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"I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND
THE LIFE . . ."
John 14:6



People And Places

Darrell Cruse, pastor of Gano Baptist

Church in Middletown, and his wife and daughter have left for a three-week crusade in Aracaju, Brazil. The Cruses, who previously served for six years as missionaries in Brazil, are being sent to Brazil following an invitation from the Foreign Mission Board.



Cruse

Harold Holderman has been selected as director of Glen Dale Children's Home in Glendale, Kentucky. He has been employed as a social worker at the children's home since June 1, 1972.

The new director holds the bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and the master of religious education and master of divinity degrees from Southern Seminary. He has done graduate work at both Eastern and Western Kentucky Universities in child studies and in administration.

He is married and has three daughters.

Gleanings

James V. Lackey, who has been president of his own consulting firm for the past two years, has been named a sales consultant for Broadman Press. He is a former executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission. A native Oklahoman, Lackey has

served on the Stewardship Commission staff and prior to that he served as superintendent of young people's work for the Sunday School Board.

A Bible Institute which started in September, 1974, in Billings, Montana, has been named the **Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute**. Leaders of the school say the school is for the purpose of training vocational church workers and lay persons.

The Bible Institute is being assisted in a choice of curriculum and faculty by Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi. The first full-time faculty member of the institute is Lawrence B. Cobb, a graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Trustees for this school will be elected by the Yellowstone Baptist Association. Baptist leaders in the area point out that there is no Southern Baptist Seminary or institute within more than 1,000 miles of Billings, Montana.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I appreciate your visits, Reverend. You must rack up a pretty good chunk in overtime!"

DEVOTIONAL



Jerry Thomason
First Baptist Church,
Fredonia, Kentucky

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27.

"Where are you going, Daddy?" is a question I hear often from my children. And after I have answered the question I usually get another question: "Can I go with you?"

Now the answer to the second question usually takes some consideration and qualification. First of all, if where I'm going is someplace I feel the children will be uncomfortable and grow restless, I explain very carefully that it is not going to be a pleasant trip. If they still persist, I explain what I'll be doing while at my destination, emphasizing any difficulty they might encounter in trying to participate with me. Then if they still want to go, I explain to them what they might be leaving behind in order to go with me.

Last winter during an early snow, I needed to cut some firewood for the fireplace. It was bitter cold, the wind blowing like a knife. As I laced up my boots my nine year old son asked, "Can I go with you?" After the usual routine of making it sound very uninviting, he still wanted to go. I agreed.

It was a cold, bitter job. Yet when we returned home later with wood for the fire, had on some warm, dry clothes, and were enjoying hot cocoa and popcorn before the roaring flames, we both sensed the joy of having done a job that had to be done together. The rewards were worth it.

As the multitudes saw Jesus one day they asked Him, "Where are you going?" "Can we go with you?" Jesus was very careful to reply by telling the people that where He was going wasn't a very pleasant place. He was going to die on a cross.

If you want to go with Jesus, be sure you know where he went first. You must go to the cross with Him before you can go home to Heaven with Him. The rewards, however, will be worth it. □

FIRST IN A SERIES —

Doctrines Shape Our Destiny

By James L. Sullivan

Baptist doctrines are more important than most of us realize. They not only express our experiences and beliefs. They also determine our directions. They even shape our programs whether local or national. They are to the church essentially what the backbone is to the human body. They give unity and stability, they provide sturdiness enabling us to endure the bumps of opposition, even persecution.

Here we would stress the usually unnoticed results of Christian doctrines on our lives. The unseen effects can be often numerous and more

profound than the obvious ones. We discuss and talk about the visible doctrines of the Christian faith in a direct, understandable way. But what most of us miss is that the indirect results of our beliefs are far more numerous. They may be even as important.

Let me illustrate.

When the first wood-burning railway locomotive puffed forth its dense smoke and got a few passenger and freight cars moving, the crowds cheered. They looked on the birth of a new era, the era of the American railroad. All they saw, however, was a little train moving forth pulling cargo and people. To them that was about all that happened that day, even though it was significant that what they saw was only a fragment of what actually happened that day.

What they did not see were the resultant influences of the railway movement on American life. For railways to span this continent, high finances had to be provided. Wall Street emerged as a method of doing it. Thus, high finances were born with the American railroad. Huge land developments came into being because rights of way had to be purchased. Cities had to be chartered. Counties had to be organized. That railway locomotive had to be serviced with water and wood periodically en route. Communications had to be developed so that engineers would know where other trains were before and after them. This brought the telegraph system into operation and, therefore, provided the means by which messages by wire could be sent from ocean to ocean.

Workers had to be protected, so labor unions came into being. Publishing houses were made imperative because of the number of tickets and freight forms

demanding. Steel industries flourished because of the number of rails that had to be shaped. A number of locomotives had to be constructed. Steel freight cars and passenger cars had to be manufactured. Heavy equipment to carry freight had to be manufactured. Farmers received contracts for crossties by the thousands. Dozens of other important movements emerged which have had a profound effect on American life.

All of these things were born when that first little engine chugged forth with its black smoke moving America's first railway cars. Not many people saw all of these ramifications in that first little act, even though each was an integral part of the new era just born.

Christian doctrines work somewhat the same way. The residual effects may be more detailed in results and ramifications than the direct ones. We declare our faith. This is important. The things that follow our declarations can be just as important and almost without number as the results are multiplied. Each action brings results on a broader base.

Think in terms of our Baptist doctrine concerning the priesthood of the believer. This not only leads us to contend for freedom of worship for every citizen of America but leads us to crusade for the same freedom through our world organization for fellow believers in other lands who are denied the right to worship, that which we take for granted. This doctrine affects our attitude toward each individual as we recognize that he is made in the image of God for a divine mission and a holy purpose. We are not to discredit any life, downgrade any person or take unfair advantage of anyone made by God in his image for a divine mission.

This doctrine affects the seriousness with which we carry on our evangelistic and missionary programs. It makes it mandatory that we care for sick persons in hospitals and orphaned children through special ministries for the aged with special provisions. They are all important believers in the God who has made them just as he has made us. This doctrine leads us to our concept of the importance of education and the necessity for educational materials to be put in the hands of all people everywhere in an effort to get them to understand the Word of God and its meaning to each individual. It even affects the size of classes in which we carry on our educational programs. We advocate small classes where the individual is not lost

and where his personal needs can be known by each individual member of that particular study group. On and on the ramifications of this doctrine of the priesthood of the believer continues to be seen and felt. This belief affects us at dozens of other points.

This same principle holds with our attitude toward the Bible. It leads us not only in our attitudes toward a book and its message but the importance of its instructions. It makes us hesitant to accept a creed to take the place of the Bible and the necessity for daily study in depth of its meaning that we might apply its truths constantly.

We could take each doctrine of the faith and discuss the result and ramifications of that doctrine upon our acts, deeds, programs and activities. We would be amazed at how they are intermeshed. Out of all of it comes unity and a pattern for living which makes victorious accomplishments possible in lives that are dedicated to the God of worship.

Doctrines are of the utmost importance whether they are oral or written. They systematize our expressions of faith. They express our experiences in written understandable form. They proclaim to others our Christian testimony. They constitute a framework in which we carry on our daily activities.

The church which neglects to teach doctrine weakens its membership, works against its unity, invites instability in its fellowship, lessens conviction among its members and stalemates its future progress. It is impossible for us to exaggerate the importance of doctrine. This truth needs to be stressed constantly before every believer.

While America is celebrating its 200th anniversary and the nation is thinking in terms of history, we have an excellent opportunity as Baptists to stress our own heritage and the contribution our Baptist people have made in the shaping of this land. It is an excellent time to proclaim our doctrines, clarify the meanings of our Christian faith, give firm guidance to our children in the paths of righteousness and try to build stability in these unstable times. □

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Love Overcomes Differences

A heavenly sight on earth is two Baptist churches in the same community working together and contributing to each other's outreach efforts. This is a somewhat rare sight due to the keen competitive spirit among Baptist churches. It is even rarer when the two congregations in the same community have grown out of a church split.

True Christians should not offend one another nor bear grudges but the devil delights in making use of human weaknesses. And so sincere Christians sometimes resort to unchristian ways to do things. This is especially so when fellow church members get into a wrangle. Church fusses can be nasty and Baptists are especially vulnerable because there is no ecclesiastical authority to referee or to stop the fight.

Healing in such instances must come from the Lord but pastors play a big role in the healing process. The spirit of a pastor is contagious and the love level of a congregation is lifted by a loving pastor.

The above observations are but a way to recognize two churches and two pastors in the same community who relate to one another in love and work together for the common objective of winning the community to Jesus Christ.

The churches and pastors are the First Baptist Church, Paris, with Pastor Robert Wallace and Central Baptist, Paris, with Pastor William Cubine.

More than a score of years ago a difference arose in the Paris First Baptist congregation which ultimately resulted in the organization of the Central Baptist Church only a block away from the old church. Being people of self-restraint, not much was said about each other but feelings ran fairly deeply.

Since that division both congregations have had some high principled pastors who have lived above

such discord and have ministered in the same community as brothers and as dear friends.

The present pastors, Wallace and Cubine, have an ideal relationship. They help one another, have coffee together regularly and each seems to delight in the other's success.

More than that they plan and sponsor joint activities for the two congregations. Some of these are social get-togethers like the annual cake baking contest for deacons of the two churches and the joint ice cream social every year.

The two congregations have joint outdoor worship services in the summer. Recently the two churches held a Christian Home Life Conference together and ate together in a family night supper.

The two churches support each other during revivals by dismissing one service and by providing special music for each other. The pastors cover for each other in hospital visitation and other duties when one is out of town.

The most convincing demonstration of love and cooperation is seen in how the two churches deal with prospects for church membership. They actually share prospects list with each other.

More than that they even cooperate in bus ministries. Both churches have church buses. Instead of both churches running a bus all over the community, they divide up the area and transport riders for both churches. The bus of each church drops off riders at the other church and picks them up after services for the return trip.

It's as important to learn to forget as to learn to remember. Baptists in Paris have the grace to forget and the two pastors appear not to know there was ever anything to forget. I believe this is the way Jesus Christ would behave and that he approves such conduct of his disciples.

Kentucky's Loss Is Missouri's Gain

Sooner or later it was bound to happen. Bob Terry's ability and ambition in Baptist journalism was bound to bring him an invitation to be editor of a state paper. The invitation has come from Missouri Baptists and he has accepted.

As one who has benefited so greatly from his services I react with mixed emotions. I regret to lose his services. He was a right hand to me and often carried more than his part of the load. Our thinking came to be so much alike that one could carry on well when the other could not be around.

While he will be missed no one could but rejoice that he has such an opportunity. He started out to become a state editor and he and I have worked to that end. I was in on the discussions between him and Baptist leaders in Missouri from the beginning and I encouraged him to consider such a challenging invitation.

Surely the contributions of Bob Terry to Kentucky Baptists and to the *Western Recorder* have been significant. At the same time Kentucky Baptists have contributed a great deal to Bob's preparation and experience and thus to Baptists in Missouri. From the beginning he has been more than a "scissors and paste man." In addition to the mechanics of layout and make-up, Bob has functioned in every other area of Baptist journalism except regular editorial writing. His insights into Baptist life and issues should assure worthy contributions in this area.

Bob has been given the widest exposure and

training possible. Not only has he been taken or sent to all important meetings like the Kentucky and Southern Baptist conventions but he also has been taken to Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meetings, the annual meetings of Southern Baptist editors, journalism workshops and other such meetings. He has also been permitted to pursue postgraduate studies at Southern Seminary.

The *Western Recorder* has been blessed through the years with outstanding men as assistant editors. Kentucky Baptists and the *Western Recorder* have become known as the training ground for editors. The last three assistant editors now occupy strategic posts. George Knight is editor of *Home Life*, the three-quarter million circulation publication of the Sunday School Board. Gene Puckett is editor of the *Maryland Baptist* and now Bob Terry is editor of Missouri's *Word and Way*.

In the moving of Bob my loss is more than professional. It is personal. Our relationship has been that of brothers or father and son. We have known the kind of friendship and loyalty which makes it a joy to work together.

I am convinced the Lord brought Bob to the *Western Recorder*. Those involved believe the Lord is in his going to Missouri. There is no reason, then, not to believe the Lord will provide another for this ministry. We beseech the prayers of all Kentucky Baptists to this end.

BAPTIST FORUM



ENTERTAINMENT

Dear Editor:

I am writing concerning your editorial in the June 21 issue of *Western Recorder*. I certainly agree with you that the Southern Baptist Convention is no place to have entertainers such as Vonda Kay Van Dyke and Jerry Clower. They have their place and are good in their place.

I think this kind of entertainment takes away the seriousness of the Lord's business.

I appreciate your willingness to express your opinion.
Smithfield, Kentucky Mason Smith

OPPOSES EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to your editorial of June 21 entitled, "The Southern Baptist Convention Is No Place For Entertainment."

The job of a journalist is not an easy one. Many times the things he prints are designed in order to elicit a response from his readers. In this instance you have succeeded. I am not in agreement with your personal opinion concerning the professional people who appeared at the Southern Baptist Convention.

I personally feel that you gave a shoddy impression and misinterpretation of two fine Christian witnesses. Perhaps if they had been scheduled at another time your opinion may have been different.

I must say that an occasional change of pace is needed especially in the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Too many times we as Baptists get too stilted from too many meetings and business sessions and it has a tendency to affect our viewpoint on many different subjects.

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Baptists In Thailand Are Ministering To War Refugees

Baptists and other Christians in Thailand are helping to heal the leftover hurt of Vietnam and Cambodia, according to reports from Southern Baptist missionaries.

In Rayong, Chanthaburi and Songkhla, missionaries are ministering to the refugees who fled to Thailand after Communists took over the two neighboring countries.

The Thai government has not been able to provide shelter or food, except for some rice, for the 10,000 refugees along her eastern border and in boats in the coastal ports. Therefore, Baptists, the International YMCA, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Catholic Relief Service and other volunteer agencies have had to respond quickly to meet basic human needs.

Thailand Baptist churches, the Baptist women's organization and Thai Baptist youth have gathered funds and clothing. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board supplied \$10,000 in emergency relief funds. Missionaries in the area have served as a channel for aid — buying food, blankets and tin (for shelter) locally and taking them to the camps.

Missionary Ronald C. Hill said much cooperation exists between Christian groups and the local Thai officials, as well as among the Christian groups themselves.

In the midst of unloading a week's

supply of fish, vegetables and clothing at Pong Nam Ron recently, a former Buddhist priest insisted that everyone stop to "thank God for all these things he has sent through his people." He asked the Christians to sing and called upon the pastor of the Cambodian Christian group to speak briefly over the loud speaker about God's goodness.

A Vietnamese Southern Baptist was found among the refugees in Kong Yai, Trad Province. Do Duc Tien proudly showed his baptismal certificate from Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff, Kentucky, signed by the pastor, Gene B. Waggoner.

Do Duc Tien had taped the certificate to his body so it would not be found as he left Vietnam. He and his family of five had come by boat to Trad and hope to emigrate to the United States.

Thailand, which has had over 50,000 North Vietnamese refugees since World War II, is not allowing the additional thousands from South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos to remain. The new Thai policy is that all recent refugees must eventually return to their homes or go to other countries.

Baptist missionary children Bruce Cobb (son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cobb) and Jon Hill (son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill) helped survey the camp at Pong Nam Ron in late June at the request of the U.S. Embassy to locate those eligible for emigration to the United States. (BP)

Senior Adult Work



James Whaley
Asst. to Ex. Sec.-Treas., KBC

"Where's the egg beater?" When such a question is heard in churches today, it does not mean a meal is being prepared. It may be a Senior Adult trying to find his instrument for the Kitchen Band that is going to provide entertainment for some type of fellowship.

Over 300 Baptist churches in Kentucky now have an organized group of Senior Adults. The activities of such groups vary as much as their names — Active Keen Agers to XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club. Programs include service as well as personal growth and recreation projects.

Senior Adults are helping many churches to minister. A few examples are: Making telephone calls and surveys; visiting invalids; locating and visiting newcomers to the community; collecting, sorting and repairing clothing for needy persons; helping maintain the church plant and property so that its appearance is a real witness; helping in church offices.

Recreational projects are a natural for Senior Adult groups. Many groups schedule trips to local points of interest. Church groups often have all types of handicrafts as a part of their activities, along with fellowships.

Self-development is also a vital part of any Church Senior Adult group. This can be Bible study or a well informed person speaking to them on such subjects as: Making a Will, Cooking for One, Social Security Benefits.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is vitally interested in helping churches meet the needs of Senior Adults. Retreats have been held each year at Cedarmore. Two such retreats are scheduled for next year.

This fall, eight Senior Adult Fellowships are being planned. The places and times are: September 29, Madisonville; September 30, Paducah; October 2, Glasgow; October 3, Corbin; October 6, Louisville; October 7, Northern Kentucky; October 9, Lexington; and October 10, Ashland. Detailed information will be mailed to pastors and the 300 Senior Adult groups on our mailing list.

I am coordinating the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as it relates to Senior Adults. If your church would like help or suggestions in organizing a group, I will be glad to assist. □

Bob Terry Selected Editor Of Missouri Paper

Bob S. Terry, associate editor of the Kentucky state Baptist newspaper, *Western Recorder*, has been elected editor of the *Word and Way*, state newspaper of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Terry, 32, who joined the *Western Recorder* staff in 1968, will also serve as director of the Missouri convention's communications division.

As editor, his primary role, he will be responsible to the communications committee of the convention's executive board for the *Word and Way's* entire operation, according to committee chairman John E. Hughes. He will be responsible to Missouri's executive director, Rheuben South, for operation of the communications division, apart from the *Word and Way*, Hughes said.

He succeeds W. Ross Edwards, who retired in July after eight years as *Word and Way* editor. Miss Elene Stone, a staff member for 27 years, will continue to serve as interim editor until Terry arrives in mid-August.

Before joining the *Word and Way*, Terry, a native of Decatur, Alabama, served as news director for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, while completing a master of divinity degree. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in history and communications



Terry

from Mississippi College, Clinton, and is currently enrolled in Southern Seminary's doctor of ministries program.

Student church staff positions have included the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church in Owen County, Kentucky; pastor internship at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville; and positions as minister of music and minister of youth education at churches in Mississippi and Michigan.

As news director at Southern Seminary,

he served as managing editor of the school's alumni publication, *The Tie*, and at the *Western Recorder*, he has served as acting editor during illnesses of C. R. Daley, the editor.

Among other activities, he has served on the Louisville-area board of mental health-mental retardation, worked with the state's Volunteers in Correction program for inmates of a state reformatory for men, and served on the executive board of the local Baptist association.

While at Mississippi College, where he graduated with distinction, Terry, at one time or another, served as sports editor of the student newspaper, news writer for the college's public relations office, newsman and music show host for the college radio station and student intern on a Jackson, Mississippi, television station.

Terry also served as a student summer missionary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, president of the Mississippi College Student Senate, vice president for the student body, chairman of the Baptist Student Union's summer missionary selection committee and as an award-winning member of the debate team.

He is married to the former Miss Eleanor Ruth Foster of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and has two children. (BP)

Illinois Baptists Recover Partial Stolen Funds

Over \$87,325.46 in checks has been received by the Illinois Baptist State Association from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. The money comes as partial reimbursement for embezzlement of funds at the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi.

An extensive investigation of the Children's Home finances has taken place since August 31, 1974, when James E. Paynter, the home's business manager, disappeared.

Paynter, who reportedly is living in another state, has since been indicted on two counts by the White County grand jury. The first indictment was for converting a \$500 check intended for the children's home into his own use. The second indictment was for transporting \$36,721 across state lines which he deposited in an Evansville, Indiana, bank. Paynter is now free on \$5,000 bond after pleading not guilty to a charge of theft.

Larry High Named Associate Editor Of Maryland Paper

Larry E. High, news director for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been elected associate editor of *The Maryland Baptist*, effective September 1.

High, a 25 year old Baltimore native, will become the first to hold associate editor status in the Maryland state Baptist paper's 125 year history, according to editor R. G. Puckett.

Before joining the seminary staff as its first full-time news director last year, High was an intern with the *Western Recorder*, state Baptist paper for Kentucky, for 18 months while attending seminary.

He also served as publications editor for the Long Run Baptist Association and

communications director for Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

As news director, High served as managing editor of *The Tie*, the seminary's alumni publication.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park, and the master of religious education from Southern Seminary.

On August 16, High will marry Miss Jan Everett, a Southern Seminary graduate and current director of Girls in Action and Mission Friends for the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. She is a native Texan. (BP)



FESTIVALS HELD — The Young Adult Chorale of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, directed by William B. Williams, shown above represents the 135 choirs and 14 ensembles which participated in the 13 regional festivals sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention church music department this spring. More than 4,432 people from 88 churches in 38 associations attended the festivals.

Read The
Western Recorder

FOR CHESTER J. DURHAM —

Competitiveness Is Essential In Christianity

"Second down, goal to go," the announcer yells. "Here's the snap, touch-down! Durham scores and Eastern Kentucky University wins!"

This was a commonplace occurrence in 1939 when a young college quarterback named Chester J. Durham took the snap from center and scored one of his 14 touchdowns. As a result, this exceptional athlete was named to the Little All-American team as well as the all-conference team.

Times have changed. Now Chester J. Durham is not known as a quarterback at a small Kentucky university where he once threw the football 73 yards in the air for a touchdown. Rather, his job now is assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention where he is in charge of the finance related departments.

Durham, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and who holds an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College in humane letters, has now been employed by the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 33 years, the longest in the board's history.

Background

Born October 13, 1914, to Green V. and Bertha Durham in Kingston, Kentucky, he was reared in a Christian atmosphere.

His father and mother were neither one really outspoken in their Christian beliefs, but "they lived them," he said.

"My father was a member of the Hatfield and McCoy feud and sided with the McCoy's," Durham said, "but he still lived his life the best he could." His father was a farmer and served as a deacon in the Hays Fork Baptist Church and also in the Berea Baptist Church.

"I only heard my Dad pray one time," he reminisced.

"They were having a cottage prayer meeting for a revival and I heard him pray for my sister and me, that we might become Christians."

This was at age six and two years later at Berea Baptist Church, young Durham trusted in the Lord and was saved under the preaching of Arthur Fox, a professional evangelist.

"After the service my father came and put his arm around me and didn't say a word. But, that was all that was necessary," Durham said.

When he was a freshman in high school his family moved to Richmond, Kentucky, where he immediately entered the athletic program.

"I've always thrown a ball around as long as I can remember. No one really

By Tommy Smith, Intern
Western Recorder

ever showed me how to do it. It just kinda came naturally."

At Richmond, Durham was a standout in football and basketball, making all-state in both in his senior year.

He was also a standout in mischief. He recalled the times of sticking a pin in his shoe and prodding the person in front of him or the many times he would copy someone's homework. As a result of this type of conduct, "I became a permanent resident in the principal's office. I was just plain onery."

Upon graduation, he turned down a football scholarship to Tennessee Tech to attend Eastern Kentucky. He became starting quarterback for the football team his sophomore year.

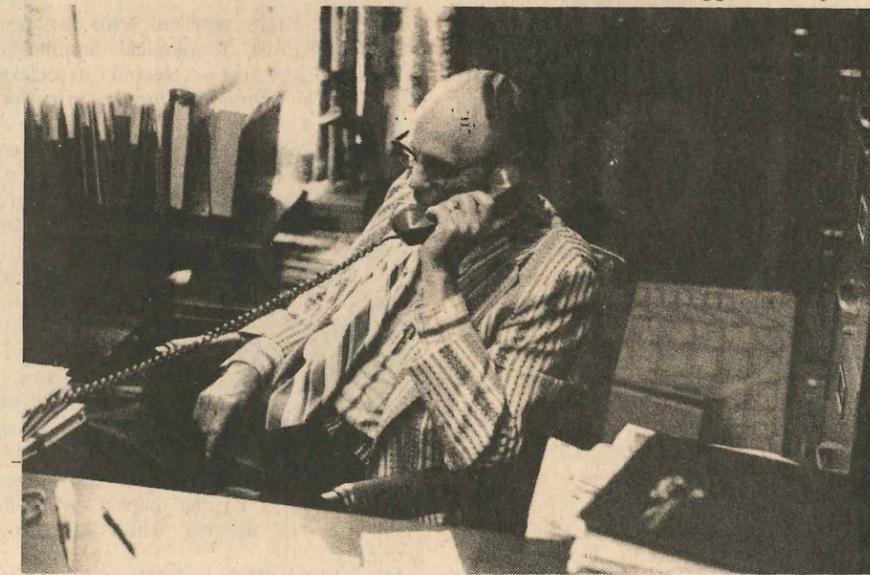
"Totally Committed"

By his junior year in college, Durham was pretty active in many of the campus activities. One group he joined proved to be one that changed his life.

The group was similar to the Baptist Student Union groups on college campuses today, although there was no organized group in existence at that time.

"I saw that I had not been living a Christian life and I then totally committed my life to Christ and to student work."

"As a result of this new-found relationship with Christ, I lost most of my 'vocabulary' and started a new lifestyle."



Chester Durham's job requires him to spend much time on the phone making sure financial matters concerning Kentuckians are conducted properly.

"I never lost the sense of fierce competitiveness that I had gained through athletics during the years. However, I didn't want to take advantage of someone or to kick them when they were down."

Upon completion of his senior year in college in 1939, Durham was offered a contract with the Louisville Tanks, a professional football team.

"Two of my teammates signed with professional teams, but I didn't want to sign because of my commitment to Christ."

After graduation he started to work full-time for the Swifton Company in Lexington, Kentucky, as a bookkeeper.

In 1941, the company decided to transfer Durham to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to become the youngest manager in its history. As he was preparing for the move, G. W. Black, then executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, called him and asked him to come and head the state youth activities office.

"I was making \$18,000 a year with Swifton Company, and Black told me my starting salary would be \$2,400. That didn't bother me because I couldn't get away from my commitment to Christ I had made in my junior year in college. I accepted the job with the state convention and quit work for Swifton."

Challenging Work

So, with a bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degree in economics and chemistry and a masters degree in economics, Durham stepped out by faith



Chester Durham and his wife, Vera, examine the large silver tray that was given to him by members of the Baptist Building. The presentation was made in appreciation of his 30 years of service as director of Kentucky Baptists' student work.

with his wife, Vera, whom he married in 1938.

When he arrived at his new job, student work in Kentucky wasn't anything.

"It consisted of wiener roasts, singing Do-Lord and mainly just entertaining students," he said.

According to Durham, "most of the pastors at that time felt like my job was useless and it was five years before the first pastor took me out for a cup of coffee."

But he didn't become disheartened. This "competitive spirit" that is so deeply ingrained in Chester Durham took hold.

As a result of this kind of determination, shortly after Durham started to work for Kentucky Baptists the Executive Board approved a campus ministry on every campus. The state convention also voted unanimously to build a BSU center adjacent to every major college in Kentucky.

Competitiveness also is quite a factor even now, Durham pointed out.

"Now I manifest my competitiveness in different ways. I use it in initiating new programs and seeing old ones through. However, I don't use it to deliberately hurt someone or beat someone at something."

Future Plans

Retirement is only five years away for this intriguing, amusing and congenial man. His plans after retirement are simple: he plans to spend more time with his wife in their home at 10617 Sunderland Road in Louisville. He also plans to spend more time reading, which is his

favorite pastime. He has over 7,000 volumes of books in his home. Photography is another hobby of his that will receive quite a bit more attention after 1980.

And then there's football, of course. The game still holds a warm spot in his heart and his favorite teams are the Cincinnati Bengals and the Baltimore Colts.

So, sports fans and Christians, take notice — these two realms of life can be united, even more so than is often found in a typical Baptist sermon on "The Game of Life."

They can be incorporated into one's lifestyle where goals in life can be achieved if one is willing to put forth the effort, and if the coals of a competitive spirit are never quenched.

If you don't believe it, just ask Chester J. Durham. He knows. ■

Coop. Budget Ahead In 1975

Although overall giving in June lagged some, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget, through the first nine months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, continues to remain ahead of 1973-74 giving at the same point.

Receipts for the first nine months — including both Cooperative Program and designated gifts — total \$64,734,551—7.94 percent higher than 1973-74.

Cooperative Program receipts, sent undesignated by state Baptist conventions for use in the SBC's worldwide causes, total \$30,909,027 through the first nine months. That's 7.43 percent above the 1973-74 figure.

Staff Changes

Don G. Robison has accepted the call of pastor to Smiths Grove Baptist Church in Smiths Grove, Kentucky. He is a native of Decatur, Alabama, and a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

The new pastor also received the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in 1971.

He has served as pastor of churches in Indiana and Kentucky and has also worked as a social worker with the Kentucky Baptist Child Care program.

He is married to the former Betty Davis of Shelbyville and they have one daughter.



Robison

Noble Cobb, Jr., has accepted the call of pastor of the Sullivan Baptist Church in Sullivan, Kentucky. He comes to the church from the Bardstown area and is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville.

The new Sullivan pastor is married and has three daughters.

Bob Tucker has resigned as pastor of the Woodland Baptist Church in Morganfield and accepted a church in Hatfield, Indiana. He and his wife will be moving in early August.

Designated giving for the first nine months totals \$33,825,523 — some 8.40 percent ahead of 1973-74.

In June, however, a lag in designated giving dropped total receipts some 1.85 percent behind the June, 1974, level.

Cooperative Program receipts of \$3,347,910 in June registered 6.05 percent higher than June of the previous year.

Designated giving in June showed a great contrast to May, in which receipts of \$5,270,466 were 23.20 percent (\$992,531) ahead of May, 1974. May's Cooperative Program figures showed an 8.12 percent increase over May, 1974, rising from \$3.44 million to \$3.72 million.

(BP)

CYW Residence Hall To Open August 18

By Tommy Smith

A church's outreach ministry is sometimes just limited to a visitation program or a bus ministry. This is not the case for Walnut Street Baptist Church located on the corner of Third and St. Catherine in downtown Louisville.

The church purchased the old Norton Memorial Infirmary for \$577,000 last fall and has transformed the former nursing school dormitory into a residence hall for young women between the ages of 18 and 31.

The purpose of the Christian Young Women's Residence is two-fold. The practical side will seek to fill the need for Christian, low-cost convenient housing for single young women who come to Louisville to go to school or work. The religious aspect of the program is simply a part of the outreach ministry of the church.

Opportunity Knocks

Opportunity truly did knock for Walnut Street when they were able to purchase the Norton property — a complex of six buildings originally valued at between \$1.2 million and \$2 million. The members of the church realized that this was very likely the answer to a problem of a housing shortage for single young women that has existed for some time.

An 18 member steering committee immediately began work on plans to ready the facility by September 1. Much work and expertise has gone into the program and church officials have now set the official opening of the hall for August 18.

The first floor of the building is already in use. A Sunday School class for unmarried adults and for social gatherings is located there, but will not interfere with the women's housing. They will be housed in the upper three stories. There are 47 semi-private and three private rooms in the three stories and accommodations for 97 young women. There is also a snack kitchen on each of the three floors, a large enclosed patio area with trees, ivy covered walls and built-in barbeque grill available to the residents.

Other conveniences of the residence are coin-operated washers and dryers, a family living room atmosphere with color television, fireplace, tables for games, etc. Two other lounges are available for meeting and visiting with friends, guests and dates. A housemother lives on each of the three floors and a security guard is on duty at night.

Policy or Philosophy

Potential residents will be required to fill out an application for admission. Church administrators state that definite operational policies will be maintained for the general well-being of the girls and for congenial communal living.

The church hopes that residents, by being exposed to this type of Christian atmosphere, will be strengthened in their

individual Christian commitment. An invitation to participate in the full program of the church is also being extended to the girls, although they are under no obligation to attend.

A curfew of midnight will be enforced Sunday through Thursday and 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, except by special permission. Men will not be allowed above the first floor and no "intoxicating beverages" will be allowed in the dormitory under the housing regulations.

Eleven Are Participating In CPE This Summer In Louisville Hospitals

Eleven ministers are gaining practical experience this summer as a result of having enrolled in Clinical Pastoral Education in Louisville Baptist Hospitals.

The participants are pastors of various churches in and around Kentucky and also various seminaries.

The ministers are serving in a chaplain's role in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Baptist Hospital East and Mallory-Taylor Hospital. Their education includes pastoral ministry to patients and staff, personal supervision of their work in the hospital and parishes, and group learning with peers.

The goal of the program is to improve the minister's sensitivity, caring and skills to the point that they are the most effective possible regardless of the context of ministry.

Supervisors of the chaplains for the program are Walter Jackson, Dan Lewinger and Tom O'Neal. Upcoming terms begin the first week in September and the first week in February.

Anyone interested in more information about the program should contact Walter Jackson at Baptist Hospital East, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40207, or call (502) 897-8104.



Shown above are the participants in the summer session of Clinical Pastoral Education in Louisville Baptist Hospitals. First row, left to right, Joseph Bolen, Philip Fain, Jerry Compton, and Eugene Fleming. Second row, Bill Wenker, Mrs. George Moody, Asa Jones, and William Lee. Third row, Joseph Stribling, Robert Rainwater, and John Faircloth.

Vietnam Physicians Begin Work In Fordsville

Less than two months ago, Hoang Dang, M.D., 56, his wife, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Nhi, 52, M.D., (in Vietnam the woman does not change her name), their two children, daughter Anh, 14, pronounced Ann, and son Tuan, 16, were living in communist ruled Saigon, in South Vietnam.

Tuesday morning, June 17, they arrived in Fordsville, Kentucky, where they will reside and the physicians will practice at the Medical Center there upon licensure by the state of Kentucky.

They are under sponsorship of the Fordsville Lions Club, who built the Medical Center several years ago but have had problems in securing and keeping a physician in the town. "If you have a cut finger you have to go 20 or 30 miles to get it sutured," said one Lions Club member.

Also in Fordsville is Cam Dang, uncle of Dr. Dang, who in Saigon was a teacher of psychology in French. He does not speak the English language, however.

The Dang family will be residing in a furnished apartment in Fordsville. They have two daughters who reside in Connecticut and one who recently received her bachelor of arts degree and will pursue her masters degree.

Since fleeing on only 15 minutes notice from the communistic ruled country for freedom's sake, the Dangs have been in Guam, Hawaii, Camp Pendleton and Connecticut, where they visited their daughters.

In Hawaii, they visited his mother and brother, who reside in Honolulu, who fled from the country previously.

Also accompanying the Vietnamese family to Fordsville was a nephew, Dr. Tu Tran, who is a University of Kentucky medical student and is doing summer study with Dr. Wan in Morgantown. He and his mother, who lives in Louisville, left some years ago after Tu's father was killed.

Back home, they left Dr. Dang's three sisters and a brother, their home, its furnishings, because only a few belongings could be arranged through the Vietnamese Red Cross who helped the refugees board the plane. Dr. Dang's relative is secretary general and assisted them along with about 200 others in leaving the country the same day. He however did not flee but remained to help others leave the country. Altogether 150,000 persons have left the country, according to Dr. Dang.

In Saigon, Dr. and Mrs. Dang (as they will now be known) were in general

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practice for 20 years specializing in gynecology and obstetrics. In Fordsville, they will be general practitioners. He was a

professor and she an assistant at the Medical School in Saigon.

Commenting on leaving, Dr. Dang said: "We are from the educated class and under communism there is no level or class, all are the same. We wanted to be free."



Shown above are the physicians who fled the communist rule in South Vietnam to come to the United States through the federal government's funding for refugees. Left to right is Dr. Dang, his wife, Dr. Nhi, their son Tuan, daughter Anh, and his uncle, Cam Dang.

BWA Names Wong As President

David Y. K. Wong, an architect and engineer, was elected as the first lay president in the history of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Wong, 65, of Hong Kong, succeeds V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a clergyman of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and will serve a five year term.

Among 12 vice presidents, delegates to the 13th Baptist World Congress, which meets every five years, elected a Southern Baptist, James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Fred B. Rhoades, a Southern Baptist layman from the Washington, D.C., area, who had been serving as the BWA's treasurer for the Western Hemisphere, was elected treasurer for the entire BWA. Under the BWA's new structure, it will have only one treasurer.

Robert C. Campbell, executive head of

the American Baptist Churches; Thelea (Mrs. Delmar) Wessler of the North American Baptist General Conference; and M. L. Wilson of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, were the other persons from the United States elected to BWA vice presidencies.

Wong has been serving as chairman of the BWA's men's department, chairman of the Asian Baptist Fellowship and chairman in Hong Kong for the BWA effort, "World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ."

A native of China, Wong is a member and past deacon chairman of Kowloon Baptist Church, Hong Kong, and former chairman of the board of governors at Hong Kong Baptist College. He is a graduate of two United States schools, the University of Redlands and California Institute of Technology.

Other BWA vice presidents are Geoffrey H. Blackburn of Australia, Nilson do Amaral Fanini of Brazil, Advertus A. Hoff of Liberia, Arthur Kinyanjui of Kenya, David Lagergren of Sweden, Akiko (Mrs. Shuichi) Matsumura of Japan, Azariah McKenzie of Jamaica and Michael Zidkhov of the Soviet Union. (BP)



Wong



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for August 3, 1975)

The Power Of Words

Words are vehicles used to transmit ideas from one person to another. Words can enrich the lives of others or do them an irreparable injury, depending on their quality.

Proverbs 12:15-19

In these proverbs we observe some impressive contrasts. In his own estimation, a foolish man is always right and, therefore, is not interested in the opinion or judgment of another. Desirous of avoiding the making of mistakes or going astray, a wise man distrusts his unaided judgment and seeks the counsel of others. Lacking any intention of controlling his feelings, a foolish man spontaneously displays his vexation when he is perturbed or insulted.

He who speaks the truth reveals that he is governed by the principle of righteousness, and that he is convinced that truth is necessary for the well-being of society. The utterance of truth reveals the genuineness and wisdom of the speaker, averts mischief being done to others, brings joy to others, and enables the truth-teller to please the Lord. Truthfulness is a trait of righteousness and contributes much to one's spiritual health.

Verse 17 clearly distinguishes between the declaration of the truth and the bearing of false witness. He who speaks the truth seeks thereby to bring help to others, rather than harm. He that speaks lies seeks thereby to deceive or to defraud. A lie is frequently told about a person who is not present, but it usually reaches its victim and wounds him deeply. It was told for the purpose of injuring the one about whom it was spoken. Lies are frequently short-lived, because someone appears who knows and relates the facts which nullify the falsehoods, but the truth is eternal and will last forever.

The tongue is a little member, but, like a sword, it can be used by a foolish person to pierce, cut and wound to such an extent that it takes years to heal. Such a person can use his tongue to destroy reputations and divide the bonds of friendship and love. Let us keep our hearts right with God and train our tongues to speak words that soothe and

heal, even when they reprove and admonish, as is often the case.

Proverbs 18:21

Matters of tremendous importance depend on the use of the tongue. Through its proper use we can greatly enrich the lives of others, and through its wrong use we can do others an irreparable injury. Thoughtful, kind and edifying words of a wise person soothe and heal, whereas thoughtless, rash, harsh and cruel words of an unwise person wound others severely. Thoughtless babbling, malicious gossip and hypocritical flattery frequently disrupt the fellowship of a church and of other worthwhile organizations. For this reason we should exercise great care in our speech.

Proverbs 25:11

Words paint pictures. They portray the thinking and the outlook on life of the one who utters them. It is always best when one's words emphasize the true, the positive, and the constructive. Timely and appropriate words spoken wisely and correctly under the proper circumstances for the glory of God and for the benefit of

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Philippians 4:4-9

In this sunny and challenging epistle Paul taught that Christians should rejoice under all circumstances, regardless of the trials they have to bear, the losses they have to sustain, or the sacrifices they are called upon to make. Christians should rejoice that the Lord governs all things in the manner in which He does. Christians cannot always rejoice in themselves, in their circumstances, or in other people, but they can and should "rejoice in the Lord always" — in Whom He is, in what He is, in what He has done, in what He is doing, and in what He will yet do.

Verses six and seven recognize the tendency of people to worry or to be over-

other people are as beautiful as apples of gold set in carved figures of silver.

Proverbs 26:20-26

Verse 20 speaks a self-evident truth, namely, that a fire is extinguished unless the fuel is replenished. Likewise, a controversy or conflict will cease unless a gossip or troublemaker keeps it going through his arousal of suspicion and distrust by uttering innuendoes, half-truths, and malicious falsehoods. A gossip usually bears false witness by twisting the truth or by uttering a half-truth.

One should never rely on what a hypocrite says who turns on his charm in an attempt to hide his hatred of another behind flattering words. In due time God will see to it that he is exposed publicly as a fraud and an enemy of society.

Inasmuch as one who says the right thing in the right way at the right time and place can help others in so many ways, let each of us exercise great care in what we say and when we say it and how we say it, for, after all, each is accountable to God for these things. □

anxious about things that are unlikely to happen. This disquieting solicitude about the temporal and material things of life is a prevalent and pernicious sin, which is definitely and divinely forbidden. As to the character of worry, it is enfeebling, useless, and sinful. Worry divides our attention, subtracts from our strength, adds to our burdens, and multiplies our difficulties. It never dries a tear, nor lifts a burden, nor solves a single problem. It displays a lack of faith in God.

In verse eight Paul exhorts and challenges all Christians to cultivate elevating thoughts. He urges us to meditate on the things which are worthy of praise — things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. In calling upon his readers to exemplify these great virtues, he was merely urging them to imitate him in so doing.



Colossians 3:1-4

Christ had taken the Colossian Christians from the downward pathway and placed them on the heavenly highway. After reminding them of their heavenly position, Paul stressed the kind of life that they were under obligation to live. Paul based his appeal to the Colossians on the fact that they had been raised with Christ; consequently, their interests, desires, motives, words and deeds should be entirely different from what they had been before they had been saved.

Since they had been identified with Christ in His resurrection and had come into possession of eternal life, Paul urged them to seek those things which were really worthwhile and satisfying; namely, those lovely qualities which had been exemplified in the earthly life of Christ. Christ wants all of His followers to lift their eyes above the sordid things of earth, and to set their affections on Him and His work. Both our thoughts and our energies must be centered on doing the will of the risen and reigning Christ. As we think, so shall we be. There are three good reasons for our being heavenly-minded. One, we are dead unto sin but alive unto God. Two, our lives are hid with Christ in God, and three, our hope is centered in future blessedness. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then we shall be manifested with Him in glory. What an incentive for living the risen and higher life!

Colossians 3:12-17

The Holy Spirit, through Paul, here gave some pertinent and relevant instruction as to how Christians should conduct themselves in all areas and relationships of life. He exhorted individual Christians to disrobe themselves of their sinful past, and to put on the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance and forgiveness. The outer garment, which is to cover all of these beautiful and precious virtues and hold them together is love, "the bond of perfectness."

Paul appealed to the believers to let the priceless possession of peace, which they had received as a gift from the Lord, rule in their hearts.

Paul wrote this admonition: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." This "word of Christ" not only refers to what He said, but it includes the entire body of truth concerning the Lord Jesus, as was given by the inspired writers and recorded in the Scriptures. Is doing the Lord's will the chief aim in your life?

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Sponsors Needed In Resettlement Of Refugees

At least 1,000 Vietnamese refugees have been resettled by Southern Baptist groups, but the goal of relocating and resettling the Indo-Chinese from temporary camps in the United States is far from fulfilled, according to information from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"We need sponsors. Our number one goal is to get these people out of the camps," says Jim Lassiter, field representative for Southern Baptists at Camp Pendleton, California, one of four stateside camps set aside for living quarters and processing stations.

The other camps are Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, and Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

As of mid-June, a board spokesman said, Camp Pendleton's press office released information saying that 88,389 refugees had arrived at the four stateside camps.

Thus far, only 29,389 refugees have been processed out, says Lassiter, who formerly served as a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionary in Vietnam and is now aiding in securing sponsors for the Vietnam refugees.

"That leaves 59,000 still in the camps," he says, "plus more than 40,000 waiting to get into the states.

"Pendleton's getting out about 350 people a day, and that's more than twice the amount for all the other camps combined," Lassiter notes.

Reports reaching the Home Mission

Board's office of immigration and refugee service in Atlanta indicate that the largest number of refugees resettled by Southern Baptist groups have been in the Washington, D.C., area, including Maryland and northern Virginia.

Others have been resettled in California, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana, according to Irvin Dawson, who heads the Baptist service which is working through Church World Service.

Churches willing to commit themselves to serve as sponsors are urged to take the following steps:

1) Vote in conference to sponsor a family; decide on size of family the church would prefer, available housing and job opportunities.

2) Write the Baptist coordinator (who is usually state director of missions) or the Office of Immigration and Refugee Service, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, for commitment forms.

Processing time may be as short as two weeks from approval of an application for sponsorship to arrival of the family at the sponsor's city.

Sponsorship, according to Dawson, includes providing for the support of the refugee family until members can provide for themselves. This may take a few weeks or a few months, depending on employment opportunities.

Sponsorship involves, in the early

stages of resettlement, provisions for housing, clothing, groceries and other basic needs.

Transportation is provided by the government. A transitional resettlement grant of \$100 per refugee is provided by Church World Service in a check requiring the signature of the refugee and the sponsor.

The refugees are anxious to get out of the camps and resettle, Dawson adds. Even those highly skilled indicate willingness to take most any employment necessary.

The size of families varies considerably, from couples to extended families of 20 and 30. Many speak English. (BP)

BWA Changes Staff And Structure

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) got a new president, seven new member bodies and a new constitution, involving changes in the BWA structure and staff, during the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

The body also established goals for worldwide relief projects and set Toronto, Canada, as the site for the 14th Baptist World Congress in mid-July, 1980. More than 10,000 persons attended the 13th Congress, the BWA's most representative one in its 70 year history, with 9,612 from 84 nations officially registered.

The new constitution, representing the first basic change in the BWA's structure since it began in 1905, called for adding a new division of evangelism and education and looked toward the establishment of area BWA offices for Asia, the Americas, and Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The BWA's new General Council, previously known as the Executive Committee, also made major staff changes.

The general council took a hard look at financial costs of the major organizational changes and outlined a series of priorities which will be taken in turn as funds become available. Top priority will go to implementing the new division of evangelism and education.

The 1975 annual BWA budget of \$237,600 will climb to \$264,000 in 1976 and \$285,000 in 1977. The council also approved a relief goal of \$539,300 for 1975 and \$577,150 for 1976.

The BWA increased its member bodies from 99 to 106 with a combined membership of 28,020,436 out of 33.8 million Baptists in the world. (BP)



ALMOST COMPLETED — The paving is almost completed at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad. The workers are shown above working on the section of the road that leads down to the administration building.



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We could be tagged for our many committee meetings if we're not careful.

In conclusion, I feel that their testimony has much to say even to a group of Baptist messengers and clergy. I would much rather see the elimination of some of the outlandish exploits of some of our Southern Baptist evangelists before I would see the criticism of dedicated Christians.

I trust and pray that before we read another of your personal opinions that you examine closely the personal opinions found within the editorial in question. I agree that there needs to be an atmosphere of worship. Keeping that in mind, these people had a witness to share. Do not hasten to be harsh and critical of them because they tell what the Lord has done for them. May the Lord save us from the day when people are deprived of telling what Christ has done for them.

Scottsburg, Indiana Larry D. Nichols

ERA BELIEVER

Dear Editor:

I think it is time that Christian women who believe in women's liberation and the Equal Rights Amendment speak out. It is Biblical, moral and ethical to want to be treated as an equal instead of as a subordinate and to want that for all the women of the world.

Churches run by male chauvinist deacons and pastors need the Holy Spirit's insight into the meaning of Galatians 3:28. They claim to know what it means and to believe it but their actions fail to indicate either. Just look and listen!

Southeastern Seminary Names Byard

Rodney V. Byard has been elected assistant to the president for institutional development at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, one of six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Byard, current associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will direct the seminary's program of public relations, publications and communications, financial development and institutional research and planning.

He will become a member of the "new administrative model" of president W. Randall Lolley, joining three other persons on the seminary's new administrative council, a seminary spokesman said.

If I knew of a Southern Baptist church that doesn't practice sexual discrimination, that's where my tithe would go.

And you won't print this whole letter.
Covington, Kentucky Wyona King

ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS

Dear Editor:

I commend you for your timely editorial, "The Southern Baptist Convention Is No Place For Entertainment," carried by the June 21, 1975, issue of *Western Recorder*. Said editorial was to the point but well worded and well timed. Thank you!

Xenia, Ohio

J. C. Raikes

MEADOR MEMORIAL

Dear Editor:

Hearing the news of the passing of Mrs. D. A. Meador, devoted companion of D. A. Meador, associational missionary for Blackford-Breckinridge Associations, immediately I began to recall the ministry of the Meadors and to praise the Lord for the contribution they made to the spiritual life of our churches, and more especially to my life. Mrs. Meador, like many a preacher's wife, was in the background, yet her witness will always be felt in the lives of those of us who knew her.

It was their ministry that saved my ministry. When I began preaching I got off to a bad start. Such doctrines as predestination, the proper elements for

the Lord's Supper, the place of women in the church were dominating my preaching. It follows that I was also not very cooperative. I was rather critical of our denominational work, especially the Cooperative Program. My whole spirit and outlook was wrong. It was Brother and Mrs. Meador who patiently and properly directed me into the way of the Lord and I want to Praise the Lord and them for that.

I recall how Brother Meador gave me the opportunity to give my testimony on the courthouse lawn in Hawesville, Kentucky. He did this for several young preachers. Soon thereafter he asked me to preach for 12 weeks of summer mission revivals in Breckinridge County. In one of these, 27 people were saved, mostly adults. Those 12 weeks were among the greatest in my life. It was an opportunity to be in close fellowship with two great souls, plus an occasion to reevaluate my positions doctrinally.

I experienced the cooperative work of Kentucky Baptists. I saw souls saved, lives redirected and churches strengthened. This served to change my ideas and my ways. I became and remain a loyal Southern and Kentucky Baptist, in full support of the Cooperative Program. Thus it was true that Brother and Mrs. Meador through acceptance and love made one of the greatest contributions to my life, saving my ministry.

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- Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California
- Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina
- Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

These schools, founded between the years 1859 and 1956, vary somewhat in size (one—Southwestern—is the largest theological seminary in the world) and in the courses and degrees they offer. All, however, maintain a basic continuity of commitment to leadership training in theology, in religious education, and in sacred music. Instruction is provided at levels varying from diploma programs for students without college degrees (this includes almost 40% of our pastors) to advanced doctorates in ministry, teaching, and research. Upwards of 6000 full-time students are presently enrolled.

In addition to their regular on-campus programs, the six SBC seminaries combine to sponsor the Nashville-based Seminary Extension Department. This unit maintains a network of more than 200 extension centers and also provides a large number of correspondence courses. Thus, by attendance at nearby locations housed in churches and associational offices throughout the Convention, or through mail-directed home study, 6000 additional students have access to much-needed training opportunities.

Most but not all of the students in our seminaries are Baptists. Significantly, 20% of *all* seminary students in the United States are schooled at Southern Baptist campuses. The fact is, our seminaries deliver an excellent theological education at about half the cost of comparable schools. Why? Because *no tuition is charged*—only the nominal fees most schools list as extra-cost items above tuition.

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