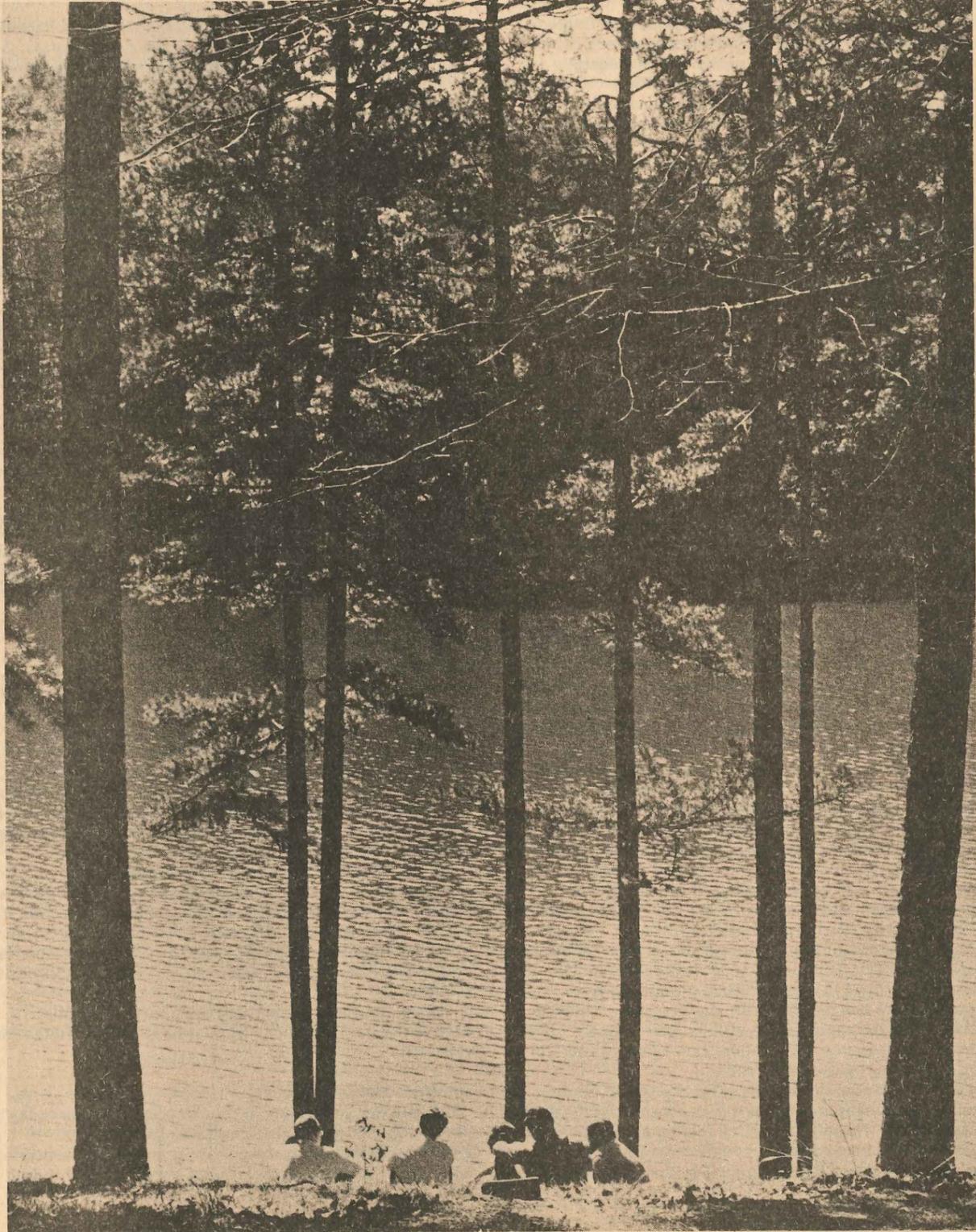

WESTERN RECORDER

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Daley Observations

When Zeal Ignores Truth and Integrity

It was bound to happen and it has! The Southern Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship which has boasted of doctrinal purity and personal integrity has been caught in deception and double dealing subterfuge. While claiming to write and produce its own literature, it has advertised and sold Sunday school literature produced by Scripture Press, a non-denominational publishing house.

There is no way to find in such a practice anything but pure deception. An announcement came from this group in



January 1976 that a Baptist Literature Board had been formed to provide churches with literature based on the belief in verbal inspiration and infallibility of the Bible. The literature was described as "prepared by Southern Baptists . . .," "produced by Southern Baptists . . ." and "produced from within our denomination . . ."

As it turned out the literature was produced and written by a non-denominational organization which by its own admission has no Baptist writers on its

staff. And so the most that Baptist Literature Board can honestly claim is that it sells a non-Baptist organization's literature to Southern Baptist churches. But honesty isn't always considered the highest virtue. In the case of BLB honesty and integrity are sacrificed for deception and heresy hunting.

Baptists on Abortion

Abortion is a very controversial issue with Baptists. This is reflected in much negative and some positive reaction to the Supreme Court ruling making room for abortion on demand.

The debate has been intensified in Kentucky Baptist circles with the recent experience of Walnut Street Baptist Church. In this case property owned by the church but managed by a separate group was leased for use as an abortion clinic without the knowledge of the church members. The lease arrangement was known and approved by Pastor Wayne Dehoney but a majority of church members disapproved upon learning of the lease. The abortion clinic has been asked to vacate this church property which formerly was Norton Memorial Infirmary.

In such cases one of the first questions always asked is, What is the official position of Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptists on this issue? Such a question by reporters who are not familiar with Baptist polity is understandable. Most denominational groups have official positions on such issues and in some cases this official position is binding on local churches.

Not so with Baptists! The only official position binding on a local Baptist church is the position adopted by that particular church. No Baptist church lets an association, a state convention or a national convention speak for it.

This does not mean Baptist bodies do not take stands on

Why say that it was bound to happen? Say it because that's the way movements like this nearly always go. Zeal and dogmatism tend to destroy moral and ethical principles. Crusaders start out with claims of good intentions and promises of fairness. But when they are not regarded as heroes they become martyrs in their own sight. Then the objective of ferreting out heresy and eliminating the heretic become such a desired end that most any means is justified.

When the first announcement of the organization of the SBFMF came in 1973 a *Western Recorder* editorial warned of this ultimate direction of the organization. This observation was not based on special insight but on the history of such movements. With heresy hunters championing causes soon gives way to criticism of persons and unfounded suspicions become false charges. This is not the first time leaders of this movement have been dishonest. It's the first time dishonesty has been so flagrant.

One wonders what some more prominent champions of this movement will say and do in light of such conduct. Could any respectable person justify such subterfuge and defend such dishonesty?

We will see. Heresy hunters are not easily embarrassed even by such exposures. It's amazing how blind misguided zeal can be.

A gross example is Billy James Hargis who still has some supporters even though he was caught in the most heinous immorality. With this kind of mentality truth and integrity don't mean much.

such issues as abortion. It means such action is only the majority opinion of those expressing themselves at that time. It so happens Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptists have spoken on abortion but neither Walnut Street nor any other Baptist church is bound by these actions.

No doubt efforts will be made in the Southern Baptist Convention this year to revoke the adopted resolution on abortion and replace it with a strong statement opposing abortion under any circumstances.

Some opponents of abortion under any circumstances are wrong and unfair when they claim the present Southern Baptist Convention position is liberal and permissive. It is not so! The statement affirms the sanctity of human life. It takes the middle ground between the extreme of abortion on demand and the opposite extreme claiming all abortion as murder.

Here are the statements of the Southern Baptist Convention and Kentucky Baptist Convention. Judge for yourself.

Southern Baptist Convention (1971)
"WHEREAS, Christians in the American society today are faced with difficult decisions about abortion; and WHEREAS, Some advocate that there be no abortion legislation, thus making the decision a purely private matter

between a woman and her doctor; and WHEREAS, Others advocate no legal abortion, or would permit abortion only if the life of the mother is threatened;

Therefore, Be it *Resolved*, that this Convention express the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves; and

Be it further *Resolved*, That we call upon Southern Baptists to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

Kentucky Baptist Convention (1973)

Whereas any move toward what is generally called "abortion on demand" is not consistent with traditionally held Christian morality, and

Whereas the entire question of abortion is highly controversial, but of deep interest to Baptists of Kentucky, and Whereas we recognize the seriousness of any question

state executive board in two states, also a trustee of one of our Baptist institutions for nine years and a full time Southern Baptist evangelist for 10 years. I deplore liberalism which has crept into our ranks. But the most heart sickening thing that I have ever heard of was contained in the May 13 issue of *Western Recorder* where it is reported that Option Inc., an abortion clinic, has been operating in property owned by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, with complete knowledge of Dr. Dehoney and the other leaders of that church.

To use Dr. Dehoney's own words, he says, "I told a member of the corporation that I personally had no moral or theological problem with the operation of such a legal, ethical clinic." How in the wide world can a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ call such a clinic legal and ethical? Legal and ethical in whose sight? Surely he is not accusing God of approving an abortion clinic. Then Dr. Dehoney spends the rest of the space in the article trying to defend his position and there is no defense for this abominable thing.

I, along with hundreds, even thousands of Southern Baptist preachers, deplore the sanctity of human life

that involves life and death decisions, with abortion being that kind of decision, and

Whereas the legal status of this matter is not clear, the Kentucky statute by which we have been governed having not been tested in court since the recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court, and

Whereas the issue of abortion is the subject of pending legislation before the next session of the Legislature,

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that we ask our churches to study the Report of the Christian Life Committee as printed in the *1971 Annual of the Kentucky Baptist Convention* pages 178-181, and

Be It Further *Resolved* that this Kentucky Baptist Convention declares support for a Kentucky statute which will

1. Prohibit the wanton waste of human life in the practice of abortion
2. Protect the right of expectant mothers to the full range of health care for the preservation of their life and health, and

Be It Further *Resolved* that we recommend the convention instruct its Christian Life Committee to keep abreast of this important issue and that they so advise the convention, its executive board, the *Western Recorder* and the members of the churches.

Baptist Forum

LET'S CELEBRATE 175TH!

On Sun., June 13, Burk's Branch Baptist Church, located on Fox Run Road in Shelby County, will celebrate its 175th anniversary and homecoming. Many of the readers of *Western Recorder* are either former members of Burk's Branch or have had some connection with the church. Therefore, this letter is an invitation to all of these to join us in celebrating this special day in the life of our church.

The day will include a morning old-fashioned worship service, dinner on the grounds, games, singing, historical pageant and the Lord's Supper. The key to the success of the day, however, is participation by as many of the Burk's Branch family as possible.

Bill Blackburn, Shelbyville

LEGAL? ETHICAL? PHOOEY!

I have been a Southern Baptist for over 50 years, have been a member of the

resolution of the Southern Baptist Convention and upheld by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

This is one Southern Baptist the conventions, both Southwide and state, are not speaking for on the matter of abortion. There is absolutely no way to pass abortion off as anything less than murder no matter who does it.

Where in the world is the conscience of God's people?

Clyde Gordon, Russellville

DON'T OVERLOOK MIDDLESBORO

In the article entitled "Good News For Sunday Morning TV" by staff writer Phil Burgess in the May 13 edition of *Western Recorder* you listed four Kentucky Baptist churches who televise their morning worship service.

You neglected to mention First Baptist, Middlesboro. Our television coverage is limited to the Middlesboro Cable System, Sammons Communications Inc., on channel 3. However, the cable goes into over 2800 homes in our area, and we televise not only the morning service, but the evening service and the

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Convention Calendar

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
- 21-25 Kentucky Baptist Youth Week—Cedarmore
- 21-25 GA/Acteen Camp—Cedar Crest, Cedarmore
- 21-26 RA Camp—Rabro, Cedarmore
- 23-25 WMU Executive Board—Cedarmore
- 28-July 2 Kentucky Baptist Youth Week—Cedarmore
- 28-July 2 GA & Acteen Camp—Cedar Crest, Cedarmore
- 28-July 2 RA Camp—Rabro, Cedarmore

JULY

- 2-3 Father/Son Camp—Rabro, Cedarmore
- 5-9 Adult Bible Preaching/Teaching Retreat—Cedarmore

Franklin Owen

LEVEL GROUND (Vol. III)

None of us should be pleased with non-growth in any church, but we need to be capable of steady Christian poise in static situations until and unless we can properly change them. May I hypothesize a third church situation?

Imagine a fast developing suburban area. New homes are building up rapidly. New families are moving in. It is the growing edge of the town or city. Its new church is busy accessioning members and adding building facilities. Then another "boom" follows as the young children grow up—Sunday school grows—many baptisms. Next, the area saturates with people, the patch of ground is filled up with housing. The growth is slowed, but outreach still makes gains.

Finally, "suburban sprawl" produces yet another clearly definable church field. Someone starts another new mission or church and its bright day dawns.

Meanwhile, the children of the previous congregation have grown—are off to school, or marrying. The pastor has been there for years. His church ceases to grow, or nearly so. The excitement of the principal growth era is past.

Now comes the acid test. Can pastor and people, so conditioned to hill climbing success, keep their Christian balance on "level ground"? Someone says, and the feeling spreads, "Our church is no longer growing. Maybe our pastor has lost his touch. Maybe we need a change."

Of course, the fallacy is in the assumption that the pastor did it, or does it. Circumstance played its part, too—maybe the Lord did it. With all due credit to unusually strong men, they can't achieve the same thing in more static situations.

God, give us growth and success, everywhere! But, Lord, when you don't, help us to be true and faithful in the glorious routines of worship, prayer, praise and giving to missions so other places that are having their big chance can grow faster. Help us to learn to appreciate stability, steadiness, faithfulness, like we do success and growth.



Double Exposure

No wonder poets sing of June. It is the keystone month of the year, the month of long days and gentle winds, of heavy shade and the fragrance of roses and honeysuckle, the month when the whole earth pauses before it begins the long, slow swing back towards midwinter and long, dark nights. No wonder the world loves June, the month of ripe berries and bird song and long evenings, of butterflies and fireflies and high clouds in deep blue skies. There is universal agreement with the singer who wrote, "Slower, sweet June, each step more slow; linger and loiter as you go."

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Kentucky Baptists at Work



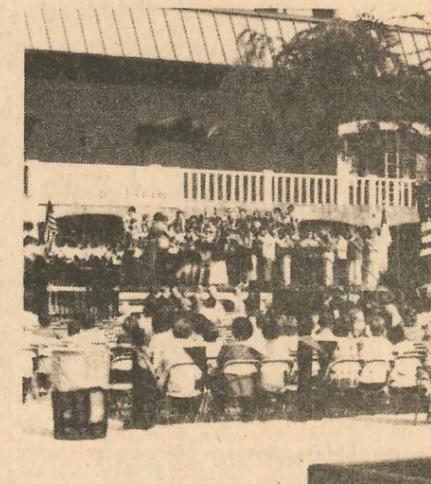
The Belvedere, on the Ohio riverfront, was the site of the Long Run Baptist Association bicentennial rally May 22. Several hundred attended.

Long Run Freedom Rally Draws 500 to Belvedere

by Debbie Harris, Staff Writer



G. Allen West Jr., associational missionary, dressed as Daniel Boone for his part on the program.



The Southern Seminary Winds and a Metro Baptist choir provided special music. Douglas Smith conducted.

Some 500 people were present on the Belvedere in downtown Louisville Saturday night, May 22 to participate in a religious freedom rally sponsored by Long Run Baptist Association.

The program's bicentennial theme was depicted by the presence of the Kentucky National Guard's replica of the liberty bell. Portions of the constitution, bill of rights and declaration of independence were read. Bicentennial music was provided by the Seminary Winds of Southern Seminary and the Metro Baptist Choir. The choir consisted of representatives of the 130 churches in Long Run Association.

A highlight of the evening was the arrival of the torch of freedom. About 100 people, mainly RA-aged boys, took part in relaying the torch from the site of the oldest Baptist church in the association, Long Run Baptist, near Eastwood, to the Belvedere. The 24-mile run took slightly over four hours. The torch used in the relay was the one used in the RA torch run from Memphis to Miami in 1975 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

G. Allen West, executive director of Long Run Association, came dressed as Daniel Boone and gave a brief history of Baptists and their work in the Louisville area. He noted that the instigators of the religious freedom rally planned the celebration "with a sure knowledge that we must protect those freedoms proclaimed in the constitution."

In his address, Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, noted that "there is no chasm that separates a person's relationship to God and any other aspect of that individual's life. Religion must permeate every facet of American life."

McCall remarked that the constitution provides "the legal basis for our freedom," and he pointed out that only one reference to religion is made in the constitution proper. He reminded his audience that the basic idea behind the work was "that liberty was a gift bestowed on all men by their maker."

According to McCall, "Religious liberty was not an accident." He depicted early Baptists as being instrumental in getting religious liberty mentioned in the first amendment to the constitution. He characterized colonial Baptists by saying, "They played their politics and voted their convictions."

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

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Baptist News in Brief

6,836 Awards to State

During the first six months of the associational year 23 churches in Kentucky have received over 60 study course awards. Altogether, 480 churches have received a total of 6,836 awards. Listed are the top 23 churches thus far:

Campbellsville, 311; Gardenside, Lexington, 160; Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, 158; Stanford, 143; Highview, Louisville, 113; New Salem, Cox's Creek, 111; Mt. Pleasant, Lewisburg, 103; Deer Park, Louisville, 97; Bethel, Harrodsburg, 92; South Elkhorn, Lexington, 91; First, Barlow, 89; Mt. Pisgah, Bremen, 86; Sand Spring, Lawrenceburg, 86; Bashford Manor, Louisville, 86; First, Danville, 82; First, Madisonville, 77; First, Mt. Washington, 76; Gethsemane, Danville, 76; Mackville, 70; Broadway, Lexington, 69; Ebenezer, Drakesboro, 67; Third Avenue, Louisville, 63; Edgewood, Hopkinsville, 61.

Martin to HMB News

Dan Martin of Dallas, Tex., was approved by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, to join the board's staff, June 1 as editor of the news service.

Martin, 37, will work in the department of editorial services. He has been press director in the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1973.



Martin

Baptists on TV June 6

"Golden Spring," a special one-hour Southern Baptist presentation examining the splendid age of the Renaissance, will be color-cast on the NBC Television Network Sunday, June 6 (5-6 p.m. EDT). Alexander Scourby is narrator.

The program, written by Philip Scharper, was filmed in Florence, Venice, Rome and the Vatican State by the

NBC Television religious programs unit for the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Golden Spring" is designed to take viewers back in time on a voyage of self-discovery to the Renaissance period, when art was not an escape from reality but rather a clear vision of what was real.

Annuity Staffer Named

Frank G. Schwall Jr., 39, of Richmond, Va., has been named assistant to the president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Annuity Board, Dallas, effective July 1.

Schwall is presently serving as annuity secretary for three Baptist state conventions — Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.



Schwall

Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan said Schwall will coordinate insurance and retirement programs for students at the six SBC seminaries and will also handle special assignments as directed by the board president from time to time, particularly in the area of retirement guidance.

New Times for Camps

Rabro, Cedar Crest and youth camps held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly this summer will all operate on a new time schedule to coordinate and simplify transportation problems.

All camps (RA, GA, Acteen, youth and music) will begin registration at 1 p.m. Monday of each week and conclude at 1 p.m. Friday.

Adult Bible Preaching/Teaching weeks July 5-9 and 12-16 will also coincide with this schedule.

Open Windows Bigger

A large-print edition of the devotional magazine "Open Windows" will be published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board beginning with the

October-December 1976 quarter.

The new edition stems from requests from churches and individuals who feel the need for a daily devotional guide in large type for older adults and other persons with impaired vision.

Water Safety: Cedarmore

A school to train men and women age 15 up in water safety, first aid, life saving, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and swimming for the handicapped is set at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly June 4-13 by the American Red Cross. Men and women age 17 up may become water safety instructors.

Cost for room, board, insurance and instructional materials is \$95.00.

Applications and information are available from Robert E. Phillips, Box 1675, Louisville 40201. His telephone is 502-589-4450, ext. 221.

Unwed Mothers Benefit From Child Care Help

The Kentucky Baptist child care program officially opened the doors May 9 to a renovated older home overlooking Louisville's Cherokee Park which will be designated as a foster home to care for single girls who are pregnant.

The home will be staffed by "foster parents" Dennis and Helen Tosh, formerly of Nashville, Tenn.

As a foster home, there will be none of the institutional aura that usually surrounds residential facilities for unwed mothers. A maximum of six girls can live there in a family setting from the sixth month of pregnancy until their babies are born.

The need for some kind of residential care for expectant mothers became evident soon after the child care program reopened infant adoption in January of this year. Jane Anderson, maternity and adoption specialist for the agency, cited the fact that, although current social trends are characterized by few infants available for adoption, the number of out-of-wedlock pregnancies has remained relatively stable. At the same time, the number of facilities in Kentucky offering shelter to the unwed mother has declined steadily

until only two homes—Our Lady's Home for Infants, in Louisville, and Florence Crittenden Home, in Lexington—remain in service.

Girls living in the home will continue to lead normal lives, occupying their free time with music, painting, crafts and local church activities made available to them in and through the home.

Gulfshore Bid Ok'd

A \$3.3 million construction bid for restoring Gulfshore Assembly in Pass Christian, Miss., hit by Hurricane Camille in August 1969, was awarded during a called meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board.

Construction is expected to take about 18 months with complete cost expected to be about \$3.7 million, including the construction bid and other expenses. The new facility will conform to a hurricane-proof code in the area and will be built on pilings which will place it above the high tide level. It is to be constructed of steel-reinforced concrete, a board spokesman said.

The board made arrangements for moving "full speed ahead" on construction plans, including Gulfshore and

an estimated \$750,000 Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko in mid-Mississippi, now in first phase planning.

Texan Fights Abortion

Robert Holbrook, a pastor at Hallettsville, Tex., is so determined that the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) will go on record opposing abortion that he is sending 15,000 letters to SBC pastors and laymen, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

The letter calls on Baptists to help launch a massive effort to get the upcoming annual session in Norfolk June 15-17 to adopt a resolution opposing abortion, according to a report by Louis A. Moore, the *Chronicle's* religion editor.

Holbrook, who coordinates a group called "Baptists for Life, Inc.," told Moore the mailout is costing \$1,700 and that numerous Baptists have contributed funds for the project.

"When abortion is mentioned to certain convention leaders, they retreat behind the 'hard cases' and insist we be on record as supporting these 'tragic exceptions,' all the while ignoring that

over 99 percent of the abortions are done simply because women do not want the baby," Holbrook's letter said.

"This gives liberals a perfect opportunity to paint Southern Baptists as being in support of a legal situation which will permit any kind of abortions," it continued.

Holbrook has written a resolution to accompany the letter, which he says is not as strong as he would like, but is as strong as the Norfolk convention is likely to accept.

Hall to Central Hospital

Dennis Allison Hall, 29, has been named executive vice president and chief executive officer of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, effective Sept. 1.

Presently executive director of Hardin Memorial Hospital, Elizabethtown, Hall held administrative positions with Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, and Kentucky Baptist and Norton-Children's hospitals, both in Louisville.

A graduate of the University of Louisville and Washington University School of Medicine, Hall is married to the former Dixie Lynn Logan of Valley Station. They have two sons.



Hall

Robinson to Connecticut

R. J. Robinson, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., has accepted the pastorate of Greenwich Baptist Church, Greenwich, Conn.

Robinson was pastor of Augusta First Baptist Church 21 years before resigning in August 1974. The church asked him to reconsider his resignation the following December, but Robinson declined. He has been in secular business in Augusta since that time.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson were divorced in September 1974 but remarried in August 1975.

The SBC was organized at First Baptist Church, Augusta, in 1845.



A 13,770-foot two-story addition to Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, just announced, will dramatically alter the hospital's front entrance. Set for completion in December 1977, the new wing will house a glass enclosed lobby off an under cover driveway. A new maternity and newborn nursery unit will provide family-centered obstetrical care, allowing fathers to accompany mothers through labor and delivery if desired. The present lobby will be divided between the business office, gift shop and a new chapel.

Christian Education

Family of 3 Graduate; Now 4

by Calvin Mercer

"You've got to be kidding. You mean all three of you?"

That's how people react when they discover that Southern Baptist minister Mims Harth Fanning, his wife Madeline, and their daughter Sheryl were all graduated in commencement exercises at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—a first for the Wake Forest, N. C., school.

"It was a big concern of mine because I had finished college 24 years earlier," said the 49-year-old pastor of Holly Springs (N. C.) Baptist Church.

Deaths

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Hollis Summers in Georgetown. She was the widow of Hollis Summers, pastor of First Baptist, Madisonville, from 1926 to 1942. She had served as housemother at Georgetown College and as dean of women. In Madisonville she was librarian for the public library. She is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and a sister.

Clearfork Baptist Church, Russell Springs, has passed a resolution of respect in memory of Garnett Womack who died May 4. He was a deacon, church treasurer and member of the Russell County Association executive board. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, recently passed a resolution of respect in memory of Homer O. Martin. Martin, a member of the church for 60 years, had served as Sunday school teacher, administrator, deacon and honor deacon.

Nina John Jett, 81, died May 22 in Owensboro. She was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro, and a charter member of Newman Baptist. In 1956 she was elected to the WMU executive board.

"I didn't know at first how I was going to adjust to sitting in the same classroom with my 24-year-old daughter and other younger students."

But the family agreed the situation worked out well.

"Some might think I've just been tagging along after my parents, not wanting to cut the apron strings," said Sheryl, who has been music minister for Forestville Baptist Church in Wake Forest, "but I had planned to attend seminary long before they did. It just seemed it was in God's plan that we have these three years together."

"And it's been great having my father in class with me," she added. They have had at least one class together each semester over the last three years. "Last semester we all met in my apartment for a meal each day," said Sheryl, "and we've supported each other all along."

Mrs. Fanning agreed, "We've undergirded each other financially, emotionally and in other ways, although at times it hasn't been easy. But we've made it and feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment."

The Fannings are from Walterboro, S. C., where he owned a farm supply business several years ago.

"After years of struggling with the Lord," he said, "I finally sold the business and moved to North Carolina to attend Southeastern and prepare for the ministry."

Sheryl and her father received master of divinity degrees while Mrs. Fanning was graduated from the school's certificate program for persons who do not hold college degrees.

But the story has another twist.

Sheryl and fellow-student James Cleveland Brown III were married in the seminary's chapel the following day.

Her father performed the ceremony.

The Georgetown College Alumni Association has recognized seven alumni as outstanding graduates of the school. The following were recognized for their exemplary contributions to their churches, professions and communities: Mayme Davenport Cogar, Midway; Ansel E. Cook, Washington, D. C.; Alleen P. Johnson, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lytle, Louisville; Claude Shouse, San Diego, Cal.; and J. Foley Snyder, Georgetown.

Among the 80 recent graduates of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., were three Kentuckians. Harvey R. Brown, Louisville, received the master of divinity degree. James Holloman, Henderson, received a diploma in theology and Dennis Conyers Holman, Lexington, received a master of religious education degree.



Brown



Holloman



Holman

Three Kentuckians were among 150 graduates receiving degrees in graduation ceremonies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May 15. Larry Barker, a native of Hopkinsville, received the master of divinity degree. An Alexandria native, Vaughn Hatcher received a master of religious education degree and Kenneth Story of Paducah received the doctor of ministry degree.

Mary D. Boswell was named Cumberland College's first Honors' Day Professor at the recent Honors' Day convocation. Mrs. Boswell, who has taught modern languages at Cumberland for 31 years, currently serves as associate professor of French and head of foreign language studies. She is the wife of Cumberland College President J. M. Boswell.

Southern Graduates 30 Kentuckians June 4

Thirty Kentucky students will be among more than 230 students receiving degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, June 4.

Students receiving the master of divinity degree include: Robert F. Browning, Greenville; Charles Ray Burgett, Hopkinsville; Charles Kenny Cooper, Paducah; David Andrew Detmer, Danville; Barry Wayne Hagan, Owensboro; Donald Joe Kannady, Warsaw; Thomas Lamkin, Ekron; James M. Moyahan, La Center; Stephen B. Royalty, Louisville; Gerald Rudolph, La Center; Everett Ray Walden, Bronston;

John Phillip Wesley, London; Henry Manuel White, Lexington; Felix Williams III, Lexington.

Doctor of ministry candidates include: David Gardner, Greenville; Thomas Ray Kinman, Covington; John Kruschwitz, Fort Thomas; Jerry Don Oakley, Wingo; Bill R. Tichenor, Hartford.

Earl E. Shelp, a native of Louisville, will receive a doctor of philosophy degree.

Master of church music degrees will be conferred upon Don Lee Hutchinson, Danville, and Linda Sigler, Henderson.

Students receiving master of religious education degrees include: Carl Lee Hess, Louisville; Ronald Moore, Louisville; Steven Curtis Newman, Louisville; Tommy Veach Stevens, Lexington; Michael Barry Oliver, Princeton.

Kenneth Mahanes, Lexington, will receive a doctor of education degree.



Oliver



Stevens



Newman



Royalty



Hess



Oakley



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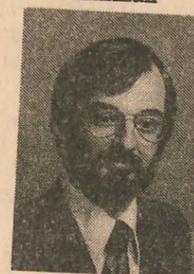
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Special Report

J. S. Bell, Mountain Missions Preacher, Retires

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

The man who may have led in starting more Southern Baptist mountain missions than any other in the Cumberland hills of Kentucky was honored May 23 at Hindman upon his retirement.

J. S. Bell, who was affectionately termed "the most outstanding minister in all of eastern Kentucky" by a fellow minister, retires from a 35-year pastorate at Hindman First Baptist Church in June.

Between 1940-52 Bell led his church in establishing 11 missions: Owens Branch, Leburn, Four Mile, Larkslane, Mousie, Smithsboro, Jeremiah, Wiscoal, Irishman, Montgomery and Dark Hollow. Permanent buildings were provided later for four of these.

When Bell went to Hindman in 1940 the congregation numbered about 30. By 1952 it had swelled to 400. While in a contest sponsored by a religious magazine that year Sunday school attendance for one Sunday in the Hindman church and its 11 missions topped 2,100.

"We didn't have the facilities and the finances and the membership to maintain a peak like that," Bell reflected in a

recent interview. "But it certainly shattered some records when a little church like ours climbed above the largest church in the state even for a brief time."

A native of Lexington, Tenn., Bell was educated at Union University, the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Georgetown College in 1949.

He married the former Beulah Threlkeld of Whitley, Ky., and they are parents of three daughters and a son, all of whom attended his retirement observance.

Bell held weekly chapel exercises at nearby Alice Lloyd College and at Caney Creek High School for about 25 years. He routinely visited elementary and high schools throughout Knott County.

In 1950 he began a radio ministry in Hazard. From 1953-76 he continued this weekly broadcast on the Whitesburg station. Presently, both morning and evening services are broadcast on the Hindman station. A radio hookup including stations at Hindman, Whites-

burg and Hazard simultaneously broadcast ceremonies honoring the retiring pastor.

Said Bill Mackey, minister of Whitesburg Baptist Church, on this occasion: "He (Bell) could have built a tremendously large and great church at home. He chose instead to go the route of building missions. And in doing so, his ministry was extended many many times over."

D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, cited Bell's accomplishments. "I know you people of this great church and I know J. S. Bell and I know you cannot stop here. Forget the past," Aldridge admonished, "except to build upon it for the future."

"The Bells' greatness does not stem from who they are as persons but who Christ is in their lives," suggested Wendell Belew of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, at the testimonial program.

"If it weren't for J. S. Bell," said a member of his congregation, "I guess I'd be in hell today. You see, when Dr. Bell came here in 1940 I was on the wrong road. But thanks to him, I was able to turn my life around and with his help Jesus saved my soul."

Bell gave the credit for his accomplishments to the Lord. "The most important part of it all has been the obligation and the privilege of winning people to the Lord," he declared.

Following a series of testimonials by pastors of neighboring churches, along with Kentucky Baptist Convention officials and Hindman church members, the Bells were presented with a love gift in cash and a book of personal letters from friends.

Bell's future plans include a year of teaching at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. As the Hindman congregation deeded the parsonage to the Bells several years ago, they will continue to maintain permanent residence at Hindman.



J. S. Bell is the "man of the hour" with his people upon the occasion of his retirement at Hindman.



Dr. and Mrs. Bell gratefully acknowledge the many expressions of appreciation which came their way.

Interesting People

Convention's Secretary, A. W. Walker, Lives What He Believes

by Terry L. Hamrick, LaGrange

"He lives what he believes." That's how Jesse Hatfield, pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, sums up the life of his former pastor, A. W. Walker.

"He was my pastor," Hatfield continued, "after I became a pastor."

Hatfield isn't the only person who can say that, for under the direction of Walker, more than 40 men and women have committed themselves to full time Christian service.

Walker was born in Henderson County in 1907. After being called to the ministry he attended Georgetown College and Southern

Seminary. While at the seminary he met and married Mary Lee Carter, a native of Owensboro.

Although Walker has served as pastor of eight churches, all but two of them were student pastorates during his college and seminary days. During his 30 years in the full time pastorate Walker served only two churches, Shively Baptist, 1934-43 and Carlisle Avenue Baptist, 1943-64.

"I am in the people business," Walker states with characteristic excitement. "I worked at building relationships with people, caring for people and imply ministering to their needs. For 0 years I served two churches in Louisville that were less than a mile-and-a-half from each other. We had one of the first radio ministries in Louisville and I was in contact with many people through this."

Under Walker's leadership at Carlisle Avenue, more than 4,300 persons joined the church. Of these, 1,604 came for baptism, an average of 75 per year. The average Sunday school attendance in-

creased from 500 to 1,200. Four mission churches were established during this period.

Walker compiled quite a record at Carlisle Avenue. Yet out of all this, when asked about his single most significant contribution during his ministry, he replied, "The one most significant thing that has happened to me in my ministry was having the privilege and the responsibility of being pastor to over 40 young people who were committed to full time ministry."

Robert Jones is one who remembers this: "We had a group at Carlisle Avenue called the 'Master's Minority.' We were a group of 30 or 40 kids, all committed to the ministry." Jones is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

"Walker was a tremendous influence on my life," Jones says. "He was totally supportive of the youth program. He was fair-minded and forthright. Many pastors were looking for a great church then. A. W. Walker built one."

Walker's contributions have been widely recognized among Kentucky Baptists. In 1957 Campbellsville College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his influential pastorates and far-reaching community involvement.

Since leaving the pastorate in 1964 Walker has continued his service to Kentucky Baptists. He was annuity secretary for Kentucky from 1964-72. During this period he served numerous churches as interim and supply pastor. He is now recording secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Since 1972 he has served as director of missions for Sulphur Fork Association. Of the 18 pastors in this association 14 are seminary students. Walker's unique influence on young ministers has entered a new phase, but his zeal, his enthusiasm are as great as ever.



Walker

Travel Diary

Barry Allen, *Business Office*
June 6—Bonnieville Baptist Church, morning worship—Kentucky Baptist Convention Day, Lynn Baptist Association

Wanda Carpenter, *Church Services*
June 5-11—Ridgecrest, N. C.—Church Recreation Conference

Robert Carr, *Brotherhood*
June 7-11—Camp Rabro, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly—Counselor training

Vernon Cole, *Church Training*
June 6—Lynn Baptist Association—Kentucky Baptist Convention Day
June 9-12—Williamsburg, Va.—Planning with state Church Training directors and BSSB Church Training Department

A. B. Colvin, *Administrative Office*
June 6—Lynn Baptist Association—Kentucky Baptist Convention Day

Calvin D. Fields, *Brotherhood*
June 6—Lynn Baptist Association—Kentucky Baptist Convention Day
June 7-11—Camp Rabro, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly—Counselor training

Kathryn Jasper, *WMU*
June 7—Elkhorn Baptist Association, Lexington—Speak to executive board
June 9-12—Historic tour via Kentucky WMU bus to SBC WMU annual meeting, Norfolk, Va.
June 12—Norfolk, Va.—WMU executive board meeting—Assist in presentation of magazine promotion campaign

Forrest Sawyer, *Brotherhood*
June 6—Lynn Baptist Association—Kentucky Baptist Convention Day
June 7-13—Rushing Creek Camp—Land Between the Lakes ministry

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On Being "Born Again"

by Henlee Barnette, Professor of Christian Ethics, Southern Seminary

Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter's assertion in a recent press interview that he was a "born-again Christian" caused the reporters a bit of consternation as they attempted to figure out what he meant! A religion editor of a leading metropolitan newspaper phoned a noted church historian and conversed for an hour attempting to gain some insight into this concept of "being born again."

Off Duty for God Until Fall

I forgot my Lord in the summertime, just the time I was needed most.

I was not away, but on each Lord's day I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime as I lazily lay in bed, While the faithful few had my work to do, and I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the summertime, when he needed it most of all,

While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent, just off duty for God until fall.

I forgot my class in the summertime, but the devil did not forget,

Working day and night, he kept up the fight; he's a go-getter, you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime, got along without spiritual food

While my Lord on high sent me blessings, I showed him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summertime, when from my duty to God I am free,

Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through, if, by chance, he should forget me?

All of this reminds us of another intellectual, Nicodemus, who was mystified when Jesus told him that he could not even "see" the Kingdom of God without the experience of the new birth (John 3:1-15).

Being born again is indeed a concept which is puzzling to the modern mind. It is in that category of religious terms such as love, spiritual, and salvation which become almost meaningless by much imprecise usage. Even some Christians have vague notions as to what the phrase actually means.

Being born again or "from above" is to be begotten or sired of God into a new being. The believer must not only be born of "water" (John the Baptist's repentance-baptism) but of the "Spirit" (John 3:5). John's baptism was "unto repentance." But the Spirit enters the process to bring about the new birth. One is begotten by a spiritual "seed" (*sperma*) of conception in contrast to the "seed" (*sperma*) of physical birth (John 3:6, cf. I John 1:13; I Peter 1:23).

The new birth is not mere reform but being reborn. To be a new man is to have a new beginning. To have a "new whither one must have a new whence." This is what one cannot have without being born "from above" or of God.

Being born anew was no strange idea in Jesus' day. Jews were familiar with this concept. The proselyte who embraced Judaism was considered a "new-born child." When a believer in the ancient Greek mystery religions achieved a mystic union with God, he was considered to be "twice-born."

What does the new birth mean for us today? How does this unique experience come about? What are its personal and ethical implications in our scientific and secular society?

The new birth is the result of a personal encounter with the contemporaneous Christ. This involves a

consciousness of being a sinner, repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer and lord of life. It includes the commitment of the total self to a Person, not a principle; to the living Christ, not a dead creed. It comes about by divine grace and not merely good deeds (Eph. 2:8-9).

The new birth is deeply ethical. It means being born into a new way of life with new responsibilities. Hence, the experience of the new birth is a radical change of life, so radical that it is like being born all over again. This experience makes it possible to "see" or to enter the Kingdom of God and calls for the believer to submit to the Kingdom's ethical demands of love, justice and righteousness.

After his discourse on the nature of the new birth for Nicodemus, Jesus specifically identifies its moral expression (John 3:19-21). Born again disciples "do the truth." Doing the truth is living in the light of the truth as revealed in Christ who is the Truth (John 5:32). The doer of evil deeds avoids the light and scurries for cover for fear of exposure. To do the truth is to face reality concerning self and others and to practice truth in one's personal life, the church and society. In short, the new birth issues in "visible obedience" to the will of God.

The Christian celebrates his spiritual birthday because he is born into a new way of life. He possesses a whole new perspective on the world. While it is the same old world, he sees it through new eyes. Paul declares that: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). He is not speaking of a new creature in the sense of an ontological change in the individual. Rather he is referring to the transformation of the perspective of the one who is in union with Christ. As the New English Bible puts it: "When anyone is united with Christ, there is a new world." This is the point of the context of the verse (1 Cor. 5:16-21). Here the apostle asserts that he no longer regards man from the "human point of view." That is to say, he now looks at every man in the light of the new order which has begun with Christ.

For the born anew person, then, the old perverted outlook on life has passed away and there is a totally new perspective on reality.



Barnette

Mountains to the Mississippi

C. M. Watts, pastor of Second Baptist, Greenville, has recently returned from Guatemala where six members of the church spent time repairing damage from the earthquake. Second Baptist is starting a lake mission project at Lake Malone State Park and is planning a "God and Country" week-end July 3-4 with Congressman Carroll Hubbard Jr. as the main speaker.

Immanuel Mission, Pikeville, has been constituted into a church. Speaker for the occasion was Earl Best, Pike Baptist Association's superintendent of missions. Jack Stephens is pastor at Immanuel.

Dan Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Hatfield, has graduated from Mars Hill College and will serve this summer on the staff of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C. He has received a Luther Rice Scholarship to Southern Seminary and will begin his theological training in August. The Hatfields are Kentuckians and served in the state before going to lead Parkview Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Keevil Judy were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at First Baptist, Henderson, June 6. The reception for the couple was given by Mr. and Mrs. R. Trevis Otey and their children. Mrs. Otey is a daughter of the Judys.

G. C. Sandusky's second book is off the press and available for \$1.25 per copy. Entitled "Mr. Sheriff or Tragedy and Triumph," the book is a love story dealing with such issues as child abuse, drinking and abortion. An autograph part for the author was recently sponsored by the congregation of Cloverport Baptist Church. Sandusky pastored the church for 30 years. The book can be ordered by addressing G. C. Sandusky, Box 258, Monticello, Ky. 42633.

Lone Oak Baptist, Paducah, sponsored a bicentennial Christian arts festival during April. An array of visual arts were displayed, creative writings were presented. Several concerts were given. All presentations and displays centered on the theme "God and Country." Tony Whitfield, minister of music at the church, served as chairman of the church arts committee.

Crittenden Baptist Church reports a

"four star" weekend May 8-9. Two men from the church went to Guatemala as week-long workers with the Brotherhood department. A new lighted softball field was opened on the church premises. Spring revival was begun with Lewis Drummond as evangelist. Architect Bill Batson and contractor Denzel Perkins joined pastor Paul Baxter and several church members in groundbreaking services for a new sanctuary.

The "Reflectors," a group of 40 young people from First Baptist, Murphy, Mo., will present a musical program at Hazelwood Baptist, Louisville, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. The group, directed by pastor James Marshall, presents programs with gospel music, personal witnessing, preaching and chalk talks.

West Side Baptist Church, 2013 St. Xavier St., Louisville, has scheduled homecoming services June 13 in honor of the church's 62nd anniversary. Morning worship will be at 10:45, lunch will be served at noon and a memorial service will be held at 3 p.m.

Richard Sam Jones, native of Georgia and student at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, has been ordained and called as pastor of Van Buren Baptist, Louisville. The ordination was May 16. Allen W. Graves of Southern Seminary and G. Allen West, executive director of Long Run Association, assisted in the service.

Baptist Forum

(Continued from Page 3)

Wednesday night Bible study as well. In addition, we televise special emphases in the church such as revival services etc.

As pastor of this church I am quite proud of our people for their insight in mission outreach and feel that they should be recognized as one of our Kentucky Baptist churches with the desire to reach contemporary man by contemporary means. I felt that you needed to be made aware of our efforts in this part of the state. I know that you of the Kentucky Baptist Convention want to know of every effort being made by churches of our great convention.

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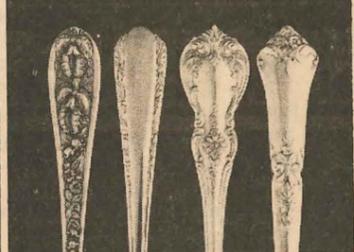
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International Series

The Church Organizes

I Timothy 3:1-13

If a church, which is an organism, is to function smoothly, properly, efficiently and effectively in the achievement of the goals which the membership deems important and necessary, it must be organized for that purpose. Today's lesson deals with the two scriptural officers of a New Testament church.

The Greek word "episcopos," which is translated "bishop," means an "overseer" or "supervisor." In order to qualify for the office of bishop or pastor of a New Testament church he must have an experience of grace, an assurance of salvation, a good character, an ability to preach, a call from God, an unquestioned sincerity, an eagerness to learn, a heart of compassion, a life of dedication and a willingness to sacrifice.

A Deacon — I Timothy 3:8-13

The word "deacon" means "servant." The deaconship is dishonored when it is regarded as a post of honor rather than a medium of service.

Like a pastor, a deacon must be a man of Christian character, good reputation, genuine piety, real wisdom, sound judgment and exemplary deportment. If a deacon is to set a worthy example for church members and wield the right kind of influence, he must possess certain sterling qualities: 1. He must be serious minded. Verse 8a. A deacon should not be given to frivolity about spiritual matters. 2. He must be trustworthy. Verse 8b. The deacon must say what he means and mean what he says. He must never be "doubletongued" or "two-faced." 3. He must be a total abstainer. Verse 8c. If he is going to represent Christ and exercise an effective leadership in his church, he must refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages. 4. He must be without covetousness. Verse 8d. 5. He must be well established in the Christian faith. Verse 9. 6. He must not have more than one living wife. Verse 12.

A good deacon will grow as a Christian, assist in building church attendance, care for the sick and needy, enlist the unenlisted, greet visitors in the services, help create a good fellowship, witness to the unsaved and look after church finances. When he does these things, he will have the satisfaction of doing well his task, the appreciation of his pastor and fellow church members, joy over having rendered helpful service and the blessing of God upon his work.



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Free, Yet Bound

Galatians 5:1-15

Truly appreciating the freedom which Christ purchased on the cross and gave to every believer in him, Paul longed for the Galatian Christians to comprehend its nature and value. Fearful that some of them might be enticed by the Judaizers to become entangled in the meshes of legalism, Paul urgently requested the Galatian Christians to remain true and loyal to Christ and steadfast in their loyalty to the gospel of grace which he had preached to them. As yet, they had not sacrificed their liberty in Christ, but Paul was fearful that some of them were on the verge of doing so.

The freedom which some of those whom Christ had saved and placed in the family of God were in danger of forfeiting was freedom from the law of Moses as a ground of acceptance with God, or as a means of salvation. Paul rightfully insisted that there cannot be two grounds of salvation. The person who trusts in his observance of the law as the ground of his acceptance with God certainly does not trust in God's grace for salvation. The teachings of the Judaizers were subtle and enticing in that they did not ask the Galatians to surrender their Christian faith, but to add to the work of Christ their own keeping of the law.

God's Word teaches that man is saved by grace through faith in Christ. Those who are trying to earn salvation through their own efforts are strangers to this blessed assurance.

Some opponents of the fact of salvation by grace through faith argue that this teaching gives its adherents a license to sin. As a matter of fact, when one is set free by grace through faith in Christ, he does not have any desire to make that freedom an occasion for selfish and carnal living. Grace certainly does not abolish all restraint and allow the Christian to live carelessly.

When one experiences salvation, Jesus Christ is both his saviour and his lord. Those who truly commit themselves to Christ as saviour and lord rejoice in the wonderful privilege of godly living. Daily they strive to live for his glory and to run the Christian race nobly. They are happy in the lord and in the delightful fellowship with his followers who are serving him faithfully in and through his churches. Having cheerfully yielded themselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, they long to bring all the honor and glory possible to Christ who delivered them from the bondage of Satan into the indescribable freedom of the lord.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

At Somerset, Brotherhood Leads the Way in Missions

by Jim Newton

It took 91 years for the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in a rural area outside of Somerset, Ky., to get involved in actively supporting missions work. But because of the leadership of the church's Brotherhood, it is now making up for lost time.

Forrest Sawyer, state Brotherhood director for Kentucky Baptists, says the Pleasant Hill church is one of the strongest supporters of missions in the state.

The evidence tends to support Sawyer. For example, the Pleasant Hill Church:

- Sent its pastor and three laymen on an evangelistic crusade earlier this year to Nigeria;
- Raised \$671 to buy Bibles and evangelistic literature for use in Nigeria;
- Allocated \$2,100 in its 1976 budget to support four church-type missions in pioneer areas of the United States;
- Provided \$750 this year to underwrite the costs of pastor and nurses training in Nigeria;
- Led worship services at a nearby rest home once each quarter;
- Supported the work of Underground Evangelism with a \$900 annual contribution;
- Allocated \$4,500 of its \$54,222 annual budget to support world missions through the Cooperative Program;
- Gave about \$2,000 to the special offerings for state, home and foreign missions;
- Has regularly sent its laymen out on lay-led revivals and mission tours;
- Is currently planning another mission tour to Nigeria to follow up on the one in January of this year.

The unique thing about the missions program of the rural Kentucky church is that the Brotherhood of the church is behind every one of the mission projects. But they are not just Brotherhood projects, they are church-wide efforts.

The 500-member church's concern for missions was a long time developing, according to the pastor, C. E. Jacobs.

The church was organized in 1878, and for 91 years never went beyond

gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program in terms of mission support.

But at least one layman in the church was deeply concerned about missions.

Willie P. Wilson, now retired at 72, became concerned about missions in 1964 when he went, at his own expense, on a Brotherhood-sponsored West Coast Crusade in California.

Between 1964 and 1969, Wilson went on no less than 16 mission trips. Each time, he would return to Pleasant Hill church and give a missions talk, urging the church members to get involved personally in missions.

He made 15 trips and nothing ever came of them in terms of visible response from the people back home. But in 1969, Wilson and his son went to Oil City, Penn., and came back deeply burdened about the needs there.

After their mission report to the church, one of the laymen in the church, Milford Doss Jr., got up and told the congregation: "We've heard this 16 times from Bro. Wilson, and now let's do something about it."

Doss made a motion that the church give \$50 a month to support the work of the Hasson Heights mission in Oil City, Penn.

The Brotherhood of the church then became concerned about following up on the mission needs in Oil City. So they began, with the pastor's help, to enlist a team of laymen from the church to go to Oil City and determine the needs and help the mission in any way they could.

Jacobs said he and the Brotherhood leaders had a hard time enlisting the nine men who went to Oil City for that first mission trip.

But Melvin Abbott, the Baptist Men's president who went to Oil City that first time, commented that all the men who went "got a real blessing" from it.

"None of us had done much of that type mission work before we went up there, and we didn't know what to expect," he admitted.

The men helped lead a weekend re-

vival, and came back enthusiastic and inspired. Abbott and others have been involved ever since.

Since that beginning in 1969, the Pleasant Hill church has provided regular financial assistance to South Mammoth Baptist Chapel in Neptune, N. J.; Batavia Baptist Church in Batavia, Ohio; and is now in the process of trying to decide what additional mission to support with financial aid of up to \$50 per month.

Last year, Jacobs said, the church members gave a total of \$16,921 of their total gifts (\$69,709) to missions.

Last year, the 587-member church gave more to missions than its total receipts in 1964 when Willie Wilson went on his first mission tour to California. Since 1964, total gifts at the church have more than quadrupled.

Jacobs added that the church does not give through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis, but rather on a dollar basis, and that they plan to increase their Cooperative Program giving greatly now that the men have gone to Nigeria and seen the results of it.

Baptist Men's President Abbott added: "One thing I can say for sure is that our church has become involved in missions to the point that the church has grown spiritually, and our finances have quadrupled. The Lord truly is with us."

Abbott said that in addition to the Baptist Men's organization, which involves about 40 men in the church, the Brotherhood sponsors four Royal Ambassador chapters involving about 25 boys.

The Baptist men Men meet the fourth Monday of every month.

Jacobs added that the Brotherhood at Pleasant Hill is more geared toward mission action than it is toward mission study.

"Every motion that has ever been made at our church regarding missions has come through the Brotherhood in some way," Jacobs said.

Sawyer, the state Brotherhood director in Kentucky, had high words of praise for the church and its Brotherhood.

"If what they're doing is not missions, then I don't know what missions is. And missions is what Brotherhood is all about," Sawyer declared.