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Daley Observations

A Father to a Son

Dear Son,

As you know your Dad tries to hide his emotions. This was the case day before yesterday when your mother and I said goodbye to you in the dormitory parking lot at the college where you are now a first year student. It was mother who shed the visible tears but tears also filled my heart though I kept them back from my eyes.

I am a little surprised at this and I don't know exactly how to explain it. I don't love you more than I do your three older brothers who one by one have left home for college. Somehow it's different with you. Maybe it's because you are the last child and the house is empty of sights and sounds of children for the first time in 30 years. Maybe one grows more sentimental with age and this is part of the explanation. Whatever the cause for this feeling, I know now what my parents experienced when they said goodbye to me upon leaving for college never to return again except for summer vacations and visits.

The house is so quiet and lonely since you left. A few days ago it wasn't big enough for the loud music of your hi-fi but now it seems far too big. I haven't seen a soft drink bottle or glass of ice on the floor in front of the television since you went away. To be honest I'd like to see your big shoes and socks in the middle of the floor though I have not forgotten fussing about them. The new peas in the garden are ready but they seem hardly worth picking and shelling just for mother and me. They can't quite say so with words but Toy, the collie, and Charlie, the beagle, keep asking by their actions where you are. They miss the romp with you in the yard every day.

Don't get me wrong. I don't wish you were here. Mother and I are happy and grateful to God that you have chosen further preparation in college. This appreciation is enhanced when we remember you chose to go to college not in hopes of making more money later in life but because you want a greater capacity to appreciate all that life affords and because you feel college training can equip you better for whatever the Lord has in mind for you to do in life.

Another comfort is that we are confident you know how to use the freedom you will have to a degree you never had



before. Before you left we didn't give you a long list of do's and don't's because we learned when we went out on our own we had to make our own list and live by our convictions and not those of our parents. As you approached your 18th birthday which we celebrated the day you departed for school you were given more and more freedom to order your own life. All we could ask is that you use it as wisely at college as you did at home.

We have often discussed with you and with your brothers in your presence what college is all about. However, it will not be what you expect. It's a new and wonderful world however it may seem at first. Your teachers will be for you though you could never tell it by the way some of them will appear at first. Their bark is often worse than their bite and they have a purpose behind their ways. Most of your teachers will share our ideals for you though you need to be prepared for an occasional immature or smart alec teacher who would try to destroy your Christian faith or scoff at your moral ideals.

While we are still thinking about why you are in school, don't forget that you have to be concerned about grades. Grades are an inadequate way to judge progress in education but no better way has been found so far. Don't regard grades so important that you miss all the other values to be found in college. However, it would be tragic to major on extracurricular and fail your academic courses. A large percentage of your class will receive notices half way through the semester that they are failing one or more courses. If you remember that now you are not likely to be one of these.

Here I go giving you advice which you have heard over and over. The end of the whole matter is you are on your own — to succeed or fail. We have confidence in you. After all, you are paying part of your way with money you earned literally by the sweat of your brow. You are borrowing another part of it and will have to pay it back after you finish. Your parents among other things are driving a three year old car instead of a new one to help you. On top of this Kentucky Baptists and other supporters of the college are contributing substantially to your college education. However, don't worry too much about meeting the expectations of your parents or other friends. Be more concerned to follow the gleam put in you by our Heavenly Father.

Dad

Alumni Reunion at Clear Creek

Attending an annual alumni meeting at Clear Creek Baptist School is not merely an event. It is an experience and an unforgettable one at that. This year's reunion was a little special since it is the 50th anniversary of this preacher training school.

Expectations for the annual reunion were for 500 including wives, children and friends and almost that many showed up. There was singing, preaching, testifying, praying and reminiscing for the better part of two days.

Clear Creek alumni have a fierce loyalty that is beautiful to behold. They feel that they got through school with someone's help and now they want to be that someone to help needy students at Clear Creek.

They respond with more than a pep rally. As a visitor I picked up three separate alumni projects under way. One is the annual "turkey fund" from which every student family and every faculty family receives at Christmas time a turkey, \$10 worth of wholesale groceries and a five

dollar bill.

Another alumni project is a \$100 scholarship for each senior enrollee which is very important since tuition is being raised \$100 this year. Still another effort is a campaign to raise \$70,000 for the new library and classroom building nearing completion.

There is nothing discouraging or defeatist about Clear Creek. There is every sign of success and progress. The buildings and grounds are not run down and new construction is not fancy but it is quality. Equipment for instruction in music and other fields is modern and of the highest quality.

Institutions generally are the extensions of strong personalities. In the case of Clear Creek two able men have given themselves totally. The shadows of L. C. Kelly and

Merrill Aldridge are everywhere one looks. The school's success in fund raising proves that donors respond to inspired leadership.

Clear Creek started out understandably as quite provincial serving preachers and churches in the local mountain area. By now it reaches much further. Its students come from several states and its graduates fill pulpits all over Kentucky and in several surrounding states.

President Aldridge has gathered around him talented faculty and staff members. The school is committed to the denomination and its graduates are some of the most cooperative and loyal Southern Baptist pastors. The end result is a school which serves as something of a model for other schools of its types.

Baptist Forum

CEDAR LAKE CAN HELP

After having received a large number of inquiries from Baptist people including pastors, parents and others who have mentally handicapped loved ones asking for information about facilities where their sons and daughters can be placed for care and training, I am writing this article.

We are parents of a mentally handicapped son who is a resident at Cedar Lake Lodge, LaGrange, a residential facility providing care and training for persons with problems connected with mental retardation. This is a Christian facility. Most of the residents are from Jefferson County and adjacent area. Several of the residents are from Baptist homes.

The program provided includes traditional educational instruction, speech therapy, physical therapy, arts and crafts, athletics, medical and dental care, field trips and worship services. It is nonsectarian.

At present there are 28 residents. More than 250 have applied for admission. One hundred forty-eight of them have been processed and approved for admission as soon as additional space can be provided.

We wish very much that Kentucky Baptists would join hands in providing a facility to care for and train the many hundreds of mentally handicapped boys and girls in Baptist homes scattered

throughout the state. Heretofore, we have been reluctant to even speak of our mentally handicapped loved ones. My plea is that Kentucky Baptists might take a good look at our great number of mentally handicapped loved ones and see that here we have both an opportunity and a responsibility to show Christlike compassion and concern for a much neglected group of people.

In the meantime, the Cedar Lake Lodge facility at LaGrange is worthy of and needs moral and financial support.

B. B. Hilburn, Louisville

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

May I have a little space to comment on your editorial of Aug. 5, 1976? I think one of the many things wrong with Christianity and the world today is that not many people will call the hand of our leaders.

I am sure glad someone called the hand of ex-President Nixon, and some of the present leaders in our nation's capitol.

I believe you have gotten way out on a limb when you say our leaders are more trustworthy than their accusers. What we need is more ordinary people to say and stand up for what he thinks is right.

I am sure my letter will get no further than file 13. That is o.k., I am just sorry you are so wrong.

R. W. (Bill) Bryant, Philpot

FREE BOOKS

I am giving three books free upon pick-up or payment of postage and handling. I am closing LeRoi Publishers and offer the stock free to your readers and church libraries.

The first book is *Mr. Baptist Hour* by Baker. This is a study of the life and work of Herschel Hobbs on our radio hour. There are a few hardback which sold for \$4.95. These I will send to church libraries as long as the stock lasts. Otherwise it will be paperback which sold for \$2.95. The second book is my own *The Will of God and Are You Afraid to Die?* which sold for \$1.00. Paperback. The other is Vol. 1 of *Dictionary of Illustrations and Outlines* which sold for \$4.95. This is total value of \$8.90 or for libraries \$10.90.

It will be difficult for most to pick them up at my home and so they will be sent for \$1.00 postage, package and handling. Just put a dollar bill in an envelope with name and address and they will be sent with no obligation. Send to: A. H. Stainback, 812 Castile Drive, Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32701.

A. H. Stainback,
Altamonte, Springs, Fla.

FIRST SHALL BE LAST

Charles Blair's viewpoint on the role of women in the church was another sugar
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Baptist News in Brief

Ohio Baptists Vote Staff Positions, Budget

The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio accepted a proposal for a \$1.5 million budget and filled two directorships in its meeting at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly, Seneca-ville, Ohio.

The board named Orville H. Griffin, 44, currently area director of missions for the Greater Dayton Baptist Association, as director of evangelism and stewardship and Virgil D. Barnett, 41, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, as director of property management and operations.

The staff appointments filled the last of five director-level vacancies open since Feb. 1. The convention has 10 director-level posts. Earlier, the board elected Theo Sommerkamp as editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger* and director of public relations, Helen Allan as Woman's Missionary Union director, and Rondel T. Martin as Brotherhood director.

Griffin, one of the early arrivals among Southern Baptist leadership in Ohio, came to the state in 1954 as a pastor. The Kentucky native has served as area director of missions for the Greater Cincinnati and Southern Hills Baptist associations and is a former state convention president.

Senate Defeats Buckley Move for Tax Credits

The U. S. Senate rejected a move by advocates of aid to parochial schools by defeating an amendment to the Tax Reform Act which would have provided tax credits to parents for the school expenses of their children.

Sen. James L. Buckley (Cons. R.-N. Y.), a consistent proponent of various kinds of government aid to parochial schools, had asked Senate colleagues to approve an amendment which would have provided tax relief to parents with children enrolled in any school, public or private, at all levels—college, high school or elementary school.

By a voice vote of 52-37, the Senate rejected the move, although it did pass by voice vote a measure introduced by Sen. William V. Roth Jr. (R.-Del.), providing a tax credit to parents of young people enrolled in any college, public or private.

Roth's successful amendment provides for a tax credit of \$100 for parents with young people enrolled in any college or vocational school for the tax year 1977. The credit will be increased by \$50 a year to a limit of \$250 in 1980 and thereafter.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (BJCPA) had sought the

defeat of the Buckley Amendment by urging Baptist leaders and constituents to wire or call their Senators.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Washington-based Baptist agency, hailed the measure's defeat as a victory for opponents of tax aid to sectarian institutions.

Both Kentucky Senators (Wendell Ford and Walter Huddleston) voted against the Buckley Amendment.

Missionary Lucky, Hails from Kentucky

A Kentucky Southern Baptist missionary just missed being in the middle of a hijacking attempt in which four died in Istanbul last week.

Mrs. R. Donald Mantooth, traveling with her husband and two children, were returning to Tel Aviv after Mantooth had been on a preaching assignment to Ankara, Turkey.

Mrs. Mantooth is a native of Nashville, Tenn., but grew up in Harrodsburg, Stearns, St. Matthews, Wheelwright and Pineville, Ky. She is a graduate of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville, and has served on hospital staffs in Lexington and Frankfort.

Mantooth is from Oak Ridge, Tenn., and a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and Southern Semi-

nary, Louisville.

According to Jeannine Buck, Southern Baptist press representative in Israel, the Mantooths, missionaries to Israel, were in an airport bus in Istanbul approaching their plane when they heard an initial explosion in the terminal building. The blast was followed by hand grenades and machine gun fire.

The apparent hijacking attempt on Aug. 11 was thwarted, but four persons were killed and about 20 were injured.

Anderson to BSSB

Douglas L. Anderson, director of academic support services at Southern Seminary, has been named growth coordinator in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Anderson, a Nashville native, also served as office coordinator in the division of student affairs at Southern, and was a Garrett teaching fellow there.

Prior to his seminary work Anderson was pastor of two Kentucky churches, New Bethel Baptist Church, Hardinsburg, and East View Baptist Church, East View.

Gibson Named Consultant ACTION Helps Available

Jim Gibson, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Okla., has been named youth music consultant in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Gibson holds the B.M. degree from Samford University, Birmingham, and the M.C.M. degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He also has served as minister of music for First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex., and Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, La.



Gibson

A multi-media promotion plan designed to support the Southern Baptist ACTION Sunday school enrolment plan was introduced recently during Sunday school leadership conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C.

The promotional materials, which advertise the ACTION plan for enrolling new people in Bible study, are being provided by the Sunday School Board through a Nashville, Tenn., advertising agency.

Information can be obtained by writing the Fields Advertising Agency, 1205 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Criscoe to Board

Art Criscoe recently was named specialized training consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

Criscoe, a native of Alabama, came to the Sunday School Board from Columbia (S. C.) Bible College, where he was dean of the faculty and professor of Christian education. He received the M.Div., M.R.E. and Ed.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Grubbs Assumes Board Duties

Bruce Grubbs, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Nashville, recently was named pastoral ministries consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department.



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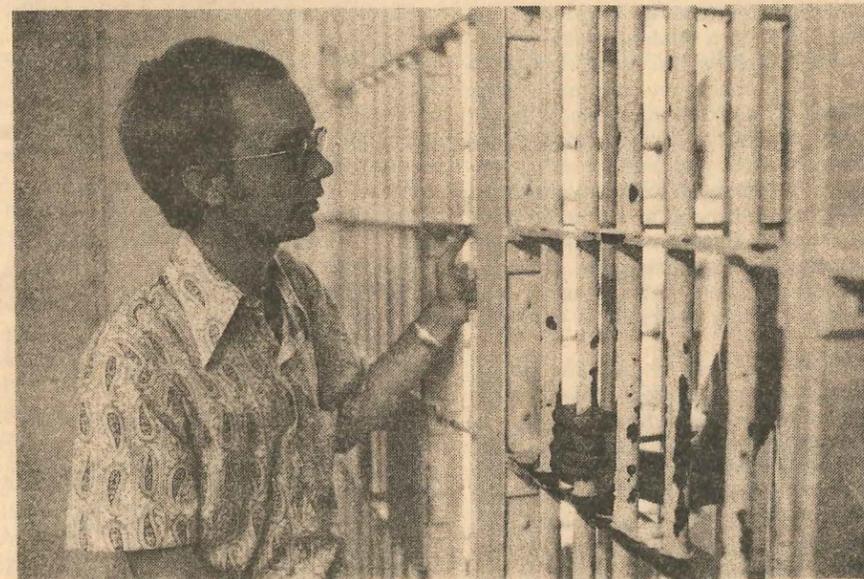
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Double Exposure

"Christ's Freedom Celebrated on Campus" is the theme of this year's On to College Day which many Southern Baptist churches observe one Sunday in August. Sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the emphasis provides an opportunity for churches to honor students and for young adults to reaffirm their relationship to church. The young people shown are students, alumni and staff members of Belmont College, Nashville. The letter from "A Father to a Son" on page 2 reminds us that school opening is once again just around the corner.



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Jail ministry part of outreach: Maurice Graham, director of church and community missions for Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., coordinates a jail ministry effort as part of almost 50 mission action projects involving members of the Memphis church. It is part of the church's efforts to minister to the rich and poor, black and white, imprisoned and needy in greater Memphis.

Christian Education

At Cumberland College:

Shirley Asher: A Proud Hillbilly

"I'm proud of my 'hillbilly' heritage and I'll defend it against all critics," said Mrs. Shirley Baker Asher in a recent interview. "Only by knowing the people of Appalachia can an individual truly appreciate them and be proud of being one of them," she added.

The oldest of 12 children, Shirley, who grew up in Leslie and Harlan counties, was continually confronted with the closeness of family life in Appalachia. Seeing the innate potential of the inhabitants of this area, Shirley, at an early age, decided, "I shall remain in Appalachia and I shall help my people to the best of my ability." She said further, "I have always felt that I could be



Shirley Asher, a native of Leslie County, Ky., has always been proud of her "hillbilly" heritage and will defend it against all critics.

of service to my native area because I understand the needs of its people and I can communicate with them. How can you understand how a poor man feels if you've been rich all of your life?"

Just how she could best meet this desire to serve was a problem which faced Shirley for a long time. Finally,

upon realizing that there tended to be a shortage of medical professionals in Appalachia, she saw the path which she would follow in accomplishing her dream. Shirley reflects, "I entered the health field, especially nursing, because I felt that I should be in a position to help others during their times of need. We all realize that when severe illness or death strikes an individual, both the patient and his family are in dire need of help, kindness, understanding and inspiration. As a nurse, I shall be in a position to meet these needs."

CUMBERLAND PROVIDES ANSWER

After completing her elementary education in Leslie County and her graduation from Lynch East Main High School, Shirley began to survey the various colleges and universities which could offer her the professional training needed to become a nurse. Her attention was finally drawn to Cumberland College and its newly organized nursing program.

According to Shirley, "I entered Cumberland because its enrolment was such that I, as a student, could get to know my teachers and peers as individuals and I would not become a mere number, as so often happens at larger schools. By enrolling more Appalachian students than any college its size, Cumberland, as I desired to do, was offering an invaluable service to my home area. The school's Christian-oriented philosophy was also attractive to me, since my grandfather, Rev. Felix Causey, had served for many years as a pastor at Lynch."

College life gave Shirley the opportunity to expand herself, both socially and academically. During her stay at Cumberland, she gave both of her time and talents as a volunteer worker with the Whitley County Health Department and the Leatherwood-Blackey Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation. These periods of service served to initiate Shirley into the practical aspects of the health profession.

With the additional duties of serving as chief justice of Archer Hall, representing the R. O. T. C. program as its 1974 sweetheart, and garnering a third

place bronze medal as a green belt member of the school's judo team, little time was left for anything else. But still, her desire was to be a nurse. It was for this reason that she was forced to give up much of her social life. As she says, "I had a choice to make; nursing was more important."

AMONG THE TOP 10

Because of her dedication and diligence, Shirley Asher was able to graduate among the top 10 members of her class with an associate of science in nursing degree in May 1976. With this degree and the intensive clinical training she received at Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Corbin; Oak Ridge Hospital, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and in various local doctor's offices, she was able to enter her chosen profession a highly qualified individual.

Still, there was a desire to do more. Having knowledge and not being able to impart it to others almost nullifies the value of the knowledge. The next step in Shirley's goal came when she decided to return to Cumberland College and seek both a teaching and non-teaching degree in health. "With this further training," Shirley said, "I can go home and help make life for the Appalachian people more enjoyable."

When asked to briefly state the philosophy which has guided her in her quest to help others, Shirley, after a brief period of deliberation said, "After all, life is beautiful and people are what life is all about. As a nurse I can help people enjoy life. In this way I can add to the beauty which is so badly needed in the world."

Almost daily, visitors to Cumberland College's campus can see Shirley Asher rushing to various classrooms and to the library. In the afternoon she adds to her already hectic schedule by going to her job as a nurse at the Jellico (Tenn.) Community Hospital. By working and going to school, both full time, Shirley displays the dedication and endurance which has always characterized the American individual who has set a goal and strives, against all odds, to reach this goal.

Clear Creek Marks 50 Years

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, is celebrating 50 years of preacher training with intensive fund campaigns and building projects.

The school began in 1926 under the zealous leadership of L. C. Kelly who was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pineville. Pastor Kelly was totally committed to the training of mountain preachers, most of whom had little schooling.

The account goes that one of Kelly's favorite beauty spots was a valley near Pineville where Big Clear Creek and Little Clear Creek joined. Since there were no roads he reached the spot by walking along a railroad running through the valley. He often fished there and dreamed as he fished. Surely, he thought, there must be something better for this beautiful spot than a corn field.



Aldridge

Something better at first was an assembly grounds where Kentucky Baptists held their summer encampment. Kelly developed a summer school for mountain preachers along with the other assembly activities and it was only a summer project until 1944 when it became a full fledged theological school operating eight months a year.

The hub of all activities at Clear Creek for many years was one huge building constructed of native stone and named Kelly Hall for the school's founder. Today the scene is far different with many buildings constructed and others going up on the 700-acre campus.

Kelly served as head of Clear Creek School from its founding in 1926 until 1954. He was succeeded by D. M. Aldridge, then president of Magoffin Institute, a mountain Baptist high school, but who earlier was on the Clear Creek faculty.

Aldridge is a native of Illinois who early in life dedicated himself to helping untrained pastors of Baptist churches. Upon graduation from Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary he joined the Clear Creek faculty to teach missions and church history and has been completely committed to his dream ever since.

The growth in facilities and enrolment of the school under Aldridge has been nothing less than phenomenal.

Enrolment has been capacity for several years and now there is a year's waiting list. Most students have families and student housing has been one of the critical needs. Aldridge says he would like to have adequate facilities for a peak enrolment of about 325 which is about as many as could find work to do and churches to serve in the area. Most students have to have financial help.

Under Aldridge the annual budget for Clear Creek has risen from \$86,000 to \$550,000, the total assets from \$612,000 to \$1,500,000 and endowment from \$771 to \$525,000. Aldridge confirms one of his goals is to have a \$1,500,000 endowment by the time he retires.

After looking at the impressive statistics and the building projects under way, a visitor observed that much emphasis must be put on fund raising.

"Fund raising," said Aldridge, "is all we do around here—for at least 17 hours a day."

Reaching into his pocket he pulled out a check for a \$1,000 gift which had come in the mail that day or which had been handed him personally by one of many donors to the Clear Creek preacher training ministry.

Martin Receives Degree

H. Lawrence Martin, Navy chaplain, received the doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary recently. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Vanceburg, from 1955-56 and the Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn, 1956-61. Martin is married to the former Carolyn Taylor, who taught history and sociology and was assistant dean of women at Cumberland College prior to their mar-



Martin

riage in 1956. They have two children, Timothy, 17, and Lisa, 13.

Gardner-Webb Names Williams New President

Craven Edward Williams, vice president of Davidson (N. C.) College, has been named the ninth president of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., succeeding E. Eugene Poston, who resigned in February to seek the nomination as a Democratic candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives.

Before joining Davidson last year, the 36-year-old Williams was a vice president at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va., and had previously served as assistant director of development and alumni affairs at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Williams earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University, a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and a doctor of ministries degree from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He has done additional graduate study at Wake Forest.

Baylor Gets Grant

A \$500,000 grant to Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has been approved by the trustees of The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc. of Tulsa, Okla.

Foundation Secretary C. D. Forrest informed Baylor President Abner V. McCall of the trustees' action to assist Baylor financially in its current restoration of Burleson Quadrangle and construction of a new academic facility on the Baptist university's Waco campus.

328-Year-Old Tree Grew Up with U. S. Baptists

The Missouri Department of Conservation discovered a bur oak at least 328 years old on the campus of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

The 59-foot oak has been designated an "Official Liberty Tree" in a bicentennial program sponsored by Missouri conservation officials.

Missions & Ministries

Graceland Offers 'Abundant Life' To New Albany, Indiana, Community

by Jim Newton

Pastor Elvis Marcum knocked the mud from his shoes as he waded through a pasture and surveyed the 80-acre "Abundant Life Community" of Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany, Ind.

"This property is a gift of God as a tool to accomplish his purpose here," he mused. Marcum pointed out the \$1 million worship center, the olympic-size pool, a lake and cabins with adjacent dining facilities, acres of pasture for the horses grazing nearby, a book store, prayer garden and prayer chapel. He talked of the future.

Within the next five years, the church is planning to add a gymnasium, an apartment complex, additional education space and a nursing home/convalescent center, he said.

They call it the "Abundant Life Community" because it is a community of believers who have discovered the joy of abundant life in Jesus Christ—people who have fun and enjoy the ministry they feel Christ has given to them, he explained.

"We've found ourselves, found our purpose," Marcum explained. "It is to share Christ with this city, and to meet the needs of people in the name of Christ. This is a layman's church. The people do everything. We've tried to help the people become the body of Christ, to realize they are all ministers, that God has given them gifts and talents they are to use in ministry to others." Marcum, however, was reluctant to count how many ministries the 1,725-resident member church is involved in, saying he didn't know and had never stopped to count them.

"Our people have literally touched the city," the pastor observed. "No other organization in the city (population 40,000) has had as much impact on the total city as our church."

In 1963, when Marcum came to the struggling mission, average Sunday school attendance was only about 80; now it is about 1,400.

THEY FAVOR BUSING

Graceland is best known for its community-wide bus ministry. Dean Stone,

the church's minister of education who coordinates the bus ministry, said the buses not only run 20 routes on Sunday morning but are used every day throughout the week. Free bus service is provided to take senior citizens to shopping centers or doctors' offices. The buses daily bring day care, kindergarten and (starting in September) elementary students to the church's school.

On Sundays, after busing people to Graceland, some of the buses return to different points in the city where Bible study classes are held inside the parked buses. Almost 500 persons, most of



Elvis Marcum, pastor of Graceland Baptist Church, New Albany, Ind., shares his dreams for establishing a new "Abundant Life Community" that will become the city's finest family recreation center complete with swimming pool, gymnasium, horseback riding, camping, apartments, and a nursing home.

them children, ride the buses each Sunday, and about 75 Graceland members are involved as bus workers. In addition to the church-sponsored bus ministry, a group of Graceland laymen head a separate corporation called Church Tours, Inc., which offers a cost-plus, reduced rate bus tour service for churches, schools and civic groups.

Graceland has ministries at each of

five area nursing homes and convalescent centers, and sponsors a "Keen-agers" program for adults ages 55 through 155 (the oldest member is only 107, however). The Keen-agers take at least one trip each month together on the church buses. Once a year, the church sponsors a national Keen-ager Convention for senior citizens. Almost 400 attended the first convention in 1972.

Besides nursing homes and highrise units ministries, Graceland sponsors ministries at apartment houses and to the physically and mentally handicapped. A specially-equipped bus and convalescent van pick up wheelchair patients each Sunday and take them to church. Similar services are offered on weekdays, for trips to the doctor and other needs.

The church sponsors a program at Silver Crest, an institution for multiple-handicapped children under 21, with at least three Sunday morning activities there plus weekday visitation. Special services are provided on Sunday to three different groups at Graceland adult deaf, mentally retarded adults, and mentally retarded under age 21.

For the past two summers, the church has sponsored special camps for the handicapped, at the new cabins in the Abundant Life Community. The church's day care program, kindergarten and new elementary school reach about 225 children and their parents, Marcus said.

Graceland also offers free food and clothing to needy people in the community, is involved in a club ministry to youth in local high schools, has a jail ministry and effort to reach teenagers with a drug or alcohol problem, sponsors "children's church" (worship service), operates a Christian book store, sponsors an annual nationwide leadership training conference and presents a "Living Christmas Tree" musical program each Christmas.

All the church's ministries are highly evangelistic and are based on a dependence on prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Marcum said. "We're a missions-minded people, and evangelism is our heart-throb."

The ministries, new building and property development would have been impossible without time, materials and labor donated by laymen, the pastor stressed.

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coated attempt to suppress the talents of women by quoting Paul's letters and emphasizing the Greek words used to indicate males as distinguished from those used to indicate mankind. And ladies, get this, we are still included in mankind!

After reading his article I am reminded that "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

Women do not want male/female sameness (that is a male idea if I ever heard one) but do expect to use any God given talents. If God had not meant for them to be used he would not have given them! Would you be guilty of standing in the way of anyone serving God? This is what is being done by those who propose to tell others that they should not teach or preach or be a deacon or deaconess because of the letters in a word.

There were groups in Jesus' day who insisted on following the letter of the law. They were called Pharisees.

I am aware that Paul said men and meant men in his rules to the churches. It could never have occurred to Paul that women might be able to learn and serve in these capacities. Paul does not make any mention of cars, trains, planes, etc. either, because they never occurred to him.

Mr. Blair was probably right in saying that women were excluded from these positions by general agreement of men and women. This was customary. So was slavery, which Paul condoned—telling the slave to be content with his lot. I'm sure too, that Mr. Blair can somehow rationalize Paul's views on wine. There are churches today who do not use musical instruments in their worship services because the first churches did not mention them. And of course it was Paul who is responsible for the ban on make-up and for the hairdos characteristic of some churches.

Jesus declared many times that true religion came from within and had nothing to do with rules.

Mr. Blair feels that women can only teach other women. Paul's friends Aquila and Pricilla (it says *and*) were recorded as teaching Apollos! In Bible days and even later women did not attend schools so this was a factor then. In our school systems women are among the top students.

God created man (male and female) for fellowship with him. When we argue over who should have higher places of service we should be reminded of what Jesus said to James and John when they wanted to be first in his kingdom: "He who would be first shall be last."

And if women are taking places usually occupied by men in the churches — men, you know what you can do about it—get in there and work and do a better job!

Mrs. Jeanette Benningfield,
Hodgenville

HOME MISSIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Up Hollybush hollow, down the rugged sides of Trace, through the shadows of Onion Blade; all are the steps of Lawrence Baldrige and his wife Martha, SBC home missionaries to the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

The Baldriges have a unique ministry few people realize exists. Nestled snugly in the coal rich mountains is Pippa Passes, Ky., where Baldrige serves as pastor of Caney Baptist Church. Around Pippa Passes and its surrounding hollows Baldrige is known simply as "Lawrence" to the young and old alike and "Lawrence" is easily recognized by his dusty red van, full of children scurrying up hollows and hill-sides to take people to church.

Lawrence's bus ministry begins about an hour-and-a-half before Sunday school and he makes several trips to and from the church before his mission is complete. He then conducts Sunday school, preaches, and then starts his busing back home again.

During the week the church conducts an unusual social ministry. Two days out of the week the dusty red van journeys again up the unpaved hollows to bring senior citizens of the community to the church for lunch. After the meal the women all gather around to have an old fashioned "quilting party" in keeping with the art of their mountain heritage. The men gather around at the back of the church to whittle and talk of politics and weather. This twice weekly function is the highlight of the week for those that attend. It is their only social interaction because age and lack of transportation won't let them escape their sometime lonely confinement. Loneliness is a pervading com-

modity of the mountains because neighbors are sometimes few and far between.

When Lawrence isn't traveling the dusty roads around Pippa Passes you may find him meeting with a governor or senator or protesting the ravages of strip mining. He is a Christian who is very much involved in the community in which he lives. Each evening he journeys back up Big Branch to the mountainside where he lives with his wife and three children. It is up on the mountainside overlooking the beautiful valley below that he often writes poetry that expresses his feelings for the people and the mountains in which he lives.

Lawrence Baldrige is a man cut in the mold of the mountain man; forthright, honest, strong and proud, contrary to the fallacious stereotype of the "hillbilly" depicted by those in the outside world. Eastern Kentucky's mountains are rich in far more than the coal and lumber valued by those blinded by greed. People are the mountains' richest treasure. People rich in sensitivity and talent waiting to be heard by all those who will listen.

Lawrence and Martha Baldrige are serving the Lord in a unique way, whether they are mending the sores of the "Regular Baptists" or holding a quilting party; the joy of the Christian life is evident in all that they do. Through sharing Christ they are helping the voice of the mountains to be heard.

Terry Lester, Frankfort

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

I wish to commend you for your editorial in the July 29 *Western Recorder*.

You have touched a vital nerve in Baptist life. Your stand is unpopular in some Baptist quarters. This magnifies the dangers involved. Baptist control and Baptist support are in the end synonymous. Baptist controlled and Baptist supported schools are basic to all our missionary endeavor. The alternative that you offer at the end of your editorial seems to me to be the decision that faces us as Baptists. If we seek the easy way out by accepting government aid, we are beginning the destruction of the foundation of our great missionary enterprise.

James O. Teel Jr., Nashville

Interesting People

World's Champion Ropes for Christ Through Cowboy Organization

by Toby Druin

For as long as Walter Arnold could remember, he had wanted to be the best steer roper in the world. Roping was his life.

The worst spanking his father ever gave him, he recalls, was one day when he and his cousin almost killed three roosters, seeing which was better at putting a loop around the chickens' bobbing necks.

When Walt got a little older he worked for area ranchers roping and dragging calves to the branding fire. He began dreaming about using his talent in rodeos.

His father bought him his first horse off the Matador Ranch for \$25 but told Walt that expense money for his rodeoing would be up to him. Walt sold an old coon hound for his first entry fee, and when he ran out of hounds and other things he turned to breaking horses.

In the summer of 1956, as an 18-year-old, he won 12 of 14 match ropings against some of the best ropers in the southwest. And not long after that he married his high school sweetheart, Gail.

Working for a Silverton, Tex., rancher breaking horses, Walt would get up early in the morning, practice roping, put in a day's work with the horses and then rope until dark. Gail worked the chute for him and shouted encouragement.

A Dream Came True

Walt's goal was simple—to be the best steer roper in the world. Simple, but far from easy. Steer roping is probably the most difficult of all the rodeo events. But in 1969 Walter Arnold had mastered the art and his dream came true. He won the national steer roping championship. He was the best in the world.

But he was disappointed. He came home to the adulation of the town's 900 people. Instead of basking in the spotlight, he sought the solitude of the caprock, the limestone rim that ran along his parents' ranch. It's always been his favorite place—where a man can get off to himself and look off across the canyons and get close to God.

Walt took his disappointment there and shared it with God. Having made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ at age six Walt had grown up in the church—First Baptist at Silverton, Tex.—but hardly had been active.

"I had felt for a long time that I should be witnessing to the other cowboys," he recalls, and it kept nagging him. One night he dreamed that God wanted him to tell the others about Christ.

"It almost scared me to death," he says, "I told the Lord there was no way I could do it; and even if there was, those cowboys would never believe me after the kind of life I had been living."

Another thing that bothered him, he says, was the memory of not being able to speak before a group. When he was a student at South Plains College in Levelland, Tex., he had to make a speech in a class one day and was unable to make a sound. Whenever he thought about witnessing for Christ the memory of that day in class flashed across his mind. "Satan kept reminding me of that," he says.

Then, in 1973, in Phoenix two other cowboys, Mark Schrieker, a Methodist, and Wilbur Plaughter, a Baptist and rodeo clown, came to him and said they were thinking about starting a Christian organization among the cowboys. They asked Walt to join.

When he got back to Silverton, he called his pastor, Larry Wilson, to tell him of his decision. Wilson asked if he could share his testimony with the church that Wednesday night.

Walt tried to tell them of the change that had occurred in his life, but he just couldn't get it out. That same night a young man who had just felt called to preach gave his testimony. It gave Walt new courage.

Witnesses

"I asked the pastor if I could throw a second loop," he recalls. He gave his testimony and has continued to "throw second loops," witnessing wherever he goes and becoming a positive influence in the church. He gave his testimony at

the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk in June and is featured in a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board film on lifestyle evangelism.

Walt, Schrieker and Plaughter and a few other cowboys formed the Rodeo Cowboys Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They were assisted, fittingly, by Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry. Walt is now president of the chapter.

The chapter began having breakfasts in motels in rodeo cities where Walt and the others would share their testimonies with anyone who would come. Now many worship services are held at the rodeo arenas on Sunday morning. More than 1,000 attended a service at Burwell, Neb., last year and 100 professions of faith were recorded.

One of the first goals the cowboy chapters adopted was to get Bibles distributed to the other cowboys. They arranged for the printing of 1,000 copies of the Living Bible—a "Cowboy Edition" with a special cover depicting various rodeo events. The first printing was gone in six weeks and another 1,000 were ordered. Walt keeps two or three in his pickup and uses them in witnessing to young people who come to him for roping advice.

When Walt first announced his convictions, he said, many of his friends on the rodeo circuit didn't understand it and used to look at him as if they wondered what made him tick. And he took a lot of kidding and even some ridicule. Now with a couple of years behind him of open identification as a practicing Christian, he doesn't have to look for opportunities to witness.

"I must have roped in 40 rodeos last year and 35 or 50 jackpot ropings," and at every one of them somebody wanted to talk about being a Christian."

"Birth Blessings"

Jerry Powell has stumps for legs, partial arms and only four fingers.

A victim of severe birth defects, the California Baptist College (CBC) junior insists he wasn't "just born this way." Rather, God has given him "birth blessings" not defects, says the 26-year-old religion major from Vallejo, Calif.

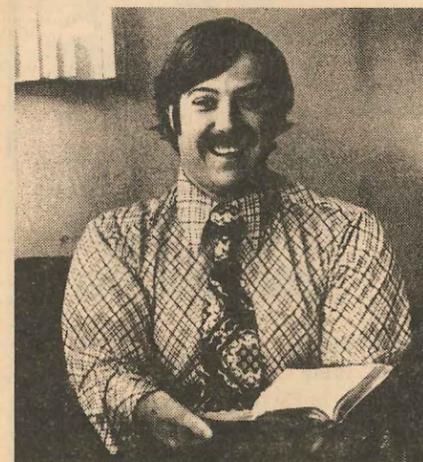
"There's no reason to feel sorry for me," Powell advises. "If the barrier of

fear, pity and misunderstanding is broken, then everything works out fine. I've found that showing people I can do whatever I want breaks this barrier."

Personal Growth

Powell says he became a Christian about four years ago and had already made many adjustments prior to receiving Christ into his life. Still, Christ has made a difference.

At CBC he has joined a convalescent ministry in which he sings, preaches and witnesses. He creates colorful chapel posters that portray the day's program at CBC, as he enjoys painting and sculpturing. He once considered art



Jerry Powell, a victim of birth defects, drives a van, and likes to paint and hike.

as a profession. Powell has also served as a summer missionary, working in camps and Vacation Bible School, keeping a pace that would tire many non-handicapped persons, friends note.

He has a wheelchair, which he uses only when he has to and "often as a ladder." If everyone was four feet tall, "I'd just throw the wheelchair away," he quips. He feels the same about artificial legs. "They're a hindrance." Putting them on is like "trying to prove I'm like everyone else," he says.

He scoots around on the stumps of his arms and legs and is able to drive specially equipped vehicles, like his van.

"I believe everyone has a purpose in life and that we can all be used in some way. Possibly through work with handicapped people, I can help prove this to them," Powell says.

Tom Bonds: More Than Your Average Commuter

by Nancy Carter

What do you do when you're pastoring a church in Mississippi and feel led to attend seminary in Kentucky, 450 miles away?

You go to seminary and commute 900 miles each weekend so you can continue serving as the church's pastor—if you've got the stamina of Thomas Bonds.

A Hectic Schedule

During this school year, Tom attended classes at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the week. On Friday evenings, after his wife, Jeannie, got home from her teaching job, the couple would pack the car. Eight hours later—around 11 p.m.—they'd be at their church, Sardis Lake Baptist Church, Sardis, Miss.

Following a weekend of sharing and serving the people they love so much, Tom and Jeannie would head back to Louisville Sunday after the evening services. About 3 a.m. the Bonds would arrive at the seminary campus. By 8 a.m. Jeannie would be at school teaching her class.

For Tom, 24, this is his first experience as pastor. He and Jeannie went there not long after graduating from Mississippi College, Clinton.

Tom explained he felt it was the Lord's will for him to continue his ministry at Sardis. Just 20 years old, the young church would lose its pastors after about two years, when most decided to attend seminary or Bible school, he said, adding each time this happened attendance would drop to about 35 or 40 people.

Tom was there about a year and a half before beginning seminary, but he was determined not to cause the church to shrink again. And it hasn't. The church has gradually grown to about 70 people.

"I don't think many preachers going into their first churches have found people as willing to work with them as the people there have been with me."

A Growing Experience

Tom said his seminary experience has helped him grow intellectually and with sermon preparation, and his church

experience has helped him put his learning into practice.

He added he and his wife were glad they were financially able to continue the commuting throughout the year. He said it cost them \$150 a month for travel expense, including the gas his wife used to drive to work each day. The couple used his salary from the church for gas and food. Jeannie's salary paid the bills and they received a Ministry Scholarship (provided by a fund supported by the seminary's alumni) to "help take up the slack."

Weather has also been favorable for the couple. It only rained three times while they were traveling, and snowed lightly just once.

"It's been amazing how it's all worked out," the Roxie, Miss., native said.

As he reflected on this past year with its hectic, demanding pace, Tom has only good things to say about the experience.

"It's been definitely worth it all. I've grown as a Christian. I don't take credit for being able to go back and forth, because my wife and I would have given out a long time ago if it hadn't been for the Lord strengthening us," he said, adding he believes the church has grown from the experience as well.

"The people have gained from it in the sense that the men have 'come out'—they're the leaders now. They took the Wednesday night service. They've grown spiritually."

He sees the church as "a big family," and feels as the church members become closer to one another, they draw others into the church.

"I think it's the greatest church in the world."

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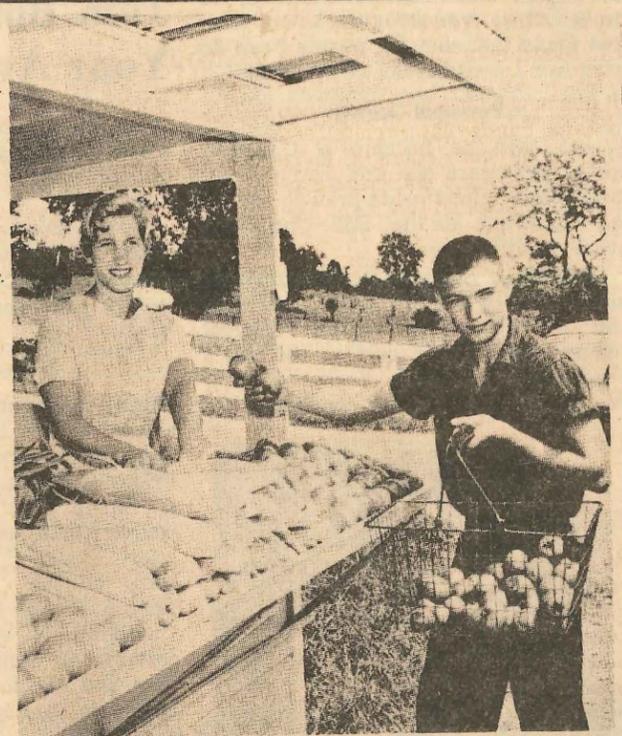
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Viewpoint

Sunday Is the Lord's Day

by J. Altus Newell, Pastor
St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville

It has now been four years since the traditional Sunday laws related to business operations were changed in Louisville. When that legal action occurred, some people applauded the step. They saw it as an optimistic sign our society was finally coming of age. Others deplored the action calling it "a fiery dart shot by Satan into the soul of contemporary Christianity."



Many people were affected. Their jobs dictated that Sunday could no longer be a "day of rest." Store managers rationalized that their doors had to be open on Sunday if they were to stay competitive in business. We became newly aware of persons in other segments of society whose work had long demanded Sunday duty.

For some time I have tried to study the biblical witness regarding the place of Sunday in the lives of Christians. As I began to study, the realization came that the Bible did not agree at every point with my previous opinion about Sunday.

The Old Testament's special day was, of course, the sabbath—our Saturday. The fourth commandment warns that this day is to be kept holy. When the day's proper observance is defined in the Old Testament, however, the description is that of a day of rest.

The model was God's rest on the seventh day of creation. The emphasis that the sabbath was to be a day of worship came later in Judaism. It sprang from the belief that there is no satisfying rest without worship.

For the earliest Jewish Christians, Saturday was still a holy day. Among the Gentile Christians, however, no allegiance was felt for the Old Testament's sabbath. Gentile Christians saw those regulations as part of the ceremonial law transcended by Christ. They worshiped on Sunday, the day of the week on which the resurrection occurred.

Among both Jewish and Gentile

Christians, the sole emphasis of Sunday had to be that of a day of worship. Sunday was a regular work day throughout the ancient world. Christians met together for worship very early in the morning and after working hours on Sunday evening.

It was not until the fourth century (321 A.D.) that the emperor Constantine made Sunday a public holiday. His decision, however, was not motivated by Christian faith. Constantine's concern was to establish a proper observance for what he termed "the most honorable day of the sun."

At least Christians then could rest and worship on the same day. The Lord's Day was a day of worship by spiritual decision. It had become a day of rest by political decree. It was at this time that the Church began to see the Lord's Day as a new kind of sabbath. Old Testament regulations were transferred to the New Testament Sunday.

In recent years, we Christians have found ourselves facing again a reevaluation of Sunday. This time, just as in ancient times, our situation has been precipitated more by legal action than by biblical instruction. If creeping secularism continues, Sunday at sometime may no longer be viewed as a public holiday. But whether or not it is to be seen as a day of worship is not up for a

vote. The witness of the New Testament is that *Sunday is to be the Lord's Day.*

That should be where we begin in interpreting the place of Sunday in our lives. We cannot simply go back to the Old Testament for the sabbath model, thus disregarding the New Testament practice. Neither can we agree with those who would devote Sunday wholly to work or to relaxation. Over the years, the sabbath concept has evolved from a day of strict rest to a time for leisure activities and family activities. All of these activities are needed in our lives and can have an appropriate role. But for Christians the highest priority for Sunday is to be given to worship.

Sunday is the Lord's Day! Our challenge is to let the one to whom we belong be the one to whom this day in our lives belongs.

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LOST ART?

Much of the raucous sounds that inflict pain on one's ears in today's world makes one wonder whether good music could become a lost art. Did music become so highly developed and artistic that it turned people away? Are some of the modern compositions and renditions reactions to music that became too highly refined? I wonder.



Some years ago a song came out that began with "Gimme that good old hurtin' music." At that time the reference was to sad story music, like "They cut down the old pine tree." It seems now that "hurtin' music" might refer to how

loud it is and how much it hurts one's ears.

You hear it as you go in and out of many stores, filling stations and from passing automobiles at considerable distance. I don't see how the occupants stand such volume.

Sometimes heavy amplification is used in church presentations. A few years ago we had a visiting group that was loaded with microphones and loud-speakers turned high. After doing my brief introductory chores I made my way far to the back. I figured I would need as much distance as possible. One family shouted to me as they walked out the aisle during the performance, "We're not made at anybody, preacher, our ears just can't stand it." The last I knew, the same group was still going about cracking plaster and rattling windows.

However accurate the note and rhythm, if it is too loud it ceases to be musical to tender ears. (Like a steam calliope up close.) Maybe it is my age! Hardening arteries reduce one's hearing but the ear drum also gets more brittle and can't stand as much blast.

"Hurtin' music" has its occasions on television, too. Sometimes the singer looks like he's "Hurtin'," he sounds like he is in pain, and the hearer hurts, too. May I suggest that artistry tends to lie in the soft touch, whether one is wielding a brush or singing a song. Good music is more than rhythm. It is art, too, and it takes a bit of both (and not too loud) to produce the sound of music.

Special Report

Pastor's Salary Must Be Given Priority

by John Roberts, Editor, *The Baptist Courier*, South Carolina

Many churches are beginning budget studies for 1977, and most will have the new budget hammered out within the next 90 days. They are going to be shocked by the hard reality of rising prices. The new budget can be met only by increased giving and by judicious evaluation of every item. More than in any recent year the church must determine its priorities.

One of its most important as well as most vulnerable priorities will be salary of the pastor and all members of the church staff. These people deserve a raise. They need one as never before. They have faced cost-of-living increases of more than 10 percent in the past year. That means a person earning \$10,000 a year ago has lost over \$1000 of buying power between that time and the present. Living costs are expected to advance by 11 to 14 percent in 1977. Unless salaries move up accordingly the

pastor and staff will fall further behind. In too many churches, however, salary increases will fall short of increased living costs. Some will approve no more than half of what is needed, saying it is all they can do.

They will be intimidated by other operating necessities. Fuel and electricity are sharply up. Telephone service is expected to be 17 percent higher. Sunday school and other curriculum literature will cost more. Insurance is up. If the church has a weekly mailout it can expect to pay 20 to 25 percent more for printing and postage.

Ministerial salaries have never been high. Large or small, country or city, churches seldom pay adequate salaries. We have never known one where salaries were higher than average income for members of comparable training and responsibility.

Salaries involve factors other than the

cost of living. Maturity, growing responsibility, advancing study, length of service must be considered. Always it is wise to reward progress. Conversely, we doubt the wisdom of penalizing poor performance. A change of position should be urged instead.

Principal argument in this space, however, is for a cost-of-living salary increase. Ministers and others on the church staff are seldom in a position to speak for themselves. This reminder is therefore made in their behalf.

The church should remember the need for increased mission support. Every institution and cause supported by the Cooperative Program and church offerings needs more funds. Every missionary and every mission endeavor face increasing expenses. In meeting their needs the church must not ignore its first mission obligation, which is to its ministers and staff.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for Aug. 29, 1976

International Series

In Mission Together

I Corinthians 1:10-17

Very frankly, tactfully and wisely Paul dealt with a matter concerning which he had received accurate information from the household of Chloe, with reference to the prevailing condition in the church in Corinth. He did not deal with doubts, but with facts about which there were not any doubts. It was sad but true that contentions, wranglings, strifes, divisions, and schisms were rampant in the church at Corinth. When these conditions prevail in any church, Satan is always the cause of them. He is merely working through the participants.

In the church at Corinth there were at least four factions or groups who were divided over preachers. The Paulites constituted one group. Another group went into ecstasies over the oratory of Apollos. Another faction rallied around Simon Peter. Still another party refused to follow either of these men and loudly professed their attachment to Christ. It is quite possible that this fourth group impressed the other factions that they had something which they did not have, and were therefore better than the rest. In his condemnation of their spirit and conduct, Paul pointedly reminded the Paulites by ridiculing the very idea of their undue exaltation of him. Paul told the Corinthians that whether it was hearing or believing the gospel of Christ all of it must be centered in the Lord Jesus, and not in any other.

We must ever be on guard against those who would cause strife and divisions in a church. Most frequently divisions in churches center around the personal likes or dislikes of selfish and egotistic individuals who crave recognition and think this is the best way to acquire it. Such individuals demonstrate and publicize their unlikeness to Christ.

Knowing that there was not any saving efficacy in baptism, Paul did not make the mistake that some have made, namely, overstating its potency. Paul set a noble example in proclaiming the gospel in all its purity and power. We must never minimize the importance of this glorious gospel.

I Corinthians 3:5-9

Paul sought to convince the Corinthians that God uses men as instruments, but that the real credit for all accomplishments in the Lord's work actually belongs to God.

Christians are highly honored in being God's fellow workers.



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Life and Work Series

An Attempt At Revival

From the outset, Josiah, the 16th king of Judah, had various handicaps, among which were his extreme youth (eight years of age when he ascended the throne), the degeneracy of the times, and the fact that his father and grandfather were two of the worst men who ever presided over the destinies of Judah. Fortunately, and strange to say, Josiah did not follow in the steps of his father and grandfather, but "he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord."

II Kings 22:8-11

Wanting his people to worship God properly, Josiah, at the age of 26, gave orders to Hilkiah, the high priest, for the house of the Lord to be repaired. In the process of clearing away the rubbish from the temple, a work which was long overdue, workmen found an old scroll which had been lost and buried in the debris for a long time. This scroll was the Book of the Law, the Holy Scriptures, which had been lost for so long that its message was forgotten in large measure, a loss that had been disastrous.

When Shaphan, Josiah's servant, inquired as to the progress of the work of cleaning and repairing the house of the Lord, Hilkiah replied, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." Apparently Shaphan did not think this discovery was anything about which to get excited. When he read it to Josiah, it caused the latter to search his heart. The book convinced Josiah that his people had not only been doing things they ought not to have done, but they had also failed to do many things which they should have done.

II Kings 23:1-5, 21

Thoroughly convinced that the scroll was truly God's Word to his people, and longing for a return to the Lord on their part, Josiah sent messengers throughout the land and summoned the prophets, the priests and the populace to assemble in a great mass meeting. To this vast assembly Josiah read, or caused to be read, "all the words of the book of the covenant," in order that the hearers might understand what the Lord required. Without any hesitation or question Josiah stood in a prominent place and promised to be faithful in his obedience to God's Word.

Falling in line with the noble example of their king, the people pledged themselves to worship, obey and serve God.

God's blessed Word has not lost its power or become out-of-date. It speaks to the needs of people in all days. If you have lost God's Word through neglect or otherwise, find it, study it, believe it, obey it, and teach it to others.

Personnel Changes

New Staffer at Immanuel Gilligan to Michigan

Gayle Moore has accepted the call of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, as preschool director. She is a graduate of Georgetown College and an experienced elementary public school teacher. She has also worked with preschoolers in churches for several years and has been actively engaged in preschool work at Immanuel since January 1974. Ted Sisk is pastor of Immanuel.



Miss Moore
Miss Moore

Ben Gillilan Jr. has been called as pastor of Bangor Baptist Church, Bay City, Mich. He is a 1976 graduate of Clear Creek School.



Gillilan

Maddox Resigns

Sidney M. Maddox has resigned as pastor of First Church, Hopkinsville. He is presently serving as interim pastor of 12th Street Baptist Church, Paducah, and reports that plans for future ministry are incomplete.

Mays to Center

Carl Mays, a graduate of Murray State University and New Orleans Baptist Seminary, has become director/coordinator of the Smoky Shadows Conference Center near Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mays succeeds Jerry Brittingham who is now doing graduate work at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in California. Mays will be available for consultation and assistance as churches and other groups plan activities at the center which specializes in Christian conferences and retreats.



Mays

Leigh to Louisville

Odell Leigh, pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville. He is on the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care and is a member of the executive board of the state convention.



Leigh

White to Clover Bottom

Henry Manuel White is the new pastor of Clover Bottom Baptist Church. He is a native of Lexington and received the B.S. degree from Eastern Kentucky University and the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Brenda Kay Roberts.



White

New Prospect Calls Mitchell

David Mitchell is the new pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Oneida. A native of Martin, Tenn., he is presently a third year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He is married to the former Marsha Ann Williams and the couple has two children: David, 11, and Lei Ann, six.

Revivals

Franklinton Services

David S. Carter, pastor of Franklinton Baptist Church, reports a revival with Kenneth R. Cole as evangelist. During the seven services there were nine public professions of faith, five coming for membership by letter or statement, and several public rededications. During the past two months there have been 23 additions to the church, 14 of these upon profession of faith and baptism.

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