

Western Recorder

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Garnett B. Morton retires as Business Manager for the Kentucky Baptist Convention July 1. He has served Kentucky Baptists more than 23 years. For more information on Morton, see story page 8.

People And Places

Campbellsville College has awarded five Acteen scholarships and a Bible scholarship. The scholarships range in value from \$200 to \$1,000 and are awarded on the basis of individual achievement in their local church and personal goals in the Christian realm.

A \$1,000 Queen Regent-in-Service with service aide scholarship went to Kathy Sue Holderman of Cecilia, Kentucky. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holderman.



Miss Holderman



Miss Chappell

Queen Regent scholarships for \$600 went to Kathy Darlene Chappell, of Irvington; Charlene and Marlene Corbin, of Campbellsville; and Peggy Ann Pipes, of Louisville.



Marlene Corbin



Charlene Corbin

Miss Chappell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Chappell; Charlene and Marlene Corbin are daughters of Mrs.

Lyda Gabbert; and Miss Pipes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Pipes.



Miss Pipes



Waltermire

Donnie Waltermire is the recipient of a Bible scholarship to Campbellsville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Waltermire of Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Ina Smith Lambdin, editor of the junior and intermediate training union lesson materials at the Southern Baptist Sunday School for 20 years, died at her home in Nashville on May 13. She was the widow of J. E. Lambdin, who served as secretary of the training union department for 30 years.



Mrs. Lambdin

Daniel Wilkerson, pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church, recently received the religion award at the annual Honors Day Convocation at Cumberland College. In addition, he was one of 32 students named to the 1974-75 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.



Wilkerson

DEVOTIONAL

Mending The Holes

By Alice J. Kinder

Holes in life are rooted in disappointments, sorrow, illness, and death. They probe deep into unsatisfactory human relationships, tragedies, and world conditions. Our actions in mending the holes determine our spiritual growth.

In mending the holes, we need Christ's help. While living on earth, He daily mended holes in the lives of others.

Disappointments come to every home. We can allow the hole of lost hopes to grow deeper, or we can fill it with new fertile hopes. When one path is shut on cherished aims, if we but pray for guidance, another may open.

Sorrow, illness, and death dig holes under every door. Wrapped in self-pity, we can refuse help. Or we can mend the holes with the aid of time, friends, and our Saviour's promise: "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25).

Holes dug by unsatisfactory human relationships lead to frustrating ground that seems impossible to improve toward more fertile growth. Yet by practicing the golden rule and truly living our Christianity, we nourish the soil for mended relationships.

Bottomless holes dug by tragedy and world conditions affect all nations. It is easy to despair in this area, feeling inadequate for events beyond our control.

Yet, if the individual does his small portion by living Biblical principles in every situation, he spreads a fragment of Christ's love. This could be the start of mending gigantic universal holes—since individuals form a community, and communities spread worldwide unending roots.

Give Baptists Facts
And They Will Usually
Make Right Decisions

The Influence Of Religion In Government Affairs

Responsible citizenship is demanded by the form of government in which we are participants, the nature of the times in which we live, and the moral discipline of the Christian faith to which our lives have been dedicated.

As conceived by the founding fathers of this democracy, our government is of, by, and for the citizens. The process of decision making is initiated and given direction by the thoughts, discussions, opinions, and involvement of individuals. Only as citizens function responsibly can this form of government function responsibly. It will be no better or worse than those who actively take part in it.

Presently we are in a situation which accents the heavy demands for citizen involvement imposed upon us by a democratic form of government. Recently, a noted public opinion pollster reported to a Senate subcommittee that citizens' trust in government is a point lower than a constituent democracy can afford. Light-hearted jokes about political corruption have suddenly become sobering commentaries. Temptations abound for persons to withdraw from the political process with the rationalization, "What's the use?" From the federal offices in Washington to the state offices in Frankfort, from the county courthouse in Lexington to the city hall in Mayfield, the call is for active involvement on the part of persons with integrity who can help restore public confidence in the political process.

For Christians the summons to political involvement antedates the present scene and the significance of such involvement is more basic than anything yet mentioned. The Bible admonished the people of God to take seriously their citizenship in the government of this world. Jesus commissioned Christians to be salt and light in all of society—the political realm as well as the ecclesiastical realm. Church and state can legitimately be separated and such constitutional separation is mandatory for the welfare of both. However, Christianity and politics can never be separated except at great detriment to both. In a world where motives are frequently mixed, if not impure, the Christian does politics as ministry.

What contributions do Christians have to make to government in Kentucky? Is there any difference between the influence which a Christian can bring to bear on the political process and the influence exerted by special interest groups?

The Christian brings to the political process a quality of concern which in personal relationships finds both pastoral and prophetic expression. Government



C. Welton Gaddy

Christian Life Commission

and the persons who serve in it are the objects of our prayers to God and partners with whom we converse. Within this kind of supportive relationship, the prophetic word is as important as the pastoral word. With the courage of Naaman who said, "Thou art the man," the Christian works for the exposure of evil at every level of government and calls for repentance. With the passion for justice evidenced in Amos, the Christian challenges any who seek to use the processes of government for selfish gain or obstruct the process of justice. With the devotion to righteousness characteristic of Isaiah, the Christian sounds the alarm and heralds the promise of the biblical statement, "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

Also, the Christian enters into every phase of political life with a conscience shaped by biblical morality. Integrity

Bicentennial Essay Contest Deadline Extended To Aug. 31

The Baptist Bicentennial Essay Contest deadline has been extended to August 31, according to J. T. Miller, chairman of the contest committee. The original deadline was August 1 but Miller is anxious to have as many entrants as possible.

The essay contest is one feature of the celebration of 200 years of Baptist preaching in Kentucky. It is open to all youth from the age of 13 through 19 years.

The essay should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words in length. The general

characterizes both the words and deeds of the Christian. Political goals as well as the methods proposed for attaining them are subjected to stringent ethical evaluation. Persons take precedent over things—programs, strategies, schedules. No individual is allowed to become a token and no group merely a conglomerate of faceless voters. "Serving people" is a more important political concept than "winning" though the two may not always be mutually exclusive. The Christian is an advocate of justice, freedom, equality, and other similar concepts not merely because they are basic principles in the documents of democracy but because they are essential ingredients of biblical morality.

This state can benefit from the suggestions, critique, opinions, and new ideas of its Christian citizens. Convictions inspired by the Bible and actions shaped by the Spirit of Christ can make a significant difference in that mix of political partisanship, economic realism, and legislative expediency out of which governmental decisions are made and policies formulated. Christianization of the structures of government is not our goal but bringing the influence of Christ to bear on these structures certainly is.

Appearing before the Senate Watergate Committee, former White House staff member Gordon Strachan was asked if he had any advice for young persons regarding politics. His answer was "stay away." We cannot heed Mr. Strachan's advice and remain true to either the concept of democracy or the nature of the Christian faith. My hope is that in groups like this one a common commitment will be made which says in effect, "We will be back. We are dedicated to the task of doing the work of government guided by the principles of Christianity to the end that people may be helped and God may be glorified."

subject of the essay is "the effect of preaching on 200 years of Kentucky Baptist history." The essays may represent a study of the preaching of a prominent Kentucky Baptist preacher, or they may explore some preaching theme such as missions, evangelism, education, stewardship, etc.

Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded the first, second and third best essays.

The essays should be mailed to J. T. (Continued on page 11)

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A Much Deserved "Well Done"

Kentucky Baptists owe a "well done" to Garnett B. Morton who is retiring this month after serving 23 years as business manager of the Executive Board. His strength and vigor make it hard to realize he is 65 years old.

The nature of his service has kept him mostly in the background and so he hasn't had the statewide exposure some of us have. Nevertheless he has put in more hours than most anyone in the Baptist Building and he has done his work as perfectly as anyone.

Garnett is as talented in other areas as he is in accounting. Those of us close to him and his dear wife, Emma, appreciate them for far more than his Baptist Building work.

He has few peers as a churchman. I have been a fellow member with him in two congregations during the last 18 years and I never remember anything but the most praiseworthy conduct. He has used his expertise when called upon by the church but has never tried to dominate. Rarely have Garnett and Emma been absent from any service and they are among the first to visit the sick and others.

My first contact with him was 20 years ago when the education director of the church I served as pastor recommended him to lead a church study in training. My respect for his ability and our friendship have grown ever since.

A man's true character is not always as evident in his official performance as it is in his personal commitments. For many years Garnett took tender care of his aged parents. His father was cared for by Garnett and Emma in their home for years until the necessity arose for 24 hours a day attention. Even in the nursing home Garnett went day after day to bathe and shave his father until his death at the age of 99 a few weeks ago. Few men have ever spent as much effort and money for a loved one.

Garnett made his work for Kentucky Baptists his ministry and we are better off for it. He made every penny and every day count. He put all idle funds in short term investments and probably earned as much for Kentucky Baptists this way as he was paid in salary.

He has no announced plans for retirement. It's hard to picture this man as idle. He has too much ability, experience and strength not to be used somewhere. Whoever uses him will have not only a skilled worker but also a genuine Christian.

Ministers Do Not Deserve Preferential Treatment

Ministerial discounts are debatable among Baptists. Some ministers not only accept them but seek them, some don't seek them but accept them while some refuse them. I belong to the second group but I admire and would probably feel better if I belonged to the third group.

A long standing Baptist Book Store policy of discounts to ministers is being discontinued effective July 1. I have accepted Baptist Book Store discounts but I heartily approve the discontinuation of them. I see no reason for such preferential treatment for ministers. Discounts to ministers mean the customers paying full price are indirectly subsidizing the ministers.

Preferential treatment of ministers goes back a long way. I have not researched this matter but I suppose at least two considerations were involved. One was the once extremely little or no pay to ministers for their services and the other was a genuine desire to express appreciation for holy things including the ministry and the church.

Ministerial discounts are not as common now as in other days and they are not found as frequently in cities as in small towns and rural areas. In the county site community from which I moved to Louisville medical services for the entire family were without charge and discounts by dentists, druggists and some merchants were common. In

Louisville with one exception I have had no discounts offered.

The most significant preferential treatment for ordained ministers is tax-free housing. The rationale for this goes back to when priests or pastors were required to live in church property and living quarters were often a part of the church building. Ministers who lived in church owned property did not have to pay income tax on the value of their housing and thus ministers providing

their own housing were permitted a reasonable housing allowance tax-free.

We can expect this preferential treatment to be examined closely and probably discontinued. In the meantime most of us will accept it with some but not enough reservation to reject it.

Hasten the day when ministers receive full pay for full service and are expected to pay full price like everyone else.

BAPTIST FORUM



DISLIKES NEW HYMNAL

Dear Editor:

In regard to the new *Baptist Hymnals* over the "old Pre 75" edition, I read with concern what E. F. Quinn had to say about the fancy pages and covers and 30 more pages. I had also compared the two. I find the new book far from my liking. He forgot to mention there are 42 less songs, some new versions of some of the old songs, even some new songs. But what is sad is some of the old songs are left out. There are some themes and the number of songs pertaining to the themes that are left out: "Love One Another" 28; "The Godly Man" 29; "God Our Security" 30; "Christian Abstinence" 31. The new version also does not have the Church Covenant, which I think people should read once in a while.

Owensboro, Ky. David A. Fuqua

murdered Sargent Harold Bennett. All they know is terror and torture.

At least in America we have freedom to worship as we please. In Russia there is no such thing. They even break up underground religion there.

Cadiz, Kentucky Walden Adams

OPPOSES ERA

Dear Editor:

As a Baptist, I'm very concerned about Baptists taking a firm stand against the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This amendment is contrary to the Bible and against the wishes of the majority of our women.

Let's speak out and let people know how we feel. I would like to interest you in making this a state project for Baptists. It was in Tennessee for the Churches of Christ, and in Arizona, the Churches of Christ and Mormons have helped so much.

It was from a Church of Christ minister from Illinois that I first learned about the awfulness of ERA. He had driven all the way to Mayfield to be on a talk program where he spoke out against the ERA.

Let's let Baptists be heard.

Clinton, Kentucky Mrs. Phyllis Sheppard

WANTS TAX REDUCTION

Dear Editor:

The June 12, 1975, issue of *The Louisville Times* had a disturbing story headed: "Tax-credit Proposal Favoring Falls City Gets Approval From Legislative Panel".

This story says "An interim legislative committee has recommended approval of a tax-credit bill that would save the Falls City Brewing Co. \$250,000 annually in state excise taxes."

Later in the story we are told "Falls City requested the legislation because it has had declining earnings in recent years and the tax break would help its profit picture."

All of us would no doubt like for the above committee to help our profit picture. They can reduce any of my taxes they care to. I would expect them to do the same for all taxpayers of course. Or does such a break go only to Falls City Brewing Co.?

It will be a service if *The Western Recorder* will find out just who is on the above committee and publish their names and addresses so we can express our views to the committee.

No such legislation can pass in Kentucky if we Baptists make ourselves heard. Our pastors should oppose this from the pulpit and we laymen should support our pastors.

This proposal should get major attention at our next state convention even if we do have to leave out some of the two-bit, nit-picking items that take up time and accomplish little or nothing.

Louisville, Kentucky Roy L. Daniel

A \$10,018 Check Given To Fight World Hunger

The Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission has received a \$10,018 check from Air Force chaplains to be used in the fight against world hunger.

William L. Clark, director of the Chaplains Commission, a part of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said the funds would be forwarded onto the denomination's Foreign Mission Board for use in overseas hunger relief.

The \$10,018 was Southern Baptists' share of the annual Palm Sunday offering taken by Air Force chaplains in services around the world.

This year the offering was designated toward alleviation of world hunger and prorated to each religious group according to the number of chaplains it had serving on active duty.

Two Kentuckians Elected To Home Mission Board

Two Kentuckians recently joined the Home Mission Board and one left the board's employ. Glenn Igleheart was elected director of the department of interfaith witness. James N. Lewis, Jr., was chosen assistant director of the HMB's department of language missions and F. Russell Bennett resigned as director of associational administration services.

A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, Igleheart is a graduate of Murray State College and earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He has done additional graduate study at Harvard University.

Igleheart has served several Kentucky churches as minister of music, assistant pastor and youth director and was pastor of Stewart's Creek Baptist Church, Lebanon, Kentucky, 1958-62, and Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, 1963-68.

Igleheart has been northeastern director for the department of interfaith witness since 1968. He succeeds M. Thomas Starkes who resigned last December.



Bennett



Lewis

Lewis was named assistant director of the department of language missions, effective June 13. He has been a missionary associate of the Home Mission Board since 1973, directing work with internationals for the Baptist Convention of Maryland. Prior to that time he was pastor of North Fork Baptist Church near Frankfort for six years.

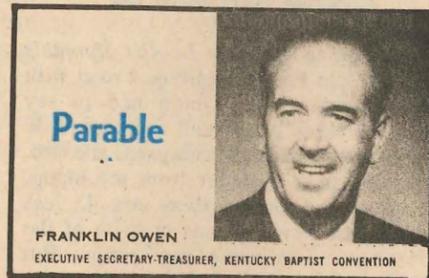
He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

Bennett resigned as director of associational administration services to become

director of field education for the Southern Seminary school of theology. Bennett went to the HMB from the pastorate of Latonia Baptist Church in Covington.

Two other Kentucky families were appointed missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Darold Wayne Wilcox of Oklahoma City were appointed to work with migrant missions in middle Atlantic states. Wilcox is a native of West Irvin, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Stone were appointed by the Christian social ministries department as minister of pastoral care for 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary and has served the church for the past year.



Early one morning a thoroughbred hunting dog, the finest in all the countryside, set out following the tracks of a moose. Zealously he pursued his big game.

Somewhere between the dog and the moose that was leaving the tracks, a deer crossed the trail, and when the dog came to that point, he transferred his interest and zeal to the deer's trail.

His choice of game was downgraded still more rapidly as he came to a place where a fox had crossed the deer's trail in yet another direction and the dog then pursued the fox.

Not long did he follow the tracks left by the fox until he reached the point where a rabbit had crossed the fox's trail and he took off after the rabbit.

He followed the rabbit tracks until his nose told him that a rat had crossed the rabbit's tracks and he became interested in the rat trail, pursuing that still less worthy game.

At last he came to the scent of a mouse and followed the mouse's tracks until they ended in the hole that was the abode of this tiny rodent. Here the dog stopped on his final point.

Thus, did that powerful mastif, capable of the big game hunt, begin his day hunting moose, and end it watching a mouse hole.

Refugees Baptized In Swimming Pool

More than 100 Vietnamese refugees were baptized in a swimming pool in Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on a recent Sunday night. The baptizing was done by Southern Baptist missionary Jim Gayle and Nguyen Anh Thai, a refugee Christian missionary Alliance pastor.

Gayle, who formerly served in South Vietnam and who now is attached to the Protestant chaplain's office at Ft. Chaffee, said between 300-400 refugees had made professions of faith in Jesus Christ and he and Thai baptized 108 of them on a

single Sunday.

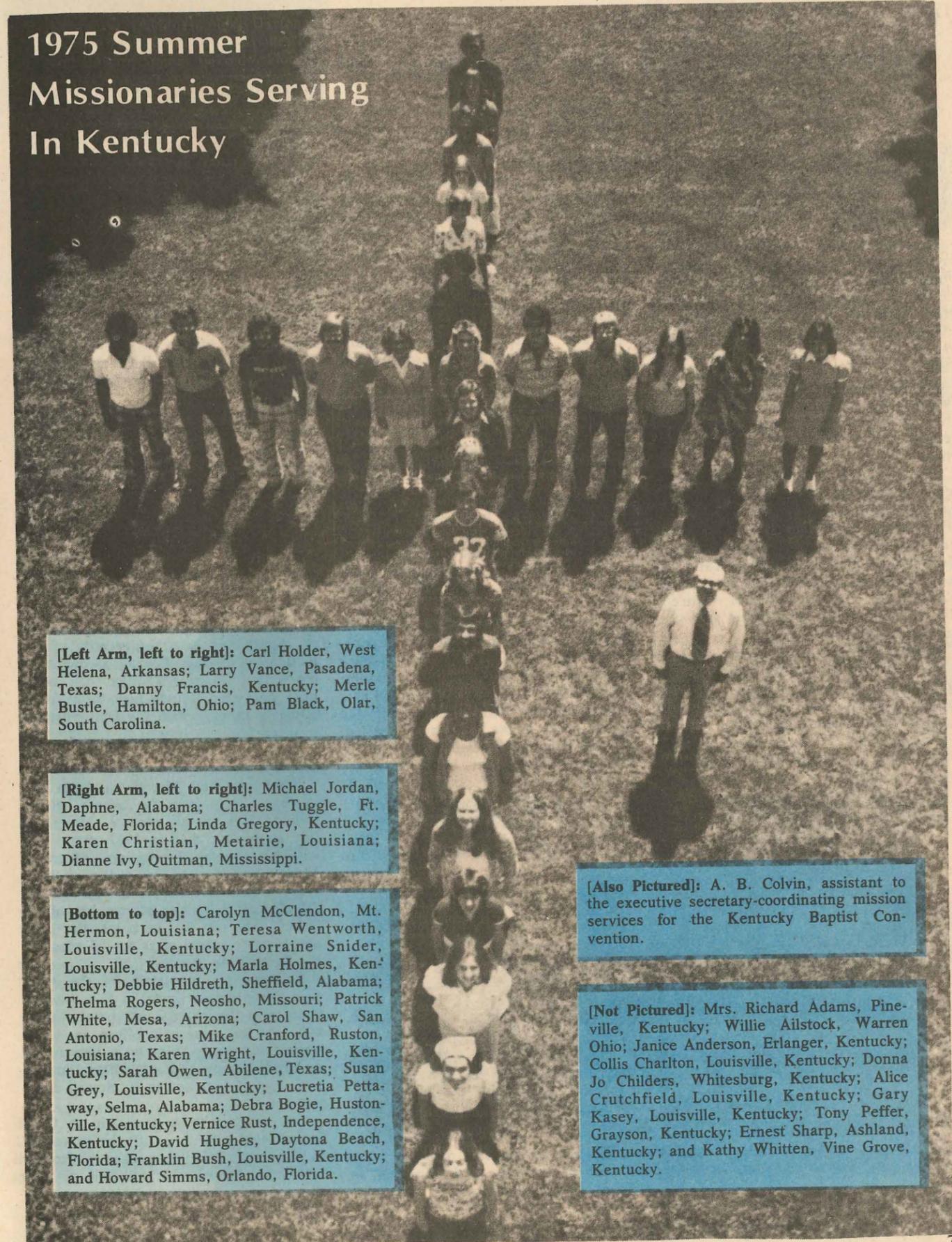
Rules of the camp forbid any denominational affiliation for the new converts, Gayle said, but it is not hindering the refugees from requesting baptism. Each is given careful instruction in basic Christian doctrine before baptism, he emphasized.

Religious services are conducted every night and Sunday morning in the Protestant chapel. Prayer meetings are held each morning, and Gayle is teaching a Bible class each day from 9-10:30 a.m.



ORDINATION HELD--Dallas Vincent, [left], pastor of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, is shown presenting a certificate of ordination to William R. Smith [center]. Smith has just completed his first year at Clear Creek Baptist School and has recently been called as pastor of Gray Fork Baptist Church in Urban, Kentucky. Looking on is Glenn Husinga, pastor of the Caroline-Ithaca work, in New York under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

1975 Summer Missionaries Serving In Kentucky



[Left Arm, left to right]: Carl Holder, West Helena, Arkansas; Larry Vance, Pasadena, Texas; Danny Francis, Kentucky; Merle Bustle, Hamilton, Ohio; Pam Black, Olar, South Carolina.

[Right Arm, left to right]: Michael Jordan, Daphne, Alabama; Charles Tuggle, Ft. Meade, Florida; Linda Gregory, Kentucky; Karen Christian, Metairie, Louisiana; Dianne Ivy, Quitman, Mississippi.

[Bottom to top]: Carolyn McClendon, Mt. Hermon, Louisiana; Teresa Wentworth, Louisville, Kentucky; Lorraine Snider, Louisville, Kentucky; Marla Holmes, Kentucky; Debbie Hildreth, Sheffield, Alabama; Thelma Rogers, Neosho, Missouri; Patrick White, Mesa, Arizona; Carol Shaw, San Antonio, Texas; Mike Cranford, Ruston, Louisiana; Karen Wright, Louisville, Kentucky; Sarah Owen, Abilene, Texas; Susan Grey, Louisville, Kentucky; Lucretia Pettaway, Selma, Alabama; Debra Bogie, Hustonville, Kentucky; Vernice Rust, Independence, Kentucky; David Hughes, Daytona Beach, Florida; Franklin Bush, Louisville, Kentucky; and Howard Simms, Orlando, Florida.

[Also Pictured]: A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary-coordinating mission services for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

[Not Pictured]: Mrs. Richard Adams, Pineville, Kentucky; Willie Ailstock, Warren Ohio; Janice Anderson, Erlanger, Kentucky; Collis Charlton, Louisville, Kentucky; Donna Jo Childers, Whitesburg, Kentucky; Alice Crutchfield, Louisville, Kentucky; Gary Kasey, Louisville, Kentucky; Tony Pepper, Grayson, Kentucky; Ernest Sharp, Ashland, Kentucky; and Kathy Whitten, Vine Grove, Kentucky.

Morton Retires As Business Manager

By Bob Terry
Associate Editor

On June 30, Garnett B. Morton will enter the Baptist Building for the last time as business manager. It will mark the end of a career spanning more than 23 years as Kentucky Baptists' chief business officer.

It was February 1, 1952, when Morton resigned the Wayne Supply Company to take a new post where he could serve his Lord. W. C. Boone, then executive secretary, and W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, convinced Morton of the opportunity to serve God through bringing to Kentucky Baptists a complete business background. "They wanted to organize all the business functions into one office," Morton recalled, "and they said I could help them."

But, for the Graves County native, coming to work for Kentucky Baptists was a fulfillment of a call felt in the Farmington Baptist Church. There, during his high school days, Garnett Morton surrendered to the ministry. Later he enrolled in Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. Calvary Baptist Church, there, licensed him to the gospel ministry in 1932.

Morton was graduated from the Tennessee Baptist school with both a bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees. He was first in his class in one program and second in the other.

"I had a job in the business office of the college so I stayed there during the summers and went to school," he said.

Following graduation he returned to Farmington where he was principal of Dublin High School for two years. He also taught math.

When an opening occurred in the Department of Highways of Kentucky government, Morton was asked to work in the division of accounting, a post he held for six years. From there he became accountant and office manager for a construction firm building the synthetic rubber plants in the Louisville area.

It was at Union University that Morton met and married the former Emma Dungan. The couple had one son, Richard Eugene, who was killed in a plane accident aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea. In memory of their son the Mortons established a scholarship to help needy students attend college. The fund is directed by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Although he has never held a regular pastorate, Morton has always been an active church worker. Crescent Hill Baptist Church ordained him deacon and he was chairman of the missions committee that founded Beechwood Baptist Church.

"Emma and I were the first two members of Beechwood," Morton remembered. He served as the first Sunday School superintendent and first treasurer of the church. Before its constitution as a church, Morton was chairman of the deacon group at the Beechwood mission.

When Hurstbourne Baptist Church was constructed across the street from the Mortons' home, the couple joined as

charter members. Since then he has been very active, serving twice as chairman of the finance committee and as parliamentarian.

Most of Morton's time, however, has been spent at the office. Frank Owen, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, told the Executive Board members that Morton was his chief competitor for most hours spent on the job. And these long hours have been necessitated by increased work load.

"When I came to work the business department consisted of Dorothy Hayes, now bookkeeper for *Western Recorder*, and today there are 14 positions budgeted."

His responsibilities have included personnel, central purchasing, payroll, accounting, building and grounds management, property, mail room and general services and supervision of computer programs.

Another area where Morton has excelled has been in short term investments. Since 1970, Kentucky Baptists have earned over \$470,000 in interest from short term investments directed by Morton.

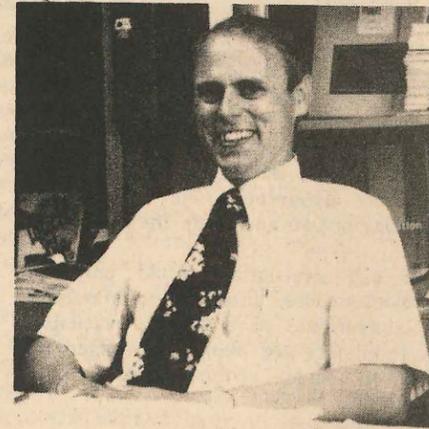
Through it all the major responsibility of maintaining accurate records of the millions of dollars flowing through the convention's business office has never been neglected. Funds flow through the office in keeping with the best business principles. And every audit has attested to the accuracy and caliber of the business office records.

What little time Morton has been able to spare away from the office, he has used to care for his parents. Mrs. Lilly Garnett Morton died in 1967 after living with her son for three years. Albert B. Morton died in early May at the age of 99 years, four months and one day. One of the clearest memories Morton has of his father is the fact that he taught the same age Sunday School class for 55 years in the Farmington church.

Retirement is uncertain for the Mortons. Mrs. Morton retires in 1976 after 17 years with Presbyterian Minister's Fund. Mr. Morton has had offers to teach business courses and to supervise in accounting firms, among others, but he says he does not want to tie himself down just yet.

One thing is certain, a trip to California. As a retirement gift the personnel in the Baptist Building gave Morton a retirement present that will help pay for the gas on his long-time desire to see the west.

Staff Changes



Carney

John Carney, youth consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board staff, has resigned to accept a position with Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Carney called the move fulfillment "of a boyhood dream." He will serve as minister of education-administration. Carney's wife Rebecca has been called as day care director for the church.

For the past year Carney has related to youth workers, both volunteer and church staff as he coordinated Sunday School, Church Training and music activities for this age group.

In addition, he planned youth week at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, the last event he will officially direct for the state convention.

James Whaley, coordinator for the church services group, said of Carney, "He did an excellent job of understanding and relating to youth workers." Executive secretary Frank Owen said, "We do regret to lose John who, in my judgment, has done fine work on our staff."

Carney came to the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff from First Baptist Church, Benton, where he served as minister of music and youth. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and New Orleans Seminary. He has served two churches in Missouri, one as pastor and the other in a staff position.

Georgetown College has selected a new dean of religious life. He is James Thomas Meigs, pastor of West Main Street Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia.

Meigs, a Florida native, returns to Kentucky where he served two pastorates

during student days at Southern Seminary. His first Kentucky pastorate was Beech Fork Baptist Church near Gravel Switch. Chaplain Fork Baptist Church, Chaplain, was his second state pastorate.

In 1971, Southern Seminary awarded the new college dean the doctor of theology degree. This climaxed a student career during which he served as president of the student body, professor's assistant and Garrett Teaching Fellow.

During the past four years, Meigs has authored numerous articles, served as visiting professor at Southeastern Seminary and was a member of the board of Virginia Baptist Hospital.

In 1974 he was listed in *Outstanding Young Men in America*.

Meigs is married and the father of two children.

B. B. Steele, minister of education of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, will become the pastor of



Steele

Woodland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington on July 1. He has been a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, chairman of its assemblies and camps committee, and member of the administrative committee. He currently serves as a member of the resolutions committee of the state convention.

Steele has also served as president of the Louisville Baptist and Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Associations.

Eugene Hamilton recently accepted the call as pastor to Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Somerset, Kentucky. He comes from Westgate Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. He previously pastored churches in Kentucky and also served one year as an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Roy Miller has resigned as pastor of Brookview Baptist Church in Louisville because of health reasons. He has been pastor of many churches in Kentucky and was pastor of Brookview for two years. He is available for supply preaching and interim pastorates. He may be contacted by calling 448-3425 or by writing. His address is 2002 Mary Cathrine Drive, Louisville, 40216.

Clyde Shackelford, former pastor at Oneida, has been called as pastor by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Laurel River.

Miss Teresa Kabourek has been named an admissions counselor at Georgetown College. She is a graduate of Georgetown College and majored in business administration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kabourek of Columbus, Ohio.



Miss Kabourek

Larry and Darlene Reed of New York City will fill the positions of associate professor of music and instructor of music at Campbellsville College starting this fall. Reed will receive his doctorate this summer from Columbia. His wife is also very capable, according to W. R. Davenport, president of the college. She recently gave her professional debut recital in Carnegie Hall in November of 1974.

Walter Campbell, pastor of the West Point Baptist Church, Centertown, has accepted the call to become pastor and communities missionary at Hyden.

Rodney VanHoose has been called as music director by First Baptist Church in Worthington. He comes to the church from Petrie Memorial Church in Hazard.

John L. Holloway has assumed the pastorate of Providence Baptist Church in London, Kentucky. He is a former pastor of the Pulaski Association and a graduate of the Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville.



Holloway

Revival Reports

First Baptist Church of Frankfort reports a prosperous spring revival with Harold Tallant as evangelist. There were 39 professions of faith, three transfers of letter and a large number of rededications, according to the report.

Buck Grove Baptist Church recently held a youth revival with the young people of the church conducting the services. Roger Polston and Jeffrey R. Withers did the preaching and Timmy Matthews led the singing. There were

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Garnett B. Morton [right], who is retiring after 23 years as business manager of the Kentucky Baptist Building, is shown going over a blueprint with Barry Allen, business manager-elect [left], and James Whaley, divisional director of the church training department.

Missionaries Safe During Violence In Beirut

Southern Baptist missionaries in Beirut, Lebanon, surrounded by the violence of the country's civil war, have found themselves mostly confined to their homes during recent days.

In an interview Kentuckian William W. Marshall, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for the Near East and North Africa who lives in Beirut, said, "It's nerve-racking. You're often pinned down in your house 24 hours a day. You never know when fighting is going to start."

Fortunately, not a single casualty and only one injury has touched the 11 missionary couples, their families and three single missionaries presently in Beirut.

Missionary journeyman Harriet Keller fell in an attempt to get to better cover and had several stitches taken in her face and arm.

An automobile belonging to one of the missionaries was bombed while parked in front of the apartment building in which the missionary lives. Explosions have blown out

windows of Beirut's Baptist school and three missionary apartments. The building in which the Marshalls live suffered two rounds of bullet fire one night.

Marshall, a native of Frankfort, said that of Beirut's 14 districts, Ras, Beirut, has had the least serious violence. He reports many kidnappings and much sniper fire in the other districts, including the two in which most of the Baptist missionaries live.

The missionaries have an emergency evacuation plan that calls for immediate retreat to Ras, Beirut, in the event the situation becomes even more dangerous. The missionaries would stay in hotels for a day or two and could then evacuate to Jordan if necessary.

The missionaries feel any evacuation would only be temporary such as in previous cases, according to Marshall. He said several foreign communities have already evacuated Lebanon and that most foreigners are being encouraged by their governments not to go to Lebanon at the present time.

Angolan Fighting Leaves Missionaries Unharm

Southern Baptist missionaries in Angola report they are safe and "unafraid" in the midst of fighting between three political factions but have faced several narrow escapes.

Three missionary men went in a land rover on a rescue mission into the area of Luanda, the capital city, where white people were burned out last July and August. Anyone trying to go into the area since has been subject to robbery, stoning or death, according to Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, a missionary.

Their mission was to rescue an Angolan pastor and his family trapped there in the parsonage next to the church while shots, rockets and mortar exploded all around them.

"What a joy it was for all of us to see the land rover returning with the three husbands in the front, the back end piled high with what little household goods they could wisely bring out, with a mattress over the heads of the mother and children. The pastor and his brother were hanging on behind," Mrs. Pike wrote.

The Pikes later had another narrow escape during a trip to Carmona. A passing car fired a shot through their windshield.

"No one was hurt," said Mrs. Pike, "but it could have been a different story. We know God was there."

Another missionary family, the Curtis Dixons, could not sleep that night because of the shooting nearby. Missionary Journeyman Miss Tress Miles and the Hollands had similar experiences.

Later Pike, traveling with a convoy of trucks loaded with Baptist-provided supplies for refugee relief work, was stopped by soldiers and turned around on the road north of Luanda.

According to Davis Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, Pike and the other missionaries are safe and have not been mistreated. Pike will remain in Luanda where he will continue relief work as well as normal missionary activity.



EXAMINES REPORT--Campbellsville College president, W. R. Davenport, [left] examines an endowment investment report with Grady Randolph, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, and John Cartier [right], of Spencer Trask and Co., New York. Campbellsville College uses the Foundation's money management services for investment of certain endowment funds.

T. Emerson Wortham Dies

T. Emerson Wortham, a well-known Kentucky Baptist minister, died in Franklin, Kentucky, at the age of 76. He had lived in Franklin since his retirement from the pastorate and from teaching in Tennessee Tech University and East Texas Baptist College.

He was a native of Rineyville and received his education at Centre College, Peabody Teacher College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a public school teacher for eight years before entering the ministry. Pastorates in Kentucky included Leitchfield Baptist Church, Buechel Baptist in Louisville, Franklin First Baptist and Central Baptist in Winchester. He also served the First Baptist Church in Lake Worth, Florida, for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alma Stanton Wortham; one son, Charles Warfield Wortham of New York; and one grandchild.

Revival Reports

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five professions of faith and many other rededications according to Donald O. Withers, pastor.

Millville Baptist Church reports that their spring revival was a great success. Ecter Denton of Brooksville was the evangelist. The church reports that there were seven professions of faith before the revival services began and 35 professions of faith after the services started. There were also 32 rededications and four who moved their letters to the church. The average attendance during the services was over 200. Baptismal services were held on June 1 with 42 being baptized.

Frank Cook, pastor of the church also reports a parent dedication day held recently. Over 11 young married couples presented their children to the Lord he reports.

A revival at Oneida Baptist Church has been reported and the pastor, George Bausum, reports that Bob D. Evans, missionary to Malaysia was the evangelist. There were 19 professions of faith, one transfer of letter, and 26 rededications. There were 14 students of

Oneida Baptist Institute baptized by the church the Sunday night following the meeting.

Hyattsville Baptist Church near Lancaster, of the South District Association, reports that during their spring revival there were 15 professions of faith and 28 public rededications. Jerry Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gahanna, Ohio, was evangelist. Mike Crain is pastor of the church.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Campbellsville held a revival earlier this spring with Leon Larimore, pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville as the evangelist. There were 13 who came for baptism during the revival, 10 by letter and many other rededications and decisions.

Thurman Eaton, pastor, also reports that there have been 53 additions to the church during the past seven months.

Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington recently held a revival with Wayne Ward, professor of theology at Southern Seminary as the evangelist. Music was led by Enrique Romero, the church's own minister of music. Bob W. Brown is pastor of Trinity.

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Miller, Whitesville, Kentucky 42378, along with a brief biographical sketch of the writer.

Miller urges pastors, Sunday School directors, Church Training directors, youth workers and other church leaders to enlist contestants and to assist them in research and writing.

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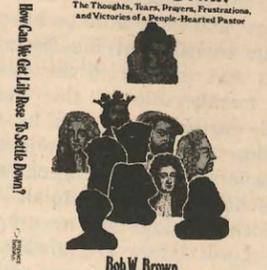
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The Shape Of Wisdom

It is difficult to define wisdom. To say the least, it is far more than the mere accumulation of knowledge. Wisdom is more than a knowledge of right and wrong. Wisdom is living in accordance with the will of God.

Job 28:23-24

Where is wisdom to be found? Job wrestled with this question and came up with the right answer. True wisdom originates in and comes from God. Although man has searched for wisdom in many places, it becomes ours only through departure from that which is wrong, and by asking God for it, and trusting Him to give it to us. When our supply of wisdom is depleted, the Scriptures direct us to ask God for more. God possesses all of the wisdom that we shall ever need, and He is both able and willing to supply it liberally.

Proverbs 1:7, 2:6-8

"The fear of the Lord" is a reverent and abiding sense of the presence of God and of an inevitable accountability to Him. Before one can expect to receive wisdom from Him, he must reverence and trust Him. Acquiring wisdom from God and then living in accordance with His expressed will guarantees peace and pleasantness in the Christian pathway.

Proverbs 3:5-8

Some professing Christians live in the wrong manner and then, when under pressure, turn to God and ask Him for wisdom and direction in the making of some vital decision. If Christians want the strength and comfort of divine guidance, they must be willing to meet the conditions which God has laid down for them. They should receive God's truth and appropriate it in such a manner that it will color their thoughts, mold their characters, and influence their conduct.

1. A Plea

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." Trust is a beautiful word which represents a wonderful experience. Literally, the word "trusts" means "to lean upon" or "to depend on." Trust conveys the idea that one is conscious of his weakness and, therefore, turns to the Lord for support. He wants a Christian to have the same loving trust in him that a child reposes in his parents, and more.

Here we are told to trust "with all thine heart." "Heart" here refers to the seat of the affections and has to do with thinking, loving, feeling, willing, and acting. God has never failed His own, and He never will. Projecting Himself into the affairs of His children, God says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Therefore, let us trust Him completely.

2. A Prohibition.

"Lean not unto thine own understanding." Nothing is more frail, fickle, and unreliable than our own understanding. That is why God prohibits our relying upon it. We should yield to His divine authority, submit to His divine providence and power, obey His divine commands, and depend on His divine promises.

3. A Precept.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him." If we are to receive and enjoy the guidance and blessing of God, we must acknowledge the Lord in every detail of our lives. After having trusted the Lord with our souls, let us praise Him with our lips, serve Him with our talents, and honor Him with our gifts.

4. A Promise.

"And he shall direct thy paths." This promise is conditional. If we acknowledge God in all things, He will direct our paths. Our attitude toward and response to this condition will mark the difference between yieldedness to God's will and rebellion against it, happiness and unhappiness, victory and defeat. If we expect God to lead, bless, and use us, we must let Him determine our thoughts, mold our characters, and control our lives.

Ecclesiastes 6:12; 7:23-24; 9:11

Man frequently claims to be wise when he is actually comparatively unenlightened. Apart from divine enlightenment, man is unable to see what is best for him. As a finite creature, his lack of wisdom is attested by the Scriptures, is observed by others, and is confirmed by experience.

The writer enumerated five instances of failure, which he had not anticipated, and which we might not expect: the swift defeated in the race, the strong defeated in battle, the humanly wise unable to make a livelihood, the prudent remaining in poverty, and the gifted thrust into obscurity.

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Our Lord wants all Christians to enjoy a healthy spiritual growth from the time of their regeneration until they go home to Heaven. Spiritual retardation is even more tragic and pathetic than mental retardation.

I Corinthians 3:1-4

Paul addressed the Corinthian Christians as "brethren" and then referred to them as "babes in Christ." They were in a state of arrested development instead of spiritual maturity. Like many today, they were not able to consume the solid food of God's Word, but were weak, anaemic, milk-drinking infants. Almost every church today has spiritual babes in it. What are some of the characteristics of the Lord's babies? They are basically

selfish, and jealous. They demand attention, want their own way, require a lot of amusement, have to be coaxed to do things, and they tattle on others.

The carnality of the Corinthian Christians was evident in the factions within the membership of the church. When Paul focused on them, he found them fussing and quarreling over their leaders with various groups contending that their preacher was superior to all others.

Such divisions are never prompted by the Lord. They are always caused by carnal people who are influenced by Satan. Christ-loving people do not have this spirit. Strife and divisions in a church reveal the lack of brotherly love and obedience to the will of Christ.

II Peter 1:3-11

In writing to spiritually immature Christians, Peter reminded them that Christ's power had given unto them all things that pertain to life and godliness, and that through the great, precious, numerous, life-giving and liberating promises of God they had come into the possession of the divine nature and of freedom from the corruption of the world.

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Virtue involves the moral excellence, noble character, manly courage, and strong determination which are required in the living out of the truth which has been received. Knowledge is that intelligent understanding and discernment which enables one to distinguish the things that differ. It comes through a prayerful study of God's Word. Self-control includes the proper mastery of one's desires, impulses, and ambitions, and this is made possible by the indwelling Spirit. This quality is sorely needed today when the attitude of the masses seems to be, "I want what I want when I want it, and I intend to get it if at all possible." Patience means steadfast and persevering endurance of disappointment, trial, hardship, and suffering. Godliness is simply God-likeness. This noble quality is the result of communion with God and devotion to Him. Brotherly kindness is the manifestation of love to the brethren in spite of what they are and sometimes do. Charity includes love for and to all men.

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