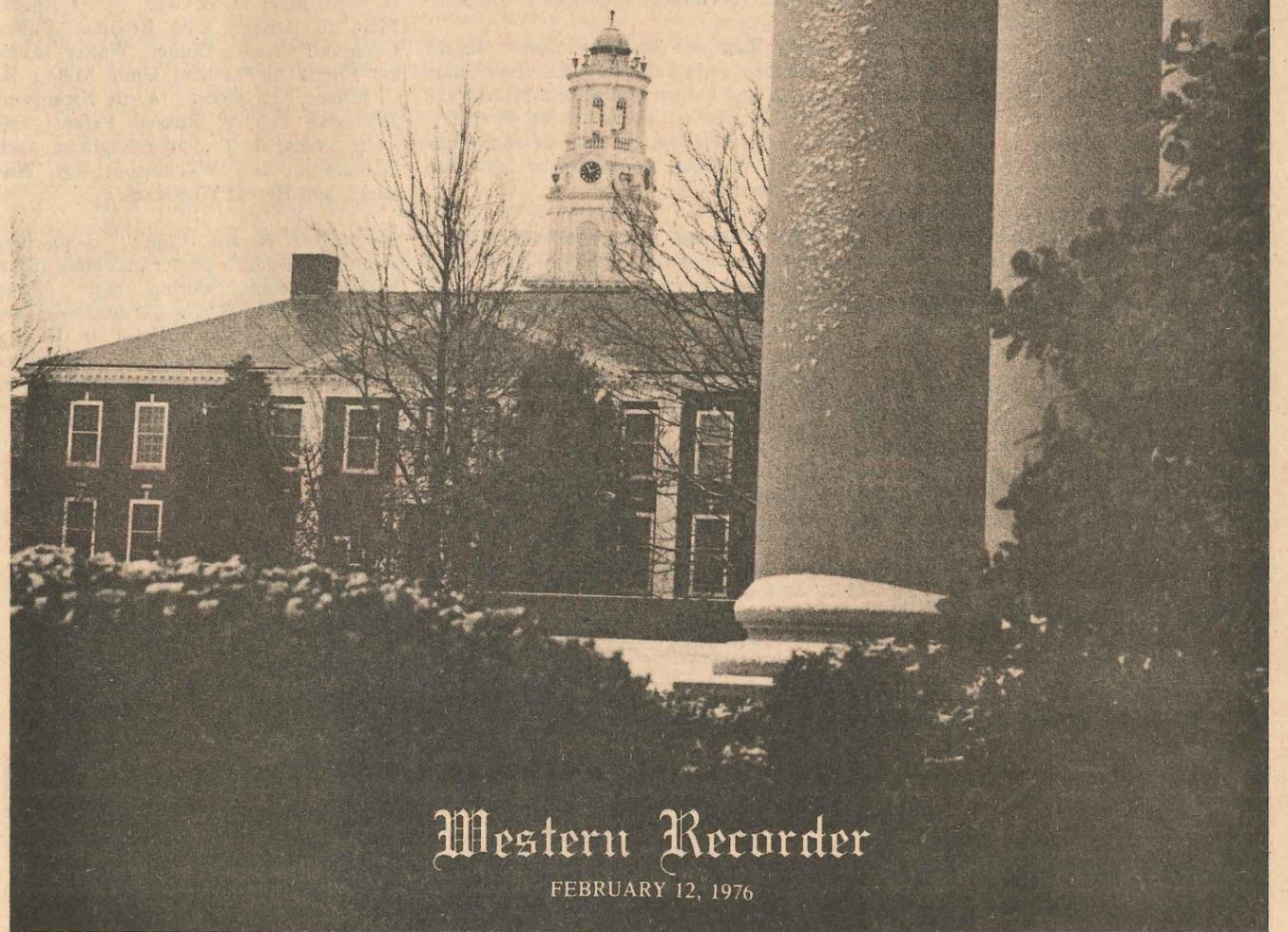


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## People And Places

Baptist Young Women of Cadiz (Ky.) Baptist Church recently held a tea in honor of the young women of the church who were not members of the organization. In conjunction with the tea there was a style show featuring styles of various countries where Baptist mission work is conducted.

Campbellsville College and Crescendo Music Company of Dallas, Tex., will present a choral reading clinic at the college, Saturday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be no charge for the clinic and lunch will be provided in the college cafeteria.

Alex Cummins Sr., president of the Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf, announces a meeting June 18-20 of the conference at Cedarmore. Interested pastors and interpreters may communicate with Cummins at 304 S. Peterson Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206.

Lebanon (Ky.) Baptist Church adopted a resolution concerning Deacon William Jennings Crowds who died Oct. 15, 1975. The resolution called attention to his many years of faithful service to the church and his family.

Ronald Sholar, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, is representing his church and Kentucky Baptists in mission crusades in Ghana, Africa, during the month of January. His services included music, teaching Bible classes and presenting music in witnessing situations.

Southern Seminary will sponsor a 22-day trip to England in July. Topic of study for the trip, which can result in four hours of seminary or college credit, is "The Advance of Evangelistic Spirit in Post Reformation Europe." Taught by Lewis



Seventeen semester missionaries have been assigned by the Home Mission Board for service in 11 states. Vickie Stamm, a student at Eastern Kentucky University, from Lebanon, Va., is serving in Phoenix, Ariz.

Drummond, Billy Graham associate professor of evangelism, the group will take special tours and lectures at Cambridge and Oxford universities and will be housed at Spurgeon's College in London.

Long Run and Pleasant Grove Baptist churches joined forces with their manpower and led in a week-end revival and renewal effort. It proved to be successful for both churches. A total of 16 rededications and one profession of faith was recorded.

William Holmes, a Campbellsville College sophomore, has been hired for a weekend ministering position in his home town of New Castle, Ky. The New Castle United Church Ministries for Christ, an organization sponsored by two Baptist churches, a Methodist church and a Christian church, has secured Bill as bus minister for its "Bus for Christ" outreach.

The faculty, staff and students of Cumberland College used the 87-year-old Southern Baptist institution's first annual

Founder's Day as the occasion to honor professors and administrators who have rendered long service to the school. The honored staff members are: J. M. Boswell; Mary D. Boswell; Sylvia Angel; Mary R. Arnett; John Broome; Esther Compton; Charles Dupier; Walter Mathes; Emma McPherson; Linda Miller; R. C. Miller; Nell Moore; Myrtle Nicholson; Jeannette Palmer; Russell Parker; Edward Sheils; J. T. Vallandingham; Jack Williamson; Lou Williamson; Roy Williams; and Harold Wortman.

Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, sponsored a men's prayer breakfast and a WMU luncheon during their recent revival featuring Evangelist Andrew MacRae and Song Leader Richard Lin. During the revival two persons made professions of faith, one came by statement, two others on promise of letter and five persons made rededications.

## Staff Changes

Gary Lee Southard has accepted the call from Rose Hill Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, to be associate pastor. Southard received his B.A. degree from Georgetown College and his M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary. His wife is former Janet Ruth Willis of Evansville, Ind.



Southard

WESTERN RECORDER

In a situation of concern in Isa. 21:11-12, the question was asked, "Watchman, what of the night?" There seemed to be both encouragement and warning in the watchman's reply: "The morning cometh, and also the night."

Although never "ordained" to be the watchman of youth life in our churches, I have had the cherished privilege of walking and talking with young people, hearing their problems, sharing their hopes and plans and rejoicing with them in their progress and achievement for more than 40 years since my own undergraduate years. Also, I have shared sympathetically the anxiety of their parents as dark clouds of youth dangers loomed in such diverse problems of the 1960's and the continuing problems in our public schools.

Through all of the years and experiences, I have learned many things, of which these two truths are outstanding:

1. However dark the night of youth indulgences may be, "the morning cometh" in the eventual victory of many young people who temporarily succumb to weaknesses.

2. There are always many thousands of our young people who never lose their way in the darkness; but, strengthened by excellent parental teaching and example, and guided through the darkness by their commitment to the Light of the World, like the moon and stars on any dark night, they have given inspiration and hope to their day.

## THE MORNING COMETH

Despite the bewildering contemporary reports of widespread drug use, violence and other disruptions by youth in schools and communities, how is it with our church-active youth? It is *morning* now in the youth life of our churches, and a rather glorious morning it is! What I am about to report is not necessarily true in all churches and, most surely, not true of all church youth; yet, I am thrilled to report that there is greater evidence of spiritual initiative and power on the part of a great throng of our church-active youth than I have ever before witnessed. An unprecedented number of today's church-active youth are:

1. HUNGERING as never before for Bible study, prayer growth and power, for growth to spiritual maturity, for compassion and skill in witnessing and for more of genuineness from heart to finger tips of life. Sharing Christ through witnessing has never before involved as many young people. There is a total rejection of the "plastic Christian" and an inspiring hunger for the "for real" Christian. These wonderful evidences I have seen in unprecedented quantity and quality in the last two years.

2. GROWING in Bible-based conviction, Christian courage, Christ-like compassion toward others, mature concepts of service and sacrifice, down-to-earth applications of God's Word, amazing willingness to serve "the least of these" and thrilling motivations to witnessing.

3. IDENTIFYING with the best of the ages past, loving and respecting their grandparents with an amazing understanding of the character strength that kept their lives and marriages secure. . . . Identifying with the ideals for love and marriage which warmed the hearts of preceding generations as

revealed in contemporary surveys. . . . An identification seen, interestingly enough, in their enjoying clothes, hair-styles and even moustaches of long-ago and more stable days!

4. SERVING. In response to the folk song question, "Do You Really Care?" multiple thousands of our church youth are performing such selfless service as tutoring disadvantaged children in after-school and summer times, shoveling snow in winter for people unable to do it for themselves, loving to drive elderly people to medical appointments or shopping or merely for respite from their housebound days, happily reading to the visually handicapped, writing for those unable now to see well enough to write, bringing cheer to nursing homes through visits, music, seasonal programs . . . helping in hospitals through regular programs or as needed on special occasions . . . baby sitting without compensation in many circumstances of need . . . and ever in their hearts there is the happy refrain, "In Remembrance of Me. . . ."

5. SACRIFICING in a joyous, inspiring manner in order to serve where needed. Several thousand of church youth from throughout our nation serve in summer and other holiday seasons either at their own expense or for mere subsistence compensation in community centers, in summer missions at home and overseas, in underprivileged areas of city and county. Other scores of Baptist youth are serving two-year assignments as Journeyman and US-2 personnel, foregoing gladly the opportunity for remunerative work at home and comfort in living.

6. SHINING with inspiration to their peers, their parents, their churches, and their day, making incarnate the declaration of Dan. 12:3, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

## AND ALSO THE NIGHT

"The morning cometh, and also the night," said the watchman. While it is my hope that the preceding paragraphs have helped any who need assurance to know that, with a tremendous number of our church youth, the morning *has come*, and that for its coming we can be happy and grateful; in our justifiable joy we must remind ourselves of these three "night warnings":

1. The morning has not come for all of our church youth; and, while rejoicing in the dawn of the morning of commitment in the lives of so many of our youth, we need to continue without cessation our efforts to win our church youth who are still in the twilight—some in the night—of dangerous indulgences.

2. We who are parents, counselors and adult friends need to give our committed youth continuing support in all the ways needful for their continuing growth toward inspiring maturity—and this support through both our personal examples and tireless efforts.

3. We need to be diligent in preparing the preteens and even younger ones with insight, understanding, growth, conviction, courage and compassion; for, if we do not, a recurrence of the nighttime of the 1960's is possible.

## Watchman, What of the Night?

Chester E. Swor

Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Swor will conduct a revival Feb. 29-Mar. 4 at 7 p.m. daily at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

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## The Dawn of a New Day

A transplanted Georgian who by now has lived more years in Kentucky than in his native state has difficulty with first loves and allegiances. For more than a few years Kentucky has been my choice over any place for a home and for a place to minister.

But my home state of Georgia has its own beauty and blessings and to experience them again warms my heart. This warmth has overwhelmed me in recent days spent by my aged mother's hospital bed and in studying the scriptures with Baptists in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

The fertile level fields of south Georgia take me back to halcyon days of boyhood. To feel the same soil underfoot which yielded meager but adequate sustenance in leaner years is to sense the security of those who live close to God and to the good earth. To walk again by crystal clear streams fed by everlasting springs and to hear the mournful music of tall pines and the lullaby of January rain on a roof top is to exult in the endless gifts of a benevolent Creator and a generous Sustainer.

This is not the same Georgia I left 33 years ago. Many of the changes have come painfully but a sense of new life and well being is evident everywhere. Farming which was a drudgery is now a scientific pursuit in which only big operators can survive. The fumes of farm tractors have replaced the smell of sweaty mules and the wearisome following a plow in broiling summer heat is but a memory for drivers in air conditioned tractor cabs now.

Change is even more evident in other areas. In 1943 when I left public school teaching in my native county for seminary training in Louisville there were more than 50 one room schools in that county for blacks. Today blacks and whites ride together to one central high school in the county and the decaying ruins of the one room schools are but a memorial to the inequality of educational opportunity of other days.

Much of the change has understandably been difficult and painful. This generation has paid for

the sins of their forefathers. Some have not been able to stand the pain and have abandoned public schools for segregated private schools. My belief in public schools as an indispensable part of American experiment in democracy makes me judgmental too quickly. I am firmly convinced the desertion of public schools is unwise but I am not certain I would have done differently under the circumstances.

Some communities have risen to the occasion and deserve highest commendation. They stand tall and point the way to the slow but right solution. One of these communities is Ben Hill County in south central Georgia where I have enjoyed the fellowship of Bible study several times in the last decade.

On my last visit to Fitzgerald before this year parents were up against it. Court ordered desegregation in public schools required whites to attend hitherto all black schools and put blacks in hitherto all white schools. As Christians and law abiding citizens they obeyed the law.

Today there is no private school in the county. Neither has there been violence or lawlessness in the public schools.

A sight on public school playgrounds I happened to see one morning was revealing. My first thought as I saw several playing groups in the distance was that the blacks and whites would be in separate groups. Not so! There was an equal distribution of the two colors and all seemed to be playing happily and harmoniously.

This doesn't mean heaven on earth has come to the deep south. Neither has it come anywhere else. It does mean the basic good will and sincere religion of southerners is shining through and in many places they are ahead of Louisville, Detroit or Boston in finding a Christian solution to segregated schools. The new day has dawned. Blacks and whites who learn together and play together in schools today will live together better when they are the community leaders a few years hence.

## Presidential Politics, A La Southern Baptists

Every other year about this time speculation begins concerning who will be chosen president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is one of those years since President Jaroy Weber completes two years of service which is the constitutional limit.

The process by which the Southern Baptist Convention president is elected is interesting. The fact is there is no approved process beyond the provisions of the constitution and in such a situation anything can happen and often does. Ideally, the Holy Spirit reveals his choice for one to fill this important place. Those messengers who believe the Holy Spirit is directing them in this matter nominate candidates for president. It is assumed the Holy Spirit then directs convention messengers to elect God's choice.

Appearances indicate such a spiritual approach for electing a convention president is not always followed. Signs suggest the election resembles more closely the American political process than it does a Holy Spirit directed plan. Preconvention planning and campaigning sometimes take place. State evangelism conferences and the Southern Baptist pastors' conferences serve as primaries and exposure opportunities for aspiring candidates. Strategy also includes careful planning in creating a popular image for a candidate including his orthodoxy and his ability to fill the office.

The Holy Spirit might work in such a process but it would be in spite of it instead of because of it.

Theoretically, every Southern Baptist has the same opportunity and chance to be chosen for denominational office. Practically it does not work that way. It is a matter of image and popularity. Else, why is it that those with big churches, wide exposure and great oratory are always chosen?

Check the Southern Baptist Convention annual and see if any other kind of candidate has ever been elected. Even the two laymen presidents in recent history, Brooks Hays and Owen Cooper, have national and international recognition in politics and business.

It is reasonable to consider what is needed in a convention president before putting up names. The office should choose the person, not the person the office.

Here is a limited list of qualifications one should possess before being considered for

presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are not listed in the order of their importance.

- A proven and experienced leader. Only those whose commitment to the Lord, to the scriptures and to Baptist ideals is known and proven should be considered. Hands should not be laid too quickly on anyone for the ministry nor for influential denominational office. The charisma of popular preachers is not as important as experience and maturity of proven leaders.

- One who has no ax to grind. He should not be the darling of the ultra-conservatives nor the champions of the less-conservatives. A would-be crusader should depend upon the truth of his convictions and not upon the prestige of his denominational office. He is the leader of all Southern Baptists, not the hero of any special interest group.

- One of impeccable integrity. Only one who had rather be right than convention president is worthy of consideration. If he wants the office, he probably should not have it. The responsibility to make certain appointments and other powers of the president's office demand one who makes appointments on the basis of ability instead of availability or friendship.

- One who is cooperative and in sympathy with the main thrusts of Southern Baptists. To see places for improvements in the denomination and to work for these is admirable. That's how Southern Baptists got where they are today. To be antagonistic and obstinate is another matter. Blind loyalty to the denomination is irresponsible but nit-picking is petty and should be beneath the dignity of one filling an influential Baptist office.

- One who is a fair presider and an able parliamentarian. The tone and spirit of any meeting depend largely upon the presider. To be firm but fair is a necessity in a business session of 15,000 messengers. Maybe along with the gavel the incoming president should be presented a copy of Robert's Rules of Order and an asbestos suit. He'll need both in conducting a business meeting of Southern Baptists.

Let's consider these and other qualifications before choosing a convention president.

## BAPTIST NEWS BRIEFS

### HONDURAN BAPTISTS REPORT LARGEST GROWTH IN HISTORY

Messengers to the Honduran Baptist Convention, meeting in La Ceiba, heard reports of the greatest growth in the convention's 18-year history.

Baptisms totaled 404—one baptism for every 2.8 Baptists in the convention. The previous year's total was 107. Membership of the churches grew from 1,063 to 1,381, an increase of almost 30 percent in a single year.

Analyzing reasons for the unprecedented growth, Southern Baptist missionary Ralph A. Wilson, statistician for the convention, said, "The growth can be attributed to studies in the churches concerning the fullness of the Spirit. I also feel God spoke to people in the midst of Hurricane Fifi which killed thousands and left many homeless." (BP)

### BLACK-WHITE BAPTISTS FORM ORGANIZATION IN CALIF.

Hoping that the Baptist point of view might make more impact on California life, six Baptist church groups—four predominantly black and two predominantly white—have formed a statewide commission.

The six groups represented in the commission are the American Baptist Church of the Southwest, the California State Baptist Convention, the Progressive Baptist Convention of California and Nevada, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and the Western Baptist State Convention.

The first project of the new commission is a noncontroversial one, a three-hour bicentennial celebration.

But leaders of the 30-member commission made it clear they will speak on issues of concern from a broad-based, basically conservative Christian standpoint.

E. V. Hill, black Baptist preacher from Los Angeles, said, "We've been silent on issues on which we should have been speaking out."

"This is the first time a group of this magnitude has come together because of the Christ and not the crisis," said Hill. (BP)

### SBC DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS PLAN NORFOLK CONFERENCE

The Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Associational Missions will deal with identity problems of associations of Baptist churches at its annual meeting in Norfolk on June 13-14.

The conference, at the Quality Inn-Lake Wright, will meet in conjunction with the annual national meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 15-17 at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

"Identity is the number one problem in the world today," says Richard G. Bryant, president of the conference and director of missions for the Miami Baptist Association. (BP)

### FORD URGED TO BLOCK CIA USE OF MISSIONARIES

The Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, meeting in quarterly session in Dallas, called on President Gerald Ford, "by executive order or whatever other action may be effective, to prohibit the CIA from using or working with missionaries of any denomination in intelligence operations."

The social concerns arm of the 2.2-million-member convention said, "The use of missionaries for such purposes is now, and always has been, contrary to the clear policy of Southern Baptists," who have over 2,600 missionaries in 82 countries.

"We know of no instances in which Southern Baptist missionaries have been engaged in CIA activities. We join with the (Southern Baptist) Foreign Mission Board in reaffirming this historic principle of separation," the commission continued. (BP)

Holy  
Things



Franklin Owen

I believe it is normal for a man to regard some things and customs and places as holy — to keep them in reverent regard and reserved for consecrated purposes. For example, the name of God, the house of God, the cross of Christ, the scriptures, the pulpit, the altar, the sanctuary, the Lord's day, etc.

In very recent years, I see and hear more and more careless or perhaps deliberate tarnishings of holy things. I see and hear it in the entertainment world. There is an increasing use of profanity in script and rough words in print.

Most of this is very subtle. One sees it on the screen and it is not apt to be open and flagrant; but just a general undertone in the manner of filming or in the content of the script. Some secondary or perhaps tertiary implication is subtly left with the reader or the viewer or the hearer that downgrades the church, the ministry, sometimes the Bible and sometimes even God.

I don't really know how to describe it. Sometimes it seems simply to be careless use of holy things and ideas and principles. Other times it seems a flagrant profanation of the most sacred things and truths and concepts. I feel silly to mention it but sometimes I wonder whether there is some kind of atheistic widespread conspiracy to chip away at holy things, to their discredit, with some deliberately playing the game and others playing dupe to those who conspire.

This is an age of protest, of denouncement and sometimes blasphemy. Daring entertainers, seeking attention, reach further and further to exceed their previous excesses until they blaspheme the holiest things, even God himself.

Be an upholder of holy things and principles and times and places and habits. Man needs some holy things. A man who regards nothing holy is abnormal and I suspect I would not be going beyond the mark, with the scriptures in my support, if I were to observe that he is a fool. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." (Prov. 9:10).

# Southern Baptist Convention

Norfolk Scope Convention Center

June 15-17, 1976

Norfolk, Virginia

Theme: "Let The Church Stand Up"

### Tuesday Morning, June 15

- 8:45 Music for Inspiration—Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, Allen R. Brown, director, Richmond, Va.
- 9:15 Call to Order
- 9:20 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, director, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:25 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:30 Report of Committee on Order of Business—R. G. Puckett, chairman, Baltimore, Md.
- 9:40 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers Recognition of Local Committees
- 9:50 Introduction of Virginia Governor—William J. Cumbie of Fairfax, Va., president, Baptist General Association of Virginia  
Welcome Address — Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Richmond, Va.
- 10:10 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:15 Solo—Nettie Beth Weber, Flat Rock, N. C.
- 10:20 President's Address — Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Tex.
- 11:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 11:05 Executive Committee Report (First Section) — Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:10 Introduction of Resolutions
- 12:35 Benediction — Bruce M. Morgan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.

### Tuesday Afternoon, June 15

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration — "Freedom 76," First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., Ron Lowry, minister of music
- 2:30 Congregational Singing — Allen R. Brown, Richmond, Va.
- 2:35 "The Church and Biblical Authority" — James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:55 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Address — Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States
- 3:50 Executive Committee Report (Final Section) — Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.

- 4:00 "Looking to the Third Century with Confidence" — Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Education Commission, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:15 Election of Officers
- 4:25 Miscellaneous Business Introduction of Resolutions
- 4:45 Benediction—Joe Whitt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Aliceville, Ala.

### Tuesday Evening, June 15

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration — The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York City, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing — Ron Lowry, Lubbock, Tex.
- 7:05 "Let the Church Stand Up in Today's World" — Bailey Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
- 7:25 "Christ's Freedom Rings: Past, Present, Future" — Lynn E. May, executive secretary, Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn.
- 7:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:10 Congregational Singing—Ron Lowry
- 8:15 Southern Baptist Seminaries
- 8:45 "Born to Serve": The Cooperative Program Forum — Conrad Johnston, chairman, Salem, Va.
- 9:30 Benediction — Earl H. Wilson, pastor, City View Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

### Wednesday Morning, June 16

- 8:45 Music for Inspiration—"Cooperative Program" (Youth Choir), First Baptist Church, Sheridan, Ark., Mrs. Delbert Taylor, director
- 9:15 Congregational Singing—Gary M. Horton, Alexandria, Va.
- 9:20 "The Church in the Redemption of the Family" — Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C.
- 9:40 Election of Officers
- 9:50 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:20 Committee on Committees Report Committee on Boards Report
- 10:30 Report of Committee to Study the SBC Executive Committee — C. R. Daley, Middletown, Ky., chairman
- 11:00 Congregational Singing — Gary M. Horton

- 11:05 Special Music — James R. Davis, Tulsa, Okla.
  - 11:10 Convention Sermon — Warren Hultgren pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.  
Alternate: Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
  - 11:40 Miscellaneous Business (Consideration of constitutional changes and others matters.)  
Election of Officers
  - 12:30 Benediction — Dan Rainbolt, pastor, Susquehanna Baptist Church, Independence, Mo.
- (No Afternoon Session)

### Wednesday Evening, June 16

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration — Tidewater Area Baptist Choir, Jerry P. Huling, Norfolk Va., director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing — Clinton Nichols, New Orleans, La.
- 7:05 "The Church and Religious Liberty" — Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 7:25 Recognition of Past Presidents
- 7:35 "Applying The Gospel" — Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.
- 7:45 "Publish and Conceal Not" — Committee on State Baptist Papers, H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tenn., chairman
- 7:55 Missions Challenge Committee Report — Warren Hultgren, Tulsa, Okla., chairman
- 8:40 Congregational Singing — Clinton Nichols
- 8:45 "Total Mission Thrust, Now!" — Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- 9:30 Benediction — Morris Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

### Thursday Morning, June 17

- 8:45 Music for Inspiration — "Jubilate," University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va., Carl Beard, minister of music
- 9:15 Congregational Singing — Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 9:20 "The Church and National Righteousness" — Foy Valentine, execu-

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- tive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:40 Sunday School Board — Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 10:30 Baptist World Alliance — Robert Denny, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 10:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs — James Wood, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 10:50 Southern Baptist Foundation — Kendall Berry, executive secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15 Congregational Singing — Paul Bobbitt
- 11:20 "Magnificent Obsession" — Harold A. Carter, pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.
- 12:00 Benediction — Charles Jolly, pastor, Madison Baptist Church, Madison, N.J.

**Thursday Afternoon, June 17**

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration — Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing — Lowell Leistner, Orlando, Fla.
- 2:35 "The Church and a Clean America" — H. Edwin Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C.
- 2:55 Annuity Board — Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Tex.
- 3:15 American Bible Society
- 3:20 Radio-TV Commission Report — Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Tex.
- 3:35 Stewardship Commission — A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:45 Denominational Calendar
- 3:50 Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:55 Congregational Singing — Lowell Leistner
- 4:00 Special Music — Debbie and Otis Stroup, Glen Burnie, Md.
- 4:05 "Let The Church Stand Up With A Clear Voice To Its Youth" — Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Miss.
- 4:40 Benediction — Laverne Inzer, missionary, Carlin, Nev.

**Thursday Evening, June 17**

- 6:30 "Stearns & Co." Historical Musical drama by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., Joe Carrell, director
- 7:30 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
- 7:35 "The Church and Personal Integrity" — Walter P. Shurden, professor, church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

- 7:55 "Teach Missions: To Know, To Grow" — Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.
- 8:10 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds
- 8:15 "Men and Boys in Missions" — Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.
- 8:30 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds

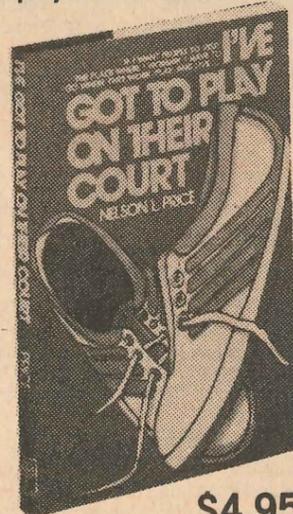
- 8:40 Home Mission Board — Arthur Rutledge, executive director, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:30 "And The March Goes On" — Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
- 10:00 Ringing of The Liberty Bell Passing of President's Gavel
- 10:15 Benediction — New President, Southern Baptist Convention

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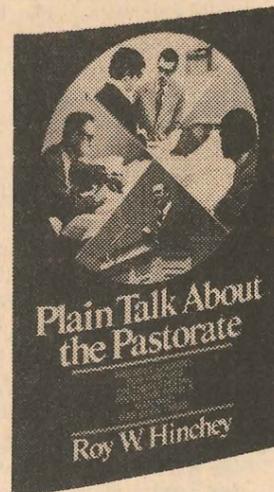
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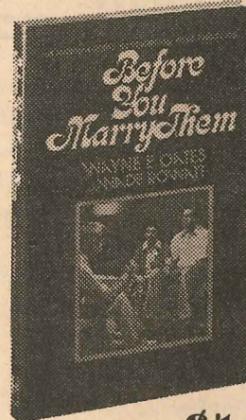
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According to Calvin Fields, who will preside over meetings in the east, each event is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. and includes a 50-cent hot dog supper. Forrest R. Sawyer will direct sessions in the west.

Eastern area congresses are as follows: Feb. 16, First Church, Stanton; Feb. 17, First, Falmouth; Feb. 19, Central, Corbin; Feb. 20, First, Lawrenceburg.

In the west, congresses include: Feb. 16, Southside Church, Princeton; Feb. 17, Second, Greenville; Feb. 19, First, Franklin; and Feb. 20, First, Cecilia.

Topics to be covered at each congress include: "200 Years of Preaching in Kentucky," "200 Years of Missions in America," "200 years of Missions in the World," "My Part in American Missions," "My Part in World Missions," and "My Part in Kentucky Preaching." Speakers include associational, home and foreign missionaries.

## Baptist Homes Extends Aid to Elderly Persons

The board of directors of Baptist Homes for the Elderly Inc. has approved extending further care for the aged.

Since 1968 the organization has been operating the N. B. and Sarah H. Wigington Home at 1325 S. Third St., Louisville. Believing that Baptists have a responsibility to meet needs of the elderly in the personal, intermediate or nursing care field, Baptist Homes is investigating the establishment of such a home.

Newly elected officers of the corporation are James B. Lewis, president; C. C. Weatherton, vice president; and Leo T. Crismon, secretary-treasurer.

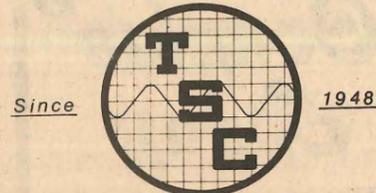
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We say *thank you* in many ways. A part of our thanks is the more than 100 foreign missionaries who did their undergraduate work at Georgetown College. The records of the Foreign Mission Board indicate that only ten colleges and universities have been the undergraduate school of more than 100 missionaries. Georgetown College ranks fifth among these ten in the proportion of graduates who are foreign missionaries. We say *thank you* by being the place of undergraduate training for some of the most dedicated leaders of the Home Mission Board. We say *thank you* by sending forth unnumbered pastors who have served in Kentucky and throughout the nation. As we think of the future, we are encouraged to read in a report of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary that of the 583 undergraduate institutions represented on that campus Georgetown ranks fourth in the number of graduates in attendance there.

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Matthew 16:13-26

Christ asked the disciples whom they heard others say that he was. He was told that some thought he was John the Baptist, others thought that he was Elijah, others said he was Jeremiah and others thought he was one of the prophets. All thought he was a great and good man and wonderful in his teachings but none thought of him as the long-expected Messiah.

Christ asked his friends, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter, the spokesman for the disciples, answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." In his mind there was not any doubt about that. Christ stated that it was not due to human wisdom that Peter had reached that conclusion, but that it had been revealed to him by the Father.

In announcing his purpose our Lord said: "Thou art Peter (Petros — literally, 'a pebble' or 'a little rock'), and upon this rock (Petra — literally, 'a fixed rock' or 'a ledge rock') I will build my church." This rock, upon which Christ promised to build his church, is himself. Christ also promised to give Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." The gospel of Christ is the way to the kingdom; it is the privilege of all Christians to present this gospel to others.

After Christ heard the disciples declare their faith in his deity and messiahship, he began to teach them of his approaching sufferings, death, burial and resurrection. The disciples were shocked and astounded. Peter took Christ aside and privately tried to persuade him not to pursue such a course. Peter expressed the hope that God would not allow such a thing to happen.

In response to Peter, Christ administered a solemn and sharp rebuke, letting him know that his suggestion originated with Satan. Nothing was more offensive to Christ than an attempt to keep him from suffering and dying to obtain salvation for sinners. He resented any attempt to keep him from doing God's will.

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Matthew 22:15-21, 35-46

Even though the Pharisees and Herodians were at great variance, they formed an alliance in bitter opposition to Christ and concocted a scheme to lure him into self-incrimination. They wanted to prove that he was disloyal to his people because he advocated the payment of tribute to Caesar or that he was a traitor to Caesar because he recommended rebellion against taxation.

After speaking words of flattery, Christ's critics asked him, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" Christ commanded them to show him a denarius, a coin used in ordinary business transactions. When they did so, he asked them to tell him whose likeness and superscription appeared thereon, and they replied, "Caesar's." By receiving and using it and by acknowledging that it was Caesar's, they admitted subjection to Caesar's government and their consequent obligation to pay the tribute which was demanded of them. Christ's statement, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's," shocked them. He meant it is the duty of all people to acknowledge their obligations to both human governments and God. Failure to perform one's obligation to human government is wrong but failure to perform one's obligation to God is a far greater sin.

Although the Pharisees, Herodians and Sadducees had suffered a severe rebuff, they proceeded to attack Christ again. The Pharisees thought they knew all there was to know about Jewish law. They selected a brilliant lawyer to ask Christ which of the commandments was most important.

Christ again showed that man's responsibility is first to God and then to his fellowmen. It is the duty of every man to love God with love which controls the whole being and without reservation. Only the person who loves God with all his heart will be able to love his neighbor as himself.

Having withstood the attacks of his enemies, Christ asked what they thought about him and whose son they considered him to be. They replied that he was the son of David. They acknowledged his deity and his humanity but refused to accept him as their saviour.

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## SBC Budget Sets One-Month Record

The national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget entered 1976 like it entered 1975, setting an all-time one-month giving record of more than \$4 million. "Southern Baptists started off the bicentennial year in a meaningful way," said Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee. "The record \$4,870,138 represents more than \$12,500,000 given by the churches through the Cooperative Program and it includes advance or challenge funds received by many of the states over their primary budgets."

According to the figures released by Billy D. Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, this top

performance exceeds last January's record by 13.18 percent.

During the first four months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, October through January, national Cooperative Program receipts were 13.15 percent ahead of the same point in 1974-75. Meanwhile, 33 state conventions covering 50 states funneled \$6,789,363 in designated contributions from Southern Baptist church members to Southern Baptists' worldwide missions program. (BP)

**BULLETIN**

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## North Carolina Baptist Pastor Wants to Be Governor

Coy Privette says he will resign as pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., to seek the Republican nomination to run for governor of North Carolina.

The 43-year-old pastor who says he will not turn his back on preaching and ministry in or out of the governor's office, is president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and was president of the Christian Action League, a non-partisan, interdenominational group in the state, for five years.

During that time, he said, "it became obvious that special and vested interests dominated the scene in North Carolina politics. When votes were cast in meetings of committees of the General Assembly, they were usually in favor of high paid lobbyists and their vested interests. I began to notice that special interests dominate state commissions." That situation, Privette said, "must be turned around by making state government people-oriented, rather than special interest-oriented."

Privette got the political bit in his teeth during successful efforts by the Christian Action League to fight for "people-oriented, moral, ethical legislation."

League support helped beat special interest groups which opposed toughening drunk driving laws and its efforts were instrumental in passage of legisla-

tion to establish a new medical school to increase the short supply of physicians, despite the physicians' lobby.

Privette, who says support has swelled at both the grass roots and party levels for him to run, admits his toughest victory will be winning the Republican primary because he did not establish himself as a party regular during his involvement in non-partisan issues. The test will come in August when the primaries decide the candidates.

What he wants to do most is "prove that good government can be open and above board. People have lost their confidence in our political system and professional politicians. They want someone who doesn't owe his soul to vested interests and someone who will work for people."

Privette, a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has pastored the church in Kannapolis for 14 years. He declares that he is not going to leave the ministry. "I will continue to preach, and I hope eventually to return to the pastorate. As governor I would have a much wider opportunity for Christian ministry and witness than ever before."

He feels that resignation from his pulpit is an absolute must. "I would not want to involve the church in a partisan political campaign and I couldn't do

justice to the church while running for office." He said he would also resign the presidency of the state Baptist convention if it became apparent that campaigning would interfere with his convention duties.

Privette says he has gotten encouragement from a mailout to 10,000 persons, most affiliated with the Christian Action League and including, he says, 80 percent registered Democrats.

"To date, 83 percent of the responses say they want to help me get elected and 22 percent say they would change registration from Democrat to Republican to vote for me in the primary," Privette said.

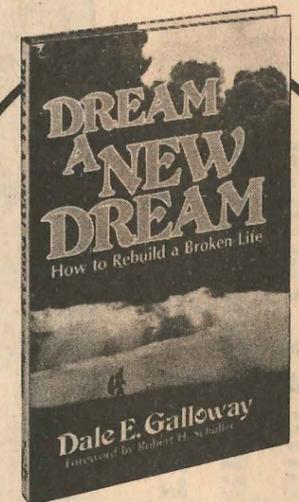
So, Coy Privette will take a calculated risk, but he's not worried about the future. "God has opened one door after another for me. I don't know what he's got in store for me but it will be exciting." (BP)

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