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## People And Places

U. S. Congressman Carroll Hubbard was featured speaker at Georgetown College's bicentennial Founder's Day program Feb. 11. A native of Murray, Hubbard received his B.A. degree from Georgetown College and his law degree from the University of Louisville.

Mrs. C. M. (Nell) Hill was honored at a surprise party Nov. 22 at Ferguson (Ky.) Baptist Church in recognition of her many years of loyal service in WMU.

Mrs. Anna Mary Birdwell is the new Baptist Young Women's director of the state convention. She has previously served as Aceens and Sunbeam state director. Mrs. Birdwell, a native of Leitchfield, received her B.S. degree from Campbellsville College and her M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary. She and her husband now live in Shelbyville.



Mrs. Birdwell

Funeral services for Clara Bell Thompson Powell, 84, of Philadelphia, Pa., were at 2 p.m., Feb. 1 at Pearson Funeral Home, Louisville. Mrs. Powell, the widow of William C. Powell, was a former president of Bethel Women's College of Hopkinsville, now defunct. Mrs. Powell was a frequent contributing editor to *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies' Home Journal* and other women's magazines. She is survived by one sister, Helen Thompson of Louisville, and two brothers, John M. Thompson of Philadelphia and W. Scott Thompson of Titusville, Fla.

Pastor Don Lambert of the Millwood Baptist Church, Goshen Association, re-

ports the death of Don Crawford. Crawford died on Jan. 12 after serving as deacon in the Millwood congregation for 27 years.

Travis Otey Jr. was recently ordained to the gospel ministry at First Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn. He is the son of the pastor, R. Travis Otey Sr., formerly of Cadiz and Glasgow, Ky. E. K. Judy, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., preached the ordaining sermon.

## Staff Changes

Guy M. Deane Jr. resigned after nearly seven years as pastor of Fordsville Baptist Church. He has been called to Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.

Virgil Vandevanter resigned as pastor of Arthur Ridge Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Jan. 28. He, his wife, Ida, and daughter, Victoria, are now living in London, Ky.

Yorktown Baptist Church, Louisville, called Frank Florence as pastor effective Feb. 15. He comes from First Church, Tompkinsville, having formerly served Lynn Acres Church, Louisville, and as a missionary under Foreign Mission Board appointment.

Eugene Mathias recently accepted the pastorate of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky. A third year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Mathias was former pastor of East Pineville Baptist Church. He is married to the former Barbara Mae Lairmer.



Mathias



## Our Kentucky Baptist Heritage

Jack Birdwhistell

When Basil Manly Jr., then president of Georgetown College, addressed the centennial session of the General Association in Louisville on May 25, 1876, he pointed out an interesting fact. Buried almost within sight of each other "on the banks of the softly flowing South Elkhorn in Franklin County" were the bodies of three of Kentucky's most important pioneer Baptist preachers. Holding the biographies of these men, William Hickman (1747-1834), John Taylor (1752-1836) and John Garro (1727-1804), Manly exclaimed, "Happy the people who so remember the worthy deeds of their ancestors; happy the people who have such ancestors to remember!"

These men and others, such as William Marshall (1735-1813), Lewis Craig (1737-1829), John Shackelford (1750-1829), John Rice (1760-1843) and Ambrose Dudley (1750-1825), came to Kentucky from Virginia and North Carolina after the Revolutionary War. Here they, and many others, organized and shepherded pioneer Baptist congregations.

When reading accounts of the lives of these pioneers one is struck by their great courage, which led them to gather their families together for the long trek to Kentucky and to ride lonely miles on horseback to preach to small congregations. Their dedication led them to work their farms six days a week and preach on Sundays. Rugged individualism helped them to preach the gospel as they saw it and sensitivity to the workings of the spirit allowed them to deal creatively with religious behavior some would consider "extreme."

No one would say that today's ministers are not better trained in theology, pastoral care, administration, and Biblical scholarship. But there is always the danger that the ministry will become "just another profession" in which each must speak the same jargon, adopt the same lifestyle, wear similar clothes, have like certification and play the same games to climb the ladder of success. To these everpresent tendencies the pioneer preachers are our enduring corrective.

## Set the Record Straight

# The Child Services Act—Not Really A Threat To The Family

by John W. Baker and Rosemary Brevard

Have you seen a circular warning you that the federal government is plotting to take away your children if you insist that they take out the garbage?

The bills which the circular asserts contain this alleged plot are H.R. 2966 and S. 626, the Child and Family Services Act of 1975. These bills, which are almost identical, are currently pending in House and Senate subcommittees, but the allegations contained in the circulars are false and misleading.

The Child and Family Services Act of 1975 is actually designed to help both children and parents — particularly those parents who are working or cannot, for a variety of reasons, adequately care for their children during working hours. It provides for full time or part time child care programs, before and after school as well as summer programs, education and consultation for parents, prenatal medical care for mothers who cannot afford it to help protect the unborn child, food and nutritional services for poor children, treatment of medical and psychological

problems of children if their parents request such treatment, and help for children with handicaps or special learning disabilities.

The fact that Congress is even considering this Act has generated a wave of unusual protest — unusual in that most of it seems to be the result of unsigned circulars which have been widely distributed by churches and individuals. These circulars, often headed "Rearing Children by the Government or by Parents," contain a welter of inflammatory misinformation and untruth.

Several versions of the circular assert that the office of Senator Dewey Bartlett (R-Okla.) has issued the information in the circular. Another version links a member of Senator Bartlett's staff to a proposed letter writing campaign against the Act. Senator Bartlett's office denies that it has had anything to do with the circular or letter writing campaign. That office rejects the circular as a misleading document.

Senator Walter Mondale (D-Minn.), the chairman of the Senate subcommittee handling the Child and Family Services Act in a speech on the Senate floor (congressional Record, Nov. 19, 1975, pp. S20397-S20401), stated that the Act is "... being subjected to one of the most distorted and dishonest attacks I have witnessed in my 15 years of public service."

Mondale went on to speak of the allegations in the circulars and about the circulars themselves. "These allegations are absolutely and completely false. There is not a shred of truth in any one of them. If there were, neither I nor any Member of Congress would be sponsoring this legislation. . . . Yet mimeographed materials being circulated . . . allege that the so-called 'children's rights' quoted [on the Senate floor in 1971 from a British] document are 'becoming part of' the Child and Family Services Act. That allegation is totally false, and I believe that the individuals or organizations making the allegation know it is false. I say that because the materials containing these allegations are unsigned—a clear and significant sign that the organizations or individuals circulating these allegations know that they cannot defend or document them."

Some falsehoods attributed to the Act are that parents who are not doing a good job will have their children taken away from them, that parents cannot teach their children about God, that a Charter of Children's Rights is being added to the Act, and that parents would lose the right to form their children's characters. To set the record straight and to refute the above untruths the following facts about the Act are given:

1. The Act, instead of taking child rearing away from parents, clearly states that "... child and family service programs must build upon and strengthen the role of the family and must be provided on a voluntary basis only to children whose parents or legal guardians request such services, with a view toward offering families the options they believe to be most appropriate for their particular needs."

2. There is no "Child Advocacy Clause" nor is there a "Charter of Children's Rights" anywhere in the bill and neither of them will be added. The "Charter of Children's Rights" was developed years ago by the unofficial British Advisory Center of Education but was never even seriously proposed in England. Senator Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) read a portion of this British group's proposal into the Congressional Record in a Senate debate on another child services bill on Dec. 2, 1971. The text is found on p. 44138 of the Record. However, that material was not a part of the 1971 bill and is not a part of the present Act.

3. The Act specifically prohibits any practice which would "... infringe upon or usurp the moral and legal rights and responsibilities of parents or guardians with respect to the moral, mental, emotional, physical, or other development of their children."

4. The Act prohibits any medical or psychological examination or treatment unless the parent or guardian provides written permission.

5. The privacy of families is protected by the provision that no "... section of this Act be construed or applied in such a manner as to permit any invasion of privacy otherwise protected by law, or to abridge any legal remedies for any such invasion which are otherwise provided by law."

The statements of fact given above should not be interpreted to mean that the Act is free of potential church-state problems. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs gave testimony on the Act before a joint House-Senate committee last spring. In that testimony it was pointed out that the inclusion of religious organizations as possible operators of some child care programs would raise the problem of using public funds for what might be religious education and indoctrination.

In summary, close examination of the current bills simply makes it obvious that the allegations in the circulars now flooding the country are a "parade of imaginary horrors." If one is to oppose this Act it should be done on the basis of informed judgment and not on the basis of a circular made up of patent untruths and wild distortions.

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## The Myth of Baptist Democracy



Democracy in Southern Baptist life is an ideal and sometimes a boast but it is more a myth than a reality. This is not because sincere Baptists don't want and don't try to make democracy work in denominational life. It is because equal representation and free discussion are impractical if not impossible in our polity.

Consider the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Theoretically every messenger has the right to voice his convictions and speak his piece. Actually the chances for a messenger who is unknown in denominational circles to be heard sympathetically are slim. By the time he gets the floor the issue under discussion often will have changed and frustration is the reward for his efforts. Again, such treatment is not deliberate but is inevitable in a business meeting of 15,000 participants.

Issues before the convention cannot be freely and fairly discussed on the convention floor. Limited time is but one of the reasons. A more limiting reason is that the messengers are poorly informed on all but a few widely discussed issues that are under consideration.

Hours and hours of deliberation by committees and other small groups usually precede every presentation or recommendation to the convention. To share fully this kind of background with convention messengers is impossible. Consequently, messengers are asked to vote on matters concerning which they are not properly informed.

The best hope for informed participants in a convention lies in the state Baptist papers. But not over half the Baptists in most states ever see or read the state Baptist papers. Besides, when the state paper is controlled by the denominational establishment, the official position gets more space and attention than alternative viewpoints.

Proportionate representation geographically or otherwise is never realized in a convention. The area where the convention meets is always represented all out of proportion to distant areas. Rural churches which still outnumber city congregations in the Southern Baptist Convention have extremely

few messengers in any convention meeting. The main reason for this is that convention attendance is costly and not enough churches smaller than county site congregations provide convention expenses. Most likely more than half of Baptist churches in the convention have never sent a messenger to a convention meeting.

Moreover, layman participation in conventions is sadly lacking. Surveys regularly reveal that around 80% of convention messengers are preachers, church staff members and their family members. Let's admit it. We are a clergy-dominated convention, not by intention but by default.

We could do better. Churches could be more aware of their place and responsibility in the world mission enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention. They could and should send the state Baptist paper into every Baptist home. The state paper is the only source of worldwide Baptist news and views which goes every week into Baptist homes and hearts.

Pastors could keep important issues of the denomination before the congregation. These issues could be explained and discussed honestly thus heading off rumors and misrepresentations which Satan always encourages.

Every Baptist church should consider paying the convention expenses of a layman as well as for the pastor. Some Kentucky churches are doing this and find it extremely valuable.

Messengers sent to conventions should be informed enough on issues scheduled for consideration to participate responsibly. Maybe even another clinic should be conducted by the state convention, one that briefs Southern Baptist Convention messengers each year prior to the convention meeting.

All this is to say our Southern Baptist ideals exceed our performance. This will always be so but let's hold to the ideals. As long as we hold them, there is hope.

With all our shortcomings, I know of no ecclesiastical system which does better. And the Lord does break through all the handicaps to make his will and power known.

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## An Unwholesome Mixture of Politics and Religion

President Ford has tentatively accepted an invitation to speak to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Norfolk in June. So what? What place does a chief of state have in a meeting of Baptist business and inspiration?

To have a United States President who is running for reelection appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention is very questionable. It is unfair to other presidential candidates. It is true Mr. Ford is the only candidate who is president but in his public appearances recently he has sounded more like a candidate than the President.

Such an appearance is bound to win votes for Mr. Ford unless he falls on his face as did Mrs. Ford several months ago in commenting on premarital sex. It seems there are more voters this year than usual who have not decided whom they will favor for president. Many of these are

Southern Baptists and the appearance of Mr. Ford at a Southern Baptist Convention upon the invitation of Baptist leaders will be interpreted as an endorsement.

The acceptance of the invitation is tentative and this is understandable. Either way it goes, Mr. Ford will be the winner. If he makes it, he is certain to say what many Baptists want to hear. If he cancels, his intention will be enough to influence many Baptist voters in his direction.

Southern Baptists should be speaking to Mr. Ford, not Mr. Ford to Southern Baptists. His endorsement of public funds for parochial schools is one place to begin.

Why can't we learn? Former President Nixon's Sunday worship services in the White House and Billy Graham's unofficial endorsement of Mr. Nixon in 1972 should be enough to alert us to the dangers of civil religion.

### Guest Editorial —

## About the Congressional Record

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The *Congressional Record* is an unreliable source of information and the fact that something is printed there is no indication of its truthfulness. There is much accurate and reliable information which appears in the *Record*, but it is a difficult task to sort out reliable information from statements motivated by politics, assertions made as a result of misinformation, or allegations which are deliberately false and misleading.

The *Congressional Record* is supposedly a record of all that transpires on the floors of both the House and the Senate. However, it suffers from the facts that some of what is actually said is not reported and much which is not said is reported as if it had been said. The *Record* has other defects also. All of these deserve a brief examination.

1. The *Record* is not a complete transcription of happenings on the floor of Congress. If a congressman makes a remark on the floor which, upon reflection, he thinks may sound intemperate or stupid, or if he changes his mind, or if he fears his words might hurt him politically, he has access to the transcripts before they go to the printer and is able to edit them so that it appears that he had said something else.

2. The *Record* includes many materials which were never spoken on the floor of Congress. A congressman may ask for unanimous consent to extend his remarks in the *Record*. No one ever objects so editorials from newspapers, high school themes, and magazine articles appear in full. There are no rules that these must be accurate and, in fact, they are usually opinions and value judgments rather than reliable information.

3. Speeches are published in the *Record* without any verification of the facts given. Speeches are never checked on or edited by anyone other than the speaker himself; and because the Constitution guarantees that "... for any Speech or Debate in either House, [congressmen] shall not be questioned in any other Place," a speech may be patently untrue, libelous, or slanderous without the congressman being legally liable for his words. The printing of those words in the *Record* does not make them less untrue, less libelous, or less slanderous.

4. Materials which are unrelated or tangential to the issue being debated may be quoted out of context in a floor debate to inflame or confuse the issue being debated and, of course, will be printed in the *Record*. These materials, in turn, may be lifted out of context to "prove" some other point. An example of this is given in the article on the Child and Family Services Act found elsewhere in this issue. In 1971 in a debate on a similar act, Senator Curtis, in opposition to the act, read into the *Record* (Nov. 10, 1971, p. 44138) a ridiculous Children's Bill of Rights which had been proposed by an unofficial splinter group in England. Nobody there or in this country took the proposals seriously. This Children's Bill of Rights was not in the 1971 act and is not in the Child and Family Services Act of 1975. However, someone dredged it out of the 1971 *Congressional Record* and printed it up in circulars to create the false impression that the documentation proved that the 1975 act would destroy family life.

The *Congressional Record* contains a wealth of information, but do not rely on the correctness of the information given.

## BAPTIST NEWS BRIEFS

### SBC MINISTERS' WIVES SCHEDULE CONFERENCE

The Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference will meet at Freemason Baptist Church in Norfolk on June 15.

The Ministers' Wives Conference program will begin with a historical skit about a Baptist minister's wife and then center on some modern women pioneers, according to Mrs. Robert L. Franklin of Cairo, Ga., president of the conference.

The program will deal with the role of ministers' wives in the home and church and as an employed person or volunteer in the community. (BP)

### MARS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH ELECTS WOMAN DEACON CHAIRMAN

Evelyn Underwood, chairman of the history department at Mars Hill College in North Carolina, has been elected chairman of deacons at the Mars Hill Baptist Church, a rare distinction among Southern Baptists.

The Mars Hill church, which serves the community as well as the students and faculty of the Baptist college, first ordained a woman as a deacon in 1965. She was Miss Mildred Bingham, chairman of the department of business administration and economics at the college. Miss Underwood was ordained in 1970.

Two other women in the church, Elizabeth Crocco and Mary Ihrig, were elected as deacons in 1972. Mrs. Crocco was ordained at that time, but Miss Ihrig, a member of the English department faculty at the college, had been ordained by the Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church in Chapel Hill in 1968, while she was working on a doctorate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (BP)

### SEMINARY FUND CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY \$400,000 IN GIFTS

Grants totaling \$400,000 have been received from two Fort Worth foundations by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The grants, \$200,000 each from the Amon G. Carter Foundation and the Sid Richardson Foundation, are expected to be applied toward the seminary's current fund raising drive called "Eight by Eighty." The three-month Fort Worth campaign is set to begin in March. (BP)

### NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM WILL EXPLORE EDUCATION

A battery of prominent educators and denominational leaders will address themselves to the challenges of Christian education in America's third century at a National Colloquium on Christian Education in Williamsburg, Va., June 9-12. The colloquium is sponsored by the Education Commission of 12.6-million-member Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, made up of 71 Baptist colleges, schools and seminaries from California to Virginia.

Addressing itself to the theme, "Looking to the Third Century with Confidence," the colloquium will introduce a three year study of Baptist education. That study will feature workshops, seminars and regional meetings for pastors, administrators, faculty members, and denominational leaders throughout the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Participants at the four-day gathering, which meets prior to the SBC annual meeting in Norfolk, June 15-17, will deal with at least seven major issues. They are understanding the purpose of a Baptist school, educating to maintain a Christian witness in a secular culture, developing Christian citizenship, mutual support of educational institution and denomination, how Baptist schools are developing Christian leadership, financial necessities of education, and maintaining and developing responsible trusteeship.

"During the Bicentennial year, it is highly appropriate to call attention to the contribution of Baptist educational institutions, which have given so much to the development of Southern Baptists and to the advancement of general education in our society," says Ben C. Fisher, the Education Commission's executive director-treasurer. (BP)

## Challenge Goal



Franklin Owen

Notice by the Baptist Press that January Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts were the largest in history. We had the same experience in Kentucky. Our receipts reached \$613,975.54, and so far as any existing record is concerned, this is the largest month in history and the first month that ever topped \$600,000.

It made me stop and think to note that the Southern Baptist Convention counted this much more newsworthy than we did. We had not said anything about it. I never have really known how much to speak or write about our receipts. It is shown in a table once a month in the *Western Recorder*, which may or may not be enough said about it. I've never even been sure whether people are inspired to give most when offerings are at their best or when we are in financial trouble.

We haven't been doing any heavy campaigning. We did ask our churches to seriously consider increasing their Cooperative Program giving by one percent. We called it "Operation One." Jesse Stricker's Stewardship Department has been busy, as usual, with programs of instruction and encouragement. We also adopted a 50 percent increase in the Cooperative Program receipts goal as a fitting celebration for the Bicentennial of the Nation, which same year is also the Bicentennial of Baptist preaching in what is now Kentucky. Other than these challenges that we tried to hold before the people, they have been on their own volition. Certainly no pressure campaign whatsoever.

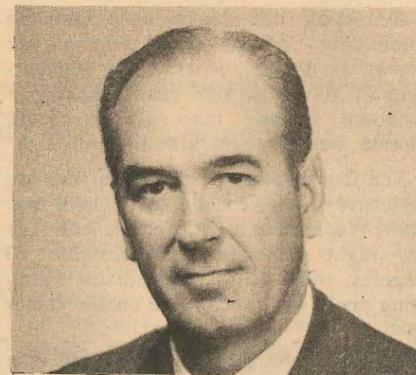
Our people have simply increased their giving. They love the Lord's work, they believe in the cause. Who can index the reasons for such gains? We've had great inflation and Christians have voluntarily increased their giving enough to help keep us ahead of that inflation. We have tried to build and maintain a high level of confidence in our personnel and program of world missions. No doubt these factors have contributed, but above all is the dedicated faithfulness, yea, the greatness of Kentucky Baptists for whom we give thanks.

I'm beginning to see the possible achievement of that \$7,000,000 challenge goal that we adopted for the Bicentennial. Can you see it?

# Sunday School Convention Planned For March 22-23 in Elizabethtown



Anderson



Owen



Quinn

"New Horizons" is the theme for the 1976 Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Convention scheduled for March 22-23 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

E. S. Anderson, a consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will present his "Action Plan." The plan, created by Anderson, is designed to help church leaders learn how to enrol more people in their Sunday schools.

Among the eight special conference leaders and speakers present will be Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Special conferences will be held for those interested in vacation Bible school, bus ministry, church building and children's worship. More than two hours each day will be devoted to training and age group conferences.

Nine conference leaders will conduct sessions for workers on every Sunday school age level from cradle rolls to senior adult classes.

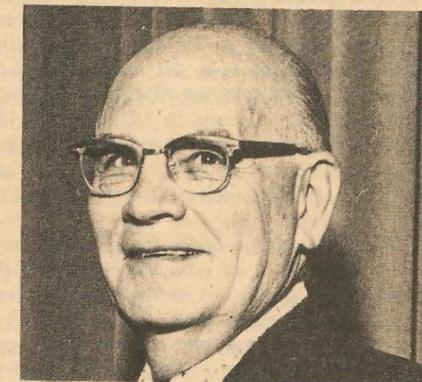
Eugene Quinn, church music director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be in charge of the music for each session.

James L. Sullivan, former president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on "Spiritual Horizons" during the final evening session of the convention.

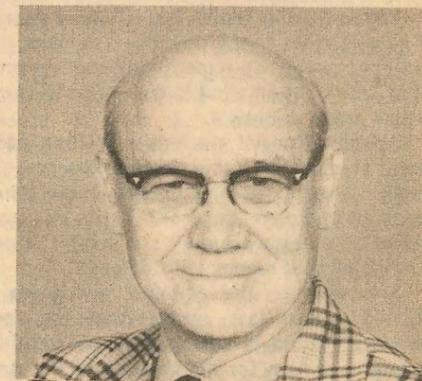
Roy Boatwright and Fred Halbrooks of the Kentucky Sunday School Department will preside over sessions of the convention.

Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Mar. 22. No registration fee will be charged. Nursery facilities will be provided for children up to five years of age.

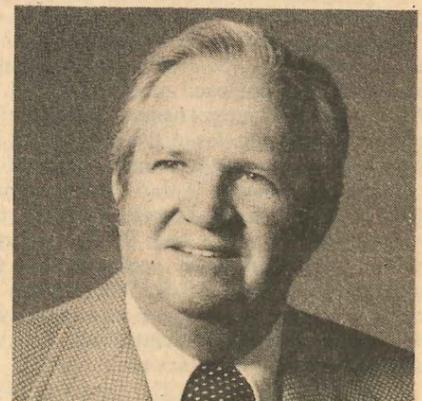
Among age group conference leaders will be: Mrs. R B Hooks Sr., cradle roll; Mrs. Lyle Garlow, birth-three; Helen Young, fours and fives; Robert Parris, younger children; Delores Baker, middle children; Al Brewer, older children; John Carney, younger youth; Forrest Moorehead, older youth; Harvey Brown, younger adults.



Sullivan



Boatwright



Halbrooks

# Illinois Baptist Pastor Dislikes Sex-Pot Study

by Robert J. Hastings

A Southern Baptist minister in Carbondale, Ill., has captured national attention for his stand on a proposed experiment at Southern Illinois University involving the use of marijuana and erotic, or "stag," films. Ben E. Glinn, pastor of the Lantana Baptist Church in Carbondale, was interviewed on NBC Nightly News and quoted in a front page story in the Jan. 26 Midwest edition of the *Chicago Tribune*. "Some say I'm just doing this to get my picture on television and my name in the papers," the 45 year old minister told the *Illinois Baptist* in an interview. "But I believe ministers and churches should get involved. We should let our political leaders know how we feel."

The issue at Southern Illinois University is whether Harris B. Rubin, 43, an associate professor in the school of medicine, should conduct research using paid, adult volunteer males to determine if they respond better to erotic films while smoking marijuana or not smoking marijuana. Rubin, who applied to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1974 for a \$155,508 grant for the project, says he has conducted similar research on the effects of alcohol on human sexual response. He stated in his grant application that there are differences of opinion as to the effect of marijuana smoking on sexual arousal, and that scientific research is needed to find the facts.

Glenn, who accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 26 after a four year bout with alcoholism himself, is an outspoken critic of the proposed research, feeling it is morally wrong to use public tax monies on a project that involves the use of illegal drugs and the showing of erotic films. "The S. I. U. board of trustees gave me two minutes to state my objections at one of their meetings," Glenn said. "They were very courteous, and all that, but after it was over, I felt as if I were being told, in effect, that I was to tuck my tail between my legs like a scared puppy dog and go home and quietly mind my own business."

"Some people think I'm a snotty-nosed preacher," Glenn continued, "but I feel I've got a right to my opinion. I've been told that since I don't have a Ph.D. degree, and have never had papers published in professional journals, that I'm not qualified to sit in judgment on what is true scientific research. Also, that since I'm not a scientist, I can't judge scientists."

"I know I'm not a scientist," Glenn added, "but the feelings and sensitivities and moral standards of the citizens deserve some consideration. Just because everyone doesn't have a doctor's degree doesn't mean we don't know anything. I believe in academic freedom, but I also believe in academic responsibility. And when people in education and government are using the people's money, the people have some right to say how that money is to be spent."

According to the campus newspaper, *The Daily Egyptian*, Rubin obtained a \$121,000 grant last spring from the federal National Institute of Drug Abuse. However, Rubin is still waiting on the Justice Department for a grant of immunity from prosecution for distribution of the drug. The Justice Department postponed its ruling and asked F. David Matthews, secretary of HEW, to furnish more information on the merit of the research and the competency of Rubin as a researcher. Matthews is a Southern Baptist layman.

Leonard A. DeClue Jr., secretary of the Christian Citizens' Lobby in Carbondale, said at least two U. S. senators on the Senate Appropriations Committee have spoken out against the proposed research at S. I. U. They are Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin and Senator Thomas Eagleton of Missouri. DeClue, a graduate of S. I. U. in political science, disclosed the contents of a letter from Illinois Governor Dan Walker, who wrote, "I would not permit the use of state funds for such an experiment. I think it is a waste of money." U. S. Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois wrote DeClue, "I agree . . . there are far more important things to study and to spend government research monies on." And U. S. Congressman Paul Simon of Carbondale wrote DeClue, "There are many worthy projects that need support, rather than projects of a questionable nature." U. S. Congressman Paul Findley said, "Surely there are more urgent problems in American society today than such studies as this. While there are still Americans here without food, housing or fuel, how can we possibly justify spending one cent on a 'sex-pot' study?"

Glenn said the book, "The Greening of the Church," challenged him to speak out on community issues. "You know, we as Baptists are strong on evangelism—getting sinners out of hell into heaven—but we also need to get involved with problems right here on earth," Glenn noted. (BP)

## In West Palm Beach — Laymen Baptize Converts In Backyard Pools

Christian laymen are baptizing new converts in backyard swimming pools in West Palm Beach, Fla. The swimming pool baptisms, called "Operation Phillip," are part of an expanded evangelistic program developed by the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Jess Moody, church pastor. He is assisted by the church's Minister of Evangelism, Barry Schahn.

"It's all part of our effort to dramatize the fact that God doesn't live in the box called the church, but he is out where the people are," Moody said in explaining the program.

The baptisms, which are probably some of the first ever performed by men other than ordained clergy, are taking place in the backyards of "Life Centers," homes of members where neighbors and friends gather for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. "Life Centers" have to be located near a swimming pool or other body of clean water so those who request it can be baptized into the church on the spot, according to Moody.

By taking the church back into the community, Moody and Schahn are hoping to double the church's membership to 10,000 in five years, making a profound impact, not only in South Florida, but throughout the nation.

The first baptisms by laymen who are members of the First Baptist Church took place Wednesday night, Feb. 4. Although the night air was a comfortable 69 degrees, water temperature in the swimming pools was much more on the cooler side.

At one of the pools a 55 year old man was baptized by one of the church deacons, as Moody, the church pastor, and other members gathered around the pool-side. After the convert was baptized, the assembled church members, one by one, warmly embraced him; thereby welcoming him into the fellowship of the church.

At another baptismal site, a young man who gave up drugs for Jesus Christ after being baptized by one of the church's lay members, said he was feeling better than he had ever felt in his entire life.

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## Maternity, Adoption Agent Joins Child Care Staff

Jane Anderson has joined the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care as maternity and adoption specialist.

A graduate of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Anderson served as an adoptions worker with the Louisville office of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources for six years.



A native Kentuckian, she was born to denominational life. Her father, Peyton W. Thurman, was dean of students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where her husband, Douglas L. Anderson, is currently director of academic support services.

The new maternity and adoptions specialist assumed her duties in January, when the Kentucky Baptist child care program reopened infant adoption and unwed mother services. She can be contacted toll free from throughout Kentucky at 1-800-292-9440. In Louisville, the number is 245-9774.

## 'Proclaim Liberty' Theme At Harrodsburg Apr. 19

"Proclaiming Liberty in Christ" will be the theme of a day-long bicentennial celebration of 200 years of Baptist preaching in Kentucky Apr. 19 at Harrodsburg.

The unique event is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. The two groups include 853,985 Baptists in 2,805 churches.

In November 1975 the Harrodsburg event was declared a special session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the purpose of signifying our heritage as Baptists.

Principal program speakers include Manuel Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wayne Ward, Southern Seminary, Louisville; A. Russell Awkard, Louisville; and Verlin Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

The program is under the direction of T. Hicks Shelton, Middletown, representing the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and A. R. Lasley, Hopkinsville, of the General Association.

The complete program will be printed in next week's Western Recorder.

# Nancy Dixon: Boyce Student Who's 'One of a Kind'

by Ellen Fleming, Staff Writer

"As long as it doesn't make any difference to me, it shouldn't make any difference to them."

This is the philosophy of Nancy Dixon, the first female single student at Boyce Bible School in Louisville.

Nancy arrived at Boyce with the idea she would be just another student pursuing her educational goals. But she was soon informed that she was a "prototype"—a first. She is the only female of the six single students at Boyce. Although there are four married girls attending the school, Nancy is still one of a kind.

Being the only single female in a predominantly male environment is not new to Nancy.

A native of Lake City, Fla., Nancy attended Massey Technical Institute in Jacksonville after graduating from high school. There she studied architectural drafting, where, again, she was the only single female in her classes. Before coming to Louisville, Nancy worked as a draftsman for a real estate appraiser in Lake City.

Nancy is not an enthusiastic champion of women's lib, nor does she seek out a male environment that would give her

good odds for marriage. But she does do "what she likes" to do. She developed the career in drafting because "she liked to draw." She did not encounter any "female discrimination" when applying for a job, because she said, "Many men like to hire women because they are neater and more patient with precision work."

Nancy's desire to "do what she likes to do" accounts for her recent move to Louisville in order to attend Boyce Bible School. While living and working in Florida she attended First Baptist Church in Lake City and involved herself in the core of the church's activities. She was a leader in youth and bus ministries and through these experiences developed her love for church work.

Her drafting job was frustrating because "she couldn't give as much time to her church job, or do what was necessary to have a good youth program." During this time Nancy became acquainted with Boyce through a conversation with her church's minister of music, Marcus D. Beaver, a graduate of Southern Seminary.

After some investigation and prayerful consideration, Nancy decided to attend Boyce because it provided the best training for what she wanted to do—working full time in a church.

Being the only single female at the school is not a hardship on Nancy, nor does she consider it unusual. She said she is "treated just like anyone else," and doesn't feel like she will encounter any discrimination because of the nature of her future ministry. She is glad that the school's campus is located next door to the seminary because she has access to the library and lives in the dormitory on the seminary campus.

As a result of Nancy's experience in youth work she has a firm grasp on her goals and style of ministry. "One thing I've learned is that many youth ministers build programs around themselves, and when they leave the kids have nothing to hang on to. A youth minister must build his program around Jesus Christ who will always remain and give the kinds what they need to hang on to."

As Nancy receives her training at Boyce she is working part time as recreation leader at St. Matthews YMCA to again "get involved with youth." Eventually she would like to return to Florida because she has "too much sand in her shoes."



Dixon



At the homemade game table at one end of the midway, workers are taught how to make and play creative Bible games.

# Their Teaching's Gone From 'Fair' to Better In Christian County

Story and photos  
by Jim Cox  
Associate Editor

"Heigh ho, come to the fair!" On a blustery Monday night not long ago, 95 Christian County Baptist children's workers did just that.

Arriving at Hopkinsville's Second Baptist Church the group of Sunday school, Church Training, church music and Girls in Action workers found itself thrust into a carnival atmosphere totally untypical of most age group conferences.

Colorful balloons, cloth banners, paper balls, plastic flags and crepe paper streamers decked a huge hall situated below the sanctuary. Workers were greeted by friendly smiles from local members who volunteered to help them create unique personalized name tags from as many as 30 or 40 "ingredients."

Then, for the next three quarters of an hour, participants moved freely up and down a maze of exhibits which helped them discover a variety of learning techniques. Everything from how to make a "Concentration" board to how to plan an autoharp was included in nearly 20 exhibits, booths and interest centers.

Homemade Bible games, free helps, music, puppets, creative writing, creative art, picture filing, day camps, recreation and church literature were all a part of the

"act." At each learning "station" two or more persons helped interpret how easily it was for children (in grades 1-6) to become involved — and, more importantly — learn from their experiences through these teaching methods. A Baptist Book Store exhibit and a free dessert booth rounded out the "midway" activities.

Every fair has "side shows" and this one was no exception. A group of local children demonstrated picture posing for the adults in an adjacent room, while in four other rooms teaching filmstrips on several aspects of the work were repeated as often as there was demand.

From the fair the conference moved into full sway with brief introductions of program personnel by Christian County missionary J. D. Herndon. Herndon put the group in the hands of James H. Whaley, director of the church services division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and a team of coworkers.

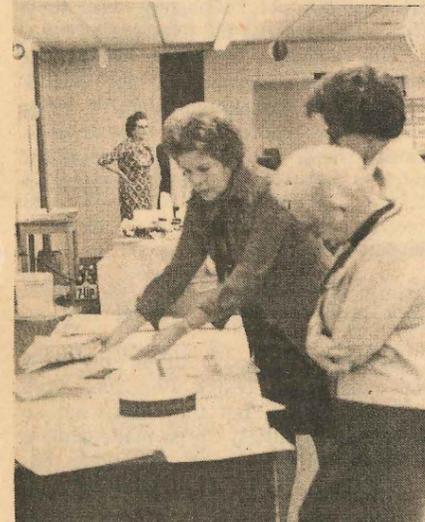
In a relaxed, yet purposeful manner, Whaley and his cohorts covered dozens of questions fielded by audience members on how children in grades 1-6 learn and how their learning environment may be substantially improved. They employed

visual techniques to present a "better" approach to teaching than many of the workers had previously experienced.

## TV ON TUESDAY

On the second night, booths and exhibits had been removed before participants arrived. In their place a wall banner signified "Studio 6-11" and chairs surrounding a platform suggested a television studio. Three cardboard "automatic" washers were suspended from the wall, and a clothes line extended across one side of the room.

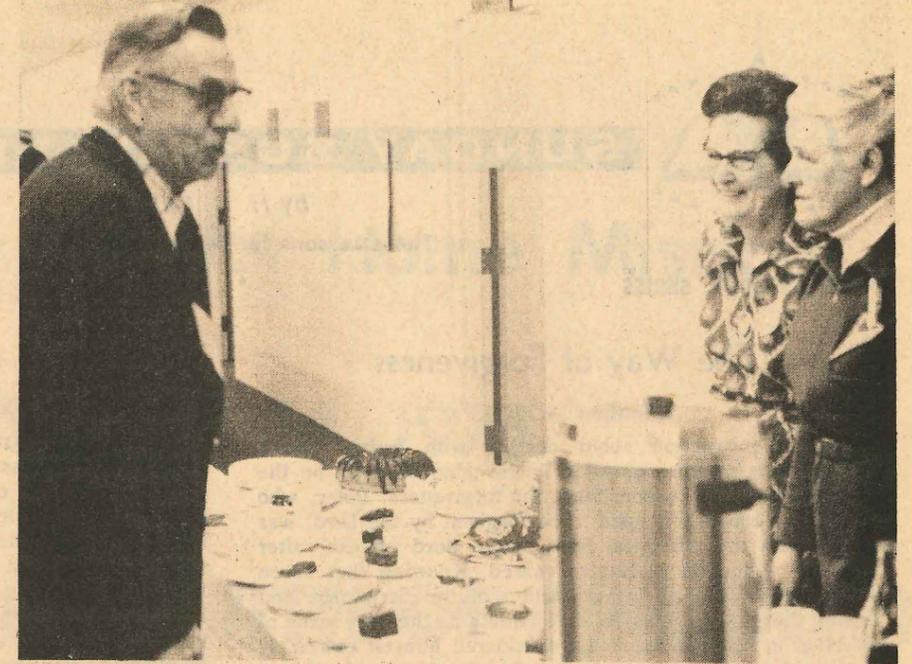
Following a brief "On-the-Street" interview led by Whaley, other team members presented a laundromat skit. The outcome was an understanding why more than 30 different quarterly curriculum pieces are published for the children's division alone, what they are and how to use them effectively.



Mrs. Dorothea Hammatt of Nashville helps two conferees see how effectively children can use creative writing.

Attention turned from the laundromat to a "typical" planning session in a "typical" children's department. When one "worker" kept insisting that they hurry up so he could get to basketball practice, the audience howled and responded as if they could readily identify with the situation. The evening was topped off with an audience quiz show in which six teams competed to test their knowledge of administration and teaching books for their age group level. Cow bells rang to indicate the groups having the correct answers first.

When it was over, the total of 118 different individuals who participated on these two nights went home exhausted but apparently satisfied that they had scaled some new approaches to children's work in an ingenious new setting.



Christian County missionary J. D. Herndon seemed to enjoy the dessert booth best.

## BEHIND THE SCENE

The man largely responsible for developing this new fangled, fast paced, creative concept of conference leading is none other than Whaley himself.

"Several of us have put the program together over the last three or four years," he recalls. "We've added and refined things as time went along. Learning should be fun and we've tried to make it so."

Whaley said the idea had been successfully employed across the state several times. He wants those audiences to go away feeling their two evenings have been a good investment of their time.

"We've never had anything like this

before," said host pastor John Christian in Hopkinsville. "It's been just great for us. We'd like to have you come back," he admonished.

Sixteen other churches were represented in this conference, and other participants were equally appreciative and cordial in their remarks.

Whaley and his bandwagon will continue to carry their traveling midway, quiz show, laundromat and miscellaneous properties across Kentucky. They are available to any association upon request.

"You simply can't feel you've been to a meeting of this kind and come away bored, or not have learned something," he declared. "There's just no way."



James Whaley interviews an audience member "on the street."



A participant strings up her "wash" (literature item) following the drama.



Whaley cues the audience before air time in the "pretend" studio.

Age group conferences needn't be dull. Children's workers found that out along a traveling midway in Hopkinsville.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for February 29, 1976)



INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### The Way of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

Christ's instruction about dealing with erring church members raised a question in the mind of Peter on the subject of personal responsibility for forgiveness. Peter, who himself so frequently needed to be forgiven by the Lord, was familiar with the rabbinical limit of the third offense, after which the obligation to forgive ceased. Knowing that seven was the number used for perfection in the Scriptures and thinking that to forgive seven times would be the very acme of perfection in forgiveness, Peter considered himself extremely generous in suggesting to forgive his brother, who sinned against him seven times and asked his Lord if that number of times were not sufficient.

Christ's answer, which doubtless shocked Peter, was that there is no limit to the forgiveness which Christians are to exercise as long as repentance is genuine. Love demands that they forgive freely and fully.

Christ reinforced his teaching in the parable of the debtors. A king demanded an accounting from his servants. The first one had been guilty of extravagance and dishonesty. His misconduct had resulted in an indebtedness of such proportions that there was not any possibility of his paying what he owed. An order was issued that the man, his wife, their children and all of his possessions be sold and the proceeds be applied on the debt even though they would only pay a small fraction of the debt.

In his helplessness the man prostrated himself at the feet of the king, acknowledged his debt, begged for time and made the promise to pay the enormous debt. Instead of granting the request of the debtor, the king fully liquidated the entire debt.

Immediately after his debt was cancelled, the man went out and found a fellow-servant who owed him a very small sum of money, laid hold on him in a violent manner and demanded payment at once. Unable to pay the debt, this man fell down at his feet and made exactly the same request that he had made of the king. This cruel, heartless wretch denied the request and cast the man into prison, taking from him the privilege of working and paying his debt in due time.

What a pity that he, who had been treated so graciously, should be unforgiving and cruel in his dealings with his fellow-servant! What a sad commentary on human nature!

It is not natural for the human heart to forgive. It is customary for someone who does not have the spirit of Christ to retaliate and seek revenge, but such a procedure on the part of those who call themselves Christians is very displeasing and dishonoring to Christ. Nothing is more certain than the fact that God will not forgive an unforgiving person. He wants his children to keep on forgiving others because he forgives us when we repent of our sins and request his forgiveness. It is his will that Christians practice unlimited forgiveness. Failure to do so is to grieve the Holy Spirit and to retard the progress of the Lord's work.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### When Is It Wrong to Do Right?

Hypocrisy was denounced by Christ repeatedly. Hypocritical religionists uttered long prayers and made a pretense at holiness merely for the sake of receiving human praise. What they did displeased the Lord and was rebuked harshly by him. These hypocritical teachers spent much time in telling others what God expected them to do, but they had no personal interest in obeying God. They pretended to honor him with their lips, but they did not honor him with their lives. Christ urged his followers to avoid the example of these instructors, but to obey the teachings of Moses which they proclaimed. Faithful and obedient Christians do not have a desire to exalt themselves. They are concerned primarily about exalting and glorifying Christ. As a rule, those who strive to impress others usually make public spectacles of themselves. Those who render a service in order to gain public recognition displease the Lord.

Matthew 23:23-26

Christ pronounced a series of mournful woes upon the scribes and Pharisees. Each woe was a solemn warning and an expression of real pity.

God required the Israelites to pay tithes of their agricultural products and fruits (Lev. 27:30). Pharisees were careful to tithe every edible product, but they were not so scrupulous about ethical and moral duties. Christ made it plain that neither large nor small matters are to be neglected. Extreme care in small matters and laxity in great ones is as ridiculous as a man who is externally clean but inwardly filthy. The heart must be cleansed before the conduct can be exemplary. An attempt to display outward cleanliness while harboring impurity within is highly displeasing to our Lord.

Matthew 23:29-31

Ancestors of the scribes and Pharisees had persecuted and slain a number of God's messengers in Israel. Their hypocritical descendants embellished and repaired the tombs in which the prophets had been buried and spoke highly of them. Knowing their hearts, Christ declared the scribes and Pharisees were no better than their fathers. At that very time they were actually plotting to kill Jesus, who was far greater than the prophets their ancestors had slain.

Matthew 23:37

Jesus announced his yearning for the people in Jerusalem, whom he dearly loved. He pictured them as a brood of chickens which refused to be gathered under the wings of the hen for safety, warmth and comfort. Christ wanted to gather the sinning people of Jerusalem under the protecting wings of his love, but they were not willing to be gathered. They refused to accept him as their Saviour and to enthrone him as the master of their lives. He does not save any against their will to be saved.

## Week of Prayer for Home Missions

### March 7-14, 1976

## THEME: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

"A New Birth of Freedom," marking the U. S. bicentennial, is the theme of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 7-14.

Throughout the SBC, churchwide observance of the Week of Prayer will include activities for all age groups to emphasize the missions need in 1976 USA.

The "New Birth of Freedom" theme coincides with the 200th anniversary of the birth of the nation. "Religious freedom played a dominant role in the gaining of our national independence," pointed out Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, in announcing plans for the observance.

"The Week of Prayer for Home Missions should help us reevaluate our heritage and our responsibility to maintain free and widespread exercise of

religion. Study of home missions in the bicentennial year should motivate us to take full advantage of our unlimited opportunities to make disciples," said Miss Weatherford.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, hailed the observance as a "time of beginning again" in support of home missions. "We need a patriotic resurgence, but if the year passes without rebuilding the foundation of our faith, the bicentennial will be nothing more than a big pep rally," he told the WMU executive board.

"Baptists were influential in developing the nation. Now we need to be influential in the rebirth of the nation."

A \$9,500,000 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be attempted to meet mission needs throughout the home mission field.

Recommended allocations for the \$9,500,000 goal involve expenditures of \$7,200,000 for support of home missionaries and field ministries. The allocation for special projects is \$1,500,000. All received above the \$8,700,000 will be used for the Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust in Evangelism and Missions.

Bold Missions Thrust in Evangelism and Missions will entail expenditures for Christian social ministries, pastoral missions, TV evangelism, leadership training schools, and other special missions projects.

Activities during the Week of Prayer will furnish all church participants information about prayer, personnel, and finance needs in home missions. Churches will be observing "Spirit of '76" celebrations to begin the Week of Prayer.

Suggested activities include missionary sermons, personal testimonies, prayer calendar readings at March worship services, and pretend freedom tours.

WMU's Girls in Action will aid in Week of Prayer activities by providing songs, poems, and illustrating missions needs. GAs will also present an historical play about Annie Armstrong.

"Let Christ's Freedom Ring," a Christian musical written for the nation's bicentennial, is suggested for presentation during the week.

The Week of Prayer began in 1895 when Woman's Missionary Union observed a "Week of Self-Denial" as a special season of prayer and contributions to missions. The name "Thank-Offering" was given the "Week of Self-Denial" in 1922. The "Thank-Offering" became known as Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in 1933, named after Annie Armstrong, the first corresponding secretary of WMU, founded in 1888. The final name change came in 1969 when the offering name was changed to identify it more closely with Easter.

Woman's Missionary Union continues to initiate and promote the observance, aided by Brotherhood, other church programs and pastors.

# Any Man Can Enjoy Brotherhood: Intern

by Ellen Fleming,  
Staff Writer

"Action" characterizes what Robert Carr thinks of the Brotherhood.

Carr, a second year master of Religious Education student at Southern Seminary is an intern for the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

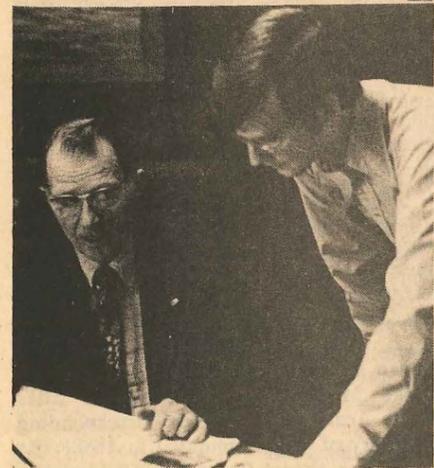
"What I like about the Brotherhood most is the action, the involvement and working with people," he says.

Carr came to Middletown as an intern in September 1975 and will continue working until May this year. East St. Louis, Ill., is his home, and he graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1973.

Involvement and interest in the Brotherhood began for Carr when he was a freshman in college. He was approached by his pastor with an offer to work with R.A.'s, an organization for boys 6-17 and part of the larger organization of the Brotherhood.

With some serious thought and prayer, Carr accepted the offer and let the opportunity determine his career choice. In college he majored in anthropology and elementary education, a combination that can be easily utilized when working with people.

Carr's work within the state department entails a variety of Brotherhood-



Forrest Sawyer, Kentucky Brotherhood director, spells out his program to Robert Carr, a Southern Seminary student and intern in the Brotherhood Department of Kentucky Baptist Convention.

related activities. He presents programs concerning Brotherhood in churches throughout Kentucky to stimulate interest in the organization. He helps coordinate and develop summer camp programs and R.A. congresses, works with the budget and plans a training manual to be used by Brotherhood leaders.

Training leaders is of prime importance to Carr. "Leaders need to be trained in order to educate Baptist men in the areas of mission support and involvement and lay renewal," he believes.

Carr said that many churches have had active Brotherhoods, but when a leader moves, many times there is no successor to continue strength and leadership necessary for a flourishing organization. He thinks the greatest need of the Brotherhood is more stability.

"The emphases and themes have changed so rapidly that many leaders have been confused as to what the major thrust should be." He sees mission education as being the most important theme, because it is the umbrella that covers all, mission support, lay renewal and community involvement.

Carr labels the Brotherhood as a 'good mixer.' "Any type of man can enjoy what the organization has to offer," he declares. "It provides opportunities for men to discover their gifts and talents and is an outlet for putting them into use."

Examples of Brotherhood activities are prison ministries, children's home visitation, work with alcoholics, crafts and recreation projects. Carr said that the majority of men in most churches are not involved in several different civic organizations, so the Brotherhood is an available outlet for expressing Christian concern.

Even though the Brotherhood is an established, structured group, Carr said that it should not be looked upon as "just another organization," and "competitive with other like organizations in a community." He feels that it should maintain and emphasize its distinctive quality of "reaching people for the Lord and giving a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus."

The goal of Brotherhood, as Carr defines it, is providing for men an opportunity of working together for the Lord. Robert Carr is doing this and is enjoying it tremendously.

## BSSB Names Willis For PR Assignment

Charles G. Willis, information associate in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's office of public relations for three years, has been named supervisor of the newly-created information section in that office.

The move, according to Gomer R. Lesch, director of the office, is part of the implementation of the long range education program concerning the board's work called for by President



Willis Grady C. Cothen and the trustees.

Willis is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a B.S. degree in journalism.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board as an information specialist in 1968, he was employed at the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a feature writer.

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To the unsuspecting, Amy Bivin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bivin of Owensboro, appears a quiet and reticent young lady. That is until one sees how this shy, soft-spoken second grader goes about the task of accomplishing her goals.

Amy's school, Sutherland Elementary in Daviess County, recently sold shampoo to raise funds for the school library. A contest, beginning on Thursday afternoon and ending on the following Monday, offered a prize of ten shiny bicentennial

## SHAMPOO: A Story That Couldn't Happen If Kentucky Baptists Didn't Care

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silver dollars to the top salesperson in the school, and individual prizes of \$5 to the boy and girl in each grade who made the most sales on the first day of competition.

Amy accepted the challenge and despite the fact she lived six miles out in

the country, she came back on Friday morning having sold 31 bottles of shampoo—18 more than her nearest competitor. Of course, she won the \$5 prize for the top-selling second-grade girl, and her principal believes she set the pace for the school as they began to gear up for weekend sales.

The contest was over the following Monday and when the final count was in, Amy had been beaten by two older boys. The first place winner, a fifth grader, edged her out by five sales. The second place winner, a fourth grader, held but a two-sale advantage.

Nevertheless, Amy had won the prize for her individual grade and probably goes on record as one of the youngest sales winners in any school. Her father says it took him longer to drive her around to deliver the bottles of shampoo and collect the money than it took Amy to make the sales via Alexander Graham Bell's ingenuity and a charming sales pitch.

The picture of this little girl hangs on the wall at the Baptist Board of Child Care building in Middletown. Amy, you see, is an adopted child. As an infant, she was placed with loving Christian parents and has been reared to accept roles of responsibility in both her school and her church. During the Christmas season, she read the Christmas story to the over 250 students at Sutherland Elementary. On Dec. 21, she read the same story from the gospel of Matthew to the Sunday morning congregation at Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, where she and her family attend.

Amy Bivin is but one example of a child blooming and flourishing in the love of a Christian family and the support of her church and community. Her life is blessing others because, when it was needed, Kentucky Baptists had a child care ministry.



Amy Bivin

## Family Grew from 3 to 6 In One Short Afternoon

Caring for others is a family way of life for Sandra McCoy and her husband, David.

Three years ago the couple doubled their family in one afternoon through adopting three children from a single family.

Sandra has a more than passing interest in social work. Prior to the adoption, a foster daughter lived with the McCoys five years, until the girl married at age 18. Then the couple began talking about adoption.

At first, they wanted to adopt only a girl in the age range of their daughter, Mitzi, who was six at the time.

The couple applied, filled out the papers, and finally the social worker called. She dropped a "bombshell."

"Would you be willing to adopt three children from the same family?" she asked. The worker said the children, a boy two and girls one and four, should be placed with parents experienced with foster or adopted children. She admitted it was hard to place a family of three children and said a negative decision would not affect their chances for a single child, Sandra recalled.

Sandra called her husband, whose response was, "How many dining room chairs do we have?" The social worker arranged for the McCoys and Mitzi to view the children secretly. She brought them to a Norfolk pet shop where the McCoys and Mitzi were waiting. "We knew we wanted them even before going there," Sandra said.

The next meeting was on the "neutral ground" of the Norfolk City Park, Sandra noted, where the children were introduced to the McCoys. The next day the McCoys visited the children at their foster home, followed by a one-hour visit by the children at the McCoy home.

The following day the children again came for a short visit. But when the time was up, they all wanted to stay. The

children were prepared to adopt a mother, father and sister.

With one child crying in the background because he didn't want to leave, Mrs. McCoy called the social worker and asked permission for the children to stay permanently. Permission was given, and the McCoy family doubled with the addition of Steven, Hazel and Carol.

Sandra, a graduate of Chowan College, a Baptist school in Murfreesboro, N. C., has a growing interest in the field of child welfare and is working toward a degree and career in social work.

Most families, however, do not increase three children at a time. Some adjustments and changes were necessary. The family moved into a larger house.

Emphasis on economy was introduced. "Call it living frugally if you want," said Sandra.

Before the adoption, Sandra and Mitzi bought their clothes at an exclusive fashion shop. Now the family visits shopping centers and discount stores. And Sandra does more sewing. When the food bill shot up, the McCoys turned to gardening, freezing and canning.

The McCoys take "togetherness" seriously, involving themselves in activities that draw them closer to each other. All members share in the gardening and housework.

The family worships together at the nearby Western Branch Baptist Church, where Sandra teaches an 11th grade girls' Sunday school class.

"Some people believe you have to be wealthy to adopt children but this isn't true," said Sandra. "Your inward ability to parent a child is much more important than what you have materially."

"You think of your adopted children just like you do of those children given you by natural birth. We don't feel any different toward them because they were adopted. They're our children and that's the important thing." (BP)

# Board Gives \$100,000 For Earthquake Victims

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$100,000 to aid victims of the intensive and disastrous earthquake which hit Guatemala City early Feb. 4. The action was taken in the board's February meeting held in Richmond, Va.

"Other needs will be met in Guatemala as they are made apparent to us," said Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. "Southern Baptists are continuing to respond with relief efforts."

Medical teams and various supplies have been dispatched to the area in response to requests made by Dr. Alfonso Lemos, head of public health in Guatemala.

According to A. Clark Scanlon, Southern Baptist missionary field representa-

## BWA Aids Victims Of Guatemala Quake

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is transmitting \$12,000 in cash to Guatemalan Baptists for use in relieving suffering from the disastrous earthquake Feb. 4.

Appeals have gone out from the BWA for additional funds to be channeled to the victims in the Central American country. Carl W. Tiller, BWA relief coordinator said \$2,000 in instant response was drawn from emergency funds on the day of the earthquake. This sum consists of contributions from BWA member convention individuals and churches for immediate use in a disaster.

Contributions of \$5,000 each from the Baptist Federation of Canada and the American Baptist Churches of the USA have been received and forwarded to the Baptist Convention of Guatemala, a BWA affiliate in focus of relief efforts from Baptists of the world.

Another BWA member, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Foreign Mission Board, has 16 missionaries in Guatemala and is sending aid directly through its mission. Assistance also is being given by the Brothers Brother Foundation, an interfaith medical group headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a Baptist deacon of Pittsburgh, Pa.

BWA statistics list 5,836 Baptist people and 83 Baptist churches in Guatemala. (BP)

tive stationed in Guatemala City, Lemos asked Baptists to send a general practitioner, two surgeons and four traumatologists (surgeons experienced in treatment of accidental injuries).

He also requested extensive medical supplies, splints, stretchers, sleeping bags, tents, a portable x-ray machine and a jeep.

Responding to the request were traumatologists George Sibley, Bill Perry and S. Barkley; and surgeon Scott Middleton, all Baptist laymen from Dallas, Tex.

Also, Southern Baptist missionary doctors George H. Kollmar and Robert L. Edwards from Barranquilla, Colombia, and W. David Harms from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, are in Guatemala. Assisting them is Francis Crawford, Southern Baptist missionary nurse from Tegucigalpa.

An order for medical supplies was placed immediately after receiving the requests from Lemos with Medical Assistance Program (MAP), a voluntary international Christian organization that responds to needs of mission hospitals and missionary physicians.

A jeep, 10,000 pounds of medical supplies, 300 tents, two immunization jet guns, and one ton of food have been sent to the area.

"Within hours after the disaster, Southern Baptist missionaries and nationals were aiding victims," said W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's disaster relief coordinator and consultant for laymen overseas. "Clark Scanlon was at the grainery before it opened, standing in line to get food for relief efforts. Food amounting to 15,000 pounds was distributed immediately after the quake."

Baptist church members in Guatemala prepared individual food packages containing five pounds of beans, five pounds of rice and ten pounds of corn to be given to families.

"The people there are very resourceful," Bryan said. "They're handling the situation in a mature fashion. They're having to take the basics and go from there."

The Florida Baptist Convention has a construction crew of 16 men ready to depart for the disaster-stricken area. The crew will assist in the rebuilding efforts.

"Various state Baptist conventions and staff personnel have been most cooperative," Grubbs said. "They have initiated contact with the board to offer assistance.

Norman Godfrey of the Brotherhood Commission has called to offer assistance, also."

Six Baptist church buildings were destroyed in the quake that registered 7.5 on the Richter Scale. Two church buildings were badly damaged. Many Baptists were killed and many more left homeless by the quake that has been called "one of the most disastrous in history." (BP)

## FMB Staffers See Lebanese Needs

W Eugene Grubbs and Bob Harper, representing the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, made a recent survey trip to determine relief needs in Beirut, Lebanon.

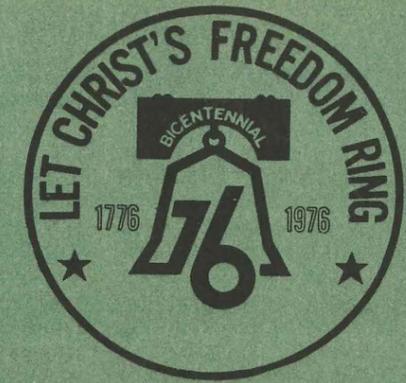
During their visit they were briefly detained and questioned, but released unharmed. Two rolls of film taken by Harper, art editor for *The Commission* magazine, were confiscated. Grubbs, the board's disaster relief coordinator, and Harper were accompanying missionary Finlay M. Graham and a Lebanese Baptist pastor on a trip to observe and photograph the pastor's partially destroyed church. In spite of the incident, Harper and Grubbs continued the mission they had begun a few days earlier.

Relief aid is expected to be appropriated for basic survival needs among the Lebanese people. The funds are to be administered by national Baptist churches in consultation with Southern Baptist missionaries. The industrial section of Beirut has all but shut down in the midst of battle and self-employed men and women are unable to find work or get to the businesses they run.

There is a need for basic essentials plus funds for repairing and rebuilding damaged properties. Three Baptist churches were damaged; two by direct attack and one during an attack on nearby buildings. The home of the pastor of Tripoli Baptist Church was also damaged, as was the home of one missionary family. Many families have lost everything they own, including their home.

No Baptists lost their lives in the conflict, but one Baptist pastor lost a brother when the car he was driving was ambushed. All missionaries and their families are unharmed. (BP)

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FEBRUARY 19, 1976

**Church Custodian Clinic**

All Church Custodians (full time and part time) and those who supervise custodians.

**MARCH 2, 1976**

1:30-4:30 p.m.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

(these are continuing sessions)

**FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

5920 Bardstown Road

IDUS OWENSBY, Consultant in Church Administration Department, BSSB, and author of "Church Custodian Manual," to lead clinic.

Cost: \$3.75

Includes cost of Manual, Snack, etc. Please mail your card or call Long Run Baptist Association (587-6735) today— so we can make adequate provisions.

**Religious Education  
Conference**

**Tuesday — February 24, 1976**

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**

**5708 Preston Highway**

**Luncheon — \$1.00**

**12:00 Noon**

**A Word To Our Sponsors**

OL' MOTHER HUBBARD  
WENT TO THE CUPBOARD  
TO GET A POOR FAMILY SOME FOOD;  
WHEN SHE GOT THERE  
THE CUPBOARD WAS BARE,  
SO THE POOR FAMILY HAD NONE.

OL' MOTHER HUBBARD  
PRAYED FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE  
CUPBOARD  
"I'LL HAVE TO SEND THEM AWAY  
UNLESS . . . I CAN FIND A WAY."

ALONG CAME SOME BAPTISTS  
AND SAT DOWN BESIDE HER  
AND OFFERED OL' MOTHER HUB-  
BARD THEIR HAND.  
WITH THE HELP OF HER FRIENDS,  
(CAN GOODS AND MONEY TOO)  
THE CLOSET WAS FILLED AND THE  
CHILDREN COULD EAT AGAIN!

LONG RUN CRISIS MINISTRIES

J. Howard Teel

**SHOPTALK  
For Ministers of Music**

**February 26, 1976**

**12:00 Noon**

**King's Table in Hikes Point**

**For reservations call 587-6735**



On Sunday, December 28, 1975, Audubon Baptist Church recognized Mrs. Pauline Bruner, who received her twelve year perfect attendance pin for Sunday School. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. James C. Jones, pastor of Audubon; Mrs. Bruner; Mr. Shelby Decker, Sunday School Director; and Mr. Earl Driskell, Associate Sunday School Director.

**Coming Events:**

- February
- 20-21 Pastors/Deacons' Retreat, Cedar-  
more
  - 23 Continued session of the R.A.  
Counselors' Training, Green  
Acres Baptist Church
  - 24 Religious Education Conference
  - 26 State VBS Clinic — Lexington
  - 26 Minister of Music — Shoptalk
  - 28 TACLO Meeting

**Guatemala Disaster News**

The tragic disaster of Guatemala is beyond our comprehension! Death, human suffering and property damage reports are staggering and climbing. Damages known to date include: a total of 17,000 reported dead; 3 Baptist mission buildings damaged; 15 known Baptists killed; 2 national pastors killed and 2 children of a pastor killed. We are thankful for the safety of our missionary families working there. We grieve the death of these others.

As of February 10 the Foreign Mission

Board relief work included: sending 6 Baptist doctors and 4 nurses; 8,000 pounds of equipment; 300 tents; blankets; a jeep and medical supplies.

There is an urgent need of money to purchase food and supplies. Long Run Baptist Association is sending \$1,500 from the balance in the Disaster Fund. We urge Long Run churches to send contributions in care of the Associational Office and these will be forwarded onto the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. Please do not send food or clothing.

**Youth Bible Drills and  
Speaker's Tournament**

**March 15, 1976**

**Hurstbourne Baptist Church  
8800 Shelbyville Road**