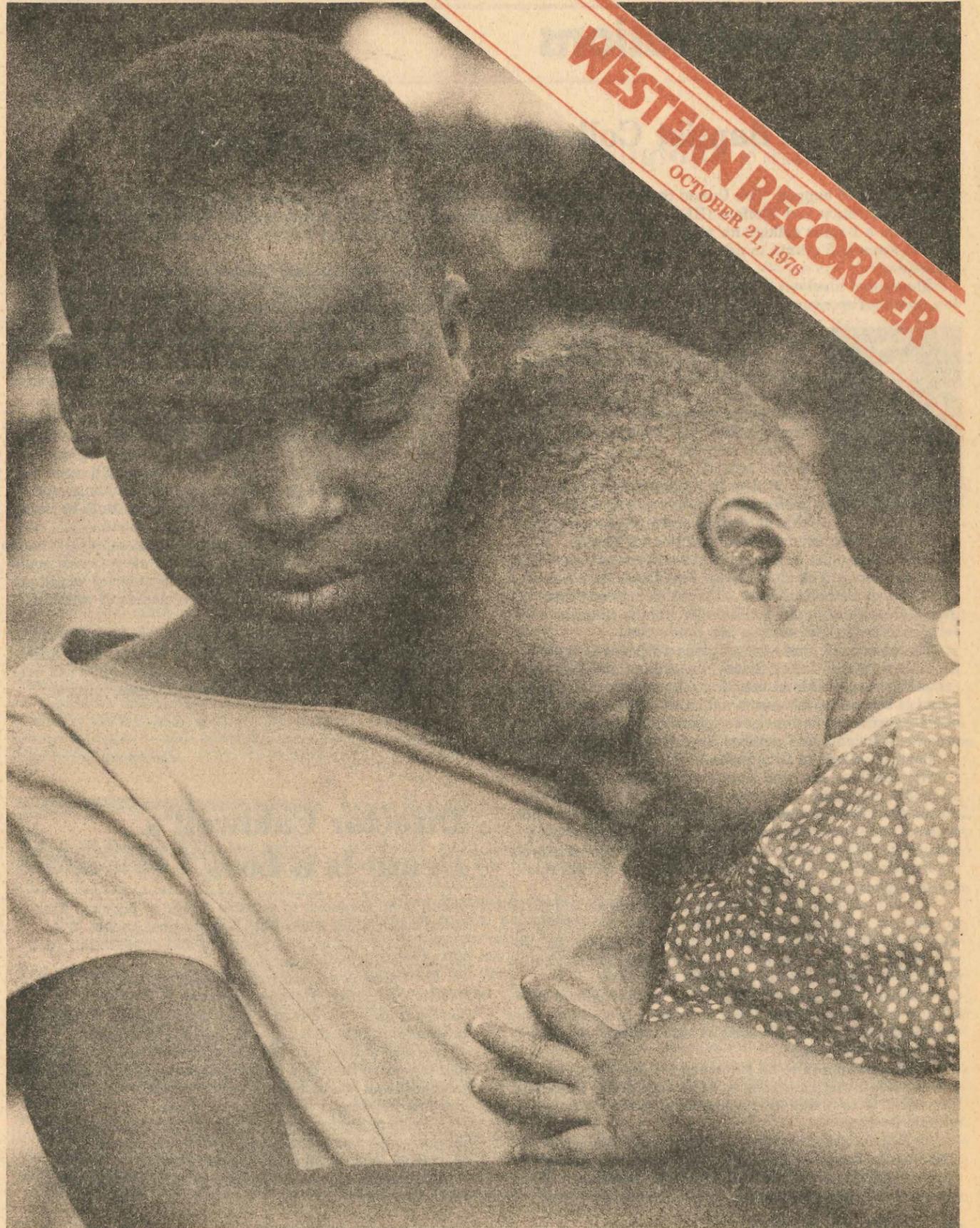


WESTERN RECORDER
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Daley Observations

Baptist Colleges and Federal Funds

It was bound to happen. The United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has blown the whistle on a Baptist college for violations of guidelines on federal loans and grants to private and church related colleges.

The school involved is the Baptist College of Charleston, a school sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention. The specific violation is the use of buildings built with the help of federal funds for religious instruction and worship. The college has been ordered to remove all religion classes and chapel exercises as well as religion faculty offices for these facilities. (See *Western Recorder* story on page 10 of Oct. 7 issue.)



This is as it ought to be. Public policy should follow public funds. As a citizen I would object if part of my taxes were being used to build facilities for Roman Catholic, Methodist or any other denomination's schools to teach religion and conduct worship services. As a Baptist I don't expect Catholics, Jews, atheists or anybody else except Baptists to build facilities for Baptist colleges where religion courses and worship are conducted.

The use of tax funds for religious purposes is strictly prohibited by the United States constitution and Baptists are partly responsible in securing this constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state. Those doing business with the federal government do it on governmental terms and this includes Baptist institutions.

Baptist College at Charleston is clearly out of line with HEW guidelines and with Baptist conviction on separation of church and state. The school didn't do this because its officials were uninformed. It's a case of not looking a gift horse in the mouth carefully enough. Some of those who warned Baptists when these public funds became available for Baptist schools could say "We told you so," but this doesn't relieve the dilemma.

The embarrassment of this Baptist college should serve to warn other Baptist colleges. The fact that the violations were pointed out is not surprising but it is frightening the way HEW officials went about their investigations. The HEW investigators visited classrooms, student convocations and faculty offices. They studied course descriptions and the lecture notes of religion professors. They examined the personal libraries of teachers and listened to class lecture recordings.

What humiliation to be subjected to! But this is not to criticize the investigators. They were only doing their duty. The school is to blame for putting itself into such a vulnerable position.

All Baptist schools taking or considering taking government funds should listen to the conclusions of a South Carolina Baptist committee investigating the matter. The Government Funds Evaluation Committee of the South

Carolina Baptist Convention after careful study says that such "continual monitoring of college activities creates an intolerable atmosphere for the operation of a Christian college."

This committee also concludes that the changes made by the college to comply with federal guidelines against sectarian teaching and worship made it "impossible to carry out the purposes of the college as it relates to the South Carolina Baptist Convention."

The committee warned that "none of our educational institutions should accept any further funds for acquisition or construction of buildings."

Here's a prediction. The college will throw itself upon the mercy of South Carolina Baptists who will ultimately furnish the funds for new buildings to house religious instruction and chapel services. The college will come out ahead by having its government financed buildings and buildings furnished by Baptist constituents. Rule breaking Baptist institutions sometimes come out ahead.

Fortunately the three Kentucky Baptist colleges have no government financed buildings with the exception of some dormitories at Georgetown College. Dormitories would not violate the guidelines unless religion classes or worship services were conducted in them.

But all three of our Baptist colleges administer government grants and loans to students. It remains to be seen whether guidelines for these now or in the future will ever bring any restrictions upon Kentucky Baptist colleges.

Director Caldwell's Death Is a Loss

Death is no respecter of persons or age of persons. This came home again when Bill Caldwell died on Oct. 3 in Danville. He was only 54 years old and appeared in good health the day before he died.

Bill Caldwell's death brings a special loss to *Western Recorder*. He was a director of *Western Recorder* and contributed a great deal because he was an outstanding journalist and a dedicated Christian.

He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Danville and also gave time to a lay witnessing group. The kind of man Caldwell was is best reflected in words from the Danville newspaper account of his death.

"William Caldwell was a man of fine character and integrity. He was industrious, loyal to his friends and associates, and accommodating to everybody."

This is the way we found him and the way we will remember him.

Guest Editorial

Does Education Weaken Religious Faith?

by Daniel R. Grant
President, Ouachita Baptist University

Every year as young people leave home to attend school there is a certain uneasiness in the hearts of many mothers and fathers. Part of that uneasiness is a fear that too much book-learning and too much exposure to strange ideas in school will weaken or destroy the religious faith of their son or daughter.

One of the favorite stories told by Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Church in Houston, describes a "Send-Ken-Chafin-to-College-Day" celebrated by his home church many years ago on the occasion of his leaving home for college. Although the church gave him a number of gifts, at the conclusion of the service one woman told him she had just two words of advice. When he asked what they were, she said, "Don't go!" She proceeded to explain that the college would destroy his faith and make him forsake the Christian commitments of his youth.

As a college president I would like to believe that education is clearly a good thing. Honesty requires me to recognize that many people are very suspicious about the effects of education, and especially a college education. These fears are not limited merely to the field of religion. Many businessmen, for example, suspect a college education weakens or destroys the young person's commitment to capitalism and the free enterprise system. But devout Christian parents are especially fearful that a college education tends to tear down traditional religious beliefs and moral standards.

What is the answer to this widespread concern? In my opinion it is not education that weakens or destroys religious faith. In some cases educators (not education), because of their own example of lack of faith, may have a damaging influence on students but I do not believe true education can weaken the Christian faith. This is because I believe so strongly that all knowledge is of God and that Christ is the perfect revelation of God. The search for truth, which is what education is all about, should only lead us to a greater understanding of God and his universe.

There can be no doubt that education involves testing one's religious experiences and beliefs. This is as it should be. Growing up, severing the apron strings, and leaving the home all require a change from "hand-me-down-religion" to a tested and tried religion of highly personal commitment.

It should go without saying that certain kinds of religious faith are weakened by education. A religious faith that believes the world is flat will be seriously weakened by a college education. But any college education that professes to disprove the power of prayer, the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, and the power of the gospel to transform lives, is counterfeit education. Large numbers of Christian educators in both state and private colleges are committed to the idea that there is no conflict between quality education and the fully dedicated Christian life.

Baptist Forum

LICENSE TO MURDER

The resolution on abortion on pages 57-58 of the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention annual should be studied thoroughly by every Baptist.

While this resolution, passed last June in Norfolk, Va., did not go far enough, it did take a giant step in the right direction by resolving, "Whereas, every decision for an abortion, for whatever reason, must necessarily involve the decision to terminate the life of an innocent human being. . . ."

This principle is based on sound

biblical doctrine. For indeed an unborn baby is a living human, and abortion has killed more than three million human beings since the infamous Supreme Court decision.

Abortion kills babies who have just as much right to live as the rest of us. They die because their mothers have them killed, and we are alive because our mothers let us live. This should make us consider fairness and the Golden Rule.

Messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 9-11 should pass a resolution on abortion at least as good as that passed by the Southern Baptist Convention. And we should encourage them to go a step beyond to call for a Right to Life Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

We should no longer have a part in denying to others what we consider so

precious to ourselves—life. Let's talk it up in our churches and in our Kentucky Baptist Convention, and let's get on the right side of this issue Nov. 9-11.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS?

In reference to the Sept. 30, 1976, issue of *Western Recorder*, I feel compelled to express my opinion. I do not feel that the mission giving of the churches in Kentucky should be printed and distributed as this conflicts with the teachings of Jesus in Matt. 6:2-4 of giving alms in secret. Printing the amount that each church has given is like sounding the trumpet before you and can make us proud of our giving, and pride is one thing God hates (Prov. 8:13).

Jerry Huffman, Campbellsville

Baptist News in Brief

SBC Communicators in Louisville Mar. 28-31, 1977 for PR Workshop

Kentucky Baptists will host Southern Baptist Convention religious communicators from all over the nation Mar. 28-31 when the 250-member Baptist Public Relations Association holds its annual communications workshop in Louisville.

The program was released this week by James H. Cox, program vice president and associate editor of *Western Recorder*. It includes three days of options offered participants through creative seminar/workshop sessions in many areas of mass communications.

Highlights of the event include a three-hour writing workshop on being a more effective communicator through the ministry of writing, and a multimedia extravaganza on the future of communications.

The writing workshop will be conducted by Larry Ragan, editor and publisher of *The Ragan Report*, Chicago, a weekly newsletter devoted to improving writing. The multimedia presentation will be conducted by Charles Helmken, director of special projects, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Washington.

The workshop's theme is "Equipping the Saints to Communicate in a Secular Society."

OPEN TO ALL

According to Stanton H. Nash, BPRA president and assistant to the president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., the workshop is not limited to professional religious communicators. "This will be open to local church public relations committees, church staff members and others who actively promote churches, institutions and agencies of the denomination," said Nash.

Additional workshop sessions and their leaders are:

"Basic PR for the New Professional," Mrs. Catherine Allen, Birmingham, public relations director, Woman's Missionary Union; "What Baptist Press and State Papers are Looking For," Robert O'Brien, Nashville, news director, Baptist Press; "Photography: Shooting It to Selling It—and Everything Between" Don Rutledge, Atlanta, director of photojournalism services, Home Mission Board; "Typography, Key to Dressing Up Your Publication," Wesley M. Pattillo, Louisville, vice president for development, Southern Seminary; "Shoestring Budgets, When Things Go Wrong and Temperamental Administrators," Floyd A. Craig, Nashville, public

relations director, Christian Life Commission; "Toward Better Employee and Visitor Relations," Gomer R. Lesch, Nashville, special assistant, executive office, Baptist Sunday School Board; and "Toward Better Displays and Exhibits," Richard M. Styles, Richmond, public relations consultant, Foreign Mission Board.

KBC INSTITUTIONS HOSTS

Seven institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will jointly host participants at a banquet one evening during the workshop. Southern Seminary will host the group another evening and an awards banquet is planned at the convention hotel (Marriott Inn, Clarksville, Ind.) the third evening.

Optional sightseeing tours of Louisville's leading scenic attractions and shop tours of prominent local PR programs developed on a national level are planned. Orientation for new members and visitors, a business session, film festival and first-person reports on award-winning entries in a nationwide Baptist PR competition complete the agenda.

A free brochure on the workshop is available on request from: BPRA, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.

Foundation Calls Johnson

Hollis E. Johnson III, a Nashville banking executive, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, succeeding Kendall Berry, who retires Dec. 31.

Johnson, 41, will join the Foundation staff Nov. 1.

A native of Nashville, Johnson has been employed at First American National Bank for 17 years and is currently a vice president and trust officer and manager of the bank's investment management division.

He is active in church, civic and professional affairs, serving as an investment advisor for four years for the Southern Baptist Foundation, member of the board of directors of the Nashville Society of Financial Analysts, Sunday school director for Belmont Heights Baptist Church, coach of third and fourth grade football at Franklin Road Academy and as a member or director of several civic and professional organizations.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1956, Johnson served in the U. S. Navy and then joined First American Bank. He married Celeste Morrison in 1960 and has two children.

BJCPA Elects Black

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs elected a black pastor as its chairman and voted to sponsor a religious liberty conference on the taxation of churches in its semiannual meeting in Washington.

Charles G. Adams, pastor of the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc., Detroit, was elected chairman. He succeeds Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Atlanta.

Other officers elected were Elizabeth J. Miller, secretary, division of social ministries, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., first vice-chairman;

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, second vice-chairman; and K. D. Hurley, executive secretary, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, secretary.



The Louisville Baptist Book Store is the only one in the nationwide chain selected for two pilot projects to display and promote church literature. One allows customers to preview and inspect literature items before placing orders. More than 150 copies of selected products and pictures and descriptions of others are featured. Selected literature at single copy prices is also being tested in the Louisville store. Test marketing continues one year.

Lamb to Extension Work

Robert L. Lamb, professor of religious education and religion at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., has been named associate director in charge of home study education of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department, Nashville.

The 46-year-old native of Missouri succeeds J. Ralph Hardee, who resigned to join the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Tex., and earned master and doctor of education degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He will join the Seminary Extension Department Dec. 15.

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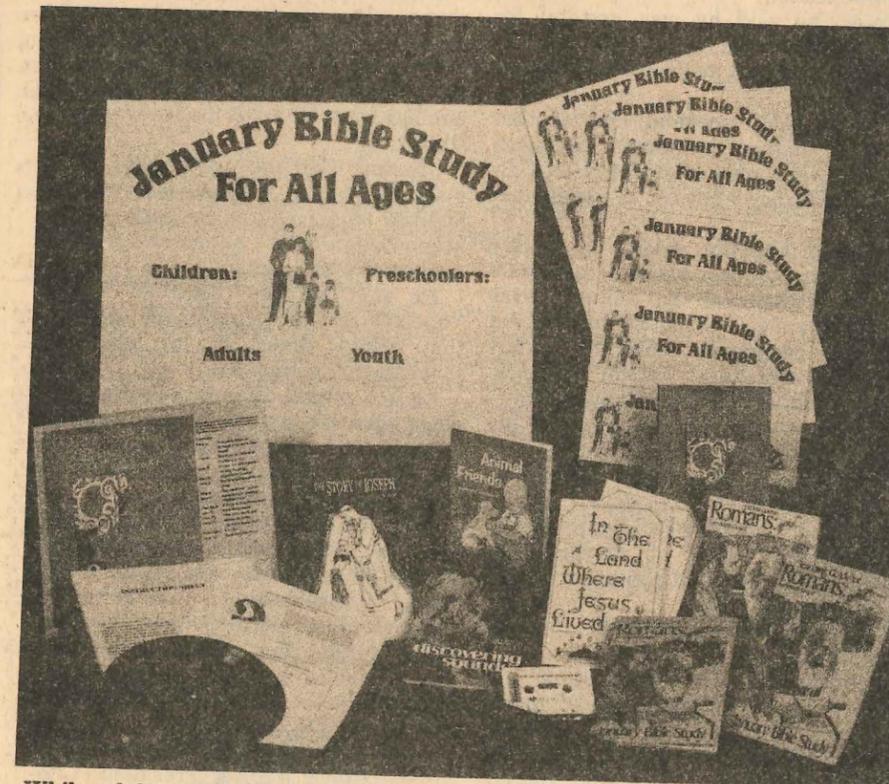
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Double Exposure

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). He loved this young girl holding a small child in Okuta, Nigeria, as much as he loved you and me. And because of that Christians everywhere have a great commission to follow, to: Go . . . and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you (Matt. 28:19-20). For this girl — for a world of reasons — we must love them, too!

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While adults study "Romans: Everyman's Gospel" by J. W. MacGorman in Southern Baptists' 1977 January Bible Study emphasis, other age groups will also have new texts, resources and supplies available at Baptist Book Stores.

Criswell Preaches to Ford, Carter to Black Baptists

President Gerald R. Ford visited First Baptist Church, Dallas, largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), and got what many regular attenders complain about—a sermon on financial stewardship.

But the President, an Episcopalian, who was in Dallas for the Texas-Oklahoma college football game and the Texas state fair during the Oct. 9-10 weekend, also got the presidential endorsement of Pastor W. A. Criswell over his fellow Southern Baptist, Jimmy Carter.

A request to the Carter headquarters in Atlanta for Carter's church plans for the weekend, following the advance publicity of Ford's visit to First Baptist Church, drew this response: "We'll be glad to find out for you, but Gov. Carter doesn't want to make a media event out of his church attendance."

Carter, over the weekend, as it turned out, was speaking at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., and at Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Chicago's Southside, where he addressed a predominantly black audience of 2,000. He was accompanied by Mayor Richard Daley.

Criswell told Ford on the steps of the 19,000-member church at the close of the service, "I hope you win in November."

The President had sat through the entire worship service, which included a 15-minute invitation at the end when several persons made professions of faith in Christ and others came forward asking membership in the church.

CRISWELL SUPPORTS FORD

After the service he was escorted from the church sanctuary by Criswell. A reporter asked the pastor as they emerged from the sanctuary if he were endorsing Ford for the presidency.

Criswell smiled and hesitated for a moment and then turned to Ford and said, "I am for you! I hope you win in November." Ford, carrying a Bible given to him by Criswell, responded with a smile and said, "Thank you very much. I am gratified by your support."

Earlier, Criswell, a former SBC presi-

dent, told a packed auditorium, hundreds more watching closed circuit television in an adjacent auditorium, and a Dallas area television audience that he felt great "admiration and gratitude" for Ford.

He said he had been in Washington with a group of religious broadcasters a week earlier for a White House conference with the President and had been impressed with the spiritual atmosphere there. While in Washington, he invited Ford to attend the church during the President's visit to Dallas.

Criswell, in his pre-sermon remarks, took a slap at Carter for his widely publicized interview with Playboy Magazine, labeling the magazine as "pornographic" and "salacious" and lauding Ford for turning down an interview with the publication.

Later, he said he was grateful for Carter's Christian faith and commitment but did not believe in his social program.

Earlier that weekend, in another setting, another prominent Southern Baptist pastor also commented on Carter and Playboy—but not in condemnation.

Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, told 5,500 college students at the annual Texas Baptist Student Convention in Houston that he compared Carter's Playboy interview with Billy Graham's appearance on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show.

"I approved of Graham being on the Carson show, even though it is one of the most racy, suggestive and beer-sponsored shows on television. By the same token I approved of Jimmy Carter utilizing the pages of Playboy and saying a positive word about Christ and marital fidelity."

The students responded with enthusiastic applause.

Fanning said the United States has allowed the rise of Soviet power during the past 30 years and has recently ignored "the voice of the prophet of God, (Soviet exile) Alexander Solzhenitsyn."

Solzhenitsyn was "tragically" snubbed by President Ford, Fanning

said, and now "we understand why Ford's statement during the debate . . . , in which he indicated Russia does not dominate Eastern Europe, explains why Soviet power and domination continue to expand."

"Such a naive statement is tantamount to the betrayal of freedom for millions of people," Fanning claimed.

\$6.8 MILLION BUDGET

Criswell, in his sermon on "The Riches of Liberality," urged that the church subscribe a budget of \$6.8 million.

His three-point sermon from II Cor. 8:1-9 asked for members to make sacrificial gifts to God, dedicate their lives to God, and give with a grateful heart.

Criswell said he had been asked when it was announced that Ford would be in the audience if he were going to stick to his plan to preach on giving.

After pondering about it a long time, he said with a smile, "I said 'yes,' maybe we can get a pledge card from him."

But he added that he didn't want to change plans for the service because he wanted the President to see the church "as we are" and "because President Ford would be most sensitive to and familiar with our need for fiscal responsibility."

Criswell used the opportunity to let Ford know he disapproved of any attempt to tax church property and to acknowledge Ford's announced position against any such action.

He said he was disturbed by the "specter on the government horizons that brings dread to my soul—the taxation of the churches."

Church owned schools, hospitals and other agencies are the church in action, he said, and to tax them is to tax the church and offers the opportunity to ultimately destroy the church.

"But, I heard Gerald Ford, our President, say boldly and courageously that he would interdict any such movement," Criswell said.

Hundreds of persons lined the sidewalks around the church before and during the service and many shouted encouragement to the President as he arrived and left the church.

Ford's appearance at the church was the second by a U. S. President. Criswell said in his opening remarks that President Woodrow Wilson had spoken there in 1917.

FAMILY PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS

During Cooperative Program Month in October

Families praying together can give immeasurable support to all areas of ministry and missions. Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life style.

Keep this handy as a prayer reminder. Read aloud the prayer suggestions for each day in the week. Ask family members to mention other matters of prayer. Pray together for the people and ministries suggested.

Sunday, October 24

Support of Christian ministries must begin with the individual and the family. Discuss the ministries you are already involved in. Name other areas in which you could be of service. Decide how your family can best minister where you are. Remember the importance of financial support which you can provide. Pray—that each family member will better understand the need for his individual support and will commit himself anew to the task of sharing Jesus Christ with the world both personally and financially.

Monday, October 25

Jesus established the church to be his ministering agent here on earth. Church staff members and elected leaders bear a heavy responsibility as they seek to understand God's will in leading the church to perform ministries. Your church budget reflects the church's commitment to these ministries. Pray—for your church staff members by name; for the elected leaders in your church; for the church members to be faithful in support of church ministries.

Tuesday, October 26

Mission activities beyond the local church begin with the association. This fellowship of churches strengthens the ministries of all and enables each to share proportionately in personal and financial support. Pray—for your associational director of missions and other staff members by name; for the elected associational leadership; for your church to envision the bold mission thrust that would be possible through an increase in personal and financial support.

Wednesday, October 27

Your state convention is one of 33 state Baptist conventions. Its ministries are supported through the Cooperative Program. As your church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program, you are having a daily part in all of the ministries within your state convention. Think about it! Every day you share in training leaders in Sunday School work, Church Training ministries, evangelism, missions, and countless other mission areas. Pray—for your state executive secretary and the other leaders in your state Baptist convention office; for the ministries being performed; for those within your state who are being ministered to through your Cooperative Program support and prayer support.

Thursday, October 28

Ministering to students is another area of work supported through the Cooperative Program in your state convention. This is true both on the campuses of our Baptist colleges and through Baptist Student Unions on other campuses. The lives of countless young people may be guided into areas of Christian service during these formative years through this ministry. Pray—for these and other ministries supported through your Cooperative Program gifts to your state convention; for the churches in your state to increase financial support.

Friday, October 29

Our 33 state conventions join together to form the Southern Baptist Convention. Again this enables us to reach out together as we could not possibly do alone. The ministries of our Home Mission Board are supported through your Cooperative Program gifts. One of our approximately 2,300 home missionaries is Job Maldonado who lives in Denver, Colorado, and works among Spanish-speaking people. Pray—for the leadership of our Home Mission Board; for Job Maldonado, and our other home missionaries.

Saturday, October 30

Troy and Marjorie Bennett are two of our missionaries in the troubled land of Bangladesh. The Bennetts represent 2,500 missionaries appointed overseas by our Foreign Mission Board. We support their ministries as we vote each year to increase the percentage of our church budget for Cooperative Program causes. Pray—for Troy and Marjorie Bennett and our other foreign missionaries; for those to whom we are ministering; for the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday, October 31

Today is Church Commitment Day through the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches will be making a specific commitment to the financial support of missions around the world through the church budget. Missions, Christian education, leadership training, evangelism, and countless other ministries in your own church, association, state convention, and throughout the world depend upon your prayers and financial support. Pray—that your church will catch a vision of bold thrust in mission support; for your church to increase giving for the associational mission program and through the Cooperative Program.

**BOLD
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**Through a
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Life Style**

One of Our Exports Is a Nutt

by Debbie Harris, Western Recorder Staff Writer

Grady Nutt talks a lot and his talking and story-telling abilities are so highly sought after that this entertainer may be one of Kentucky's leading exports.

Nutt, 42, is an ordained Baptist minister and a native Texan who now calls Louisville home. He earns his living as a professional entertainer. He has a knack for combining a unique mixture of religion and comedy.

Each year Grady Nutt appears in front of about 160 banquets, conferences and conventions across the country. He speaks to various church and student gatherings and has spoken to such diverse groups as the Million Dollar Roundtable Annual Meeting, the International Truck Axle-Repair Association and the Paducah Duck Club. He has appeared on several nationwide television shows including 11 appearances on the Mike Douglas Show.

Grady Nutt got his first experience at appearing in front of audiences during his pre-teen years in Texas when he presented flannelgraph stories for younger children during Vacation Bible School. He decided that he wanted to be a minister and was licensed to the ministry only two weeks after his 13th birthday. During high school his friends nicknamed him "Rev."

Nutt attended Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and often entertained at banquets and other programs during those days. It was evident that his humorous stories about growing up in a small Texas town and in a Southern Baptist church contained bits of life that his audiences loved to identify with. The funny songs he sang while playing his ukulele seemed able to make anybody laugh.

SERIOUSLY TO SOUTHERN

When Grady Nutt enrolled in Southern Seminary, Louisville, he thought the time had arrived to put away his comedy routines and prepare for a serious occupation — the pastorate of a Southern Baptist church. But entertaining proved to be an important means of financial support for the seminarian's family that now included his wife and two sons, Perry and Toby.

After graduating from seminary in 1964 Nutt pastored Graefenburg Baptist Church for two years. He then went to work for Southern Seminary as an assistant to the president. One of his main duties was recruiting students. Entertainment served as a medium that helped him establish contacts on college campuses.

The possibility of working as a professional entertainer kept following him and in 1969 Grady Nutt decided that was to be his ministry.

Nutt has explained his work this way: "I don't function like most ministers would, of course. But I can't put aside my training as a pastor. That's part of who I am. I'm not where I am now because I couldn't make it as a pastor. But this is the only thing that lets me pull together all my interests and all my ambitions and kind of put it in one hopper.

"I firmly believe that God isn't going to call you to do something you can't do. Nor do I believe that God is going to endow you with an ability that he doesn't expect you to use. And when a person has multiple abilities, it becomes increasingly frustrating to decide what you're going to do with all of it. When this happens, a person may find a way to fuse it all together into some wholly new experience."

All of Nutt's speaking engagements are handled through a booking agent, Mike McKinney, of Louisville, who has been working with Nutt in a full time capacity for the last five years.

Nutt's schedule is arranged to allow him maximum time with his family. A normal working month consists of 12 to 14 engagements. His trips usually last no longer than four days and he strives to spend at least two weekends at home each month. His wife, Eleanor, travels with him as much as possible and during the summer months Nutt never accepts a conference offer unless Eleanor and their two high school aged sons can go along.

Eleanor asserts that Grady "really spends more time at home than any other man I know."

She feels that one key to her



husband's success is that he "has an extra sense in being sensitive to needs that people have. People are genuinely important to him. He has an incredible memory and when he talks with someone he really focuses all attention on that person."

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Grady and Eleanor sometimes do conferences together and have served as co-leaders for several marriage enrichment conferences.

Grady Nutt's hobbies include photography and music. He plays various instruments, including the ukulele, tiple, guitar, banjo, dulcimer and piano. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a deacon in Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

His talents have carried him into fields other than speaking, including writing. Nutt's most recently published book, "Family Time: A Revolutionary Old Idea," was underwritten by the insurance industry and its first run alone numbered 100,000 copies. He appeared in "Explain Me A Missionary," a documentary film produced by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1975.

Grady Nutt never works from a prepared script and doesn't know what he is going to say when he walks out in front of an audience. He says he never speaks to any group that he doesn't bring out some aspect of his Christian faith that he believes is crucial to them at the moment. He explains, "I try hard to share who I am and what I am."

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NOVEMBER 5-6, 1976

JONATHAN CREEK ASSEMBLY
Dr. Peter Rhea Jones, SBTS, leading
5:30 Friday - lunch Saturday
(Make reservations by writing Rev. George Gray, Route 1, Hardin, Ky. 42028 or call 354-8355)



Colvin

NOVEMBER 20, 1976

BOONES CREEK ASSEMBLY
Rev. A. B. Colvin, Ky. Baptist Convention, leading
9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
(No reservation necessary)



Ward

NOVEMBER 22-23, 1976

CEDARMORE ASSEMBLY
Dr. Wayne E. Ward, SBTS, leading
12:30 noon Monday - lunch Tuesday
(Make reservations by writing Arlis Hinson, Route 1, Bagdad, Ky. 40003 or call 747-8911)



Halsell

DECEMBER 4, 1976

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE
Dr. Thomas E. Halsell, Indiana Baptist Convention, leading
9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
(No reservation necessary)
Held in Student Union Building Auditorium



Carpenter



Pyles

YOUTH LEADERS! SOMETHING NEW ADDED THIS YEAR!

A conference for all those who will be leading Youth during January Bible Study will be led by Miss Wanda Carpenter, Youth Consultant, Kentucky Baptist Convention. Held simultaneously at each of the four locations. Book to be studied, **CERTAINTIES FOR GOD'S NEW PEOPLE.**

Rev. J. C. Pyles will be leading the music and bringing devotionals during the Preview Study at Cedarmore.

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Special Report

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Moral Issues in Elections '76 Focus: Economic Issues

by C. Welton Gaddy

Economics is the number one issue in the '76 elections according to recent public opinion polls. Citizens are deeply concerned about a variety of money-related matters.

People want to know what can be done about unemployment, rising prices on basic commodities and burdensome taxation. They want to know where candidates for office stand on these matters.

Christians rightly view economic issues from a moral perspective. The Bible has a great deal to say about *daily work* (Ex. 20:9, 2 Thess. 3:10), *poverty* (Prov. 17:5, Isa. 3:14-15), *debts* (Deut. 24:6, 12-13), *taxation* (Matt. 17:24, Rom. 13:1-7) and *welfare* (Deut. 14:22-29, Matt. 25:31-46).

All possessions are a trust from God. Financial resources are to be used responsibly. Thus, in this election year, economic policies are matters of moral as well as political concern.

No serious candidate for public office can avoid discussions on current economic problems. The two leading contenders for the presidency of the United States have repeatedly addressed themselves to various aspects of the economy. Here is a summary of the positions of Republican presidential candidate Gerald Ford and Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter on three major economic issues:

1. *Inflation.* Both candidates agree on the severity of the problem of inflation. Their proposed solutions differ, however.

Ford has declared, "My first objective is to have sound economic growth without inflation." A control of federal deficit spending is the key to attaining this goal in Ford's opinion.

Carter has stated that the best way to control inflation is to reduce unemployment and to engage in comprehensive planning. He said, "We ought to have stricter enforcement of anti-trust laws and of consumer protection laws. And, we need a monetary policy that encour-

ages lower interest rates so investment capital will be available at reasonable rates."

Differences of opinions between the candidates characterize their discussions of wage and price controls. Ford has reiterated his "firm opposition to wage and price controls." Carter is against across-the-board permanent controls but favors standby controls which the President could apply selectively. He has proposed that food prices be stabilized by combining a concern for the consumer and the family farmer with national reserves of agricultural products. Ford plans to attack rising food prices more generally by combating all inflation.

Each candidate has promised to balance the federal budget if elected. Ford has projected the possibility of a balanced budget in 1979. Carter has announced that he would adopt a system of zero-based budgeting in which every federal program has to re-justify itself each year. He would balance the budget by the end of his first term in office.

2. *Unemployment.* Closely related to interest in inflation is concern about unemployment. On this problem, too, the candidates differ in their strategies for offering help. Both men outlined their proposals during the Sept. 3 nationally televised debate.

Ford opposes any short-term public employment programs. In fact, he plans to reduce the number of public service jobs from 320,000 to 40,000 by September 1977. He sees expansion in the private sector as the best method for creating jobs.

Stimulation of private industry would be coupled with a reduction in federal taxes in Ford's plan. Businesses would be given tax incentives to locate in inner cities where unemployment is greatest. Finally, Ford would offer assistance so unemployed youth could learn and work at the same time.

Carter views the federal government

as an employer of last resort. However, he does favor federally-created jobs where there is acute unemployment. His overall plan to reduce unemployment majors on strengthening the private sector and increasing cooperation between it and the government.

Carter has suggested, for example, that the federal government share in the payment of salaries for part-time workers presently unemployed. In the central cities Carter would develop special Civilian Conservation Corps-type programs. He is convinced that implementation of the quality of life programs which he has proposed (in the areas of health care, education, housing, railroad repair, etc.) will provide the jobs needed.

3. *Taxation.* With most Americans in agreement that some of the inequities in the present tax system are immoral and that major tax reform is long overdue, the candidates' statements on taxation are particularly noteworthy.

Ford has called for "a permanent tax cut with spending restrictions to stimulate the economy and relieve hard-pressed middle-income taxpayers." He favors raising the personal exemption from \$750 to \$1,000. Deductions for single taxpayers and married couples would be standardized at \$1,800 and \$2,500 respectively.

Also, Ford would reduce estate taxes by increasing estate tax exemptions from \$60,000 to \$150,000. He would "restrict the use of artificial accounting losses as tax shelters," believing that high income taxpayers should pay a "reasonable tax."

Carter has labeled the present tax structure as "a welfare program for the rich."

He favors "elimination of special privileges for people who have been economically or politically powerful." Carter advocates "a simple structure with all income treated the same . . . with a truly progressive tax rate so that those who made the most . . . paid the higher percentage in total taxes."

Given the moral responsibility of handling financial resources justly, Christian citizens must give serious attention to economic issues in the '76 elections. The voice of Christian conscience can make a significant contribution to current deliberations on economic policies.

Personnel Changes

Irvin Parrett Retires

Irvin L. Parrett, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Booneville, Ind., has announced his retirement for Oct. 31. Parrett began his ministry in Owensboro at Panther Creek Baptist Church and served other churches in Kentucky until 1957. Since then he has served in Indiana. Parrett's plans call for living in Owensboro. He will be available for pulpit supply, revivals and other ministries.

Basinger to Owensboro

Phillip Basinger, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Shelbyville, has resigned to become pastor of Eaton Memorial Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Basinger, an Owensboro native, is a graduate of Campbellsville College, Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Mollie Claycomb and they have two children.

Jenson Calls Collett

Jenson (Ky.) Baptist Church recently called William Collett, freshman at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, as pastor. A native of Winchester, Ohio, he is married to the former Carol Schweickart.

Deaths

Mrs. Laura Green Tallant, 84, died Sept. 16 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was the widow of Joseph Bernard Tallant, a Baptist minister in Tennessee.

Mrs. Tallant is survived by two sons, Francis Tallant, executive director of Warren Association, Bowling Green; Harold Tallant, evangelist, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; and two daughters, Mrs. Jack C. Smith, Chattanooga; and Mrs. Jack Fullwood, Memphis, Tenn.



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AWARD-WINNING BOOK — "We Were There" was named second place winner in national contest sponsored by SBC Historical Commission. Tells the story of Baptists in Illinois in first-person, anecdotal style. Described by one reviewer as "oral history at its best." Albert McClellan says, "I recommend it to people who don't like history books. It breathes, it talks, it runs. It makes the past present. In short, it lives." Interviews and text by Robert J. Hastings. \$4.99 plus .36 postage. Illinois Baptist State Association, Box 3486, Springfield, Ill. 62708.

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3,202 at Southwestern,
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A record setting student enrolment of 3,202, including 37 students from Kentucky, has added to a 10-year trend of increasing enrolments at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

This year's enrolment is an 11 percent increase over last year. According to L. L. Collins, director of admissions, Southwestern Seminary has experienced a record high enrolment every fall semester since 1966.

Included in the enrolment figures are a total 164 students enrolled in the seminary's branch programs in Houston and Shawnee, Okla.

Campbellsville College reports a fall enrolment of 686 with an increase in the number of dormitory students again this semester.

Our Baptist Heritage

October is revival time in many Kentucky Baptist churches and we are reminded of the great influence the revivals or "protracted meetings" of an earlier era had on our forefathers. The Great Revival of 1801-03, of course, led to tremendous growth among the Baptists and there were other periods of intense revival excitement. It wasn't until the late 1830's, however, that meetings in churches were "protracted" over a period of up to two weeks. According to J. H. Spencer, these were also called "effort meetings" because effort was exerted to reach sinners.

Since those early days, much effort has indeed been exerted by Kentucky Baptists toward their lost friends and neighbors. Some congregations prefer to have a nearby pastor as evangelist, some bring in pastors from far away, and others enlist the aid of full time evangelists, many of whom are noted



Jack
Birdwhistell

for lively pulpit styles and sermons.

One revivalist, preaching against the effects of liquor, made an elaborate demonstration with a worm. First, he dropped the worm into a glass of water where it seemed to thrive. Then he removed it, dropping it into a glass containing whiskey, where it stiffened up and died instantly. Thinking his point was made, the evangelist asked triumphantly, "Now what does this prove?"

One bleary-eyed brother rose from his seat, and, just as triumphantly, pronounced, "If you drink lots of whiskey, you'll never have worms!"

But the genius of a revival meeting is that it continues to attract just such people, people who desperately need to hear the gospel of Jesus. An old camp-meeting chorus expresses this feeling:

Come hungry, come thirsty,
come ragged, come bare,
Come filthy, come lousy,
come just as you are.

Many folks have come to Baptist revivals "just as they are," have heard the word, have been saved, and have become wonderful Christians. And thus it will be this fall, from the Mississippi to the Big Sandy—To God be the glory!

According to David Gillespie, registrar, the enrolment includes 482 Kentucky students and 22 different states represented.

GC Envoys Hear Burke

Calling on supporters of Christian higher education to help Baptist colleges continue to serve society as launching pads for sensitivity as well as reconciling communities, Don Burke, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, addressed Georgetown College Envoys Oct. 9.

The Envoys are Baptist pastors and laymen who work to help develop closer ties between Kentucky Baptists and Georgetown College.

Burke stressed "graduates of the Christian college should live with 'deferred results' knowing Jesus is Lord and will weave our efforts into his fabric."

Frank Owen

RETIRED
MINISTERS



My father will be 88 next month. He lives in a retirement home in Lee's Summit, Mo. He has served about 20 interim pastorates since his retirement. He has taught a regular Tuesday chapel Bible class with an average attendance of about 65 or so. He suffered a heart attack in mid-summer. He is in good condition again and his letters reveal that he is "chomping the bit" for the doctor's permission to resume his Bible class.

Observing father's retirement and that of other good friends turns my mind to all the noble servants of God now living in retirement, but who long for occasional calls to service.

We who serve at the Baptist Building face compulsory retirement at age 65. I suppose this is as good age as any if we lay down an arbitrary rule. It proves younger than it needs to be for many men and perhaps older than necessary for some. To be too old to work and too young to retire would be a dreadful experience.

Allow me to speak up for our retired pastors who can still stand up and preach. Some of them, with the wisdom of years, are at their best. These men love to preach. They are called to preach. Let's use them more in our pulpits.

"Baptist reserves" can render valuable interim service. Churches often need a spell of seasoned leadership and counsel. Retired men often have more time and strength to give than denominational people who already have full time jobs. Baptist employes are glad to give limited interim service to churches on request but admittedly it is better for state work when our people are in different pulpits each week. Also, we don't want to compete with retirees and seminary students who want and need the experience.

So, here's a salute to Baptist reserves. Let's give them high priority when considering our needs for interim pulpit supply. All of us who live will someday be retired and long for service opportunities. Pass the ball to retired veterans. Many of them are still high scorers.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for Oct. 31, 1976

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

Secure in God's Love

Romans 8:28-39

To know that God is still in control and that he is working all things together for good to them that love him is certainly encouraging, and also a great strength to our faith as Christians. To know that God can turn all of life's experiences into a means of blessing to all who love him and want his purpose fulfilled in and through them is so helpful. Note, however, that Paul did not say all things are good or that every experience of life is good. But he did say that all things work together for the ultimate good of those who love God. In his own way the all-wise and loving God is working, and causing all things to work together, to carry out his plan for our everlasting good and his imperishable glory.

Amid the disappointments, perplexities and pains of life, let us trust in the unfailing wisdom, goodness and power of God.

To those of us who know God's love there is no question about God being for us; it is a conviction. It is wonderful to know that, through his infinite grace, we are the children of God and that we are safe in him.

God was willing to send forth his Son into the world, even though he knew that he would meet with misunderstanding and misrepresentation, would be maligned, insulted, rejected, abused and slain. The greatest sacrifice ever made took place when God "spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all."

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" The answer is "No one," and the reason for this reply is that God has justified us.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" "No one" is the answer to this question.

What a challenging claim Paul makes for himself and all true followers of Christ in these words: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." No man was ever more sorely maligned, persecuted and abused than Paul, but in every conflict he came out victorious. The way of victory for every Christian is through faith in and dependence upon the triumphant and reigning Christ. Our victories are gifts from God. Satan and his cohorts are numerous, crafty, ruthless and powerful, but they can be overcome through Christ. Let us ever remember that the victorious Christ is the source of our strength and the secret of our victory. The victorious life is Christ-centered and Christ-mastered. Paul taught us an invaluable lesson in his statement: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

No matter how difficult the circumstances of life may be, the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, will never let us go. "God is love" regardless of the circumstances in which we may find ourselves. He is all that we need. He provides everything which the believer in Christ needs here or hereafter. What a blessed assurance!

Life and Work Series

Loving Means Helping

Luke 10:25-37

Christ, the incarnation of love, related the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan in order to teach Christians to live by the law of love.

A certain man, who was versed in the law of Moses and an exponent of it, sought to test Christ with a catch question, which revealed his own spiritual condition. He asked Christ, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" His question revealed his ignorance in supposing and assuming that eternal life could be secured by something that he could do.

Proud and conceited man thinks that he must work for everything he gets, including entrance into heaven. Multitudes are trying to work their way into heaven when God's Word teaches that it is an impossibility (Eph. 2:8-9).

Even though the motive of the lawyer was unworthy, Christ did not evade his question, but directed him to what the law required. Being versed in the law, the lawyer should have known that inheritance is never by doing, but always by birthright or by gift. Christ asked, "What is written in the law?" The lawyer's answer summarized the law, and Christ said, "This do, and thou shalt live."

The lawyer sought to justify himself by raising a question as to the meaning of a word. "Who is my neighbor?" But, Christ did not tell him. Instead, he told him a beautiful and immortal story.

The scene was laid on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, which road was infested with robbers. A man was going along this dangerous road when robbers seized him, beat him until he was almost dead, stripped the clothes from his body, robbed him and left him wounded and suffering.

A priest came along, but interest in and sympathy for humanity had dried up in the heart of this professional religious leader. Seeing the man, he was careful not to go near him. With an attitude of indifference toward the unfortunate and helpless fellow, "he passed by on the other side."

A Levite arrived at the scene and, with an attitude of sheer curiosity, gazed at the wounded man and passed on down the road.

A Samaritan approached the wounded man, looked at him, and "had compassion on him." Alighting from his beast, he began to do what he could to help save the life of the man. He treated his wounds by "pouring in oil and wine." He lifted the man into his own saddle, and he walked until they reached an inn. During the night he looked after the patient painstakingly. Then, he made provision for his future care and promised to pay for it upon his return.

When real love finds a need, it seeks to supply it. It ministers to the needy, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, gives drink to the thirsty, visits the sick, entertains the lonely, and comforts the sorrowing. Where there is brotherly love, service becomes a source of joy.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

Spiritual Development Nov. 5-6 Retreat Theme



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Mrs. Crabb

The Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union will offer a spiritual development retreat at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Nov. 5-6, according to Rosa Fiechter, Baptist Women director.

The event begins with the evening meal at 6 p.m. Friday and ends with the noon meal Saturday. Couples are welcome, and a \$3 registration fee per person should be sent immediately to Cedarmore, Bagdad, KY 40003.

Program personalities include Bryant Hicks, Bible study; Grundy Janes, missionary to Chile; and Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Crabb, missionaries to Italy.

A similar retreat was held at Cedarmore Oct. 1-2.

Ohio Countians Respond

Some 130 persons representing 18 churches enroled in the Ohio County Baptist Association central training school for Sunday school workers Sept. 13-15 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

Improvement of teaching methods and techniques were discussed in the three-night conference using the "Get-

ting Ready" series. The school was directed by Fred Halbrooks, director of state Sunday school work.

Conference leaders included Francis Tallant, Allen Black, Mrs. Charlene Tallant, Mrs. Ella Faye Boatwright and Mrs. Charles Ham.

Where's the Action? At 19 State Churches

Nineteen Action interpretation clinics have been announced by the state Sunday School Department for Nov. 15-19.

Each clinic will serve several associations. Each interprets the Action enrollment plan for Sunday school growth to pastors, associational directors of missions, associational Sunday school directors, church Sunday school directors and other interested persons. Each clinic is 7-9 p.m. local time.

Dates, host churches and leaders:

Nov. 15—First, London, Wallace Miller; First, Murray, Ken Griffin; First, Bowling Green, Billy Allen; Gethsemane, Danville, Fred Halbrooks; First, Eddyville, Jim Cox; Crestwood, Frankfort, T. Frank Smith; Pleasant Grove,

Shepherdsville, Rick Chaffin.

Nov. 16—First, Hazard, T. Frank Smith; First, Hopkinsville, J. V. Case; First, Somerset, Larry Insko; First, Pikeville, Roger Sullivan; First, Ashland, James Rennell; Brooksville, Hughlan Richey; First, Greenville, Billy Allen; Fleming, Fred Halbrooks.

Nov. 18—Burksville, Fred Halbrooks; Paintsville, T. Frank Smith; First, Clinton, Billy Allen.

Nov. 19—Beattyville, Bill Mackey.

Reservations Available For Graham Appearance

Billy Graham will address the final event of Kentucky's bicentennial Festival of Faith at Freedom Hall, Louisville, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Local churches may write for a maximum of 50 free reserved seats to: Festival of Faith, 305 Washington St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Kentucky is the only state with a planned statewide religious emphasis during the bicentennial year, according to Bob W. Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, and chairman of the statewide committee appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll.

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