



*Western Recorder*

MARCH 11, 1976

## People And Places

**Gary Griesser**, assistant principal at Boone County High School in Florence, has resigned as minister of music at Hebron (Ky.) Baptist Church. Gary is devoting time to sacred music concerts, choral clinics and sermons in song and revival. He may be contacted at Box 325, Burlington, Ky. 41005, telephone 606-586-6225.



Griesser

**Wanda Fryer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rondell Fryer of Louisville, has been awarded an Acteen scholarship to Campbellsville College for the 1976-77 school year. She is a member of Westport Road Baptist Church.

**Harold Wortman**, professor of music at Cumberland College, has been appointed to the Instructional Advisory Board of the Music Educators' National Conference (MENC), and will represent Kentucky music educators at MENC in Atlantic City, N. J., Mar. 10-14.



Miss Brooks

**Raye Jean Brooks** of Brooksville has been named first runner-up in the Miss Rural Electrification contest held at Anaheim, Calif. She was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Georgetown College.

**Calvert Carlton Weatherton**, 71, died Feb. 23 in Louisville. He retired in 1970 as assistant administrator at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. He was a member of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church.

**Beech Grove Baptist Church** near Irvine has completed remodeling. In the last few years roofing, aluminum siding, tile ceiling, wall paneling and air conditioning were installed. In January new carpeting, pews and outside doors were installed. George Grubbs is pastor of Beech Grove.

**Michael E. Copen**, formerly a field worker for the department of evangelism, Kentucky Baptist Convention, has recently accepted the call to Lee Ridge Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

## Staff Changes

**Thad Hamilton** has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Clinton. A native of Salisbury, N. C., Hamilton comes from Second Baptist Church, Searcy, Ark. He received the B.A. from Mars Hill College and the Th.M. from Mid-America Seminary.



Hamilton

Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff, has called **Eddie Benton** as associate minister of education and Christian activities. **Mark Maslin** is the new associate minister of music.

Valley View Baptist Church, Valley Station, Ky., extended a call to **Bert Holt** as minister of music.



Holt

**Dennis Sills** has accepted the call of Valley View Baptist Church as director of Christian activities.

## Our Kentucky Baptist Heritage

Jack Birdwhistell



One of Baptists' most cherished principles is that all Christians are priests (1 Peter 2:9). It is the saints, not just the pastors who do "the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:12). Accordingly, in his address in 1876, Basil Manly Jr. emphasized that the success of Baptists in Kentucky was due both to the work of the pioneer preachers and to the daily Christian lives of those who made up the early congregations.

When we turn to look at the pioneer churches in Kentucky then, our focus is on the laity: those 18 stalwarts who, under an oak tree in June 1781, constituted the Severns Valley Baptist Church; those hardy men and women, perhaps 200 strong, who followed their pastor Lewis Craig, from Virginia to Garrard County, forming the Gilbert's Creek Church in December 1781; those patriotic Baptists of Nelson County who formed the Cedar Creek Church on July 4 of the same year; the brave souls who submitted to baptism in the Nolin River in mid-1782 while their fellow members of the South Fork Church (Larue County) stood guard against Indian attacks. Such laymen as Samuel Haycraft, John Larue and Robert Hodgen of Severns Valley Church and James Slaughters of Cedar Creek were important in the political development of Kentucky.

Other early congregations include: Forks of Dix River, Garrard County, 1782; South Elkhorn, Fayette County, 1783; Providence, Clark County, 1783; Clear Creek, Woodford County, 1784; Cox's Creek, Nelson County, 1785; and Tate's Creek, Madison County, 1785.

All told, the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists* lists 280 Baptist congregations in Kentucky still in existence in 1955 which were founded before 1837. These churches are designated "historic" Baptist churches.

However, every Baptist church in Kentucky is an "historic" church, because there men and women have met the Lord, sung hymns, prayed heartfelt prayers, studied the Word, done deeds of charity and reared children. Church clerks, do your work well; take careful minutes; preserve the minute books which come down to you; realize that you are recording the work of God among the people called Baptists!

On Oct. 15, 1976, the U. S. Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling will make its final report. It will recommend what forms of gambling, if any, should be legalized in the United States. We do not have to wait for this report to know much support for the legalization of more gambling exists in this country.

This growing sentiment for legalization of gambling discourages many Christians who are deeply concerned about the unwholesome effect of gambling on individuals and on the American society.

Gambling fosters a something-for-nothing mentality which is unhealthy for people both economically and morally. Christians should oppose it with firmness and intelligence. Since many people argue strongly for the legalization of more and more forms of gambling it is important to know how to answer them. Here are some of their arguments:

1. "People will gamble anyway, so the government should get the revenue." This argument appeals to financially desperate governments. In truth, legalized gambling cannot provide enough money

3. "Gambling helps people who are bored with life because it enables them to escape their dull routines." This argument is based on the foolish belief that a society will be happier if it can enjoy the diversion of gambling. It ignores the fact that most gamblers lose most of the time. There is a better way to escape boredom. Gambling will not really bring permanent escape. It will only increase anxiety and lead to further unhappiness.

4. "Gambling is often controlled by organized crime. The state should control gambling to take the action away from the criminals." Organized crime must be fought diligently, but the legalization leads to an attitude of leniency towards illegal gambling, thus causing more people to break the law as they try illegal forms of gambling.

There are strong arguments against legalized gambling:

1. Legalized gambling leads to economic problems. The additional revenues brought in through the taxation of gambling are offset by the harm that gambling does to the economy. Unpaid bills, bankruptcy, embezzlement and bad

5. Legalized gambling often causes broken homes and lives. Gambling leads frequently to the undermining of character, to covetousness, to recklessness and to unwise stewardship. It is detrimental to a society. Momentary pleasure is far outweighed by the misery it causes.

As moral standards change and as the government looks for more and more financial resources, the legalization of gambling will continue to be attractive to many people. Here are some actions that Christians concerned about gambling can take to help.

1. Share the good news that there is a genuinely full life available through Jesus Christ. The gospel offers a satisfying alternative to a life based on chance. The crutch of gambling is not needed by those open to the joys of a relationship to Jesus Christ.

2. Teach Christian stewardship as a way to combat the covetousness that often leads people to gamble. Demonstrate through your own life-style that giving is better than grasping, that sharing is better than coveting.

3. Work to educate people about the

## Second in a Series

# Legalized Gambling: Exercise in Self Delusion

by Harry N. Hollis Jr.  
for Baptist Press

to make up for the moral costs that must be paid when the government gets in the gambling business. Indeed, when higher police, court, and welfare expenses are added, the costs to governments are higher by far than revenue received from gambling taxes. Furthermore, bureaucracy that must be added to administer legalized gambling, such as a state operated lottery, will use up much of the revenue it collects.

2. "Gambling is at worst a victimless crime and the government has no right to interfere." Gambling is certainly not victimless. It affects people other than the gamblers. It affects families who often do not have adequate resources due to the waste of money through gambling. It affects government officials who are offered bribes by organized crime. It affects businesses which cannot get people who are broke from gambling to pay their bills. A Los Angeles department store manager reported that during racing season the receipt of bad checks doubled, absenteeism increased and that time payments decreased by 30 percent.

checks often accompany legal gambling. No economy can survive on a something-for-nothing economic philosophy.

2. Legalized gambling gives government consent to a harmful activity. More and more people will gamble as this activity is legalized. Indeed the government may use ads, as in the case of lottery promotions, to entice people to gamble. How long can such a government command the respect of the governed? Not very long.

3. Legalized gambling places a heavy burden on the poor who are least able to pay for their gambling losses. It encourages the pursuit of the hopeless dream of instant wealth. It places them in an ever more hopeless situation as they seek to gamble more and more to catch up.

4. Legalized gambling will lead to the corruption of public officials. Criminals will seek to bribe politicians for a piece of the action. Furthermore, legalized gambling will open up the door for other associated crimes. It has done so in those areas where gambling has already been legalized.

fake claims that supporters of legalized gambling often make. Seek to educate people about the harmful effects of gambling, using such institutions as churches, schools, labor unions, businesses and civic organizations.

4. People already addicted to gambling should be helped through rehabilitation programs. Give your support to programs which provide guidance and counseling. Organizations for compulsive gamblers such as Gamblers Anonymous can help to rehabilitate gamblers.

5. Support legislation which will check the spread of gambling and eliminate it where possible. Work to prevent the further legalization of gambling. Contact your legislators and express your opposition.

6. Encourage effective enforcement of antigaming laws. Strict and fair law enforcement is essential to deter gambling. If laws are not enforced people will lose respect for them.

Gambling is contrary to biblical principles, harmful to individuals and detrimental to society.

## WESTERN RECORDER

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

KENTUCKY BAPTIST BUILDING MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY 40243

VOL. 150 MARCH 11, 1976 NO. 10

C. R. DALEY JR. Editor

JAMES H. COX Associate Editor

PAUL WHITLER JR. Business Manager

Owned and published weekly, except one issue in January and July, by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Building, P.O. Box 43401, Middletown, Kentucky 40243. Second class postage paid at Middletown, Kentucky.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOHN M. SYKES, Ashland, Chairman; C. CARMAN SHARP, Louisville, Vice-chairman; MRS. J. S. WOODWARD, Lexington, Secretary; WILLIAM S. BLAKEMAN, Winchester; ROLLIN S. BURHANS, Bowling Green; WILLIAM CALDWELL, Danville; STANTON CARNEY, Paducah; GLENN DURHAM, Loyall; W. KEN FORMAN, Campbellsville; JOHN KRUSCHWITZ, Fort Thomas; BILLY D. MARCUM, Brandenburg; HAROLD J. PURDY, Madisonville.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

INDIVIDUAL, \$2.75, plus 5% sales tax, total \$2.89. FOREIGN, \$3.00. CHURCH BUDGET RATE, \$2.00 per year. All subscriptions except church accounts payable in advance. Church accounts must have a tax exemption number to be exempt from 5% sales tax. When making change of address, please send a recent label from your paper and the new address, including ZIP code.



## Beware of Mammon

The demon of materialism has tempted man since his beginning. Adam and Eve were his first victims in thinking first of their own wants and taking what was not rightfully theirs. No generation has escaped this temptation and contemporary American civilization matches or exceeds any materialistic era in history.

Americans are the most materialistic minded people in the world because we have more attractive materials than any other nation. Only in the last several years has it dawned on us that we might use up the available supply of some provisions. This has caused some serious reflection.

Adjusting to an economy of scarcity instead of an economy of abundance is a hard discipline for Americans. We have been taught that not to spend is unpatriotic and harmful to a healthy economy. Only those old enough to remember the Great Depression know the feeling of doing without all luxuries and some necessities.

Since Christianity is a way of life affecting all our experiences, it has something to say about our attitude toward materials. Jesus had much to say about this world's goods. By precept and example he revealed that all creation was made by a benevolent God for man to use. He shocked the religious leaders of his day by not recommending nor observing their rules of fasting. Some of his miracles provided food and drink to satisfy physical needs of the people who followed him.

At the same time Jesus was careful to warn his followers of the danger of loving physical things.

He informed would-be followers that they could not hold first allegiance to things if they were serious followers of him. He practiced conservation by having his disciples gather up the fish and bread fragments after the miraculous feeding of 5,000. In modern language his teaching and example was, "take all you need to eat and eat all you take."

Materialism exempts no one from its appeals. Ministers of God have the same temptation in this respect as others. They generally have families with the same needs and wants of other families. So they are swept up into the materialistic culture.

A minister and his family deserve the material needs for comfortable living. And they deserve being thought of by their congregations for these needs instead of having to ask for them.

Only in unusual circumstances should a minister have to negotiate with a church over his salary. Honest discussion of this is proper when a minister is invited to become pastor. After this he should never have to ask for consideration. Generally if his services are appreciated, the church will take care of him. If he has to ask, it is a pretty good sign the church doesn't think he deserves more.

In any event, a minister should follow the teachings of Jesus no matter how other church members live. It should be "like preacher, like people" and not "like people, like preacher." Nothing but a moral lapse can mar the image or hurt the credibility of a preacher more than the appearance of being money-minded. No one can serve God and mammon, especially a minister.

## Taking a Bomb Aboard

Checkpoints in air terminals seem to be a permanent part of air travel from now on. Few travelers object to the slight inconveniences since hijacking of planes has been almost completely stopped by checking all baggage going aboard.

The care with which baggage is examined differs slightly from airline to airline and airport to airport. The search of all packages and luggage taken aboard is not quite as intensely done now as when this precautionary measure was instituted. Electronic equipment and other devices do most of the surveillance now.

One exception was in St. Louis on the day I returned from the Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in San Francisco. Attendants at the check point were removing item by item from all take-on luggage while the lines of waiting passengers grew longer and longer. As I stood in line I wondered why the extra precaution. Was there some reason to suspect some passenger on the Louisville flight? Would this be my fateful flight?

"Forget it," I said to myself, "they check luggage carefully periodically to remind passengers not to try to pull anything."

But I remembered noting that the hotel in San Francisco where I had spent the night had no 13th floor. The floor numbers jumped from 12 to 14. Furthermore, I happened to have been assigned to room number 1412 which would have been 1312

had not 13 been skipped.

Guess what? The airplane seats also skipped number 13 but I managed to be assigned to row 15 instead of 14.

But this wasn't all. It dawned on me the day was Friday the 13th and I was caught. I could avoid the 13th floor of the hotel and the 13th row of airplane seats but I was in the air and couldn't change the calendar.

Was there a bomb aboard? Was my insurance premium paid? Was I ready for eternity?

Then came a sigh of relief. Such a fearful imagination was foolish. According to travel statistics, I was safer traveling by air than by highway. Besides, God controls the air as well as the ground.

But there really was a bomb aboard. The attendant found it in my briefcase. Not satisfied with finding only routine contents, she took the trouble to open the only carton in the briefcase. Inside was a new Bible, a gift from California Baptist College to Baptist editors. She let me through probably never realizing the Bible was the most powerful bomb ever conceived.

But it is a unique bomb. Its message tears us up in order to put us together. Its message is the most destructive force known for evil and the most powerful known for good. This bomb cannot be transported in a briefcase. It is baggage of the heart and every passenger should have it.

### Guest Editorial

## Moving Graciously

Stanley Dill

Springfield, Ill.

My deacon friend remarked, "Sometimes the Lord just tells a pastor to move and there's no need to question the factors." God knows the needs of his churches and moves men to fill them at a particular time.

A pastor believes his ministry is

complete and the Lord opens the door to a new opportunity. So he resigns. Can anything be done to help his family and church through the transition?

The pastor can share his pilgrimage of decision with the people. Many are struggling with decisions of similar magnitude. Positively told, his struggle in following the will of God can strengthen others. This explanation also helps his children know Dad has weighed all the factors in the move.

He can assist the church in preparing for the transition. There may or may not be a pre-determined method of electing a Pastor Selection Committee. In one church the deacons recommended that the church elect the committee by ballot. The recommendation specified the number on the committee as well as the breakdown of men and women plus the fact only one person per household could serve. The balloting produced a representative committee that everyone knew

was elected fairly. The committee balloted for its own chairman. In addition, the outgoing pastor provided counsel as to an interim pastor and/or pulpit supply.

Sometimes the pastor knows more about the administration of the church than anyone and should brief the appropriate persons about office procedures, insurance, purchasing, and the general day to day operations. His knowledge can prove invaluable to those in leadership during the transition.

Finally, the pastor can communicate his dreams for the church. He needs to be genuinely optimistic about the future. Many are discouraged at a pastor's leaving. His confidence that the will of God is best for all concerned blossoms hope for the future.

There need not be frustration and tension when a pastor leaves. The will of God brings peace and satisfaction. We thank God that he knows what is best and moves men accordingly.

## BAPTIST NEWS BRIEFS

### BWA Gave \$254,800 In Relief Funds in 1975

Baptist World Relief, the relief and development arm of the Baptist World Alliance, gave \$254,800 in assistance to people and churches in 40 projects in 1975, and anticipates a larger outreach in 1976.

The projects met emergency needs in famines, earthquakes, droughts and floods, assisted refugees, and developed religious programs in depressed areas. Church construction, Bible printing, and pastoral training were among inter-church aid projects. All relief and development expenditures came from contributions received by the BWA from churches, individuals, member bodies, and foundations. About 45 member BWA conventions participated in the 1975 program.

Total Baptist participation in relief projects is several times the \$254,800 figure, the BWA reported. "Many conventions administer relief through their own mission stations, and others give assistance directly to Baptist groups in the area of need. Such was the case on many developmental projects approved and publicized by the BWA," said Carl Tiller, BWA associate secretary.

Goals in most divisions of the BWA's work were met, except for developmental efforts. "Only \$32,000 passed through books for this phase, for which \$298,000 was envisioned," Tiller said. "Some of the developmental grants which had been budgeted were arranged with BWA help, but the money went directly from donors to the field, bypassing BWA accounts. Further, developmental projects apparently held less interest for donors who prefer to designate the purpose of their gifts," he said. (BP)

### Southwestern Seminary Sets Budget

The board of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., adopted a record budget, elected new faculty, and participated in the launching of an \$8 million fund drive, during their semi-annual meeting.

The 36-member board approved a record \$5.6 million budget for 1976-77. The projected budget represents a 23 percent increase over the current operating budget. Seminary officials noted the budget is based upon projected revenues from four sources—61 percent from the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program, 14 percent from student fees, 16 percent from endowment earnings, and the remainder from gifts and grants.

Trustees also authorized plans to be developed for the expansion of married student housing. The seminary's business affairs division was authorized to proceed with plans and the construction of 48 units in the J. Howard Williams memorial student village.

During the two-day meeting trustees participated in a community-wide kickoff of the seminary's "Eight by Eighty" \$8 million fund drive. The kickoff dinner, which drew over 700 of Fort Worth's leading business, civic and religious leaders, was the beginning of a three-month fund drive to raise \$2 million in Fort Worth. It was announced that \$993,000 had been raised in cash and pledges. (BP)

### New Orleans Seminary Accreditation Is Reaffirmed

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada has voted to "reaffirm the institutional accreditation of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the next 10 years," a seminary spokesman said.

Every 10 years regional accrediting agencies (the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the case of New Orleans Seminary) and the Association of Theological Schools require self-study and reapplication for accreditation. The Southern Association issued a similar 10-year renewal of accreditation for all programs of New Orleans Seminary last December, the spokesman said. The same procedure is followed by all accredited schools, including the other five theological seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Put  
And  
Take



Franklin Owen

One sees and hears a good bit of bank advertising. Various services and loans are discussed, including loans to consolidate all of one's debts for a single, regular payment. I had a youthful experience of this kind during the great depression.

It wasn't long after getting the consolidation loan until I had a bunch of new debts. Thus, in addition to the large payment, I had another string of small payments to make, just as before. Also, the consolidation loan carried considerable interest, whereas my previously scattered creditors had not yet pressed me that hard.

The problem in my case was the nature of the borrower. If you consolidate be sure to avoid further, new indebtedness. I discovered that it was more important for me to change my own ways than to get a loan to pay my debts. Sometimes one needs simply to keep on making payments where they are, as much and as often as possible. If this procedure forces more severe economy, and one can possibly stand it, he will get out of debt more quickly.

Getting back to the advertising, I notice that always someone is drawing out money. Little cards are pushed into machines and money comes out. Loans are received and the receiver made happy. Always people are getting money, rather than making deposits.

Remember, there has to be a rabbit in the hat or you can't pull him out. You must have money in the bank, or you can't draw it out, except as a loan, and then you have to put it all back, with interest.

This is also a parable of life. We get out of life what we put in. What we put in voluntarily will pay us dividends. If we take from life what we haven't yet earned, we're apt to have to pay it back, with interest. It is all part of the law of sowing and reaping "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully, and he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly" (II Cor. 9:6).

WESTERN RECORDER

## Acteens See College, Missionary Service

A glimpse of missionary service and a look at college life were the two highlights for Acteens at Cumberland College, Feb. 27-29.

Acteens, a Baptist organization for girls aging from 13-17, infiltrated the Cumberland campus in Williamsburg for Queens Court.

Queens Court is a weekend retreat for all Acteens who have completed the requirements for the "Queen step" up through the "Queen Regent In Service step."

The "steps" are mission-related activities through which an Acteen can better understand missions. Involvement in mission projects and completion of personal studies in missions, Baptist doctrine and Christianity characterize the steps.

Featured on the program were Nancy K. Ferrell, state Acteen director; J. M. Boswell, president of Cumberland College; students of Cumberland College (Marvin Cox, Willie Ailstock, Don Black, Glenda Quick and The Good News Singers); a singing group from Belview (Ky.) Baptist Church; and Larry Jones, US-2er and director of Appalachian ministry. Petra, a religious rock group, performed during the weekend.

The students of Cumberland College provided accommodations for the Acteens in the dormitories.



John P. Rohrer, former assistant basketball coach at Elizabethtown High School, has been named director of admissions at Campbellsville College. Rohrer [left] is filling the position vacated by J. Alvin Hardy [right] who was recently promoted to advancement vice-president for the college.

## Bold Mission Projects Get Boost from Offering

by Catherine Allen

If the goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is reached, the Home Mission Board will start hitting the targets for its big "bold mission" strategy.

The Home Mission Board intends to grow Southern Baptist congregations in every county and major town in the country as part of the Convention's decade-end emphasis on bold mission.

This year's Easter offering will provide the first funding for this drive—if the \$9,500,000 goal is reached.

Fred Moseley, assistant executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, said Southern Baptists will have to give 12 per cent more than last year's Easter offering to touch the bold mission allocations. "We need to give like we did in 1974, when we piled up a 14 per cent increase," Moseley said.

When the offering begins with the March 7-14 Week of Prayer for Home Missions, every penny will be funneled into home missions along pre-determined priorities.

The first \$7,200,000 goes to support

2,200 missionaries and their work. Evangelism projects, church extension, Christian social ministries, language missions, associational work and other missions programs all depend on the offering for almost half their support. The other half is allocated via the Cooperative Program.

The next \$1,500,000 goes to support special projects, along with the Cooperative Program. TV evangelism, US-2 missionaries, student summer missionaries, Alaska Pipeline ministries and scholarships for missionary kids are among the items. A special allocation of \$1,000,000 is set aside to upgrade missionary salaries.

Then the offering begins to tick off bold mission targets, which go on for pages in plans developed by the Home Mission Board and state conventions.

Among the projects are these:

At least 175 new missionaries, who could be placed as soon as money comes in.

Hawaii's first associational director of missions (\$14,790).

A Christian social ministries director in Maryland (\$15,000) and another in New York (\$15,000).

Aid to pastors to start new congregations in New England (\$5,000).

Evangelism crusades in key cities (\$100,000).

Twenty-five new churches in Florida (\$25,000).

New churches in Utah-Idaho (\$12,000).

Church starter missionary to begin five churches in Des Moines (\$15,800).

Pastoral missionary in coal mining area of West Virginia, where 82 per cent are unchurched (\$7,500).

A pastor to start a church with week-day ministries in Wheeling, where there has never been a church (\$12,000).

More than 200 additional summer missionaries, especially drama and resort teams (\$100,000).

Start Filipino work in Meridian (\$720).

Start Czech work in Chicago (\$10,000).

Full time pastor for Eskimos (\$13,160).

Fred Moseley estimated that \$1,100,000 could be spent right now on these and other projects that the Home Mission Board and state conventions have identified as urgent. But none will be funded until the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering nears that \$9,500,000 goal.

## Georgetown College Comes to Town

by Robin Oldham

Though Georgetown College is the oldest Baptist college west of the Allegheny Mountains and though she has been a part of Christian higher education for nearly 150 years, a surprisingly large number of Kentucky Baptists have not had an opportunity to visit the campus.

Of those who have been to the college in the past, many have not seen the numerous improvements Georgetown has experienced in recent years.

Since a majority of Georgetown College students are Baptist and since the college receives a great deal of financial and prayerful support from its denomination, administrative personnel of the college have begun a new program to help introduce Georgetown to Baptist churches.

The program is called "Georgetown College Comes to Town."

As a result the people who have the most invested in Georgetown College in money, students and supportive concern will have an opportunity to see and hear about the ministry of Georgetown first hand.

The tentative format for "Georgetown College Comes to Town" includes meeting during the Sunday school hour with the church's high school department to conduct a seminar on Christian higher education and participating in the morning worship service in whatever capacity the pastor desires.

Students and faculty members are available to provide music, chalk talks, drama skits, teaching, testimonies and preaching.

Those interested in having Georgetown College come should contact J. Richard Carlton, coordinator of alumni affairs, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. 40324.

## Hong Kong Hosts Baptist Youth

The ninth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet July 19-23, 1978, in Hong Kong.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), made the announcement. He said the expected 5000 conference participants can be accommodated in a variety of housing, ranging from hotels to dormitories and private homes.

Betty L. Smith, BWA conference coordinator, said the program will feature small group discussions in the mornings,

## 31 Kentucky Youths Named 1976 Summer Missionaries For Home, Foreign Fields

College students who are Baptists throughout Kentucky are anticipating the summer to begin mission assignments. Thirty-one students representing several Kentucky colleges and universities have been selected to serve both at home and abroad. Four will serve in foreign countries, 18 in other states and nine in Kentucky.

Under the corporate funding of the Kentucky Baptist student unions, each "missionary" receives transportation and incidental expenses while on the field. The Foreign and Home Mission boards finance living expenses while each student works.

Kentucky Baptists support four summer missionaries comprising a mountain youth team under supervision of the Missions Department of our state convention.

The Baptist emissaries spend 10 weeks fulfilling their assignments, beginning in June.

A team specializing in drama and recreation, the Son Share Players, is a "first." Under the direction of Tom Smart, associate of the western area of Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department, the five players are slated for eight weeks of dramatic presentations, fellowships and counseling.

The 31 applicants for all assignments were interviewed on their campuses, then recommended to a second interviewing committee which included state Baptist leaders.

After deliberation the committee selected these students (name, home town, school and assignment are given in that order): *Steven Ray Pettit*, Independence,

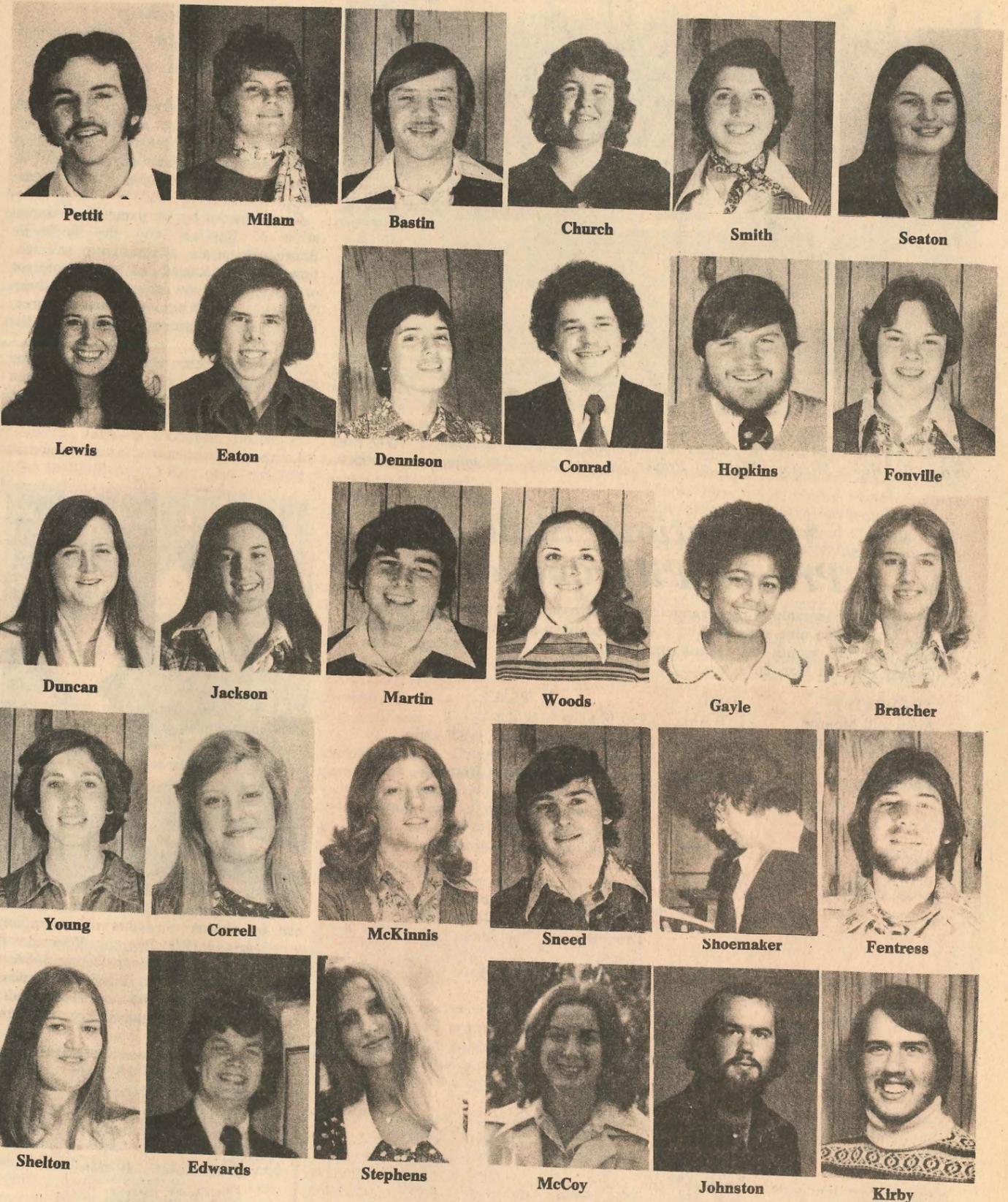
Northern, Israel; *Beverly Ann Milam*, Jackson, Mich., Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Jordan; *Kenneth Amos Bastin*, Lexington, Georgetown, Malaysia; *Belinda Louise Hall*, Danville, Cumberland, Peru; *Angela Rose Church*, Louisville, Campbellsville, Germany; *Debra Joyce Smith*, Cumberland, University of Louisville, Alaska; *Evelyn Beatrice Seaton*, Calvert City, Murray, Arizona; *Judy Lewis*, Mt. Washington, Campbellsville, California; *Gary Charles Eaton*, Louisville, Murray, Florida; *Jennifer Lee Dennison*, Leitchfield, University of Kentucky, Georgia; *David Earl Conrad*, Falmouth, Morehead, Hawaii; *Stephen Dale Hopkins*, Brooksville, Ohio, Georgetown, Kansas-Nebraska; *Nancy Karen Fonville*, Ft. Mitchell, Eastern, Louisiana; *Melody Ann Duncan*, De Massville, Morehead, Michigan; *Dawn Ann Jackson*, Henderson, Henderson, Minnesota-Wisconsin; *John Albert Martin*, Crittenden, Eastern, New England; *Debra Jean Woods*, Louisville, Georgetown, South Carolina; *Emma Elizabeth Gayle*, Sparta, Northern, Virginia; *Sarah Lee Bratcher*, Utica, Western, West Virginia; *Billie Robin Young*, Webbville, Eastern, Florida; *Roxann Correll*, Somerset, Western, New England; *Susan McKinnis*, Owensboro, Northwest.

Those composing the mountain youth team are: *Ricky Louis Sneed*, Louisville, University of Louisville; *Brian Shoemaker*, Kettering, O., Cumberland; *Gary Fentress*, Shepherdsville, University of Louisville; *Rita Jane Shelton*, Ashland, Morehead.

Alternates (not pictured) are: *Nancy Lynn Nottingham*, Warren, O., Cumberland and *Marsha Ellen McNeely*, Louisville, Georgetown.

Those in the Son Share Players are: *John Edwards*, Hodgenville, Morehead; *Mary Jane Stephens*, Owensboro, Western; *Rebecca McCoy*, Birmingham, Ala., Georgetown; *Joel Johnston*, Madisonville, Georgetown; and *Marion Kirby*, Louisville, Western.

Available  
Photos of Kentucky  
Summer Missionaries  
On Opposite Page





Seen through branches of a tree outside the Kentucky Baptist Convention's offices in Middletown the cross is in clear focus for the many ministries coordinated here. Pray during the Home Missions Week of Prayer for your state denominational workers.

## Associations Slate Prayer Pilgrimages

Under sponsorship of the Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention nine state Baptist associations have planned prayer pilgrimages later this month. All events are scheduled for Mar. 27 except Owen County which is Mar. 26.

ASSOCIATION	TIME	PLACE
Allen and Monroe	11:00 AM	Old Mulkey Meeting House
Daviess-McLean	10:00 AM	Buck Creek Baptist Church and Yelvington Baptist Church
Enterprise	10:30 AM	Begin with motorcade from Prestonsburg-Paintsville Airport. Sack lunch at Paintsville, First Baptist. Conclude at Liberty Church.
Liberty	2:00 PM	Old Mulkey Meeting House
Little Bethel	7:00 PM	Simultaneous prayer meetings: Harmony            Corinth Richland            Pleasant Grove Olive Branch       Salem Concord
Logan and Bethel	1:00 PM	Red River Meeting House
Ohio County	6:30 PM	Simultaneous prayer meetings: Fordsville           Beaver Dam Bells Run            Walton's Creek Mt. Carmel           Pond Run Pleasant Hill        Green River Fairview
Owen County	10:00 AM, 2:00 & 7:30 PM	Associational prayer meeting at 7:45 PM at Beaver Dam Church Fairgrounds
Rockcastle	8:30 AM (Breakfast) 10:00 AM (Prayer Pilgrimage)	Mt. Vernon, First

### Pastor's Workshop On Family Life Set at Hospital

A pastor's workshop on the theme "How to Conduct a Family Life Conference in a Local Church" will be held Mar. 18-19 at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing Chapel in Louisville.

Co-sponsored by the Long Run Association of Baptists and the Louisville Baptist Hospitals, the program will feature G. Wade Rowatt, assistant professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary, and Walter C. Jackson, director of pastoral care of Louisville Baptist Hospitals.

For reservations contact the pastoral care department of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, 810 Barret Avenue, Louisville, Ky.



"Baptist Hymnal, Organ Edition," for use by church organists to accompany songs in the 1975 "Baptist Hymnal," is available in Baptist Book Stores. Sharron Lyon, editor in the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, looks at a copy with Morgan Lowry, assistant music editor.

#### HOUSE SUPERVISOR

The Baptist Convalescent Center, Inc., is seeking an R.N. with 5 years nursing experience, including a minimum of three years in which administrative and/or teaching ability has been demonstrated. Please contact A. E. Caddell or E. Closs, Director of Nursing.

Baptist Convalescent Center, Inc.  
120 Main Street  
Newport, Kentucky 41071  
606-581-1938

A MINISTRY OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Don Randolph: Man In The Middle of a Tempest

by Bruce Buurisma

The three-tiered trophy case at Green Acres Baptist Church in Kentucky's southern Jefferson County is crammed full of gaudy, glistening hardware symbolic of excellence in such pursuits as softball, basketball and bowling.

For the man who won most of them—51-year-old Don Randolph—athletic competition has been a brief, therapeutic excursion away from the harsh demands of the real world, in which he juggled two jobs in 1975.

He is, first of all, senior pastor of the 1,700-member Green Acres Church, which is a piece of cake compared with his part time position as chairman of the 1975 Jefferson County Board of Education, the body that has been called upon to implement the court-ordered desegregation plan for local schools.

As chairman, Randolph has been at the center of the tempest over busing and depending on whom you choose to hear, he is a Hitler or a messiah. He has been called both.

"It was a hectic year," Randolph said during an interview in his book-lined church office. "The best word to describe the whole year is frustration, just plain frustration."

Adversity and hard knocks have never tip-toed lightly on Randolph. He was just 8 years old when his father, a deputy sheriff in Harlan County, Ky., was killed in the line of duty. His mother, he said, was unable to care for the five children and they were sent to live in a Baptist orphanage in Glendale, Ky.

Randolph recalled his eight years in the orphanage with fondness, despite the death of one of his brothers there. "It was home to me," he said, "and it was my first introduction to the Baptist faith."

Twenty years ago, Randolph accepted the invitation to become the first minister of the still organizing Green Acres Baptist Church. "When we came," recalled Mrs. Randolph, "all we knew was that there would be three members: Don, our daughter Donna and me."

Randolph first ran for the Jefferson County school board in 1972, a year in which there were anti-Catholic feelings. Just before the election, an editorial in the *Western Recorder* hinted at a plot "to channel more funds into private and parochial schools." Running on an anti-merger platform, Randolph handily defeated his incumbent opponent, Catholic physician William VonderHaar.

Randolph became chairman of the county board at the beginning of 1975, and on July 1, when the city and county boards officially merged, he was named by the State Department of Education to chair the whole shebang. Randolph said he was chosen "to keep the peace" between board factions.

For his part, Randolph is convinced his involvement with the secular school board is part of a divine plan. "I think God has put me here," he said forcefully. "I have found many opportunities to witness for my Lord through this job."

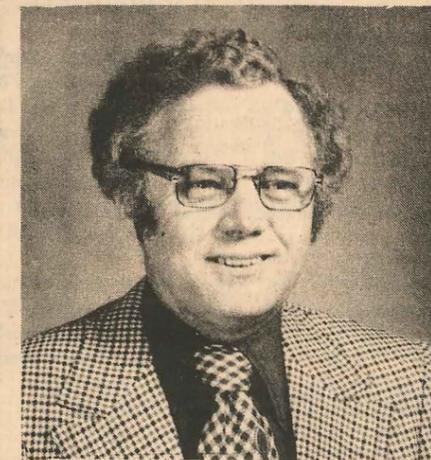
Randolph cited as examples his successful reintroduction of prayer before each board meeting and his willingness to treat fairly both his friends and adversaries on the board.

"Even though I oppose busing," Randolph continued, "I'm a law-abiding citizen. I've preached on Romans 13. ('Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers,' says verse one.) I can see protesting, but I can't buy burning Preston Highway. I've told my congregation that, and I lost one family because of it."

One church member who has not left is Melvin Blakeman, the 40-year-old vice president of Concerned Parents, an anti-busing group. Despite occasional differences of opinion, Blakeman said, he and Randolph remained "close to each other" during the busing controversy.

"A lot of people in Concerned Parents think Brother Don has not stood out like he should against busing," Blakeman said. "And he has had some problems with his congregation. But I think he's been helpful."

Randolph conceded that some members



of his church have challenged him to lead protest demonstrations. "Some feel I ought to get out and march with them—that I ought to go to jail or resign. I tell them that's not my thing."

According to Mrs. Carlita Johnson, the Green Acres Church secretary who has arranged Randolph's schedule throughout the year, her boss "never puts the school board above the church people. I've worked for ministers before and a lot of them will hide from problems, but not Brother Don."

The Interfaith Task Force for School Integration, an affiliated group of the Louisville Area Interchurch Organization for Service (LAIOS), has taken a consistently pro-busing stand, which is, it argues, the only Christian position.

Randolph, however, dismissed the interdenominational LAIOS group as "liberal in theology." "It bothers me," he said, "that those who become messiahs for integration are those who live in the most segregated areas of town. I'd like to know how many blacks some of those preachers have in their churches."

What is particularly distressing, Randolph said, is the deafening silence echoing from his alma mater, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "I think they have some giants there that could say more (against busing)," he said.

"I stay a Southern Baptist," Randolph said, "because I can say what I want and be accountable only to my congregation. I don't have to worry about a hierarchy."

Opinions of Randolph and his record on the school board run the full range from profound respect to gut revulsion.

"I'd like to say he's an idiot and a detriment to the board," said one board member who asked not to be identified. "I suppose he's doing his best, but he's a limited man."

At the other extreme, one Baptist leader announced that "the one real courageous figure to come out of this busing thing has been Don Randolph. He's been on a bed of nails and any lesser man might have lost his church. He's kept his cool."

William E. Summers III, pastor of St. Paul AME Church and a member of the school board, said his reaction to Randolph is "unprintable. Let's face it, our philosophies do not exactly coincide."

Said Orville Miller, another board member, "Don has had one of the most trying times in the history of Jefferson County. There are those who wouldn't have been able to handle it. I think he's done an excellent job."

Randolph said simply he has tried to be fair. "The exciting thing I've found is that a witness for Christ is not always made within the four walls of the church." (BP)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 21, 1976)

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### The Consequences of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:27-39

Christ denounced hypocrisy on various occasions. Hypocrisy is pretending to be something one is not. It is a profession which lacks a possession. Hypocrisy is obnoxious to Christ, no matter in whose life it is found. Discerning the hardness and the impenitence of the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees, Christ pronounced their condemnation in no uncertain terms, but tempered with a holy and perfect love.

These hypocrites committed gross sins under the cloak of religion. They pretended to have a great interest in the poor and genuine friendship for the sorrowful and distressed people. The scoundrels induced widows without business experience to commit the management of their property and financial matters to them as executors and then defrauded them. After they obtained the money from the victims under false pretenses, they articulated long prayers to avert suspicion, but failed in their attempts.

Christ declared a series of mournful woes on the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, whom he accused of spiritual blindness and moral stupidity. He knew they developed a rationalized system of lying. It is noteworthy that Christ's most bitter comments were addressed to those whose outward lives and religious professions were respectable. Pharisees were careful to tithe every edible product, but they were not so scrupulous about their ethical and moral duties. Christ made it plain that neither the minute nor weighty matters are to be neglected. It is folly to insist on the outside of the platter and cup being clean but not caring that their contents are defiled by dishonesty and extortion. The heart must be cleansed before the conduct can be exemplary. An attempt to display outward cleanliness while harboring impurity within is displeasing to our Lord.

Our blessed Lord proclaimed his yearning for the people in Jerusalem. Not only had they stoned the prophets and slain many others whom God had sent, but now they were about to kill the son of God. Through the centuries God sought to win and save the people from the sins but most of them rejected the salvation which was offered.

Thinking of their offenses and numerous refusals of God's mercies, Christ pictured the people in Jerusalem as a brood of chickens refusing to gather under the wings of the hen. As the hen wanted to shelter her chicks under her wings, to a far greater degree, Christ wanted to gather the people of Jerusalem under the protecting wings of his love.

Because of their attitude toward Christ and their rejection of him, our Lord warned them that their house would be left desolate. Even though he warned them of their impending punishment, they little dreamed of such a dire calamity as the destruction of Jerusalem within 40 years. Their rejection of Christ made them victims of enslavement and sorrow in due time.



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Accountable to God

Matthew 25:19-30

In a parable Christ pictured a man distributing his possessions to his servants as stock in trade for his own enrichment prior to leaving for another country. To some the master gave more than to others, on the grounds that they were not equally capable and willing to use them. He gave each the amount which that servant was able to use. He then made his journey, leaving all responsibility to the individual servants. Aware of their responsibilities, two servants put their talents to use immediately and doubled their capital. Feeling slighted the other hid his one talent. Since he would not use the one he was given, he would not have done better had he received more.

When their master returned, the two faithful servants came with 100% profit feeling as if they had done their best. The third returned with only that which was entrusted to him. Instead of humbly and regretfully confessing his sinful neglect, he made false excuses and tried to shift the blame from himself upon his master.

Four things deprived the one-talent man of a reward. He was afraid because he could not display as much as the others who had more talents. He was a concealer and said, "Lord, . . . I was afraid, and went and hid my talent in the earth." He was untrustworthy because of his unfaithful stewardship in hiding and keeping his talent out of circulation. He was lazy and was called a "wicked and slothful servant."

The faithful servants, unaware of their master's return, worked and served diligently until he came back. They rendered their accounts with joy and readily received hearty commendations from their master for the splendid work. Because of their faithfulness, he rewarded them with the gift of higher employment and additional opportunities to serve.

The Christian application indicates that God has entrusted one or more talents to every person. Each talent is to be used for the glory of the Lord and the welfare of other people. Each recipient has the capacity and opportunity to render some service. Even though our talents and opportunities to use them vary, our Lord expects us to be faithful in doing our best for him. We can know that he will deal with the fruits of our labors in the light of our abilities, opportunities and diligence.

Because the wicked servant refused to use what was entrusted to him, it was taken from him and given to one who would use it profitably. Christians who refuse to use their God-given endowments have no right to expect God's reward.

## State Chorale Sets Bicentennial Tour

Kentucky Baptists will have an opportunity to musically celebrate the bicentennial, thanks to Eugene Quinn, music director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Quinn has planned a bicentennial tour of the Kentucky Baptist Chorale April 19-23.

The singing group was invited to perform by the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission and their songs will be patriotic in nature.

"Primarily we will be attributing to God the success of our nation through these 200 years and reminding people of the important place Americans should give God in order to be good citizens," Quinn stated.

Monday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. the chorale will be featured in a bicentennial celebration at Harrodsburg Baptist Church. They will present a concert that night at 8 p.m. at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

On Tuesday evening, April 20, the group will sing for the WMU convention in Owensboro. The next day the chorale will travel to Paducah for a television taping and a concert.

Thursday (April 22) will find the group in Bowling Green for an 8 p.m. concert in Van Meter Auditorium.

Lexington residents will have an opportunity to hear the group Friday, Apr. 23. A concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church.

**FIBERGLASS**

- STEEPLES
- WALL CROSSES
- STAINED FIBERGLASS WINDOWS
- BAPTISTRIES
- BAPTISTRY HEATERS

Write for free color brochure.

*Fiberglass Specialties*

214 657-6524 Box 931 Henderson, Texas 75652

**HERBERT C. CRALLE**

**FUNERAL HOME**

Edwin R. Hillock, President

Wallace C. Hatler

Phone 896-8821

Frankfort and Peterson Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky

## Working Hand in Hand: Seminary and Kentuckiana

by Michael Duduit

Buffalo Lick Baptist Church is an important place.

It's not "important" in the sense that many people think of the word. It isn't very large, probably will never lead the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms, doesn't have many of the features one usually associates with greatness. But to a large number of Southern Seminary students over the years, including seminary president Duke K. McCall and administrator/professor Allen W. Graves, it is the place that God put them to prepare for ministry.

Fortunately, Buffalo Lick Baptist Church in Bagdad, Ky., is not alone. Hundreds of churches throughout Kentucky, Indiana and beyond provide places of service to countless students during their seminary careers.

According to Rodger Murchison, director of placement, several hundred students are involved in church staff positions in the area, most of them as pastors. Last year the seminary sent over 2,000 referrals to churches which inquired about student pastors or staff members.

Murchison explains that there are three types of student pastorates: those who live on the field, some who commute each day and others who live on campus during the week and return to the church

field each weekend; weekend-only pastorates; and Sunday only.

Most churches with student pastors and staff members are not far from Louisville, Murchison says, though he does know of students who travel each weekend as far as Arkansas and Birmingham, Ala. Twelve of the 125 churches in Louisville's Long Run Baptist Association have seminary students as pastors.

One local church, Walnut Street Baptist in downtown Louisville, has "as many as 100 students" in various ministries, says Chuck Wilson, minister of education. They are involved as age-group directors, in pastoral care, social work, recreation and many other areas of service.

Murchison sees the student pastorate or staff position as a real plus for the student: Financially, educationally and emotionally. "They begin to see a total church concept," he explains. "The church is a good cross section of people. Our students can begin to relate to all segments of life within the church."

In addition, says the placement director, "It's a real break from Barth, Brunner and Tillich to be able to talk to Mr. Smith, Jones and Brown."

Murchison believes that church work helps a student "to keep academics in focus. Some students can come here and cloister themselves in the library. These churches make you come down to the grass roots . . . they keep the student from getting academic distemper."

Most churches see their student staff members "as an extension of their ministry," explains the seminary's placement director. "Many churches are proud of the fact that they had a part in the nurture of many of the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention."

**PARR'S REST, INC.**

Private Home for Elderly Ladies

Baptist managed. Not a nursing home. Private room. Near bus line. Protective environment. Religious, social and recreational activities available.

Mrs. Rena Groves, Adm.

969 Cherokee Road, Louisville, Ky. 40204

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVES**

Age 16-98 — Sales Ability

Income — Opportunity — Career

**CLCBI: W. R. Sinclair**

5901 Plainfield Drive

Charlotte, N. C. 28215

STEEPLES

LIGHTS

BAPTISTRIES

SIGNS

P. O. BOX 2218 DANVILLE, VA. 24541

PHONE (804) 797-3277

**BOWLING UNITED INDUSTRIES**

"Freedom in Christ" pamphlets are now available from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The pamphlets, commemorating 200 years of Baptist preaching in Kentucky, cite verses of scripture around the theme of freedom.

For your copy write: A. B. Colvin, Kentucky Baptist Building, Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243.

## Glorieta, Ridgecrest Set National Family Weeks To Enrich Home Life

As part of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's priority on support of and enrichment for family life, the family ministry department has scheduled three weeks of family emphasis at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Centers this summer.

The first and most comprehensive of the planned meetings is the National Family Enrichment Conference, to be held at Glorieta, July 10-16.

"There will be something for every member of the family, from first-graders to great grandparents," says Joseph W. Hinkle, secretary of the board's family ministry department. "We have enlisted the best leadership among Southern Baptists, and hope to reach 400 families during the week."

Adult Bible study relating to the family will be led by John Howell of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. Among a variety of topics, the national conference will feature adult conferences on marriage and family enrichment, parenting, sexuality, divorce, communication and money management.

Particular topics of the adult conferences include Growing Together and the Family Life Cycle; Sex Roles in Marriage; He, She or We; Understanding Human Sexuality; Facing Family Crises; The Care and Feeding of a Young Marriage; The Marriage Checkup; Why/When/How; The Delicate Condition of Family Communication; Knocking Heads with the Kids; A Good Marriage: Your Greatest Gift to Your Children; and Marriage in the Retirement Years.

Additionally, there will be leadership conferences for church family ministry leaders. These conferences include Before You Marry Them; Helping Couples in Conflict; Helping When Divorce Comes; Ministering to Divorcees in the Local Church; Understanding Needs of and Relating to Single Adults and Deacon Family Ministry.

The youth conferences during the national meeting will focus on "Freedom and Responsibility." Topic for the children's conferences will be "Families Are For Love."

The afternoons during the conference will be free for family recreation including table games, softball, volleyball, badminton, miniature golf, tennis, basketball and other sports.

The evening sessions, for all family members, will relate particularly to family life. Speakers for this session are Wade

Rowatt, professor of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; John Drakeford, professor of counseling and psychology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; R. Lofton Hudson, director, Midwest Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City; Wallace Denton, professor of family life and Christian development, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; Nathan Stone, pastor, Manor Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.; and J. Clark Hensley, director, Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson.

The evening sessions, directed by Hinkle, will also feature a brief presentation called "There's A Doctor in the House" by Wayne Grant, pediatrician from El Paso, Tex., and deacon of First Baptist Church there.

James VanHemert, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, will lead the music activities.

"For those who cannot attend the National Family Enrichment Conference," continues Hinkle, "we have arranged conferences for adults during Bible-Predaching Week at Glorieta, July 17-23, and at Ridgecrest, July 31-Aug. 6.

"During this conference, evening sessions will not deal with family life, but there will be one conference on parenting and another on family and marriage communication each morning. In the afternoon there will be a leadership conference on family ministry in the local church."

Additional information and details of programs for any of the three weeks may be secured from the Family Ministry Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Registration information may be secured from the conference centers.

**An Impressive,  
Comforting Service**  
that meets the requirements  
of every family calling us

**Kerr Brothers  
FUNERAL HOME**

Lexington, Ky.  
463 E. Main St. • Dial 2-3345

See Me  
for a new Olds or Fiat  
also have preferred used cars  
TRI CITY OLDS  
3920 Dutchmans Lane, Lou., Ky.  
Bus. 897-6541 Home 239-7668  
Charles W. Woodson

LIST YOUR PROPERTY WITH  
**Charles Judd  
Realty** Serving Northern Ky.  
WHEN BUYING OR SELLING  
341-3635 Phone (606) 341-1512  
ERLANGER, KENTUCKY

## You're Never Too Old To Hear Better

Chicago, Ill. — A free offer of special interest to those who hear but do not understand words has been announced by Beltone. A non-operating model of the smallest Beltone aid of its kind will be given absolutely free to anyone answering this advertisement.

Send for this non-operating model now. Wear it in the privacy of your own home to see how tiny hearing help can be. It's yours to keep, free. The actual aid weighs less than a third of an ounce, and it's all at ear level, in one unit.

These models are free, so we suggest you write for yours now. Again, we repeat, there is no cost, and certainly no obligation. Thousands have already been mailed, so write today to Dept 4420, Beltone Electronics, 4201 W. Victoria Street, Chicago, Ill. 60646.

## Committee Urges Bold Advance into 21st Century

A 21-person committee, mandated by Southern Baptists in 1974 to study the potential of the 12.7-million-member denomination's worldwide missions advance during the last 25 years of the 20th century, presented 15 major recommendations to the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

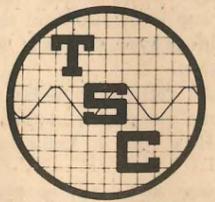
### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ALUMINUM SIDING, exterior decorating, quality work. Call Colville Aluminum Co., (502) 368-1100.

CONCRETE WORK, large or small. 20 years. Allen Pinkston. Member of 9th & O, Louisville. 368-7951, 267-5795. Free Florida Vacation Certificate given with estimate.

**CHURCH STEEPLES**  
"FIBERGLASS WITH STEEL STRUCTURES"  
• 10 YEARS MFG. EXPERIENCE - 100'S OF MODELS  
• COMPLETE ERECTIONS BY GLASSTECH  
• 10 YEAR WARRANTY "IN-PLACE"  
also  
• STAINED FIBERGLASS WINDOWS  
• "MELBY" MAGNETIC TAPE  
• CARILLON SYSTEMS  
• WALL CROSSES  
32 MODELS  
BAPTISMAL POOLS  
Glasstech P.O. Box 135  
Roswell, Ga., 30075  
404-992-9580

SERVING ALL RELIGIONS  
Prices to satisfy every preference and need  
AIR CONDITIONED PARKING AREAS  
1310 S. THIRD Phone 634-3628  
149 BRECKINRIDGE LANE Phone 896-0349  
**PEARSON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Members: Kentucky Funeral Directors Burial Association  
Members: National Selected Morticians by invitation

"Sound systems designed for the Baptist order of worship"  
Since  1948  
**TECHNICAL SERVICE CORPORATION**  
2618 SOUTH FOURTH ST.  
LOUISVILLE, KY. 40208  
502-636-1496

The report will be voted on at the SBC annual meeting, June 14-15, in Norfolk.

The Missions Challenge Committee responded to an SBC request to study how the denomination's two mission boards and other agencies can work together to meet world needs in the final quarter of the century.

Realizing that financial support will make or break the ambitious plan of SBC missions advance into the 21st century, the committee asked the convention to call on the denomination's 34,902 churches in 50 states "to teach the biblical revelation of Christian stewardship and develop plans and programs designed to enlist every member in the stewardship of possessions through the church."

Specifically that includes challenging members to increase contributions, with the tithe (one-tenth of income) as the minimum goal, challenging churches to increase the percentage of their giving through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget annually with a 50-50 division as a goal, and challenging state conventions to work toward a 50-50 division of Cooperative Program funds, after appropriate expenses, with SBC causes.

Points of agency cooperation include the following:

—The Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with assistance of other appropriate SBC agencies, were urged to "undertake seriously the creative addition of new patterns of work that will help accomplish the objective of every person hearing the gospel in the next 25 years."

The committee urged that in development of these patterns "full emphasis be placed upon the Bible in the communication of missions, upon research as a fundamental necessity for missions, upon cooperation as a way of magnifying the missions witness of the church, and upon doctrinal integrity as a way of preserving the faith."

—The two missions boards, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission and the Sunday School Board were asked to report to the convention in one year on two assignments.

The committee requested the five agencies "to work together to discover and implement the best ways for strengthening the biblical understanding of missions in the minds of all Southern Baptists" and "to discover and implement plans for a broader based missions education to reach all the members of the churches."

—The two mission boards also were asked:

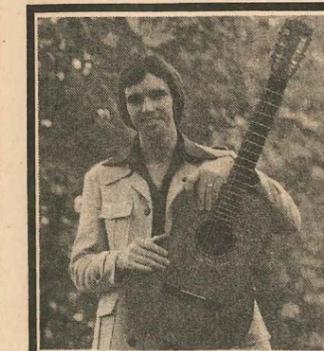
1. "To develop as many ways as possible for long and short term involvement of persons in direct mission work in the modern setting" and, in cooperation with other agencies, "to enlist and guide lay persons with practical and spiritual gifts and callings in all phases of mission work, especially in such areas as publications, radio and TV, medical work, education, etc."

2. "To work with other agencies to facilitate the use of their special skills in mission work, recognizing the leadership responsibility of the two boards."

3. "To work together with the other appropriate agencies in developing a ministry and witness with foreigners sojourning in our land, with seamen who call at our ports, with international students in our colleges and universities and with internationals along the borders of our nation."

—The six SBC theological seminaries, in cooperation with the two missions boards, were asked "to review and strengthen the academic and clinical programs for the training of those dedicated to missions service."

—The Executive Committee was asked to work with the two mission boards, WMU, Brotherhood Commission, Stewardship Commission, Sunday School Board and the seminaries "to secure full implementation of these recommendations," and "to coordinate denominational missions goals and action plans looking toward the 21st century." (BP)



## Bill Traylor sings "THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT"

On Sale Now For \$5.95 From  
**AGAPE PRODUCTIONS**  
P.O. Box 193 • Catlettsburg, Ky. 41129  
Make Checks Payable to Agape Productions

## Come on an Adventure!

by Ellen Fleming, Staff Writer

If you're looking for a trip to take, one that is venturesome, exciting, a trip that involves risk and reward, take an "adventure trip." The travelers on that trip recommend it only if you're sick of the trip you're on. But after hearing the travelers discuss their trek, it's hard to say "no" to their invitation.

Anyone can go, but the trails are rugged with sharp and jagged curves, precipices, hollow valleys. A companion is provided who promises he will never leave. The companion at times seems elusive, he's behind you, pushing you onward; before you pulling you when your feet are dragging; and beside you when you need a sturdy shoulder. You know he's there, but you're never quite sure what you'll go through next.

Keith Miller and Bruce Larson are two travelers. They never intend to have a rest stop. They're on the adventure trip for life and they love it. As travelers,

they share their adventures with those who want to go. They are troubadours for the Lord.

These two troupers are not worried whether they run head first into an obvious boulder, nor do they fret about the stones they stumble across. Why? Because failure is always grist for learning. The grinder is their companion. He grinds away the lumps of failure into fine grains used for learning.

Miller and Larson, leaders of a spiritual life retreat at Southern Seminary, Feb. 19-20, presented with candor their personal adventure trip.

As "custodians of the gospel" Miller and Larson are firm believers in the liberating activity of Christ in the lives of those who will risk accepting the freedom to be real. According to Larson, "In the light of the gospel, we can find out how to relate to people in a way that is congruent with what we say about the gospel. The Bible is minimally concerned about doctrine, it is a book about relationships." Larson said the Bible presents a relational theology and "it is for needy desperate people who want to be what Christ wants them to be."

Miller acknowledges that he, again, is suddenly realizing, "God loves me. I'm discovering a pristine freshness about the gospel and for a jaded stripper like me, that's good news." For one to share with others the good news of the gospel, Miller says, one can engage in "adventure teaching." It is patterned after the way Christ taught. "He taught on trips, in small groups and on the move. He told stories and the content always related to the listener's personal adventure trip. We as teachers must make contact with the 'inside person' of the listener. Through Christ's liberation we are able to do this because Jesus gives us permission to be totally open and vulnerable." Through adventure teaching (the sharing of your spiritual trip with another and learning through each other's experience) our Christian religion can be revitalized.

"There is a dearth of models for this type of teaching," says Miller, "but people must see the possibility of doing it, then everyone can do it. Once people see it done, then they can say, 'I can do that.' We are just planting seeds, God can water them." He added, "It works through persons who are risking doing

something."

Neither Miller nor Larson will quit their trip of adventure. Larson says, "I tried to settle back and be a traditional pastor of a church when I realized my congregation was not with me on my trip. Soon I knew that as their pastor I had to keep going on my own adventure and continue to share from that. Whether you come with me or not, I will go ahead, because it is a life. I'm in it for me."

Larson especially addresses relational theology to the church's mission. "A church must be relevant, it must have something to do with the battles church members have in their lives. The most encouraging aspect of the church is that it owns the most prized and priceless possession. God loves us and Christ is with us. The church can unwrap people who are bound up, like the people unwrapped Lazarus from his burial clothes after Jesus breathed life into his dead body. The church can affirm, but we can't be made well until we are able to say we have needs. For a church to be termed 'boring' is the ultimate heresy."

Larson added, "The most exciting place to be is in a grass roots church as its pastor. This generation is tired of the 'Christian religion,' they are looking for the real thing—guts religion. There is a spiritual hunger in people, a fed-upness with 'Christian religion' as we know it."

Miller and Larson agree that a pastor cannot expect to get a loving, caring community started in his church unless he, himself, is willing to share his spiritual joys in a small group. The primary group is of supreme importance, it can yield prayer support, affirmation and correction.

A question frequently asked by Miller and all those interested in the adventure trip is "How do I know when I'm mature?"

The answer Miller gives himself and others, "I don't know. I get through one set of problems, then see a new set. It's a never-ending adventure, and we are not promised an arrival, but it's a trip for eternity."

"With company," Larson added.



David Drummel [left] of Owensboro, president of the state Southern Seminary Alumni Association in Kentucky, talks with seminary President Duke K. McCall during a recent meeting of state alumni presidents. They met to plan 1976 activities of the 10,000-member seminary alumni association.