phone 704/322-8380  
Dept. J. P. O. Drawer 2187  
Hickory, North Carolina 28601

**Dye Tile & Floor Covering Co. — Since 1949**  
Ceramic Tile — Marble Resilient Tile — Carpet  
COMPLETE SHOWROOM - FREE ESTIMATES  
Phone  
**Howard C. Dye 502-458-6270**  
4428 POPLAR LEVEL ROAD, LOUISVILLE 40213

**BAPTIST FORUM**  
(Continued from page 5)  
also experienced Catholic-Baptist fellowship, dialogue and worship for many years. It's a pleasure, indeed, to identify with this brother minister and to say: "Three cheers" for this Christian pastor who has placed, and rightly so, denominationalism a nice step behind "Christian experience, Christian work, Christian hope and Christian longing."  
Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan  
Jack E. Brown, Jr.

**D.J. DISENCHANTMENT**  
Dear Editor:  
On NBC's Tomorrow show at midnight on March 13, Tom Snyder had as a guest, Don Imus, a New York radio disc jockey. Mr. Imus made some very disparaging remarks about Southern Baptists.  
I pray that many of your readers will

protest by writing to NBC in New York, WSM-TV in Nashville, and the FCC in Washington, D.C.  
What we need is a Christian Anti-Defamation League as we seem to be under attack everyday in the media, under the guise of humor sometimes.  
Wake up, Christians, the lions are coming back in the arena!  
Cadiz, Kentucky Mrs. Paul R. Andrews

**Schoppenhorst Bros. Funeral Home**  
1832 W. Market, Louisville  
Phone 585-4394  
A. R. McFARLAND ..... President  
MARTIN JACKSON ..... Vice-President  
MAY B. SCHOPPENHORST ..... Secretary  
Member of  
*Highlands Funeral Home*  
3331 Taylorsville Rd. • 451-4420

**DO YOU KNOW FREEDA HARRIS?**  
  
Bob Jones, Kentucky's director of mountain missions, says he is often asked that question by people who have heard of Freeda's Bible classes and ministry at the Marrowbone Baptist Center near Hellier. Yet Freeda accepts no credit for herself. "Don't say it about Freeda," she admonishes, "say it about the Lord."  
You can visit Freeda and six other missionaries in *The Human Touch*, a new photo-text book from the Home Mission Board. This is the first volume of the Human Touch photo-text book series. You can get each book in the series (up to two a year) at the club rate of \$4.95.  
• 192 pages, hardback, 8½" x 11"  
• 235 photos, 4-color cover  
• Resource for '76 graded series  
• Single copy, \$5.95 at Baptist Book Stores

Add my name to the list of subscribers. I would like to receive two photo-text books a year at the special book club rate of \$4.95 per book. If I'm not satisfied, I can return the book and get my money back. WR-1

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street \_\_\_\_\_  
city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Book Publication Services, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. Send no money now. We will bill you later.



*Outline*



*PRAI/SING 75—New York opera stars Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, along with George Beverly Shea, were among program personalities participating in PraiSing '75, a musical extravaganza to introduce the new Baptist Hymnal. Next week Western Recorder will carry information about the event and Kentuckians who participated.*

## G'town BSU Observes Spiritual Emphasis Week

Georgetown College will observe Spiritual Emphasis Week with a series of special services beginning Sunday, April 6, and continuing through Saturday, April 12.

Highlights of the week long celebration will include Kentucky BSU director Don Blaylock and the Christian musical groups "Renaissance" and "Truth."

Services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly with the exception of the Sunday night services which will begin at 8:00. All services will be conducted in the John L. Hill Memorial Chapel on the college campus.

During the Friday night services, the Georgetown College BSU choir will present the musical "Jesus Is Coming." •

## It Costs So Little To Do So Much

Recently a member of our church called me and said that she had not received the current issue of the *Western Recorder* and was quite disturbed about it. We found that it had simply been delayed at the post office. But the thing that impressed me about her conversation was the statement she made concerning the paper. She said, "I'd rather do without any of the reading matter that comes into our home than the *Western Recorder*." She went on to say that it kept her

By Harold J. Purdy  
Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Madisonville, Kentucky

abreast of all the work that Southern Baptists are doing.

This is the opinion that I hear expressed frequently by our people. Many of them have spoken to me about the improvements that have been made in our state paper in the past several months. Their comments about the use of

color, the new format and content have been very complimentary. It proves that they are reading it!

Best of all, it has helped us greatly in keeping our people informed, interested and participating in the total program of Kentucky Baptists as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Having it in our budget and sending it to each family has been a valuable investment from which we have been receiving high dividends.

This is evident in the giving record of our church. Each year for the past ten we have been increasing the amount given to the Cooperative Program. Last year we were second in the state in total gifts. We are not boasting about this record. We can do much better, and are praying that we will. Yet I firmly believe — and our leadership agrees with me — that the *Western Recorder* has had much to do with this climb upward. An informed Baptist is almost always a giving Baptist. Our state paper has broadened our horizons and helped us to realize that we have a global responsibility to send the gospel to all people and to support all the agencies and institutions that will help us do that.

In the long run, the *Western Recorder* has cost us only a fraction of what it has paid in increased giving. It is the conviction of many of us that it is one of the best promotional tools for the Lord's work that we have. ■

## Western Recorder

The official journal of Kentucky Baptists

One Kentucky Baptist reading the state paper is good.

A group of church leaders reading the state Baptist paper is better.

Every resident family reading *Western Recorder* is best.

**Western Recorder** offers a plan that is right for you and your church.

Write today. Let us enter your church in the every family plan or the church leader plan. Information available without obligation.

Write: **Western Recorder, Box 43401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243**