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The Committee of Seven Report

One of the business items to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention messengers in Norfolk next month is a report from the Committee of Seven. This committee, authorized two years ago by the convention, has completed a two year study of the



Southern Baptist Executive Committee, the most powerful committee in Southern Baptist organizational life.

I was reluctant to serve on the committee when asked because I am inherently suspicious of high offices in Baptist life and I tend to be negative and critical. Some reassurance came when I learned who the other committee members

were: W. A. Criswell, H. H. Hobbs, Olin T. Binkley, Alma Hunt, Harold Bennett and Daniel Grant, six of the ablest Southern Baptists in this generation.

This study has been the most intense, most careful, most thorough and most exhaustive of any denominational assignment in which I have participated. Literally hundreds of hours have been spent getting the views of scores of Baptists in all levels of Baptist life, reviewing the history of the convention and examining all available documents. Every sentence and every word in the report has been gone over and over by the committee members.

This needs to be said because a casual reading of the report does not give such an impression. The report contains no radical criticism or recommenda-

tion and to some observers it might be regarded as not much more than an endorsement of the status quo.

But this is far from the fact. Every facet of the Executive Committee function was carefully examined. Some matters consuming hours of consideration are not even mentioned in the report, not because they were glossed over but because the findings gave no reason for concern or change.

The conclusion of the study is that for the most part the present structure and function of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee are serving very well and need no radical revision now. Our founding fathers gave us more than they probably realized. They built into the organization the checks and balances necessary for the Baptist democratic process. As a result freedom and autonomy have been preserved for Baptists and Baptist churches but responsible convention oversight of all its agencies has also been provided for.

This does not mean there is no place for improvement in Southern Baptist organizational life. On the contrary we have some places for improvement in structure and many more places for better relationships and communication. But most of these do not require change in the wording of our constitution and bylaws.

Cooperation and understanding among Southern Baptists cannot be guaranteed by any kind of organizational structure or guidelines. The greatest need is clarification and mutual agreement among Baptist

leaders on present guidelines. This can come only from the commitment of competent leaders who are mutually consecrated to the purpose and objectives of Southern Baptists.

And so the bulk of the Committee of Seven report has to do with interpretation and clarification of the present process. The report has an extensive list of present weaknesses in the Executive Committee operation and suggestions for overcoming them.

The Committee of Seven will recommend that all these findings and suggestions be considered by the Executive Committee for a year and that a report on the reaction of the Executive Committee to these suggestions be made to convention messengers in 1977.

This recommendation is not that the study be re-

ferred to the Executive Committee for information and ultimate disposition. Some changes are needed but the Executive Committee should have the first opportunity to make these. If needed changes are not made voluntarily, then it would be appropriate for the convention to give explicit directions to the Executive Committee.

The entire report appears in the current issue of the *Baptist Program*. It will also be printed in the Book of Reports distributed to the convention messengers. All messengers should study the report carefully in order to treat it responsibly.

Other observations on this report will appear on this page between now and the convention meeting.

A Mother to Be Admired

One of the evils of this generation is the ruining of good things. Among the things being contaminated today is athletics, one of the wholesome and enjoyable elements of the American way of life. The culprit is greediness on the part of athletes and more so on the part of sponsors of amateur athletes and the owners of professional teams.

I have been a lover of sports longer than I can remember. One of my most vivid childhood memories is a baseball game won with a home run hit by my daddy. He was a catcher for the community team and I grew up wanting to be a catcher for the New York Yankees.

Until recent years I never missed the annual Kentucky High School basketball tournament. It indeed is the grandest show on earth and a most wholesome event. It is a kind of fierce competition, sportsmanship, enthusiastic yelling and milk drinking which restores confidence in today's young people.

This Kentucky high school event has remained wholesome for the most part but the same cannot be said for college and professional sports. The frequent exposure of unethical recruiting practices by colleges is only a fraction of the abuse of young athletes which is never exposed. And the exorbitant salaries demanded by professional football, basketball and baseball players along with players strikes are about to destroy the wholesome image of these sports. The fans will not forever sanction and support such greed and inconsiderateness.

Because basketball is a way of life in Bluegrass country, Kentucky is a happy hunting ground for college and professional basketball recruiters. In spite of rules and regulations designed to protect high school athletes, the pressure put on high school basketball stars and their families is downright shameful.

Some high school stars are sought by more than 100 colleges. This fierce competition reveals that the original purpose of college athletics has been abandoned. Games were designed for the physical and moral training of the players. Now many colleges use athletic programs mainly to enhance their images and supplement their income. Winning is more important than the welfare of the players who are used to serve athletic programs instead of vice versa.

One current example illustrates this exploitation of star players. Darrell Griffith of Louisville is rated among the top high school basketball players in the nation. Since the opening of the season for college recruiters Darrell and his family have been besieged.

Added to the pressure from college recruiters is a reported offer to Darrell from professional athlete agent Tom Meehan. Meehan says Griffith earlier turned down a \$1.7 million offer to skip college and play professional basketball and Meehan was back in town with a \$3 million professional offer.

Think of that! A 17 year old high school athlete being offered \$3 million for his services. What a sense of values! If merchandisers of youth talent and skill are so senseless, there ought to be a law to protect high school stars and their families.

In this disgusting situation there is one redeeming note. Darrell's mother reacted by saying, "I just don't like to talk about the pros. Darrell is too young. He's not even 18. Physically he may be ready. But mentally, maturity-wise he isn't. I wish that Meehan would just go on . . ."

Such an attitude reveals the character of a mother who puts her son's welfare above everything, even millions of dollars. Congratulations, Mrs. Griffith. Would to God all parents demonstrated such concern for their children.

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Double Exposure

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord. —Ps. 113:9

When a group of 600 college students was asked to write the most beautiful word in the English language 422 of them wrote "Mother."

Sons and husbands and fathers go out to transact the world's business and to fight its wars. But the source of stability, the anchor of love to which each clings consists of the two women in his life, his mother and the mother of his children.

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Convention Calendar

MAY

- 7-8 Baptist Women Retreat—Camp Joy
- 7-8 BYW Area Meeting—Jonathan Creek
- 8 All-State Youth Choir Festival—Beaver Dam
- 8 GA, 6th grade GA's—Jonathan Creek
- 8 State RA Track Meet—Cedarmore
- 10-11, 13-14 Conferences for Associational Brotherhood Officers
- 14-15 WMU Associational Officers' Clinic—Cedarmore
- 17-18 Adult Sunday School Witnessing Workshop
- 17-19 Senior Adult Retreat—Cedarmore
- 20-21 Missionaries' Workshop—Cedarmore
- 24-26 Senior Adult Retreat—Cedarmore

JUNE

- 4-5 Weekday Early Education and Mentally Retarded Conference—Cedarmore
- 7-12 Counselors' Training Week—Rabro, Cedarmore
- 13-14 SBC WMU Meeting—Norfolk, Va.
- 14-19 RA Camp—Rabro, Cedarmore
- 15-17 Southern Baptist Convention—Norfolk, Va.
- 17-20 Pre-Camp Training—Cedar Crest, Cedarmore
- 18-20 Conference for Deaf—Cedarmore
- 21-23 Kentucky Baptist Youth Retreat—Cedarmore
- 21-25 GA/Acteen Camp—Cedar Crest, Cedarmore
- 21-26 RA Camp—Rabro, Cedarmore



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Baptist News in Brief

Radio-TV "Summit" Meet May 20

A "summit conference" of denominational leaders will gather in Fort Worth May 20 for a studio advisory consultation to discover the potential for communications available to Baptists when the Radio and Television Commission's new television studio and training center is completed.

"When the videotape production studio and training center is completed in August, Southern Baptists will have expanded capabilities for reaching mass, unchurched audiences," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission presi-

dent. "This is an awesome responsibility and we are asking for as much input as possible in planning for the opportunities that will arise for our denomination."

"The Studio Advisory Consultation is planned to discuss ways for all Baptists to utilize this unique facility."

Baptist leaders will be in Fort Worth from denominational boards and commissions, seminaries, universities and state conventions.



B. Conrad Johnston (left) of Salem, Va., liaison between the SBC's Executive Committee and the Cooperative Program Forum, a committee, confers about a special multi-media program to be presented during the Southern Baptist Convention. With him are (from left) Jac Adler, Dallas, staging; Bob Thornton, Radio and Television Commission, producer; Jesse Fletcher, Knoxville's First Baptist Church, script writer; Buryl Red, New York, director; A. R. Fagan, Nashville, executive director-treasurer, Stewardship Commission.

RPRC Awards to Baptists HMB Top BPRA Winner

Religious communicators from Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist organizations collected eight individual awards each to lead entrants from other denominations in the 1976 national Paul M. Hinkhouse-Victor DeRose Awards competition of the Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC).

The RPRC, national interfaith organization of religious communicators, presented 42 individual awards from among 183 entries by RPRC members during the organization's annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Don Hepburn of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, paced Southern Baptist winners, with three awards.

Representatives of 19 Southern Baptist national and state organizations, paced by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, collected 58 individual awards from among 207 entries in the annual national awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association in Sarasota, Fla.

The Home Mission Board, Atlanta, collected 11 of the awards, while the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, had seven each. Four each went to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Twenty-five other awards were spread among 14 other organizations.

Committee Reaffirms Ford Invitation to Address SBC

The Committee on Order of Business for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Norfolk has reaffirmed the invitation extended to President Ford to address the messengers on opening day, according to a statement released by R. G. Puckett, editor of *The Maryland Baptist* and chairman of the committee.

Reaffirmation of the invitation came in response to a letter of protest from Editor Robert Hastings' request for withdrawal of the invitation to President Ford, he said, was that Southern Baptists should not be giving the President a platform and subsequent free publicity during an election year, bicentennial or no.

In a Mailgram to Puckett, dated Apr. 12, Hastings stated:

"I suggest the invitation to President Ford to address our Southern Baptist Convention at Norfolk on June 15 be withdrawn."

"When he accepted, Ford indicated that if responsibilities of his office dictated, he could decline at the last minute. As a convention, we have just as much right to change our minds."

Hastings said in the Mailgram that if the invitation was not withdrawn before the Convention meets in June, "a motion to amend your report on order of business will be made at Norfolk, eliminating this item on the program . . . it would be an embarrassment to all concerned for the issue to be raised publicly."

"We are in the embarrassing position of giving Ford this political platform in an election year, while one of the finest laymen Southern Baptists (Jimmy Carter of Georgia) have ever produced is likely to be his opposition."

Noting that he recognized "it takes much more to make a good president than just being a Southern Baptist," Hastings cited that Carter is taking stands and speaking out on issues, although, "This does not mean we should invite Carter to address our Convention during this election year. But neither does it mean we should give his opponent a platform."

In a prepared statement to Baptist

Press on Apr. 19, Committee Chairman Puckett countered with the observation that the invitation was extended to the office of President of the United States without any endorsement of the candidacy of Gerald R. Ford.

"The committee (on order of business) clearly separated the office of President from the candidacy of Gerald R. Ford," Puckett stated.

"The program of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is not a platform for political candidates. The convention has a long-standing practice of non-endorsement of any candidate for any office. Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter are no exceptions."

A spokesman in the White House scheduling office told Baptist Press that the SBC's request for Ford to speak was still "under consideration," and that no decision would be made until two to three weeks prior to the SBC meeting in Norfolk. There will be no last minute appearance, the spokesman said.

Hastings, a registered Republican, said: "If I were voting today, I would vote for Carter, but I don't make up my mind until the day before elections. . . . I'm aware the committee (on order of business) wasn't aware of what the situation would be," at the time Ford was invited to address the SBC.

Hastings is the second Baptist editor to question the propriety of inviting a President of the United States to speak to the SBC in an election year.

In an editorial in *Western Recorder*, Kentucky Baptist state paper, Editor C. R. Daley asked, "What place does a chief of state have in a meeting of Baptist business and inspiration? To have a U. S. President who is running for reelection appear on the program of the SBC is very questionable."

The text of the statement of the Committee on Order, drafted and released to Baptist Press on Apr. 19 by Chairman Puckett states:

"The Committee on Order of Business regrets any confusion or misunderstanding resulting from the invitation to President Ford. However, the committee reaffirms the propriety of the invitation from the nation's largest evangelical body to the President of the United States during the Bicentennial year. The Committee on Order of Business also regrets the injection of partisan politics into the situation by Editor Hastings."



Puckett

Travel Diary

Wanda Carpenter, Church Services
May 12-13—Sheraton Inn, Louisville—Sunday School Institute (BSSB)

Vernon Cole, Church Training

May 10-12—Indianapolis, Ind.—Regional ACTION Campaign Coordinator Training (BSSB)
May 13—Mt. Freedom Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association

Calvin D. Fields, Brotherhood

May 10—Concord Baptist Church, Flat Lick, 6:30 p.m.—Regional Training
May 11—Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville, 6:30 p.m.—Regional Training
May 13—West Liberty Baptist Church, 7 p.m.—Regional Training
May 14—Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, 7 p.m.—Regional Training

Kathryn Jasper, WMU

May 14-15—Cedarmore Assembly, WMU Association Officers' Clinic

Herbert Jukes, Church Training

May 10-12—Indianapolis, Ind.—Regional ACTION Campaign Coordinator Training (BSSB)

Eugene Quinn, Church Music

May 9-15—Philippine Baptist Seminary, Baguio City, Philippines—Teaching "Local Church Music Ministry"

Bill Rogers, Cooperative Ministry and Christian Life

May 10—Laurel River Association Executive Board, at Pleasant Grove Church

Forrest Sawyer, Brotherhood

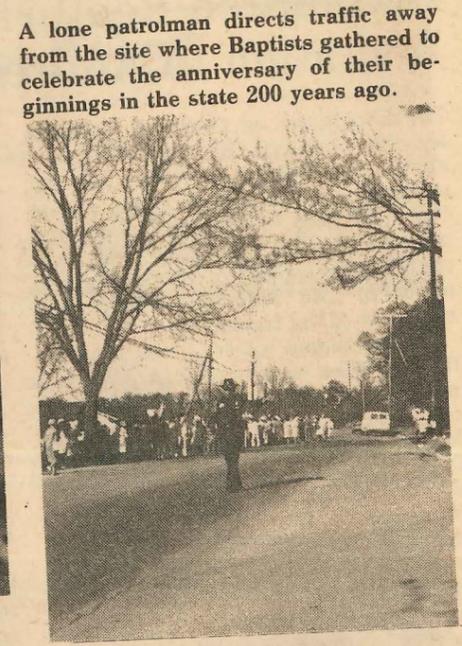
May 10—Village Inn, Ky. Dam State Park, 7 p.m.—Regional Training
May 11—Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 7 p.m.—Regional Training
May 13—Oasis Restaurant, Cave City, 6 p.m.—Regional Training
May 14—Georgetown Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.—Regional Training

Jesse C. Stricker, Stewardship Promotion

May 13—Erlanger Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, 6 p.m.
May 14—Singing Hills Camp, 6:30 p.m.—Bold Believers Conference



Early in the day crowds like this filled the sanctuary of Harrodsburg Baptist Church to begin Kentucky Baptists' third century of preaching.



A lone patrolman directs traffic away from the site where Baptists gathered to celebrate the anniversary of their beginnings in the state 200 years ago.

Kentucky Baptists At Harrodsburg Apr. 19

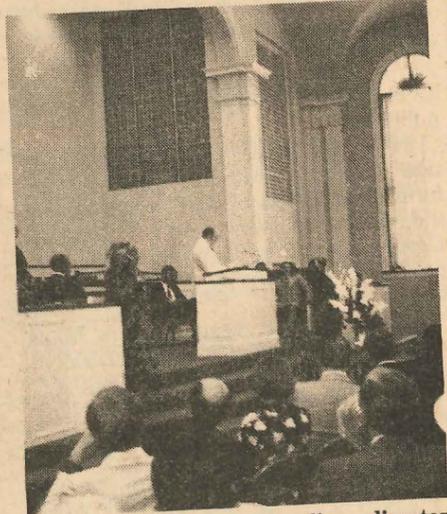
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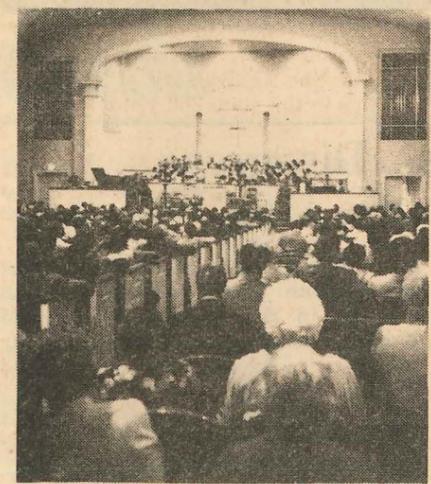
At left, Mrs. Golda Cooper of Russell Springs and her son-in-law, Louis W. Shepherd, Glasgow, were among those who dressed especially for the historical occasion. Shepherd is missionary at Liberty Association.



The dinner on the grounds following the afternoon program turned out to be "dinner on the bleachers" for many at Harrodsburg High's athletic field.



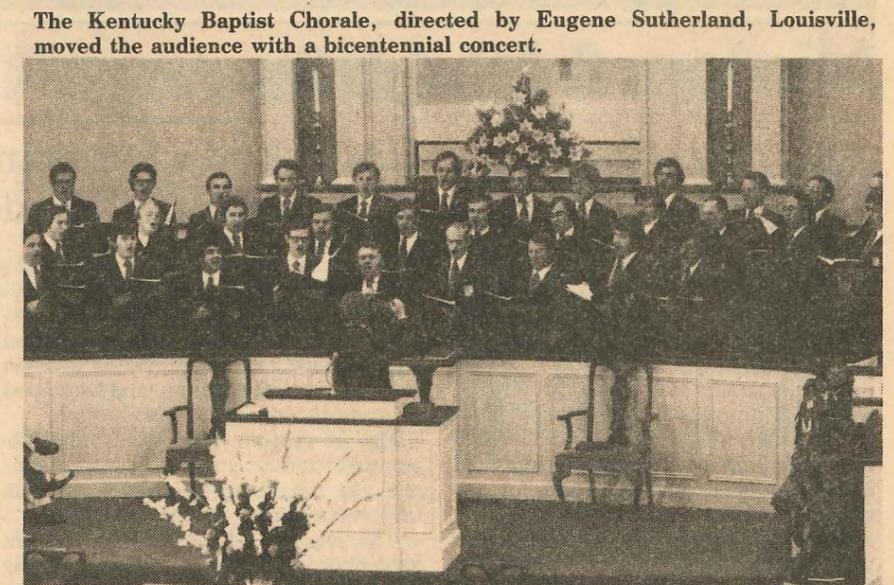
T. Hicks Shelton, evangelism director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, presides over part of the day's festivities.



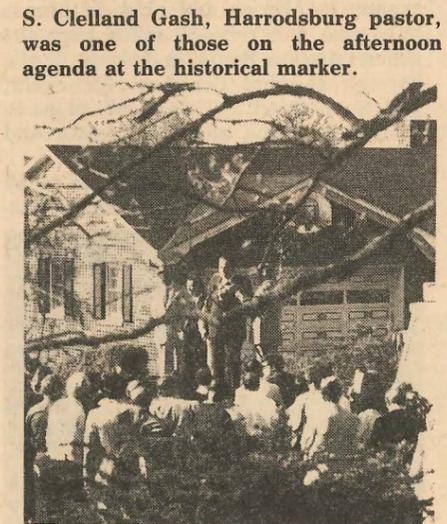
A mass chorale from the Harrodsburg area blessed the hearts of participants at the evening session, a packed house.



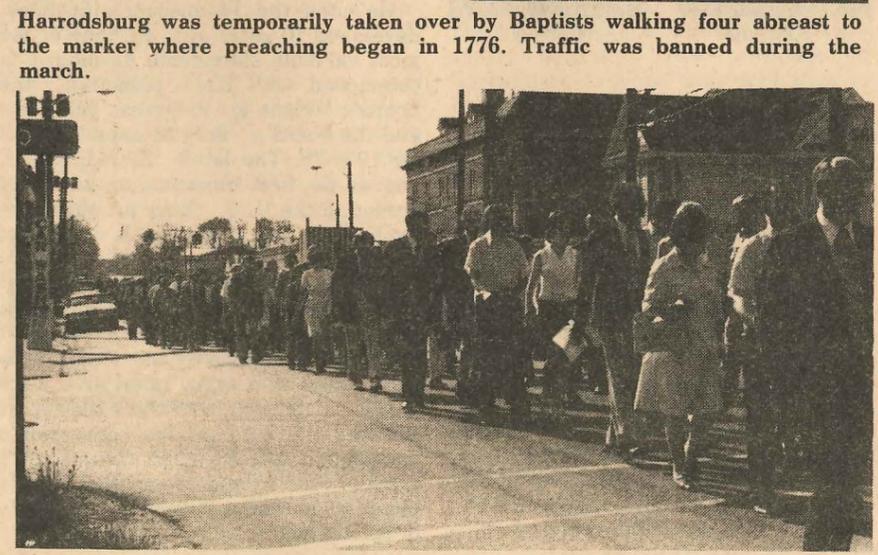
Henry Huff, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and wife, Mary, were active participants in the day's events.



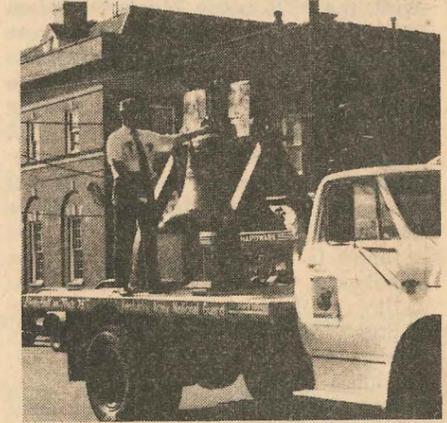
The Kentucky Baptist Chorale, directed by Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, moved the audience with a bicentennial concert.



S. Clelland Gash, Harrodsburg pastor, was one of those on the afternoon agenda at the historical marker.



Harrodsburg was temporarily taken over by Baptists walking four abreast to the marker where preaching began in 1776. Traffic was banned during the march.



A replica of the liberty bell, supplied by the Kentucky Army National Guard, tolled the Baptists' coming at the beginning of their processional.



A bus named Lunch? Well, Harold G. Sanders (center) and Franklin Owen (in front of bus) didn't mind—they were more interested in eating! Sanders is former KBC executive secretary; Owen currently holds that position.

Missions & Ministries

FMB Appoints 19, Elects Officers

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 10 missionaries, elected officers and appropriated \$235,000 for world relief during its April meeting in Oklahoma City.

In other action the board employed a record 97 missionary journeymen, allocated \$4.3 million of the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and approved a new organizational structure for the agency's mission support division.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, announced that even though the books remain open through April, the 1975 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering already has exceeded its \$24,000,000 goal, reaching \$24,828,543 during the first two weeks of April. He also expressed gratitude that during the first half of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) fiscal year, the Cooperative Program (unified budget) is running more than 14 percent higher than at the same point last year.

James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and J. Roy Clifford, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., were re-elected as president and first vice-president respectively. J. R. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., was elected second vice-president. Mrs. Doris Mullendore from Bowling Green, Ky., was elected as recording secretary. Elizabeth Minshew of the board's Richmond staff was re-elected assistant recording secretary.

HMB Adds Personnel, Disagrees With Editorial, Endorses 'Jog'

The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 24 missionary personnel, expressed disagreement with an editorial on the board's recent report on mission challenges of the future, and endorsed a cross country jog for world relief.

The 18-person committee's appointments included three missionary couples, 12 missionary associates and six US-2 missionaries for two year terms.

The jog—called a "run for health, love and life"—will be performed by Orvil W. Reid, emeritus foreign missionary to Mexico and physical fitness buff, who will run 550 miles from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., Sept. 3-Oct. 11. Reid, 68, plans to conduct services along his route and take offerings for world relief.

The committee endorsed a letter by the board's executive director-treasurer,



Rutledge



Newton

Arthur B. Rutledge, which disagreed with two paragraphs of an editorial in the May 1976 issue of *World Mission Journal*, published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

The editorial, entitled "No World Strategy," by *Journal* Editor Jim Newton, called the board's report in February on mission challenges of the future "disappointing."

In 1974 the Southern Baptist Convention asked the denomination's two mission boards to "review thoroughly their present mission plans and consider the implementation of bold new plans where needed." It asked a 21-member Missions Challenge Committee to develop "a challenge to Southern Baptists to help meet world need in the final quarter of this century."

Newton's editorial said:

"Of the three reports, the one from the Home Mission Board was the most disappointing. It did not outline home mission strategies toward achieving the goal of proclaiming the gospel to every person in America by 2000 A.D. Other than projects of missionaries and financial resources needed by the year 2000, there was nothing really new."

Rutledge's reply, printed in full in the June issue of *World Mission Journal*, disagrees with the editorial.

He cited the 14 mission guidelines, developed 10 years ago, as "one of the most valuable statements developed in connection with HMB planning"; the board's "Plans for Progress, 1974-79"; and the board's "Bold Mission Thrust" for 1976-79. The latter, Rutledge said, has as its first objective to let every person in the U. S. "have an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ by 1980."

Newton said, "I was expressing concerns I have as an editor of a Baptist publication and as a Southern Baptist. I have always respected the Home Mission Board as a vital, innovative force in the convention, but I think the report followed the letter of the convention's assignment, not the spirit of it. I don't think I failed to understand the board's planning or strategies or the contents of its report."

of 8,259 or 4.15 percent over the numbers reported a year ago.

"A Baptist witness is found in 27 of the 29 jurisdictions in Middle America," a BWA spokesman said. "Figures appear for the first time this year for two places: the newly-independent nation of Grenada, where a Southern Baptist mission has established a small church, and the British colony of the Cayman Islands. A Southern Baptist missionary works on the islands."

The two places without a Baptist witness are Montserrat and the Netherlands Antilles, the BWA reported.

Iran, Middle America Work Up; Down in Israel

Baptists in the Middle East, always a tiny minority, show a slight decline this year, according to Baptist World Alliance (BWA) statistics.

Baptists in Iran have grown from 137 to 202, but Baptist numbers in Israel and the Gaza Strip are down. For Israel, including occupied territories other than the Gaza Strip, the report now shows 240 church members. A year ago the figure was 345. The one church in Gaza Strip declined 33 to 25.

Meanwhile, Baptist church members in Central America and the Caribbean Islands now total 207,301, an increase

Deaths

Forest Wyatt Shely, well known Kentucky Baptist layman from Lawrenceburg, died Apr. 6. He was 74.

For 28 years he taught school and was selected Central Kentucky Teacher of the Year in 1957. He was a distinguished historian and poet.



Shely



Denham

Funeral services were conducted in Harlan Apr. 17 for W. E. Denham Sr. Denham had retired in 1974 after more than 60 years as a Southern Baptist minister and educator. He pastored churches throughout the South and taught at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, from 1961 until his retirement.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Freedom Association recently passed resolutions of respect in memory of Mrs. Mae Walters who died Apr. 10. She was the wife of Gifford Walters, missionary for Freedom Association.

E. S. James, 76, former editor of the Baptist Standard, died Apr. 26 of cancer at Dallas, Tex.

Mary Ella Davis, who served as director of elementary work in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1948-1954, died after a long illness in Humble, Tex., where she resided.

John W. McCall, 91, father of Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died of a heart attack Apr. 12. He was an attorney and former city judge in Memphis, Tenn. Funeral services were held Apr. 16 at First Baptist Church, Memphis.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Campbellsville, recently passed a resolution of respect in memory of S. C. Blackburn who died of a heart attack Jan. 4.

Personnel Changes

Bill Funderburk has accepted the call of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, as associate pastor in charge of music. Funderburk is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Eastern Kentucky University. He has served churches in Kentucky and Wyoming. He will begin his work May 17. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children.



Funderburk



Chandler

Joseph F. Chandler recently accepted the pastorate of the Petrey Memorial Baptist Church, Hazard. A senior at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Chandler is a native of Shreveport, La. He is married to the former Carolyn Wilson. They have three children.

Wallace H. DeLoach, first pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, resigned recently after serving 10 years. Future plans include family counseling.

John L. Gunter began his duties as pastor at Elkton (Ky.) Baptist Church Apr. 18. He was formerly pastor of Westover Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Harvey L. Richardson will begin his ministry May 9 as pastor of Kenwood Baptist Church, Louisville. He is currently completing the doctor of ministry degree at Southern Seminary. Married to the former Patricia Wells, Richardson is the father of three sons: Greg, Mark and Jeff. He has served Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

Roy W. Machen II resigned as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Vanceburg, Mar. 28. His last service at the church was Apr. 4.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Meeting on the University of Louisville's Shelby campus Apr. 9, the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education chose Ray Alexander, executive vice president of Georgetown College, president-elect of KACTE.

The meeting paid considerable attention to some of the more pressing problems faced by colleges who help educate tomorrow's teachers.

Besides Alexander, Georgetown College was represented by John Butler, David Jester and Louis Polsgrove.

Forty-two churches in the Ohio County Baptist Association participated in a bicentennial prayer service Mar. 27.

Churches selected to host the prayer services were older churches including Fordsville Baptist established in 1814, Bell's Run 1820, Mt. Carmel 1849, Pleasant Hill 1846, Fairview 1811, Beaver Dam 1798, Walton's Creek

1814, Pond Run 1820 and Green River Baptist 1836.

Each group later went in a caravan to Beaver Dam Baptist, the oldest Baptist church in the area, for an association-wide prayer service. More than 400 persons joined in the hour of prayer and singing. A brief history of the beginning of the Beaver Dam church was given by its host Glenn Armstrong.

Robert S. Clark, social science professor at Campbellsville College since 1966, has been named academic vice-president and dean of the college, effective June 1.

The Shelbyville native holds degrees from Georgetown College, Southern Seminary and Middle Tennessee State University. He has done doctoral study at Vanderbilt University and Tulane University.

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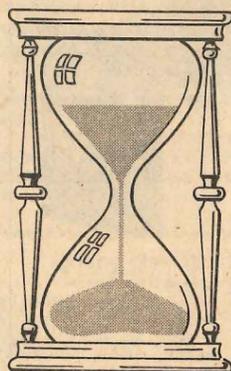
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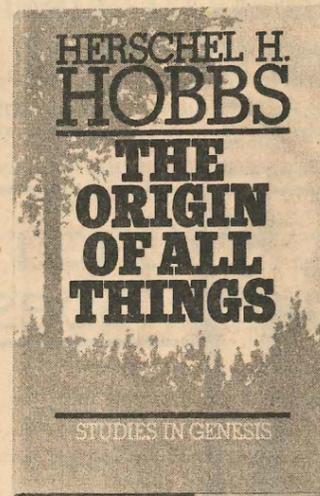
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Sister Euodia and I can no longer work together. Some of us wanted our beloved sister, Lydia, to report to the church in regard to her visits with Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and Phoebe. Although Lydia is a charter member of our congregation, there were those who thought it would be sinful for a woman to speak before a group of brethren.

I blame Euodia for stirring up the feelings of our fellowship against Lydia.

Lydia did tell me about Paul's vision of a man in Macedonia calling to him to come over and help him.

If the Lord had given Paul a vision of a woman from Macedonia calling unto him, do you suppose he would have gone into Europe? Except for a jailer, the charter members of our church are women. That vision has puzzled me. But the Lord works in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform.

Peace and amen.

Franklin Owen

GREAT DAY

I believe our Convention celebration at Harrodsburg Apr. 19 was the greatest day I have ever seen Kentucky Baptists have.

It was the first time Kentucky Baptists have held a special called session since 1966.

Our thanks to the departments of Evangelism and Cooperative Ministries (Hicks Shelton and Bill Rogers) and all who helped for good plans and program. Certainly our appreciation to the wonderful people of Harrodsburg and Mercer Association who are too many to name.

The occasion of fellowship with our black brethren of the General Association of Baptist in Kentucky was an immeasurable part of the glorious success and joy of the meeting. Both Baptist bodies were well represented. It made a marvelous occasion for a joint fellowship and we are grateful to them for participating so enthusiastically.

The presence and notes of the replica

liberty bell was appropriate for celebrating the influence of Christian preaching in the development of this great nation. I am not as afraid of "civic religion" (if I know what people mean who use the term) as some people are. I believe that the longevity of a nation is greatly tied to whether it has and retains a conviction of righteous purpose under God. I recognize that there is a dangerous tension in the area that must be guarded and kept watchfully and wisely (separation of church and state—I'm not trying to promote Theocracy), but if you completely sterilize this spiritual principle out of the nation's life and completely secularize it, there may not be left enough soulful dream to hold the people together. (Excuse this ex-World War II soldier for still having patriotic blood.)

Thank God for Kentucky Baptists, black and white, and for a great day of celebration that quickened much of the best things in the hearts of those who attended.

In a recent issue of *Western Recorder* Georgetown College listed the names of a number of foreign missionaries who received part of their formal education on our campus while preparing for their service. Though we may never be able to honor properly all those who have been called to share His Life and Love throughout the world, the Georgetown College community wishes to recognize additional Georgetonians whose names were not included on the first list. We encourage each of you to remember these and others in your thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

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Christians must live in a world whose spirit and practices are antagonistic to God. It is God's will for them to be separated from the world and this age because the character of this age is evil. The conduct of those living in this age is foolish, the spirit of this age is selfish and the end of this age is destruction.

Unless a Christian makes a definite presentation of his body to God, his way of life will be conformed to this world. The will of God is not to be avoided or endured, but it is to be pursued happily.

Seven gifts are mentioned in his writings. These gifts are to be used for edification of believers and winning the unsaved to a knowledge of Christ. Paul also enumerates the Christian qualities that should be exemplified by all believers. They may be summarized as obedience to God and service to men. It is a privilege to be a partner with God in propagating the gospel. The happiest, most successful and useful Christians are those who live nearest the center of the will of God.

This chapter offers some practical advice to Christians. It indicates that Christian relationships should be characterized by fervent love. Anything that hints of insincerity or hypocrisy is despicable in God's sight. We are admonished to abhor evil. Also we must cling tenaciously to that which is good. Let us manifest our Christian love by our antagonism to the wrong and our devotion to the right.

In this life Christians shall meet rebuffs, unpleasant circumstances in business dealings and unkind criticism of their religious convictions. But Paul urged us to bless those who treat us wrongfully. "Live peaceably with all men." Exude the spirit of Christ which is love.



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If a home is to be truly Christian and the members of the family are to enjoy fellowship one with another, there must be a proper recognition of the sanctity of correct relationships. On the part of each member of the family, there must be a manifestation of unselfish devotion toward one another.

Ephesians 5:21-33

These verses put marriage on the highest plane. Much unhappiness would be avoided and many families kept intact if these plain and practical admonitions were followed carefully. Marriage is a mutual affair.

God has assigned the headship of the home to man but if God is to be pleased, man must exercise that headship lovingly and kindly. The obligations of husbands are heavier than those of wives. Although the husband is the head of the house, he is not authorized to be a censor, an unreasonable boss or a dictator. All of his actions are to be governed by love.

Wives are enjoined to be submissive to their husbands. Husbands are commanded to love their wives "as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." The scriptures do not permit insubordination in the wife or inconsiderateness in the husband. The husband who loves his wife respects her as a person, has a genuine concern for her comfort and happiness and shares the daily tasks within the family.

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children bring their parents immeasurable joy, tremendous responsibilities and numerous problems. The most happy, successful and useful parents are those who are the children of God, who live close to their heavenly Father and who rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

When parents fail to require the respect and obedience of their children they are only preparing the way for disrespect, disobedience and lawlessness in the lives of their offspring. Children who are not taught and trained to obey their parents find it exceedingly difficult to obey the laws of the land and the Word of God.

Christian Education

Provost, Deans, Faculty Named at Southern

Naming of a new provost, two new deans and five new faculty were among decisions made by the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in their April meeting.

Roy Lee Honeycutt Jr., dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary since August, was elected provost. The provost is the seminary's chief academic officer.

Southern Seminary's trustees have named Arthur L. Walker Jr., professor of religion and philosophy at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., as dean of student affairs.

Allen W. Graves, executive director of the seminary's Ministry Training Center, will resume the position of dean in the School of Religious Education, a post he held from 1955-69. Since 1973 Graves has led in the development of the Boyce Bible School at Southern Seminary, a program of theological education for non-college graduates.

Norman Shands, who had been serving as acting dean of student affairs, was named chaplain.

Five new faculty members were elected:

James Blevins, professor of religion since 1969 at Mars Hill (N. C.) College, associate professor of New Testament interpretation; Richard Cunningham, associate professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., associate professor of Christian philosophy; Walter B. Shurden, occupant of the chair of Southern Baptist studies at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., associate professor of church history; Glen H. Stassen, professor of religion at Berea (Ky.) College, associate professor of Christian ethics; and A. Jackson Glaze, past president of the International Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1966-75, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation.

Colloquium Features Moore, Aldridge

Two Kentuckians will be among prominent educators and religious leaders

who will address themselves to the challenges confronting Christian education in America's third century at a national colloquium on Southern Baptist colleges and schools in Williamsburg, Va., June 9-12.

They are Barkley Moore, president of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute, and D. M. Aldridge, president, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Boyce to Open In Columbus

A new Boyce Bible School Center will open in Columbus, Ohio, in August, according to Allen W. Graves, executive director of the Ministry Training Center of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Establishment of the school was approved Apr. 6 by the board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, which will supply facilities for the center adjacent to the state convention headquarters in Columbus. Two classrooms, a library and guest rooms for faculty are being readied for the center's opening.

The state convention will provide facilities and much of the operating costs of the Boyce School Center while Southern Seminary will provide faculty from its Louisville campus and from the Ohio and northern Kentucky area.

The Boyce Bible School provides non-degree theological training for those preparing for Christian ministry who lack a college degree. In addition to the home campus in Louisville and the new Columbus Center, a similar off-campus center has been open in Little Rock, Ark., since August 1975.

Seminary Announces SBC Luncheon, Awards

Three prominent Southern Baptist leaders will be honored as Alumni of the Year by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary June 16 at the seminary's annual luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention. It is set for Norfolk's Omni International Hotel at 1 p.m.

Recipients include: Edward L. Byrd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., a former trustee of the seminary and a leader in the campaign to endow the seminary's Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism in 1966-69; W. Barry Gar-

rett, director of information services, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., and senior Baptist observer in the nation's capital; and Howard E. Spell, retired academic dean, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and a former Southern Seminary trustee.

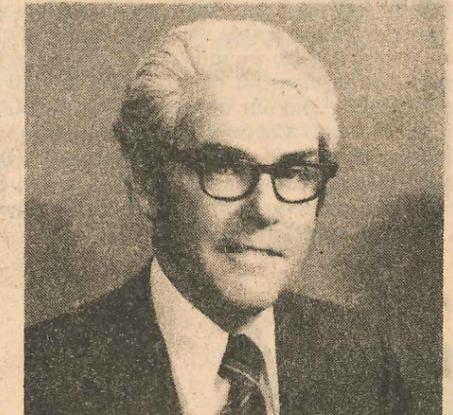
Church Needs Greater Than Supply: Study

Despite large enrolment increases at all six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries this year, results of recent studies and the opinions of denominational leaders indicate that the need for seminary-trained ministers is growing faster than the supply.

Projected needs over the next five years may go as high as 17,325 additional personnel, for an average increase of 3,465 paid church staff positions per year. The heaviest demand in these additional church staff positions will be in the areas of music, youth, religious education and combinations of these areas, a survey reports.

Heilman Address Set

Commencement exercises at Campbellsville College, Sunday, May 16, will feature E. Bruce Heilman, president of the University of Richmond. Commencement will be held in the Campbellsville Baptist Church at 3 p.m.



John C. Howell, professor of Christian ethics since 1960 at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected dean. Howell succeeds Roy L. Honeycutt who resigned in 1975 to become dean at Southern Seminary, Louisville.