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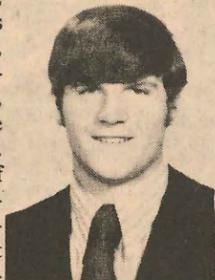
People And Places

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Matthews, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (223 Helm St., Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701). Both are Kentucky natives. He is from Ohio County; the former Clara Lee, she was born in Georgetown and grew up near Sadieville. He was pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro, before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

Carl Lane was honored Sept. 28 for 25 years' Sunday school attendance at Mt. Salem (Ky.) Baptist Church without being absent. Jackie Carmicle is his pastor.

Walter Bryant, pastor of King's Baptist Church for 15 years, has retired after 44 years in the ministry. He has moved to a farm in Boston, Ky., and is available as supply and interim pastor and for revivals.

Stephen Dale Hopkins, 19, was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church, Brookville, Ohio, Nov. 2. His uncle, Lee Hopkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellvue, Ky., preached the ordination sermon. Steve is the son of Robert D. and Joanne Hopkins. Robert is pastor at Brookville and a former Kentucky minister. Steve is in his second year as a ministerial student at Georgetown College. In August he was called by Forest Hill Baptist Church, Union Association, as pastor, a church previously served by Steve's father.



Hopkins

Richard A. Danks was honored upon the completion of 43 years' service as teacher of the adult men's Bible class at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Mrs. Danks has also taught in the Beaver Dam Sunday school for 40 years. They have retired as teachers but will continue as Sunday school members.

B. Floyd Bryant, a member of First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, for 68 years, died recently. He had held almost every leadership capacity in the church. Resolutions of appreciation for him were passed by the congregation with special words of sympathy for Mrs. Bryant who survives him.

A Virginia chapter of the Clear Creek Baptist School Alumni Association was organized recently at Bristol, Va. New officers are: **W. W. Thompson**, Newport News, president; **W. L. Davis**, Pocahontas, vice president; and **Efford Adams**, Bristol, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Lytle, missionaries to Israel, have arrived in the states for furlough (120 Heady Ave., St. Matthews, Ky. 40207). He is a native of Ohio. She is the former Martha Yocum of Louisville. Before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964 he was pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Reynolds Station, Ky.

Carroll C. Owen, brother of Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer **Franklin Owen**, was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention recently. The younger Owen is pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn.

Logan Baptist Association honored **Morton Mayhugh** for his service as associational treasurer for 20 years, upon his retirement. In a resolution commending Mayhugh for his work it was noted that he has attended the annual meetings of the association for 45 years. He was also cited for service as moderator, assistant moderator, music director and associational executive board member.

DEVOTIONAL



LaVerne Butler
Pastor, Ninth and O Church,
Louisville

STOP THE WORLD! I WANT TO GET OFF!

This line from a popular Broadway play seems to be the wish of many Christians and church members today. They have settled for a selfish, sensual lifestyle that has resulted in monotony and nothingness. Every child of God ought to be saying, "Stop the world! I want to get on." The needs of our world demand our involvement. Our involvement is not optional; it is a command. The ultimate in fulfillment for any individual is the giving of self in involvement in the Lord's work.

Someone has said that he who cannot lead and will not follow invariably obstructs, or in other words, he makes an excellent roadblock. Aggressive, evangelistic New Testament churches are made up of leaders who are leading and followers who are following. We all should excel either as a leader or as a follower, and above all, refuse any temptation to become neither. Those who refuse to become involved sooner or later discover that they are on the sidelines and usually become critics who live in Dullsville.

When I see all the exciting ministries of the local churches and the thousands who are not involved, I feel like saying, "Stop the world and let them on." As I read the New Testament I find no place where Jesus told people to sit down and idolize him. His commands were words of action, "Go ye . . . preach the gospel . . . be witnesses . . ." Our Christian responsibility is not discharged in an hour or two on Sunday morning in the midst of good music and thrilling services. This is only the beginning. A world is waiting to be reached; not just the world of Africa, India, South America, or the islands of the sea, but the world of your community, of your state, or your nation. Let's stop our world of nonessentials . . . of things that really don't count. STOP THAT WORLD, and get on the one that involves eternity . . . that applies the whole gospel to the whole man of the whole world.

I must admit that I have struggled with my attitude toward psychology and its rightful place in Christianity for years. Back during seminary days there existed the age-old argument of theology versus psychology. Preachers preached against psychology and psychologists resented religion. Some preachers were proclaiming, "Too much psychology will drive a man crazy," and some psychologists were saying, "Too much religion will drive a man insane." And there I stood—a confused and frustrated student. I felt that God had called me to preach the gospel but I also felt that he had called me to counsel people needing the gospel in a more personal and direct way.

During those early seminary days I didn't know much about either field—psychology or theology. So where was I to go for help? And how would I begin a process of preparation in both areas when it seemed that a wide gap of misunderstanding separated these two fields?

Thank goodness, some wise seminary professors guided me along that road of preparation.

Two of these men were a professor of evangelism, Dr. Eugene Patterson, and a professor of psychology and counseling, Dr. Harold L. Rutledge. They were sources of inspiration and because of their care and concern I have emerged a little more mature and capable of integrating psychology and theology. As a result of a struggle for relevancy, this presentation represents my understanding of how these two fields are interpreted from a Christian's point of view.

A study of man's personality is incomplete without incorporating a study of the Theos—God. Since psychology is a study of man's behavior and theology is a study of God's revelation to man we may conclude that the Bible is not only a theological book but a psychological one as well. The Bible declares that God was revealed to man—not to a thing. Thus, the Theos and the Psyche have become one in Jesus Christ.

Here at Cumberland College, a Baptist college, I am privileged to teach several courses in psychology and religion. In each of these courses the purpose is to study the psychological characteristics of man in hopes that a deeper understanding of the Psyche will enable us to project a more mature love for God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength—and love our neighbor as we love ourself. Our Lord, Jesus Christ said, "Do this and you will live. Do this and you will have greater peace of mind. Do this and your relationships with people will be richer. Do this and you will have brought great joy to the world. Yes, do this and you will live because when this has been accomplished you are not far from the kingdom of God." (Paraphrased)

A study of the personality of man simply means we are attempting to answer such questions as, What's going on behind the mask? We may be smiling on the outside and crying on the inside—but why? Why do we have strange feelings? Or, am I the only one to feel guilt, depression, loneliness, frustration or anger?

So why study the personality of man? To discover all of his bad qualities and thus stand condemned? By no means. Man's fears have driven him to the depths of isolation and to

the brink of destruction. He has been separated from therapeutic relationships with his brother as well as with his God. Man has condemned himself down through the ages. But God knew that man possessed a spark of goodness in the midst of his soul. "We were created in his image and after his likeness," according to God's revelation in Genesis.

In spite of man's desire for close and open relationships he has continued to build defensive walls for protection against rejection and hurt. Why? Simply because man's primitive nature feels the need to hide from pain and sin. "Run to the rock to hide thy face, but the rock cried out, there's no hiding place," an old song proclaims. Many years ago man had no place to go for comfort and no person to go to for the catharization of his guilt. He had no therapeutic agent to say, "Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more." So man's dilemma was sin and his need was redemption.

In the midst of this need God sent his only begotten son, so that whosoever should believe in him and his teachings concerning the kingdom of God, which included his unique understanding of man, would have life. Man would have a new hope. The dry bones of despair would be raised to a new and exciting way of life. The frustrated human spirit would be revived through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Yes, the creative life would be restored by the creator of life. Our Lord said, "Don't be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or wear, for life is more than that" (Luke 12:22). Life is seeking God's kingdom and right relationships with him.

Thus, we see the greatest psychotherapeutic agent the world has ever known come upon the scene in a little synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth on the sabbath day. He stood up to read the scriptures, and the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He opened the book and read:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings
to the poor:*

*He has sent me to release those captivated by
sin, shame, frustration and anxiety,
And to restore those blinded by their inability
to see and meet their personal needs.*

*He has sent me to set at liberty those who have
been bruised by the grief, hurt, and
insecurities of life.*

*Yes, he has sent me to proclaim the acceptable
year of the Lord to people.*

(Luke 4:14-18 Paraphrased)

And when he completed this reading, he handed the book to the attendant and said, "This day the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

Yes, Jesus encouraged and instilled hope in people. He looked for their good qualities instead of their bad. He focused upon the positive rather than the negative. He took a weak man and made him stronger. He took a slave and made him free. He stressed what was right with man and built upon that foundation of strength. So the challenge is to approach the subject of psychology from Jesus Christ's point of view.

We Baptists and Psychology

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

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Guest Editorial—

A Statement of Theology

The following statement presented by the Christian Life Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to the recent convention meeting in Elizabethtown was adopted. It had previously been adopted by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky [Black Baptists]. — Editor.

In Kentucky there are about 850,000 Baptists. Approximately 160,000 are Black Baptists belonging to the General Association and 690,000 are White Baptists belonging to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. All are a product of the American adventure in democracy. The crucible of history has created different cultural expressions which add to the American mosaic. Attitudes toward our cultural differences affect human relations, and though the cultural expression of faith cannot be the point of judgment, the way faith is lived out in relationships is a point of judgment. The Bible, the basic creed for both Baptist bodies, speaks clearly to the quality of relationship in the family of God.

ALL OF US BELONG TO THE SAME HUMAN FAMILY AND HAVE A COMMON ORIGIN. Paul says "And (God) hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth . . ." (Acts 17:26). Peter declares "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons . . ." (Acts 10:34). This eliminates the possibility of a superior or inferior people. God created and loves all of His family.

ALL ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE AND, THEREFORE, HAVE INFINITE WORTH. "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him . . ." (Genesis 1:27). Man is the crowning act of God's creative work. God is person and man is like God in that he also is a person. This implies self-consciousness and moral responsibility.

ALL ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE REDEMPTIVE LOVE OF GOD. The failure of man is universal.

The declaration "all have sinned . . ." (Romans 3:23) expresses a universal truth. God's response to man's failure is in Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) adequately expresses the love of God.

FAITH RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE UNITES MAN IN THE FAMILY OF GOD. We are brothers and sisters and can say with one voice, "Our Father, which art in heaven." Paul says that God has destined us in love to be His sons through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:5). Jesus declared that "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:33). As we follow the will of God we are one family in Christ.

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH ABOLISHES OR TRANSCENDS HUMAN BARRIERS THAT TEND TO SEPARATE. In the Ephesian letter, Paul emphasized that there is one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father (4:4-6). He also declared that "Christ has broken down the dividing wall that separates" (2:14). John says that love of God and love of man cannot be separated (1 John 4:20).

Baptists in Kentucky have a commonality in creation, redemption, church polity and call to the will of God. As we affirm, respect and celebrate cultural and ethnic differences the will of God calls us to explore and demonstrate ways of cooperation. Mutual growth, enrichment and well being demand building quality human relations.

The administration, staff and faculty of Cumberland College have done a commendable thing in expressing gratitude for support of the college by Kentucky Baptists through the Cooperative Program. (See letter in the Baptist Forum.) This appropriate expression of appreciation signed by 151 faculty and staff members and by President Boswell says a lot about Cumberland and its relations to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Such an attitude is not merely routine. Of all ministries sponsored by Baptists, higher education is most prone to be misunderstood by grass roots Baptists. It is easy also for those in higher education not to understand grass roots Baptists. The academic freedom required for quality educational institutions is not compatible with the desire of some Baptists to impose their personal theological and moral opinions upon faculty members and students.

On the other hand, some college teachers take the attitude that Baptist masses know very little about higher education and so ought to give their financial support and leave educational policies to them. The temptation is to hold contempt for the unenlightened and to resist any efforts to impose their doctrinal and moral standards upon a school.

I know how it feels to be on both sides. As a

faculty member of a Baptist college, I respected the thinking of fellow Baptists and appreciated their spiritual and financial support but I thought they should leave the academic matters to us. Now as just another Baptist in Kentucky who contributes to the support of Baptist colleges, I find myself wanting to impose my doctrinal and moral standards upon faculty members and students.

Our Baptist schools in Kentucky bear our name and submit to our control through trustees whom we elect. We contribute financially to them through the Cooperative Program but few of us realize how much more money they must raise to exist. If our control of Baptist schools were in proportion to our share in their total expenditures, it would be but a fraction of what it is.

In this 50th year of the Cooperative Program plan, it is most fitting for all the beneficiaries to recognize its contribution to our institutional ministries along with its undergirding of everything else we do as a denomination.

The present wholesome relations between our Baptist schools and Kentucky Baptists is a tribute to the presidents and trustees of those schools and to Kentucky Baptist Convention leadership. Let's thank Cumberland for saying this for all of us and let us be careful to keep it that way.

changing to a different television channel, and as a result we very seldom watch channel 41 anymore. The problem of the increasing amount of pornography still continues, and when our news media supports it rather than discourages it I have to seriously question any of the areas the news media supports.

The Bible still relates that pornography is a sin against God (Matt. 5:28). It's time that the news media and the political leaders of our country get serious about their positions and take a stand on the moral issues facing our nation today.

J. Terry Monahan, Jeffersonville, Ind.

WHAT CHURCH OFFERS

Dear Editor:

Some of the most spiritually advanced people I know rarely go to church. On the other hand, many in the same category do go to church regularly. (Note: I said, "spiritually advanced," not "religious.") At some point in our life, we should ask ourselves, "What should I expect from a church?" We should also examine our motives if we do or do not go to church. Simply stated, we could ask, "Why do I need to go to church?"

The church was made for man, not man for the church. Throughout the ages

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BAPTIST FORUM



THANKS FOR CP

Dear Editor:

Recognizing the immense value of the Cooperative Program to all Baptist causes at home and abroad, and, in particular, in recognition of its worth to Cumberland College, we, the undersigned faculty and staff members of Cumberland College, take this opportunity to express our appreciation. We are grateful both to you as a Kentucky Baptist pastor and to every Kentucky Baptist.

Signed by 151 faculty and staff members.

PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

Dear Editor:

At a conference that I attended this summer in Kentucky I was informed that the city of Louisville had again become No. 1 in the country. Unfortunately the subject was dealing with pornography. I recognize that the law enforcement and law making bodies of our area have turned their back on this subject. I have

found it disgusting enough to see the increasing amount of literature appearing on the magazine racks, and an abundant amount of X-rated movie houses appearing on the streets. When I first moved to this area approximately a year and a half ago I was dumfounded by the tremendous amount of X-rated movies advertised in the local newspapers. In fact, after having traveled extensively across the United States, it appeared to me that the Louisville area had more pornographic materials advertised in the newspaper than any other area of the country.

The most shocking area of all was when I saw the pornographic movie houses advertised in my own home on the television set. The moral values of the television programs have dropped significantly in the last couple of years, but when a family is sitting back and enjoying a decent movie, and the commercial interrupts with an X-rated movie advertisement, I feel that is disgusting.

I have already followed the advice of

BAPTIST NEWS BRIEFS

N.C. CONFIRMS LOCAL OPTION ON WOMEN; ELECTS EXECUTIVE

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina passed a resolution which affirms the right of local churches to make their own decisions on ordination of women to church-related ministries. They also overwhelmingly elected Cecil A. Ray, nominee of the convention's general board, as the convention's general secretary-treasurer, despite a nomination from the floor. Ray directs the stewardship division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

North Carolina Southern Baptists, who elected a woman as second vice president, also unanimously approved another resolution urging their committee on nominations and committee on committees to name more women as members of boards and committees. (BP)

VA. BAPTISTS CONDEMN U.N. ACTION

In an inter-racial atmosphere created by joint black-white Baptist worship experiences, Virginia Southern Baptists in annual session castigated the Nov. 10 action of the United Nations General Assembly which equated zionism with racism. A resolution called upon "all men of good will to repudiate this action (by the U.N.) which has dealt a severe blow to the cause of international peace." (BP)

INDIANA BAPTISTS SET FIRST \$1 MILLION BUDGET

The first \$1 million budget in its history was adopted by registered messengers to the 17th annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. The messengers set a \$1,089,410 budget for 1976, of which \$750,000 is expected from Indiana churches through the state's Cooperative Program unified budget. Thirty percent of the Cooperative Program figure will go to worldwide causes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In other action, the Indiana convention's executive board was authorized to develop plans for a capital funds campaign to construct Highland Lakes Baptist Center, Monrovia, Ind. If the campaign is formulated, a special session of the state convention will be called at a later date. (BP)

FLORIDA BAPTISTS COMMEND ASKEW; VOTE RECORD BUDGET

The Florida Baptist State Convention commended Gov. Reubin Askew for his stand against gambling, voted a record budget and voted to take part in a special emphasis for doctrinal study. Expected debate over the intention of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, to begin a degree program in September 1976 did not materialize. Previously, the school has offered diplomas for three years of study. In September it will begin offering a bachelor of ministry degree for four years' study, in addition to the three-year diploma.

The convention voted a record \$6.7 million budget, allotting 47 percent of that amount to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program. For eight years Florida Baptists have led all other Baptist state conventions in percentage of giving to SBC causes. (BP)

TENNESSEANS APPROVE MINISTER INFO OFFICE

Tennessee Baptists narrowly approved a program for establishment of a church-ministers' information department, voted to enlarge the membership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's executive board and set a record \$8.45 million budget for 1975-76.

After considerable debate on the pros and cons of the information department, which would offer information to churches on pastors and staff members and counsel to pastors and church staff members, it was approved, 250-238.

Registered messengers also voted to enlarge membership of the convention's executive board from 75 to 99, with 25 members coming from each of the state's three divisions—east, west and middle—and the remaining 24 distributed as nearly as possible in proportion to the Baptist population in the three geographical divisions. (BP)

Post
Session

by
Franklin Owen



Last week's fine edition has already given you an excellent picture of an unusually good Kentucky Baptist Convention session. The great Severns Valley Baptist Church and pastor, Verlin Kruschwitz, are marvelous hosts. A near record attendance showed appreciation again and again for the excellent presidency of John Wood.

My purpose is to mention our coming major concerns that connect up with that meeting. Above all, let me mention the new book, *Baptists in Kentucky*, with 15 chapters written by 12 excellently qualified authors, each addressing himself to a particular facet of Baptist history during the last 200 years.

We are taking orders for this book at \$6 each through my office. We must operate on a cash basis; we have no facilities or arrangements for billing. This fine volume ought to be in every pastor's study in Kentucky, in every church library and every Baptist home with any interest in Baptist history. We have subsidized the cost of it pretty heavily and you will be buying a bargain.

Now, as we look to the bicentennial year of the nation, we shall also be looking to a great special meeting of our convention in Harrodsburg Apr. 19, 1976. This will celebrate precisely the day on which, 200 years earlier, William Hickman and Thomas Tinsley preached the first Baptist sermons of historical record in what is now Kentucky.

An exact replica of the Liberty Bell, which was presented to Kentucky by President Ford, will be there to ring on April 19. It will be a great day of preaching, jointly sponsored by our convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (our Black brethren), and we want you to plan to come. The next business session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be held in November (9-11) as usual, and this time with the Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

There is a lot of divisiveness and disputation in the world today. I believe the Kentucky Baptist Convention has just demonstrated its capacity to have reasonable differences and yet express about the finest level of good spirit and harmony that I can remember in my more than 20 years in its fold.



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man has built and maintained churches to fill spiritual needs. Many churches today adequately fulfill those needs for most people; others do not. However, the church does offer a sanctuary—a consecrated place of refuge from the strife of the everyday world. It also provides ready-made methods of worship, prayer, disciplines which we all should have to keep close to God. The church administers certain rituals, some different from others. The church also provides spiritual education for us and our children. The real purpose of the church is to awaken, nurture, develop, and release the spiritual dimension of men and women. The church sets the stage on which the drama of spirituality can take place.

Just before Karl Barth died, he was asked if he had any last words. The great theologian said, "Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so!" Where are we to go to discover the truth that God loves us? Going to church is the only answer I can think of (including missions, storefront congregations, tent revivals, etc.). And the church is the reference made by Jesus to Peter, when He stated, "Upon this rock I shall build my church!" Surely the church and its ministry of visitation and far-reaching arms brings sinners to Christ and His saving grace, and all of us to repentance if we take heed.

Edith G. Oldham, Louisville

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF INSURANCE

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the so-called "devotional" by Mr. Tom Miller in the Oct. 25 issue of the Western Recorder.

I am surprised that Mr. Miller has not witnessed some of the positive aspects of the insurance industry through members of his congregation. Perhaps he has not seen families provided the privilege of staying together, after the premature death of the father, because he CARED enough to care for them after he was gone; or a young person continuing his/her education because of the LOVE of a father; a family with the same standard of living when the father is disabled or an elderly gentleman instead of an OLD MAN because of insurance.

I agree with Mr. Miller that there are unethical insurance agents in the profession as well as in all professions. However, I feel he is being unfair to group us all in the same category as dishonest and "fat cats."

As a Christian and an insurance agent, I have many opportunities to witness to

families and individuals in the name of Christ. When death occurs, most usually, the insurance agent is notified soon after the minister. In some cases, the insurance agent has more personal knowledge of the family than the minister and is able, if he/she is a Christian, to witness to them during this time. Many times I have had the opportunity to witness to families during the traumatic experience of going through a divorce, since the insurance agent is called in reference to changes in insurance policies. Sometimes the people involved do not have a pastor or a person is hesitant to call him at this time. I am in the insurance business because I have a desire to be of service to the public and I definitely feel that I am being of service to my fellowman.

I, too, carry God's insurance policy. In fact, this is the first policy in my portfolio.

I also believe God expects each one to care for his own. "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8)

Christine McLaughlin, Louisville

OPPOSES COMMISSION STAND

Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
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Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear Sirs:

With regard to the notice in the 4 October 1975 issue of the Western Recorder announcing the Christian Life Commission's support of gun control, we the membership of Hartford Baptist Church voted unanimously on 8 October 1975 to express to the Commission our displeasure with your stand. Many people will read of your action and believe it to represent the action of the entire Southern Baptist Convention when in fact the subject was discussed and rejected at a recent convention of Southern Baptists.

We would, however, like to go on record as supporting strict law enforcement with mandatory long sentences for criminals convicted of crimes involving firearms. We do not believe gun control is an effective or practical answer to the problem of crime, in fact, it is unconstitutional and a threat to our Republic. If legislation cannot prevent crime, how can legislation prevent criminals from owning firearms.

The Commission has acted, we believe, presumptuously in that it does not reflect views of the membership and erroneously in that the pronouncement is impractical and ineffective.

Mrs. Judy Bevil, Church Clerk,
Hartford Baptist Church, Hartford

BSSB Names Blackwell Children's Supervisor

Mrs. Muriel F. Blackwell, editor of children's materials, was named supervisor of the children's section, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Oct. 27.

A native of Louisiana, Mrs. Blackwell holds the B.A. degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, and has done graduate work at Louisiana State University and the University of Tennessee.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board she taught 16 years in the public schools of Louisiana.

She is the author of "Prairie Potpourri," "Outreach for Children," "Adventures in Family Living" and "Potter and Clay." She has also written in religious and secular publications.

Most recently, she has been coeditor of *Bible Searchers* materials, specifically designed for fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls in Southern Baptist Sunday schools.

She is the wife of Bill Blackwell, minister of church missions and outreach, First Baptist Church, Nashville. They have two children.

Joe Ann Shelton Slated For Evangelism Conference

Joe Ann Shelton, former director of program music for Southern Baptists' Radio and TV Commission, and featured soloist on the Baptist Hour on radio, is scheduled to appear at the Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference Jan. 19-20 in Elizabethtown.

Miss Shelton will deliver sacred concerts at three sessions. She is accompanied by Loeen Bushman, also a former Radio and TV Commission staffer.

In 1969 Miss Shelton organized The Centurymen, a 100-voice men's chorale composed of ministers of music from Southern Baptist churches in 22 states. She has appeared with the Billy Graham Crusade in London, made numerous TV appearances, and her recordings are distributed by Christian Home Music, Word Records and Broadman Music.



Blackwell



Shelton

West Indians at Clear Creek

Five years of residence in the United States, government red tape, fees and a study of the American form of government ended at the bench of Judge Frank Monehon when Sonny and Gwen Maraj became citizens of the United States just a few days ago.

The recent ceremonies at the Federal Court Building in Lexington, Ky., highlights a venture that started in 1968 when Maraj left Trinidad, West Indies, and a job with 22 years' seniority, to come to this country. Both he and Mrs. Maraj held positions in Trinidad that were superior to the average West Indies native.

"Before emigrating, we had become evangelical Christians, and our burning desire to grow stronger in our new faith directed us to this country," Maraj said.

Maraj is a convert from the Hindu religion. "Becoming a Christian made me an outcast from my family and friends," Maraj said.

Gwen Maraj was formerly a Roman Catholic, the national religion of her family.

Asked if there were any hardships in adjusting, Mrs. Maraj said, "It was hard to adjust to the climate. We soon moved from Dayton, Ohio, to Florida but later returned to Dayton where we lived until

November 1974 when we enrolled at Clear Creek Baptist School.

"While members of Dayton's Medway Baptist Church we learned about this Kentucky theological school for adults where Sonny could be trained as a Baptist evangelist."

The couple's children, Stephen, Michelle and Simon were born in Dayton, automatically becoming American citizens. Their citizenship influenced the parents' decision to become American citizens.

During a recent interview, Maraj smiled broadly and declared, "It's nice to know we're citizens in a country that cares about its people. After being in other countries, we know for sure that America is best."

Since moving to the campus of Clear Creek School, Mr. and Mrs. Maraj have spoken in numerous area churches, sometimes traveling as far as 500 miles to fill engagements. "We're pleased at the way people receive us," said Maraj. "They are warm and friendly and always make us feel at home. Since we've learned to love this area and its people, we aren't homesick for Ohio and Trinidad as we were when we first moved to the mountains of eastern Kentucky."



LeRoy A. Peterson [left], dean of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, proudly watches Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Maraj hoist American and Clear Creek flags.

Hawaiians at Southern

by Nancy Carter

Randy and Gay Hongo traded palm trees for blue grass.

The natives of Hawaii—"Ha-vah-ee" as they call it—recently moved to Louisville, where Hongo has begun study for his master of church music degree at Southern Seminary.

They've been "praising the Lord" since.

It's not that there haven't been sacrifices. The Hongos had to sell many of their possessions accumulated over four years of marriage, and leave many others with parents. They could not afford to bring a car. But that hasn't gotten them down.

Shortly after they arrived here, a car was provided. A seminary couple had two cars, and they insisted the Hongos were welcome to use the second.

"He gave me a spare key to the car and said, 'Just take this and use the car whenever you need to,'" Hongo said. "I

was driving to the store last Saturday and I said, 'Hon, I just can't believe it!'"

"He kept saying, 'Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!,'" Mrs. Hongo said.

Singing is important to both Hongos. Mrs. Hongo taught high school chorus for five years. She now works with handicapped children, encouraging them to sing. Hongo was a youth and music minister at a church in Hawaii. He is now youth and music director at Lighthouse Baptist Church, Louisville.

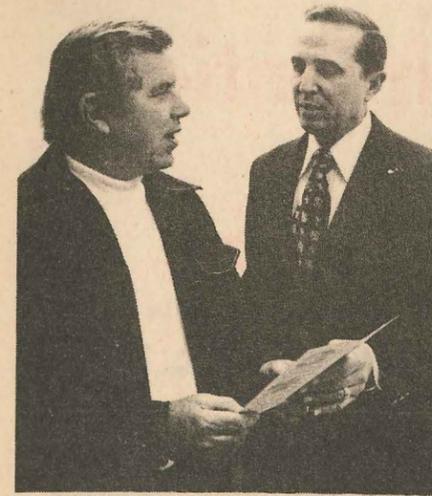
The couple has learned to enjoy new dishes never tried before.

"We've eaten a lot of really good things here—like fresh sweet corn, straight from the fields, and apple butter," Mrs. Hongo said.

They do not know yet if they will return to Hawaii when Hongo completes his studies. "We're just waiting on the Lord to lead us," they said. Mrs. Hongo added, "But we hope it's Hawaii."

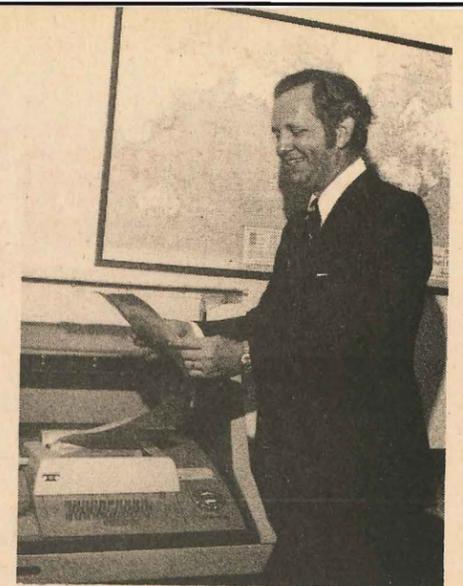


Randy and Gay Hongo enjoy singing Hawaiian hymns accompanied by ukulele.



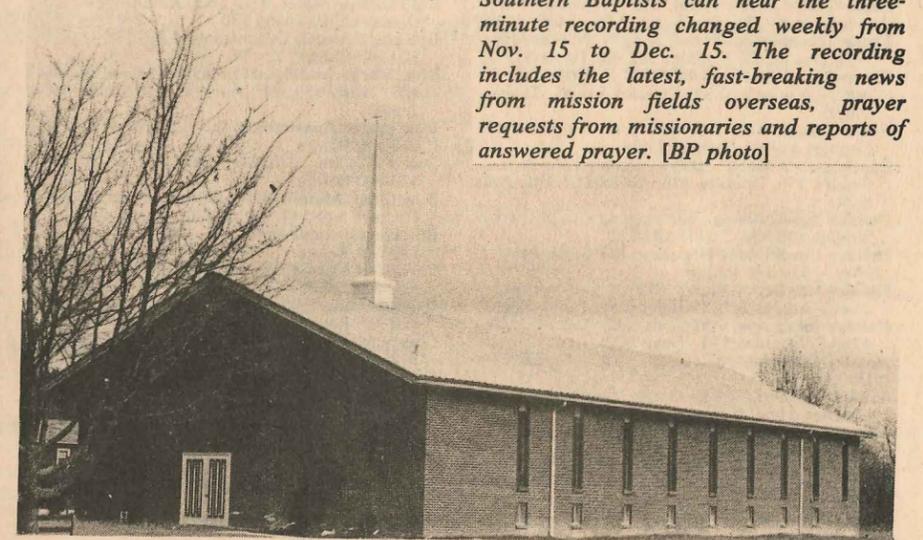
Hal Woods [right], a Georgia businessman, has volunteered to give a day or more a week of his time to direct enlistment efforts of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps. He will assist Bill Wilson [left], CSC coordinator. Wilson also is a volunteer, giving half his time each week to CSC. The group sends out volunteers to assist home missionaries or to work in mission projects for short terms of two to 10 weeks or for longer terms when a person is willing to relocate. [BP photo]

Picturing Baptists At Work



William R. Smith, pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., checks the latest news from the mission field before taping Foreign Missions Hotline. For the price of a long-distance call to Richmond to [804] 355-6581, Southern Baptists can hear the three-minute recording changed weekly from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. The recording includes the latest, fast-breaking news from mission fields overseas, prayer requests from missionaries and reports of answered prayer. [BP photo]

Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, Berea, will dedicate this new plant Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2:30 p.m., according to James Chrisman, pastor. A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, will speak. Lunch will precede the service at 12:30. The church was organized in 1949 with a charter membership of 43. The new auditorium will seat 280.



Six missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board have ties in Kentucky. [First row, L to R]: Mr. and Mrs. J. Larry Cox, assigned to Ivory Coast, West Africa; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gray, Louisville, to Upper Volta; and Mr. and Mrs. Mike M. Shockley, Reynolds Station, to Ghana.



Oak Grove Baptist Church, Cadiz, honored 12 persons who have contributed 25 or more years of service. First row, L to R, with years: T. P. Gentry, 25; Louise S. Thomas, 50; Myrtie Thomas, 50; Mallie G. Vinson, 25; Loutishia Hughes, 25. Second row: Malcolm Light, 25; Thomas H. Sumner, 34; John R. Flood, 25; Douglas H. Thomas, 40; Aubrey Lancaster, 36; Noble Curling, 25. Tom Vinson [not pictured], 25 years. Harold Lassiter is pastor.

Southern Baptist Convention

Hotels and Motels

Norfolk, Virginia — June 15-17, 1976

NORFOLK

Admiralty Motel, 1170 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$16, Doubles \$22, Twins \$22
Anchorage Motel & Apartments, 1020 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$18-\$22, Twins \$24-\$26
Belaire Motel, 1001 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$15, Twins \$22
Breakers Motel, 3022 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$16, Doubles \$20
Buccaneer Motor Lodge, 929 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$18, Twins \$20
Commodore Maury, 345 Granby St.—Singles \$14, Doubles \$18, Twins \$18
Econolux Inn, 7950 Shore Dr.—Singles \$15, Doubles \$15-\$18, Twins \$18, Eff. Apts. \$16-\$19
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel, 865 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$10.95, Doubles \$13.95, Twins \$16.95
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel, 3343 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$9.95, Doubles \$12.95, Twins \$15.95
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel, 1111 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$10.95, Doubles \$13.95, Twins \$16.95
Econo-Travel, 1050 Tidewater Dr.—Singles \$9.95, Doubles \$12.95, Twins \$15.95
Beachcomber Motel, 2090 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, Twins \$20, Eff. Apts. S-24
Holiday Inn-Midtown, 930 Virginia Beach Blvd.—Singles \$18-\$20, Twins \$23-\$25
Holiday Inn-Military Highway, 717 S. Military Hwy.—\$20-\$40 Range
Holiday Inn-Ocean View, 1010 W. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$20, Doubles \$24, Twins \$29
Holiday Inn-Scope, 700 Monticello Ave.—Single \$15.50, Doubles \$18, Twins \$23
Holiday Towers Motel, 1850 E. Little Creek Rd.—Doubles \$18
Mark 800 Motel, 800 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$18-\$22, Twins \$24-\$26
Nansemond Hotel, 235 W. Ocean View Ave.—Rates unavailable
Omni-International Hotel, Plaza One Bldg., Suite 700—Singles \$22-\$32, Doubles \$28-\$38, Twins \$28-\$38
Overnite Inn, 853 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$12, Doubles \$16
Quality Inn-Airport, Regional Airport—Singles \$15, Doubles \$20
Quality Inn-Executive Park, 235 N. Military Hwy.—Singles \$14, Doubles \$16, Twins \$20
Quality Inn-Lake Wright, 6820 Northampton Blvd.—Singles \$16, Doubles \$21
Ramada Inn-Newtown, 6360 Newtown Rd.—Singles \$15-\$20, Doubles \$20, Twins \$24
Ramada Inn-Ocean View, 719 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$32
Red Carpet Inn-Harbor View, 1575 W. Ocean View Ave.—Rates unavailable
Sea Isle Motel & Apartments, 315 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$22, Doubles \$24
Sea King Motel & Apartments, 4140 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$20, Doubles \$22
Sheraton Inn-Military Circle, P.O. Box 12112—Singles \$22, Doubles \$28, Twins \$28
Silver Sands Motel & Apartments, 2801 E. Ocean View Ave.—Singles \$18, Doubles \$18, Twins \$22
Surf Motel, 2918 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$12-\$75 Daily, Doubles \$85-\$325 Weekly
Surf-Side Motel & Apartments, 1120 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$18, Twins \$20
Thomas Nelson Hotel, 245 Granby St.—Singles \$10, Doubles \$12, Twins \$16
Tides Motel and Apartments, 1362 W. Ocean View Ave.—Rates unavailable
Twin Sails Motel & Apartments, 930 E. Ocean View Ave.—Doubles \$18-\$22, Twins \$24-\$26

VIRGINIA BEACH

Aloha Motel, 1500 Pacific Ave.—Doubles \$28-\$33, Eff. Apts. \$28-\$37
Aquarius Motel, 29th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Avamere, 2604 Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Balboa Motel, 2902 Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Bali Hai, 29th & Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Beach Motel, 1300 Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Beacon Motel, 3244 Page Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Bel Harbour Motel, 13th and Oceanfront—Doubles \$30, Twins \$30
Belvedere Motel, Oceanfront at 36th St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Blue Marlin Motel, 2411 Pacific Ave.—Doubles \$25, Twins \$29, Eff. Apts. 2/\$30, Studio Apts. 2/\$34
Blue Water Apartments, 207 12th St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Boardwalk Inn, 26th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Bow Creek Motel, 3429 Club House Rd.—Doubles \$14-\$18, Twins \$20
Brockmyer Motel Apts., 206 20th St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Cerca Del Mar Motel, 410 21st St.—Eff. Apts. \$28
Carriage Inn, 1500 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Cherry Motel, 2903 Arctic Ave.—Weekly only, \$125/\$175 wk.
Colonial Inn Motel, 2809 Atlantic Ave.—Singles \$30, Doubles \$30, Twins \$30
Copely Motel, 35th & Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Cutty Sark, 3614 Atlantic Ave.—Twins \$18
Diplomat Motor Inn, 33rd & Oceanfront—Twins \$20-\$40 Range
Dunes Motor Inn, 10th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Ebbtide Motor Inn, 207 20th St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Econo Travel Motor Hotel, 5819 Northampton Blvd.—Singles \$9.95, Doubles \$12.95, Twins \$15.95
Edgewater Condominium, 3615 Atlantic Ave.—\$55 per day
Emerald Isle, 1105 Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Empress Motel, 28th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Essex House, 16th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Farrar's Tourist Village, 10th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Flagship Motel, 6th & Atlantic Ave.—Twins \$34
Garden Lodge, 13th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Golden Sands Motel, 14th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Hilfon Inn, Oceanfront & 8th St.—Singles \$44.50, Twins \$44.50
Holiday House, 14th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Holiday Inn-Bridge Tunnel, 5725 Northampton Blvd.—\$20-\$40 Range
Holiday Inn-Ocean Beach, 39th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$50
Holiday Sands Motor Inn, 11th & Oceanfront—Singles \$39, Doubles \$39, Twins \$39

Holly Kove, 10th & Arctic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 38th & Atlantic Ave.—Twins \$38
Idlewhyle Inn, 27th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Inlet House, 3rd & Atlantic Ave.—Singles \$26, Doubles \$24
Jefferson Motel, 33rd & Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Kona Kai, 18th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
LePlaya, 33rd & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Lynn-Dee Motel, 11th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Mai Kai, 5602-B Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Manson's, 2800 Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Mardi Gras, 2802 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Marjac Motor Lodge, Oceanfront at 22nd St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Mariner Resort Inn, 57th & Oceanfront—Twins \$36
Marlin Manor Motel, 5th & Pacific Ave.—Twins \$25
Marshall Hotel, 66th & Oceanfront—Singles \$29-\$39, Doubles \$29-\$39, Twins \$29-\$39
Moons, 2101 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Newcastle Motel, 12th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Ocean House Motel, 3108 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Ocean Lake Motel, Oceanfront & 32nd St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Ocean Island Inn, 3174 Page Ave.—Singles \$29.50, Twins \$32.50
Ocean Palms Motel, 30th & Arctic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Ocean Ranch Motel, 32nd & Oceanfront—\$44/3 or more per room
Overnite Inn, 3265 S. Military Hwy.—Singles \$18, Doubles \$20
Plantation Motel, 30th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Princess Anne Inn, 25th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Ramada Inn-Ocean Front, 7th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Royal Clipper Motor Lodge, 36th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sandcastle Motel, 27th & Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sandpiper Motor Apartments, 1112 Pacific Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sandman Motel, 521 Laskin Rd.—\$20-\$40 Range
Saxony Motel, 2109 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Schooner Motel, 215 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sea and Sun Motel, 29th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sea Escape Motel, Virginia Beach Blvd. & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Sea Gull Motel, 27th & Atlantic Ave.—Doubles \$38, Twins \$38
Sea Hawk Motel, 26th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sea Pines Motel, 34th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Seashire Inn, 1040 Laskin Rd.—\$20-\$40 Range
Sea Vacation, 34th & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Sundial Motel, 308 21st St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Suntide Motel, 6607 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Surf and Sand, 959 Laskin Rd.—Singles \$20, Doubles \$22, Twins \$25
Thunderbird Motor Lodge, Oceanfront & 35th St.—\$20-\$40 Range
Traymore Sea Colony, 9th & Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Triton Towers, 23rd & Oceanfront—\$20-\$40 Range
Viking Motel, 2700 Atlantic Ave.—\$20-\$40 Range
Virginian Motel Apartments, 310 24th St.—Twins \$25
White Heron Motel and Yacht Club, 1284 Laskin Rd.—Singles \$24.50, Twins \$28.50

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Southern Baptist Convention June 15-17
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for December 7, 1975)



INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Matthew's Unique Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Where Matthew, the son of Alphaeus, was born we do not know, but he lived and worked in Capernaum. He was a Jew by religion and a publican by profession. He had sold himself and all that a man thinks worthwhile for the opportunity of making money by collecting tribute for the Roman government.

If Matthew had not heard Christ preach he had known of his fame. He had heard many things about his wonderful words and miraculous works. When Christ passed by Matthew's booth where he was collecting taxes and saw his sinfulness, need of forgiveness and possibilities in God's service, he issued a straight-forward call to him to follow him.

So great was Matthew's joy and so real was his sense of appreciation and obligation that he sought occasion to make Christ known to his friends. Instead of a feeling of regret upon leaving his paying business, and acting as if he were making a great sacrifice for Christ, Matthew celebrated the event by giving a great feast in honor of his Lord. To this feast Matthew invited many of his friends whom he wanted to introduce to his saviour, hoping that they too might put their trust in him and live for him.

At the feast given in his honor, Christ's conduct in eating and drinking with publicans and sinners, people of questionable occupations and even notoriously bad character was regarded by the Pharisees and religious leaders as being scandalous, but Christ did so in order to save, transform, elevate and bless them. The hypocritical and hypercritical Pharisees hated Christ because he associated with those whom they considered outcasts. Christ told his critics that he had come to call sinners to repentance and to give them life abundant, and that he intended to continue such a ministry.

Matthew 1:1-17

Matthew presents Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah. Chapter one contains the record of his genealogy and birth. Since the Jews did not take account of female descent, Matthew traced the family into which Jesus Christ was born through the foster father back through David to Abraham.

Matthew 4:23-25

In his endeavor to minister to the intellectual, spiritual and physical needs of all the people who were willing to receive his help, Christ devoted most of his time and energy to teaching, preaching and healing. In his preaching Christ majored on the proclamation of certainties, and not on doubts, perhaps, maybes or probables. Without hesitation Christ declared the will of God. To his teaching and preaching Christ added healing. As a result of his healing ministry, Christ's fame spread far and wide. As his reputation for healing spread, many were brought to him with various kinds of diseases and he healed them. Such a manifold ministry attracted attention and many followed Christ. Our Lord wants his followers to go up and down the land in which they live and carry on this threefold ministry of teaching, preaching and healing.

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Rejection or Trust?

Matthew 11:16-20

Christ declared that the men of his generation were like spoiled children who refused to play wedding because it was too mirthful, and would not play funeral because it was too sad. Since they could not be pleased, they did not play anything, but sat and glared at one another—fretful, angry, and unhappy.

Christ reminded his hearers that not many months before John the Baptist had appeared in their midst and urged all of his listeners to repent of their sins and to clean up the corruption in their midst, and his message was rejected. They charged him with being possessed by a demon. Christ reminded them that when he came in order that men might have life in abundance, and offered to needy people a new freedom, joy, and power, the people did not like him either. They called him a gluttonous man, a winebibber and a friend of publicans and sinners. Christ denounced his critics for the practice of substituting the fickleness, selfishness and stubbornness of childishness at its worst for childishness at its best. Children are egocentric—their world revolves around themselves. What they see they want for themselves and, if they are deprived of it, they are very unhappy and indulge in self-pity. Unfortunately, some professing Christians are the victims of arrested spiritual development, and that condition grieves the heart of God.

Matthew 11:23-30

Unhesitatingly Christ rebuked the citizens and pronounced a terrible judgment on those cities which had been honored by his presence and blessed by his works, but had rejected both the messenger and his message. He taught that judgment will be in proportion to opportunity. Chorazin and Bethsaida had enjoyed numerous and wonderful gospel privileges, whereas Tyre and Sidon had not. Consequently, judgment would be more severe on the former than on the latter. Certainly there will be different degrees of punishment for those who reject Christ. Those with greater privileges have greater responsibilities.

In the midst of a season of spiritual declension, when Christ was about to turn his attention away from Israel as a nation after he had sought to win the people and they had spurned his love, Christ expressed his thanks to the Father for revealing himself to those who would receive the saviour and his truth.

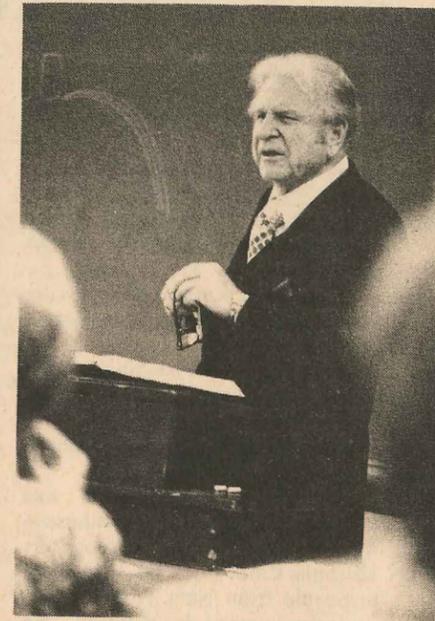
Hoping to find peace of mind and conscience, the people to whom our Lord was speaking were trying to keep the law of Moses, but they had not been able to do so. The more they labored, the more dissatisfied they became, and they had succumbed to a perpetual weariness.

Christ would have all to cast off the yoke of the law, accept him as their Saviour, experience forgiveness of sin and deliverance from the fear of judgment and punishment, become his disciples, learn from him, and work with him. Learning from Christ involves more than just following his example. There must be a real submission to his will.

Criswell Visit —

'Just Coming Home'

by Mike Duduit
News Director
Southern Seminary



Criswell lectures a seminary class.

To Wallie Amos Criswell it was just like coming home.

When Dr. W. A. Criswell was invited to come to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary earlier this month for a week of preaching, it marked a long-awaited opportunity to renew acquaintances with a place that has meant so much to his life.

"I spoke here one time before," Criswell remembers, "when Dr. Sampey was president." That was over 30 years ago, when Criswell was still a pastor in Muskogee, Okla.

"It's been the greatest week of my life," says the pastor of the 19,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex. "I've just been encouraged beyond anything I've ever experienced. This has always been to me the greatest seminary in the world—it has the greatest potential and the greatest possibility for good."

Criswell's ties with Southern Seminary go back more than 40 years to the time when he came to Louisville as a first-year seminary student. He was awarded a master of theology degree in 1934, and in 1937 received his doctor of philosophy degree. But his student years brought more than a sheepskin on the wall—he also found a wife.

to his ministry. "I was a preacher in the country for 10 years (in Texas and Kentucky), which is the greatest thing God ever did for me. I was in those small churches and I knew everybody. Now I have to do it through my assistants."

Seminary president Duke K. McCall, a classmate of Criswell during those years, points out that the group of students which came out of Southern Seminary in that period "provided the leadership that picked up the Southern Baptist Convention at the end of World War II."

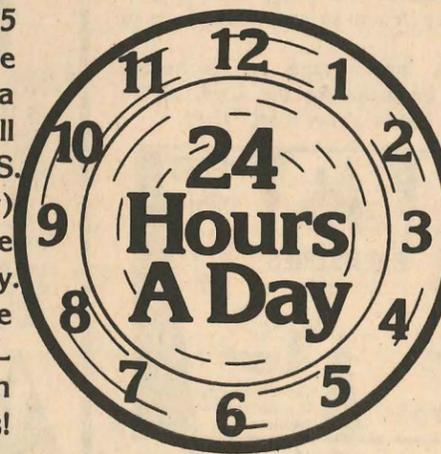
McCall is another reason why Criswell has fond feelings toward the seminary. McCall points out that "our friendship now stretches over 40 years." The two men traveled around the world together in 1950 and published their reminiscences in a book, *Passport to the World*. The seminary president calls Criswell "the most profoundly effective pastor in the world today."

Criswell's smiling face was seen all over the seminary campus during the recent week of preaching. He met with faculty, held teaching sessions with students, but most of all "preached the Word" to packed chapel audiences every day.

He urged the future ministers to be earnest in their study and preparation. Said Criswell, "There is a great revival coming, the greatest the world has ever known. God has called you here for preparation for this heavenly assignment."

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Raising Bees for God: 'How Sweet It Is'

by Adon Taft

When a swarm of bees landed in the hedge around his home in Miami, Fla., a little more than three years ago, S. B. Jordan didn't tell them to "buzz off." Instead, the 86-year-old semi-retired Baptist minister decided to get the bees busy for the Lord.

He knew something about the insects since his father had raised a few back in Morgan County, Ga. When he was 12, Sam had written to A. I. Root for his authoritative book started when bees nested in the board siding of his Chicago hardware store.

S. B. Jordan also recalled the experience of a rough and tumble railroad section foreman converted under his ministry in Canal Point, Fla. The man became ill and promised God to do something for the church if he could gather 50 barrels of honey that year.

"He got 53 barrels that year, got active in the church and, to the surprise of many people, became a deacon and was getting 90 barrels of honey a year," said the minister who came to Miami 31 years ago to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hialeah.

So Jordan decided to match whatever he made from the bees and give it all to home, state and foreign missions through the Riverside Baptist Church, where he and his wife are members and he does some of the ministerial visitation chores.

He built one hive with four "supers" (drawer-like sections where the bees build their honeycombs) in which 30,000 bees nest, and one with three supers where another 25,000 wax old in a few weeks. It takes a lot out of them to produce 668 pounds of honey two years ago, 771 pounds last year and 500 pounds so far this year.

Translated into cash, that has meant about \$600 for missions, reports Jordan, whose figures are as accurate as they can be made by a man who graduated from the Byrnes Business College in Athens, Ga., as a banking bookkeeper before he felt called to the ministry. He then studied at Mercer University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, and began preaching in Clearmont, Fla., in 1924.

Since 1937, he has started six churches—two on the shores of Lake Okeechobee and four in Miami.

He figures his business training helped a lot in the construction of 12 church buildings. "It required a lot of money, and I borrowed thousands of dollars without any trouble," he said.

Jordan likes people, too. He has started several in the bee business—many of them young people in programs of his Kiwanis Club. And he has given honey to people from New York to California and many stops in between. He always takes small jars of honey to the shut-ins when he visits.

Raising bees for the Lord has its fringe benefits, believes Jordan, who has a son who is a pastor in Lexington, Ky., a daughter who is a teacher, and another daughter who is in the motel business.

"The fortunate thing about bee stings," he said, "is that they don't hurt permanently, but they help you in the long run.

"They've kept me from having arthritis," declares the slender minister who stands ram-rod straight in a pulpit and preaches at least once a month.

He explained that many doctors give shots of bee venom to ease the effects of arthritis.

So when Jordan sums up his honey-producing endeavor for the Lord, all he can say is, "How sweet it is!" (BP)

Broadman Adds Godwin

Johnnie Godwin, coordinating editor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday school youth section, has been named supervisor of Broadman books and music section of Broadman Press, Nashville.

A native Texan, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates in Texas and in 1970 joined the Sunday School Board staff as editor of youth materials, Sunday School Department.

Godwin is a member of the curriculum selection committee for the Armed Forces Curriculum.

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Madisonville First Ends Construction

First Baptist Church, Madisonville, dedicated its new, \$600,000 special ministries building recently, a multiple use facility.

A large activities room, new kitchen, fellowship room and offices are included.

In addition, extensive remodeling has been completed for new areas in the former building, including new choir rehearsal and robing rooms, creation of a media center and remodeling of educational space.

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Rec Labs Set for '76

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The first is Jan. 8-14 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Leesburg, Fla. Don Blaylock, state student secretary for Kentucky Baptists, will be music leader.

At the second, Jan. 29-Feb. 4 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, Grady Nutt, of Louisville, will be spiritual enrichment leader.

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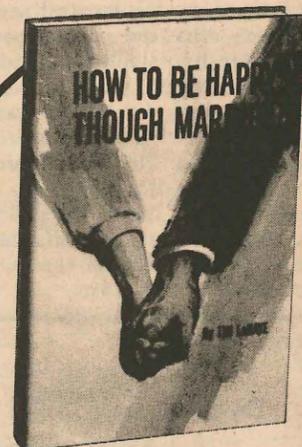
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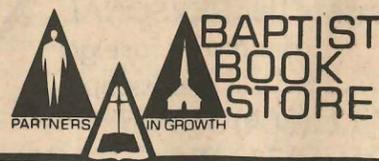
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