

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 enrolled 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.

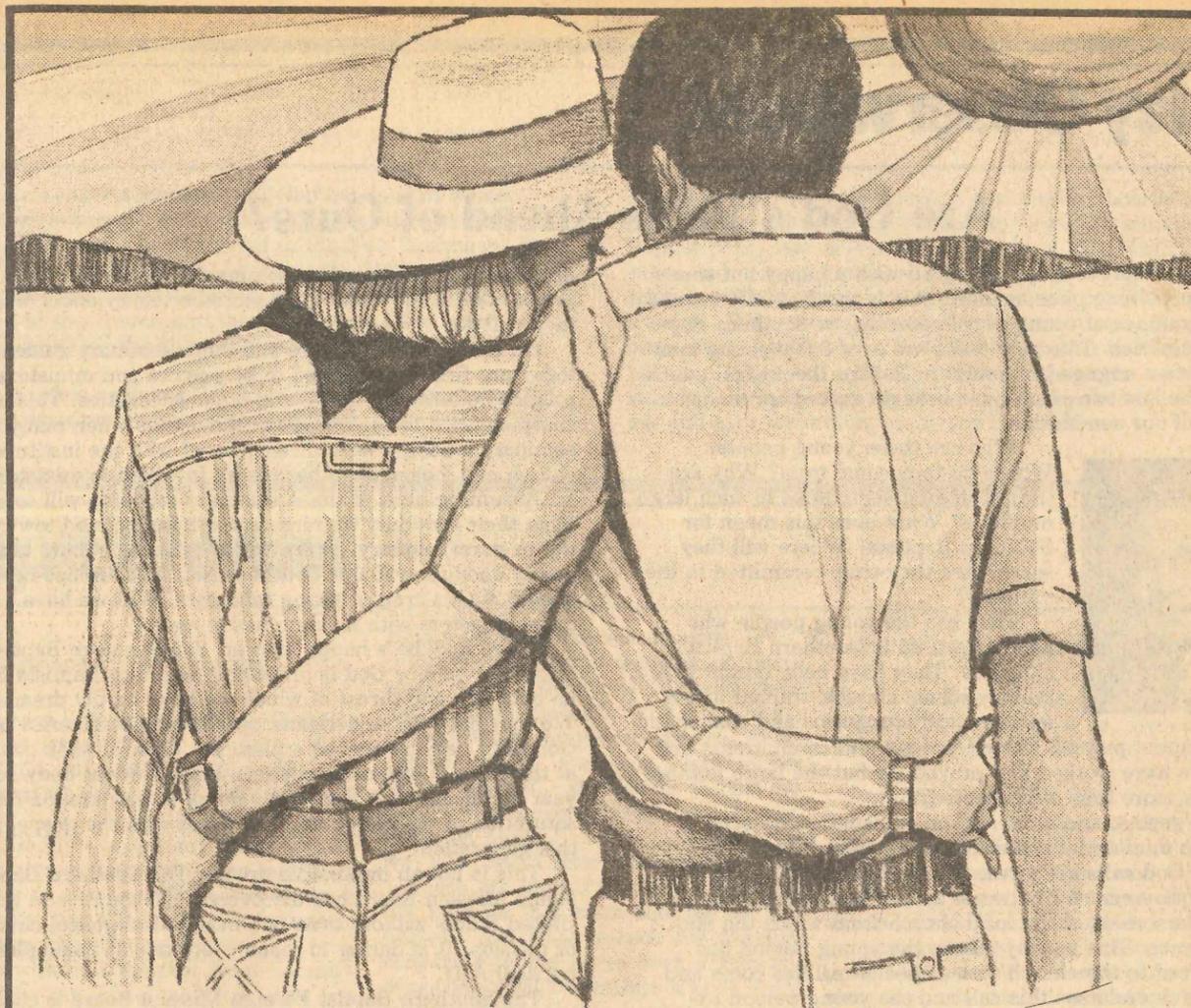
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WESTERN RECORDER

OCTOBER 28, 1976

Are God's Plans Ahead of Ours?

Southern Baptists today are faced with a happy but somewhat perplexing phenomenon. This is the fantastic increase in the number of young people enrolling in Southern Baptist seminaries. This year there are over 8,000 young men and women engaged in Southern Baptist theological education. The last two years have brought record enrollment in all six of our seminaries.



Who are these young people? Where do they come from? Why are they attending seminaries in such large numbers? What does this mean for Southern Baptists? Where will they serve? Are they truly committed to the ministry?

They are the young people who have grown up in Southern Baptist churches. They have been taught in our Sunday school classes, trained in our mission study programs and challenged from Baptist pulpits. Their response and commitment are what we have worked and prayed for but the large number is really more than we expected.

The easiest and most natural explanation for such a surge in ministerial students is the hand of God. We believe God calls his servants individually and distinctly. One requirement for entrance into a Baptist seminary is the endorsement of the local church from which the student comes. This usually means the young person has announced to the church that a special call has come and the church endorses this call and the young person experiencing it.

While the divine call is involved in the experiences of most of these young people there are doubtless other factors helping to account for the large number attending seminaries. One of these is the attitude of young people today toward their life work and commitment. They want to be involved in redemptive living but are not certain where to find the best place to invest themselves. Fewer young people graduating from college today are certain what they want to do than ever before. Some of these enroll in

graduate schools including seminaries for further preparation while waiting for more certainty about what they will do.

On the other hand more and more seminary students today are firmly committed to be pastors and ministers in religious education, music and other specialties. This is a sharp contrast to the decade of the sixties when many seminary students were disenchanted with the institutional church and looked for other places in which to minister.

Assuming most of these seminary students will complete their seminary training and will be inclined toward the pastoral ministry, where will they serve? There are not nearly enough available Southern Baptist churches now to absorb such a crop of young ministers. Will we have trained pastors with no churches to serve?

There may be a happy answer. Some mature Baptist observers believe God is preparing Southern Baptists for an outreach and thrust of which we have hardly dreamed. We may not fully understand overflowing seminaries but God does because he has a plan. Dr. Criswell took one look at the large Southern Baptist seminary student body last year and declared it was God's doing in preparation for a saturation of the nation and the world with the gospel in this generation.

This is not an impossible dream. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has discovered 600 counties in the United States without even one evangelical gospel church or mission. It is daring to reach every one of these places by 2000 A.D.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is challenging Southern Baptists to double our present 2600 corps of missionaries in foreign fields by the end of this century. This will require many trained ministers.

To do this more than the surging enrollments in seminaries is necessary. It requires \$30,000 a year to put and keep a missionary couple on a foreign mission field. The question then is not only are these young people firmly committed to the gospel ministry but are we committed to supply the material resources for their ministries?

One thing is certain. God is consistent. He doesn't call ministers without calling others to support them.

What to Do with Women Seminary Students

One especially baffling factor in the current surge of Baptist seminary students is the large number of women enrolling for theological education. Southern Baptists have always recognized the call of women to special ministries but not the kind requiring seminary theological training. Special training for missionary service has been provided for young women but not in seminary schools of theology where more and more are enrolling today.

Where will these trained women serve? Some will marry preachers and be valuable team members with their husbands. Some will be foreign and home missionaries, some will be church staff members, some will find places in Baptist schools, child care programs, hospitals, etc. But

not all women seminary graduates will be satisfied with the traditional supportive roles. The mood of the day is to recognize women not merely in supportive or subordinate roles but in places of equal responsibility, equal status and equal compensation.

On the other hand most Baptist churches are not ready to ordain or to accept women as preachers and pastors. After all, it was not long ago that women were segregated in Baptist worship services and didn't dare to speak or otherwise participate in church business meetings. Judging from how far they have come toward equality with men in many ways, why not expect the ordination and service of women soon?

The reason for reluctance of Baptists toward women preachers is that we hold rather rigidly to the practices of the early churches as described in the New Testament. In Christ there is neither male nor female. Both stand with equal rank and status before God but, in the biblical concept of the church and the home, men have been assigned by God the role of leadership.

A very few women have been ordained as ministers in Baptist churches. A few more have been commissioned or

otherwise approved by churches and mission boards to meet prerequisites for appointments to certain ministries. Baptist polity leaves ordination strictly to local churches. More and more churches will be tested on ordination of women as these women seminary students complete their training. Every woman enrolled in Baptist seminaries has been recommended by a local church for this theological training. What will a church which recommends a young lady for seminary training do when she finishes her training and asks for ordination by the church?

Baptist Forum

DON'T QUITE AGREE

I have been enjoying C. Welton Gaddy's four-part series (Moral Issues in Elections '76), but partially differ with one statement which he made in your Oct. 7 issue.

Mr. Gaddy's statement that "opposition to a candidate should be based on more than one issue" is generally a good rule, but I believe it unfortunately is sometimes necessary for a Christian to withdraw support from a candidate if the candidate has taken even one major stand which contradicts the teachings and the love expressed by Jesus Christ. For example, even though I might support a particular candidate's stand on all other issues, I could never consider giving that candidate my vote if he was either for waging war on a peaceful nation or for killing unborn children through abortion-on-demand. I believe that in these extreme examples, a Christian who would support such a candidate would be on the weakest moral footage imaginable, even if the candidate happened to be biblically sound on every other major issue.

God demands that we rescue anyone and everyone who is unjustly condemned to death (Prov. 24:11, 12).

Gary Crum, Covington

NO JIMMY FOR HER

I am a Baptist, but first of all I am a Christian. As a Christian I have felt that it was completely out of place the way *Western Recorder* endorsed Jimmy Carter as their presidential candidate. Being a Baptist in no way qualifies

Jimmy Carter to run our country.

Every Christian is tempted in many ways. A good dedicated Christian does not dwell on the evils. The Bible says, "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, think on these." I don't believe this was what Mr. Carter was doing.

There are lots of Christians that are not Baptists that were shocked at Mr. Carter's low class speech for *Playboy Magazine*. I had never seen a *Playboy Magazine* until I went into a book store hunting Nicky Cruz's books and there on the front rack was *Playboy* with a naked woman on the front.

Does Gov. Carter really take his religion seriously? I doubt it. He has stooped so low, he's even digging up the dead (Lyndon Johnson, by name) and crucifying them all over again. He couldn't condemn the husband who lives with his wife and takes on 10 more women but in the same article he condemns Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. Is this Christlike? He also condemns Gerald Ford for pardoning Richard Nixon.

I, for one, have been very disappointed in Mr. Carter. When he first came out, I felt we had a man running that would not stoop to any and all types of gutter campaigning and lying just to get in the White House. But not so! This was brought out by Mr. Carter himself by word and deed. A fellow Christian, but not Baptist, said, "I do hope Mr. Carter is not sharing the views of all Baptists as some have said." Indeed he is not!

Ethelean Keltner, Greensburg

PENNY-PINCHING HOSPITALS?

My wife is due to enter Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington in November. The occasion is the birth of our third child.

Recently I went to the hospital to find out their payment requirements, since I do not have health-care insurance. I was greatly surprised to find that I *must* pay a \$400.00 deposit when she is admitted, and the balance *must* be paid before she is released. I suppose, this seemed rather strange to me since my wife was in two other hospitals, under the same conditions. The other hospitals, both county hospitals, were less concerned about money (one asked for \$20.00 deposit, the other a \$50.00 deposit).

I realize hospitals need money to operate, as does everything, however, it seems Baptist hospitals are more money conscious than they are about ministering to the needs of the people.

The thought occurs to me, what if one needed hospital care, and was unable to raise the funds necessary to be admitted: Does he lay on the front steps and die while everyone passes by on the other side?

T. Parnell, Booneville



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Baptist News in Brief

'We're Missing the Great Commission' Anderson Warns Louisville Baptists

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

"There's no conceivable way we can carry out the Great Commission if we depend solely on establishing new churches," the creator of Southern Baptists' new Sunday school enrolment program, Action, told a Louisville audience last week.

Anderson's startling revelation was based upon the fact 3,100,000 live babies are born in America each year, and 180 million more Americans are not involved in any systematic Bible study program now. He suggested that Bible study could lead these people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

"We need more than 12,000 new churches every year just to keep up with the birth rate in America," Anderson explained. "And somebody would have to establish 720,000 churches immediately, based on 250 members of the average evangelical church in America, just to reach the unreached now living in our country. But we don't have the money to buy the property and build the buildings.

"However, we can enrol them in existing Sunday schools, and begin new Sunday schools for all ages without building buildings and buying proper-

ty," he answered.

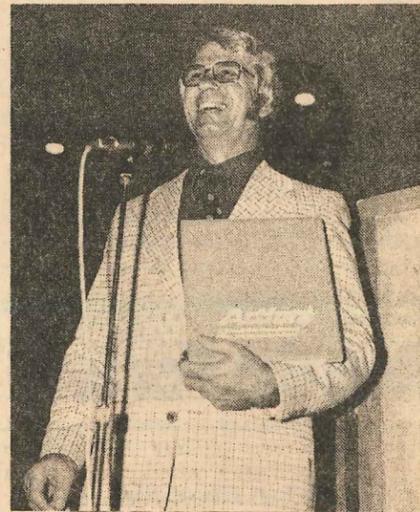
Anderson, of Ft. Myers, Fla., went on to report that some 200,000 new persons will be enrolled nationwide in Southern Baptist Sunday schools this year as a direct result of Action. He also believes that an enrolment gain of 500,000 unreached people is completely possible for the next year.

He likened Action to a 'dragnet' where persons of all walks of life are brought into the church, including many who have never been before.

"Previously we've been using a 'fly rod' approach to fishing for men," said Anderson. "We've put the bug on the hook and cast it out to 'our kind' of people, skirting aside or throwing back those we didn't want. Action will bring in everybody, and this is what Jesus commanded us to do."

The man who was on the road helping churches and associations conduct Action campaigns a total of 302 days last year will be gone from home only 277 days this year. His calendar is booked two years hence with more than 100 days already scheduled in 1978.

"Grady Cothen (Sunday School Board president) told me he wants to



Anderson

see 10,000 new Sunday schools established as soon as possible," Anderson declared. "And to me that's the only way we're going to scratch the surface in America in carrying out the Great Commission."

Anderson was in Louisville to address the Long Run Baptist Association's annual meeting. Earlier, he spoke to a Long Run committee coordinating that association's Action emphasis Mar. 20-27, 1977. About 60 churches are expected to participate, according to Ken L. Griffin, director of church development for the association.

York Joins Annuity Board

Marvin T. York Jr. has been named senior vice president for investments at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), according to board President Darold H. Morgan.



York

York, who will succeed the retiring Frank L. Durham on Mar. 1, joins the Annuity Board after serving more than 13 years with the First National Bank of Dallas, including six years as senior vice president and trust officer.

Bible For Radio and TV

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission voted to participate jointly with the denomination's Sunday School Board in Nashville in a project expected to eventually involve as many as 150,000 people in a radio or television Bible correspondence course.

The Radio and Television Commission trustees' vote supports action taken by Sunday School Board trustees in their August meeting.

For the first time in Southern Baptist life it merges the denomination's print media and electronic media in a formal joint effort, a Radio and Television Commission spokesman said.

"One of our Sunday School Board priorities is to encourage indepth Bible study for the masses," said Morton Rose, who presented the Sunday School Board proposal to the Radio and Television Commission trustees.

"In looking for ways to involve as many people as we can in such a Bible study, we looked at the mass media," Rose said. He said a survey of existing Bible correspondence courses offered on the air indicate that one non-Baptist group, which produces a program on 803 stations, has about 66,000 people a year involved in correspondence Bible study. In 1975, they were leading more than 7,000 of those people into their church yearly.

"We learned that the number one

users of this correspondence study are Southern Baptist members," he said, adding that Southern Baptists are the third largest users of a Bible correspondence course produced by another non-Baptist denomination.

He emphasized, "We are not considering a Bible correspondence course to compete with other denominations, but we feel the response to such a course would be so favorable that in about five years we can involve 150,000 to 160,000 people learning the Word of God by correspondence."

Chester F. Russell, Sunday school general administration consultant for the Sunday School Board, has been attached temporarily to the board's office of planning as the staff person to complete the planning stages of the radio-television Bible correspondence project.

Rose said the Sunday School Board had set aside \$250,000 for a task force to develop, direct and implement this venture. He said the editorial material for the program would be the responsibility of the Sunday School Board "because that is where our expertise lies."

"God may have brought both our agencies to this period in our denominational lives — each with honed skills and equipment," said Paul M. Stevens, Radio and Television Commission president.

Rush to Stewardship

John Edward Rush, 38, a former Broadman sales representative for the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been employed by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission as assistant director of stewardship development.

Rush's appointment was announced by Commission executive director-treasurer, A. R. Fagan, who said the new position involves assistance in planning, developing, coordinating, and promoting of objectives, policies and programs for stewardship development.



Rush

Markham Given Probation

Herschel A. Markham has pleaded "nolo contendere" (no contest) and been given a minimum probated sentence for criminal charges stemming from his arrest in June in downtown Atlanta, the day after a stormy appearance at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Norfolk, Va.

Markham, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Fairburn, Ga., was sentenced to 12 months on probation, with no fine, by Judge Luther Alverson of Fulton County Superior Court in Atlanta.

His lawyer, Sam Dickson, said it was the lightest possible treatment for Markham's charge of "terroristic threats."

Markham was arrested in downtown Atlanta on June 18. He was outside the Federal Building on Peachtree Street, claiming to have a "time bomb" in his briefcase. When subdued, he said it was a "literary time bomb."

He was referring to curriculum materials in some public school textbooks, which he said are obscene and objectionable.

The day before in Norfolk, Markham had challenged a report of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, saying that this SBC group should have condemned "Man: A Course of Study" (MACOS) materials used in some public schools.

BSSB Names Hamman

Jay Hamman recently was named information assistant for the office of public relations of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

As an information assistant, Hamman will be responsible for press coverage at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center during the summer months.

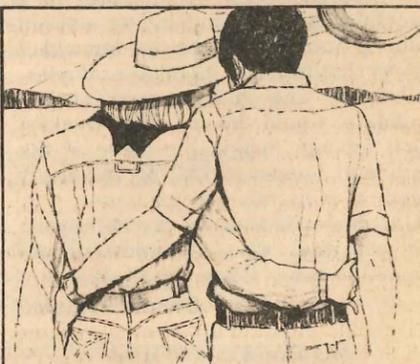


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Kentucky Baptists at Work

Child Care Looks Ahead

by Phil Burgess, Staff Writer

The Kentucky Baptist Child Care Program, with headquarters in Middletown, is performing a ministry of compassion under the leadership of capable, dedicated people.

The program is the oldest continuously operated child care system in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This ministry operates on the premise that children who come from broken homes can receive Christian guidance and nurture and experience newness of life.



Bill Amos [left], executive director of Baptist Child Care, examines a publication with Larry Dauenhauer, director of administrative services.

Child Care also operates a foster home in Louisville for unwed mothers.

Greg Hancock, director of communication services for Child Care, stated that the program receives no state funds; one-third of the funds are from the annual Thanksgiving offering, one-third are from memorial gifts and interest on investments provides about one-third.

"Inflation has taken a hunk out of things," he said. "In 1966 it cost 47 cents to feed a child and in 1976 it costs \$1.48 to feed him." Hancock emphasized that the program will not be compromised even though it has been necessary to use reserve funds.

THE LONG RANGE PLAN

The past two years have set records for the Thanksgiving offering. "There are people who care and it makes me feel good," Hancock declared.

One cannot visit Child Care headquarters without feeling the enthusiasm for the long range plan. Under this plan Glen Dale and Spring Meadows children's homes will continue to be the center of child care. Physical facilities on these campuses will be remodeled, renovated or rebuilt.

In the future the Glen Dale campus may include a vocational farm cottage.

Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown will help those children who have intense spiritual and emotional needs. Efforts will be made to achieve a high staff-child ratio.

Temporary shelters are a recent development of the program. Temporary care ministers to those who have been stricken suddenly and it provides food, clothing and shelter. Mrs. Edna Woofter, director of program services for Child Care, stated that temporary care provides services up to 30 days. Plans are made for long term placement in many cases.

Under the long range plan three regional offices have been established so that agency services are available from anywhere in the state. Too, the agency staff can now be more involved with local associations and churches; they will be closer to the people. Regional workers are Evelyn Hornecker, Louisville; Bob Miller, Madisonville; Floyd Taylor, Jefferson City.



Administrators of Child Care gather for an afternoon chat. They are: [left to right] Larry Dauenhauer, Tom Moore, director of development; Greg Hancock, director of communication services; and Don Jarett, director of printing services.

"I'm really excited about the long range plan," mused Hancock. "We want that good, solid foundation, so we move slowly and make sure of each step."

This ministry has meant many things to many people and Hancock recalled an example. He visited a lady in a hospital who was recovering from surgery. She told Hancock that she appreciated the foundation she was given by the Child Care Program. She traced all her faith back to her days at Spring Meadows.

Many more stories could be told of what Kentucky Baptist Child Care has meant. This ministry of love and care has had a significant history. The future is promising.

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State Brotherhood Names Leatherwood's Easterling

C. A. Easterling, Leatherwood, was elected president of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood in the recent meeting at Silver Creek Baptist Church, Berea.

Charles Baird, Adairville, was named first vice president; J. E. Brister, Sr., Owensboro, second vice president; G. T. Cowan of Winchester, secretary.

Eight regional Brotherhood directors were elected. By regions, they are:

Southwestern, George Patmor, Marion; Western, William Jones, Beaver Dam; Southern, John Foe, Bowling Green; Central, Harold Hanks, Lawrenceburg; South Central, James Coates, Campbellville; North Central, Curtis Phipps, Georgetown; Southeastern, Maurice Barnes, Manchester; Northeastern, Bailey Sadler, Ashland.

The convention heard from many of the 20 men who traveled to Guatemala earlier this year on reconstruction teams in the wake of that country's devastating earthquake. Each man expressed appreciation for having had that opportunity. More than 50 men who had wanted to make the trip at their own expense were prevented from doing so because that many could not be accommodated in Guatemala.

The reports from those who went indicated moving spiritual experiences in their lives.

GActivities Up & Away

More than 500 Girls in Action attended GActivities across the state in recent weeks. The First Baptist churches of Pikeville, Hopkinsville and Mt. Washington hosted these events.

Missionary guests included Jean Glaze from Argentina; Linda Hasenmyer from Japan; Tina Shults, MK from Brazil; Debbie Madaris, summer missionary to Israel; Peggy Smith, Journeyman to Korea; and Freeda Harris, Marrowbone.

"Up, Up and Away" was the theme for the GActivities, emphasizing adven-



tures into different areas of the world where mission action is taking place.

Child Care Addition Boosts Louisville Aid

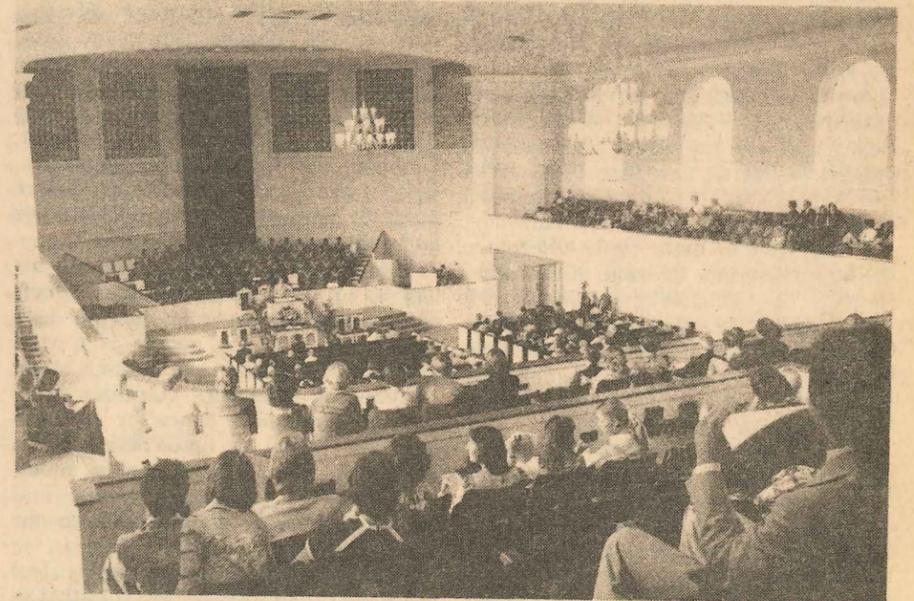
Floyd Taylor has joined the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Child Care Program as community services coordinator for

the metropolitan Louisville area.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Seminary, Taylor expects to obtain the juris doctorate from the University of Louisville School of Law in May 1977.

Since 1974 he has been employed as team leader for the Shelby County team of the Department for Human Resources, State of Kentucky.

Church Commitment SUNDAY For Cooperative Program Support



Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, will host the Kentucky Baptist Convention for its 139th annual meeting Nov. 9-11 in this auditorium.

Missions & Ministries

Eight New Missionaries Have Kentucky Ties

Four married couples having ties with Kentucky were among 24 missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.

Ken and Joyce Clayton, both Tennessee natives, are assigned to general evangelism work in Spain.

Clayton holds the master of theology, master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and is a former pastor of Burks Branch Baptist Church, Shelbyville. His wife is a graduate of the University of Louisville. They have a daughter.

J. Mixon and Susan Cowart will do youth work in East Africa. They live in Louisville where he is assistant youth director at Bethlehem Baptist Church and a student at Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Cowart, a Missouri native, is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State College and has attended Southern Seminary. Her husband is a graduate of Cumberland College and was youth



Eight newly appointed foreign missionaries have Kentucky ties. They are: [first row, left to right] Mr. and Mrs. Ken R. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mixon Cowart, [second row] Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wyckoff and Mr. and Mrs. Ted D. Wylie.

director and assistant pastor at Albany Baptist Church.

Arthur and Shirley Wyckoff will work in Southern Brazil where he will be conference encampment director. Both are graduates of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, and are presently enrolled in Southern Seminary. Wyckoff is a native of New Jersey; his wife is

from New York. They have a son and a daughter.

Ted and Dawn Wylie, both graduates of Oklahoma Baptist University, will work as music promoters in the Philippines.

Wylie is an Oklahoman and his wife was born in Kansas. They are students at Southern Seminary.

Tell Us "Jimmy Carter," Do Peanuts Grow in Colombia?

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has decided to transport "Jimmy Carter" to Colombia, South America, for a series of four-year terms, rather than one or two four-year terms in the White House.

In October, James W. (Jim) Carter, practically a namesake of the Southern Baptist running for President, and his wife Shirley were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, where he will be a hospital business manager. Southern Baptist missionaries are appointed for a career, but generally serve four-year terms.

Carter, a Texan, is no relation to the former Georgia governor, James E. (Jimmy) Carter. But he does have a southern accent, a ready smile, and likes peanuts.

He declined to say who he supports in the race for President, but a vote was taken by the Foreign Mission Board. They unanimously selected Carter—as a missionary, that is.

More recently, \$25,000 was made available for relief efforts in Mexico, immediately following Hurricane Liza.

In recent years, relief funds have been appropriated for many parts of the world, including Bangladesh, the Philippines, Guatemala, Honduras, Lebanon and many other countries. Plans for the use of relief funds are made by Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptist leaders.

"Missionaries are giving careful attention to the administration of relief, and we can rest assured that the love they express to the people is a vital part of the tangible expressions made in relief of suffering," Cauthen said. "Many remarkable doors for evangelism are opened as funds are used to provide food, emergency shelter, medicines, aid in rebuilding homes, and many other forms of assistance to our fellowman."

"Southern Baptists can rightly feel great joy in the ministry of relief that is being extended in our Lord's name," Cauthen said.

World Relief Gifts Top \$1 Million Mark

Gifts for world relief and disaster response through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have topped the \$1 million mark in 1976.

The \$1,384,838 received from January through September is \$33,987 more than the amount received in the same period during 1975. Total relief gifts last year reached a record \$1.67 million.

The board has appropriated \$836,173 from relief funds through September. In addition, relief gifts designated for specific purposes, which can be sent to the field without being appropriated, totaled \$58,107. This makes a grand total of \$894,280 made available for use by missionaries in areas of need.

"It is a great blessing to have relief funds in hand so that response can be made instantly to critical situations," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the board. "Because of having funds on hand to meet disasters, it was possible to authorize \$50,000 for relief in the Philippines as soon as word came of the disaster in that land."

Reid Concludes 550 Mile "Run for Life"

"I would crawl from New York City to Los Angeles on my knees, if I knew one person would come to know Christ," exclaimed Orvil W. Reid, retiring Southern Baptist missionary.

GOAL ACCOMPLISHED

Reid, a 68-year-old missionary preacher, author, printer and athlete, doesn't believe in stale promises. He recently followed through on a goal to jog 550 miles, see 1,000 people come to know Christ and raise \$60,000 for world hunger relief.

Since Sept. 3, during his "Run for Life" campaign, he has jogged over 550 miles from Home Mission Board headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., to the denomination's Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

OVER 340 DECISIONS

The 150-pound Reid has preached and talked to over 18,800 people, more than 340 of whom made recorded decisions for Christ. Thousands of others indicated interest in learning more about the Christian faith and cleaner living, Reid said.

During worship services and rallies he included pleas for people to give the money they are "throwing away on vices," to the Lord, specifically to world hunger. The money was given through the state Baptist offices, 40 percent going to the HMB and 60 percent to the FMB. Reid has no idea of the amount of money received but believes the influence of the run will greatly boost giving to world hunger.

Along the run, he led services and gave demonstrations of his physical strength in 38 churches, 18 schools, 10

prisons, eight rallies and three children's homes. Feats of strength he performed included having a person break a rock on his stomach with a sledgehammer, having 10 people try to choke him with a rope around his neck, and having four men try to bend his outstretched arm. More than 1,140 people participated in the demonstrations of physical strength, not to mention the 21 people who drove vans (estimated at from 4,000 to 7,600 lbs.) over his stomach.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid were Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico, for 38 years and 33 years respectively. They attended and were honored at a service with other retiring missionaries at the FMB, Monday, Oct. 11, the day Reid officially completed the run.

MOTIVES PROVIDED INCENTIVE

Reid says he ran for various reasons—to show gratitude to the Lord for 68 years of life, to the country for his freedom and to Southern Baptists for 38 years of support while he was on the mission field.

"Also, I ran to say to children and young people they can easily get off the hook of cigarettes, alcohol and drugs and begin now to prepare for healthy lives," he related.

"I ran for senior citizens, to say they don't have to sit around and wait for death when they get to retirement age. I ran for people to be aware of the world hunger problem."

"But more than anything else, I ran with the hope of helping people to have eternal life and to dedicate their lives to the cause of Christ. So, my motives were strong enough to keep me going in the rain, the cold and the heat."

Mission Study Book Printed in Spanish

"A Sense of Spring," the 1977 Home Mission Graded Series book for adults, has been released in a Spanish translation. This is the first home mission study book translated into Spanish.

The book, written by Everett Hullum, is available from Baptist Book stores or

the Home Mission Board.

According to Doris Diaz, director of the Language WMU Department, Birmingham, substantial sales of the translated edition will make possible future translations of graded series books.



FMB Sets \$55 Million Budget

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, voted a record \$55,340,918 budget, named three new staff members, and appointed 24 missionaries.

John E. Mills, currently the board's field representative for West Africa and a missionary since 1947, was named area secretary for West Africa. Elected as secretary of the department of communications was Thomas W. Hill, missionary director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex. Harold D. Richardson, controller and assistant treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected as senior assistant treasurer.

In other action, the board authorized inauguration of mission programs in Rwanda and Burundi and appropriated \$124,800 for world relief.

The newly-adopted 1977 budget exceeds that of 1976 by \$4,304,494, an increase of about 8.4 percent. Cooperative Program gifts provide almost half of the budget and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions accounts for about one half. The \$29 million goal for the 1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is probably the largest goal for a special offering ever attempted by any Christian group.

The appointment of 24 missionaries to 12 countries brings the overall total to 2,694 missionaries in 84 countries.

Special Report

Last of a Series

Moral Issues in Elections '76— Focus on Responsible Government

by C. Welton Gaddy

"Big government," "integrity in government," "government reorganization" and "government accountability" are major issues in the 1976 political campaigns. A recent Harris poll revealed that 72 percent of the United States public "no longer feel they get good value from their tax dollars."

Candidates and voters alike are interested in government leaders representative of and honest with their constituencies, government agencies service-oriented in philosophy and efficient in performance, and government policies realistic in expectations and just in application.

Christians should be interested and involved in government. Ideally, God's people support leaders who demonstrate justice and righteousness (Ps. 72:1-2). Biblically, a person's prayers for the government (1 Tim. 2:1-2) are to be supplemented by activities which exalt the nation (Prov. 14:34) and glorify God (Mic. 6:8). This is the way it should be in this election year.

Many matters related to responsible government are fraught with moral implications. For example, government meeting the needs of the citizenry, agencies using tax money responsibly, and officials speaking honestly are ethical concerns. Votes from Christian citizens ought to reflect an awareness of various candidates' views on these very issues.

Here is a summary of the positions of Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, the two leading candidates for the office of President of the United States, regarding four important dimensions of responsible government.

1. **Government Reorganization.** Carter and Ford agree that government reorganization must be a high priority for the President. Ford has said, "We must not continue drifting in the direction of bigger and bigger government." Carter has stated, "Tight business-like management and planning techniques must be instituted and maintained,

utilizing the full authority and personal involvement of the President himself." Carter has announced plans to reduce approximately 1,900 federal agencies to 200 while Ford has proposed consolidation of 59 federal programs in the areas of health, education, child nutrition, and social services.

2. **Federal Spending.** Ford favors a cutback in federal spending to move more money into the private sector. Carter speaks of controlling government spending by comprehensive planning and carefully prepared budgets.

Both candidates support the concept of federal revenue sharing, though they disagree in their judgments of the present system. Ford has demonstrated support for the current program. Specifically, regarding aid to cities, he has proposed a \$446 million increase for community development in fiscal year 1977. Carter has stated that money in the present program "was stolen from the poor people, and too much of it . . . used to build dance halls, or golf courses, or jail-houses." He suggests that increases in revenue sharing funds not be accompanied by decreases in categorical grants for social programs.

3. **Integrity in Government.** Louis Harris has reported that, according to his surveys, citizens' confidence in officials of the Executive Branch has dropped from 43 percent to 13 percent over the past 10 years. The candidates' positions related to integrity in government are very important.

Ford authorized the creation of a new Public Integrity section within the Criminal Division of the Justice Department to handle all federal offenses involving official or institutional corruption. Carter has offered a different approach. If elected, he plans to remove the Office of Attorney General from the Cabinet and make it an independent office with a term of five to seven years to remove the Justice Department and particularly the FBI from political influence.

Carter advocates an open-meetings law applicable to all "federal boards, commissions and regulatory agencies" as well as congressional committees. "The only exception should involve narrowly defined national security issues, unproven legal accusations, or knowledge that might cause serious damage to the nation's economy," according to Carter. Ford has expressed basic agreement with such a "Sunshine Bill" but says, "There may be some meetings held by agencies or departments in the federal government where there would have to be confidentiality maintained."

Ford favors a full disclosure of finances by federal officials to prevent conflicts of interest. Carter agrees and has promised to release an annual audit of personal finances and require other policy makers in his administration to do the same.

Carter and Ford agree that presidential campaigns should be supported by public finances. However, Carter would extend public financing to congressional campaigns. Ford is opposed to such a plan.

4. **Government Services.** Public expectations regarding government services are too numerous to discuss. Here are the candidates' views on two programs.

Ford has proposed "a sweeping overhaul" of federal welfare services before the end of the decade. His aim is to develop one single welfare plan. Carter favors two plans. He would separate the 10 percent of the welfare recipients who can work from the others and recommend a guaranteed minimum payment to those qualified, with educational and job training for the unemployed.

Carter and Ford disagree on the nature and specifics of a federal energy program. Ford's goal is "energy independence." Carter doubts whether the nation "can or should become self-sufficient in energy" in this century.

Ford believes the nation's consumption of oil can best be reduced by decontrolled prices and permanently increased costs on it. Carter opposes the price increases on oil and natural gas. As alternatives, he supports mandatory conservation measures, automobile efficiency, and a regulation that prohibits importing more than 40 per-

cent of the nation's total consumption of oil.

Ford wants to "expedite clean and safe nuclear power reduction." He has said, "Greater utilization must be made of nuclear energy." Carter, a former nuclear engineer, has expressed a fear of current safety standards and stated, "Our dependence on nuclear power should be kept to an absolute minimum." He favors "a major shift to coal" and a substantial increase in the use of solar energy.

Christian citizens can exert a significant influence in support of responsible government. This should not be done through official endorsements of candidates either from the pulpit or the congregation. Such action violates the purpose of the pulpit in the life of the

church in the first instance and the open fellowship characteristic of the body of Christ in the second instance. This should be done as Christian citizens — pastors and their congregations — frankly discuss the moral dimensions of all campaign issues, responsible government included.

A recent survey indicated that as many as 70 million voters may not vote this year. By 87 or 88 percent, these people agreed that "what this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their trust." Every Christian citizen should cast informed votes on Nov. 2 and offer continued support for the kind of leadership who make government responsible!

The Upcoming Election: A Few Questions

by James T. Baker, Western Kentucky University

Jimmy Carter, former governor of Georgia, a Southern Baptist layman, is now a presidential candidate. The people in the primaries and the Democratic Convention have spoken. They are apparently unafraid of his southernness, his alleged fuzziness on the issues, or even his once-controversial religious attitudes.

It is apparently quite all right to a broad section of Americans, if not to sections of a skeptical press, that he has been born again.

Southern Baptists, his own people, ministers and laymen alike, have been more than tolerant of Carter. They have supported him from the beginning. The Southern Baptist Convention has not and of course will not officially endorse any candidate for President, but it is obvious that quite a number of Southern Baptists want one of us in the White House. One prominent pastor at the recent Norfolk meeting was quoted as saying publicly that the nation needs now a "born again" President and that "while it would be improper for me to name that man, his initials are the same as our Lord's."

This is the first presidential election since 1960 that Southern Baptists have been so forthright, so verbal in their

choice of candidates. Then they publicly opposed the feared Catholic John Kennedy. As many Baptist ministers spoke out against his election as there were nuns who poured out to assure it. Today we endorse — or nearly so — our fellow Baptist, Jimmy Carter. But just as the opposition to Kennedy later proved to be something less than wise, so too may the growing, often uncritical support of Carter.

I am not a Republican, and I am certainly not a part of any defeat-Carter movement. I wish him well. I think he deserves the support he has earned. But as a Southern Baptist I do have some rather discomfiting doubts about voting for someone, even someone as attractive as Jimmy Carter, simply because he is "one of us."

1) I wonder if it is not just a bit dangerous to vote and advise others to vote for someone on the sole basis of his claim to be saved, to be a born again believer. Jimmy Carter, a long-time church member, a deacon, a lay-preacher who has even done missionary work for his church, is doubtless the real thing. But we certainly should not let this election set a precedent, even if unwritten, of supporting the most "religious" candidate in a race.

2) It seems to me dangerous — and unbiblical — to vote for a candidate solely on the basis of his words. After all it is not a person's claim to salvation and church affiliation but his faithfulness to salvation's demands and the church's teachings that make him an authentic practicing Christian. It is, as John warns us, deeds and not words that count. Here again Carter comes off fairly well, though some of his actions on social issues as governor were not unmixed blessings. But supporting him in this election should not lead to a habit of supporting every politician who claims Carter's experience and commitment. By their fruits . . .

3) It is not wise, according to history's lessons, to put too much faith in any human being — especially a politician. Jimmy Carter is apparently a good man; but should we expect the world or even this country suddenly to get better simply because a born-again Christian is elected president, we will be badly disappointed.

4) It is unwise to expect, as I get the feeling some Southern Baptists do, that Carter in the White House would be and do what Southern Baptists want him to be and do. He is, along with being by his own confession a saved Southern Baptist, a pragmatic politician. To get as far as he has come, he has had to be a good one. As president, he would play the game of political survival and practice the art of the possible. His administration would perhaps lead in a general direction we would favor, but it would not bring in the Kingdom.

These are just a few warnings — to me, to all of us. I have no idea how the election will end or what a Carter administration would mean to the country. But we might learn something from studying the administrations of our two previous Baptist presidents. The first, an Ohio Baptist, was Republican Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920. The second, Harry Truman, a Missouri Southern Baptist, was the Democrat who as Vice President became President upon the death of F.D.R. in 1945.

They offer us a mixed bag of attitudes, successes and failures, dreams and nightmares. They might give us clues.

Mountains to the Mississippi

The Latest Thing in Pets: Sticks!

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It probably started with Theodore Roosevelt. You remember, Roosevelt believed in walking softly and carrying a big stick. And if it was good enough for the 26th President, it's certainly good enough for "Powerline," the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's half-hour radio show for teenagers. Beginning in October, "Powerline" will offer listeners — free — their very own Pet Sticks.

"Asking listeners to write us for 'freebies' is one way to gauge listener numbers and determine if what we are saying, seriously, on the program has any meaning," said Claude Cox. Cox writes and produces the show for the Radio-TV Commission.

"This sort of thing enables us to send every listener more complete information about Christianity than we are able to offer on the air. Every Pet Stick packet mailed to a 'Powerline' listener will include a detailed salvation brochure with explanation of how to become a Christian," said Cox.

"Powerline," once described by Paul M. Stevens, Commission president, as "a dangerous opportunity," is heard on 787 stations across the country.

"We knew when we began 'Powerline' seven years ago that we were taking a chance by using some of the music teenagers listen to and relating it to Christ," Stevens said. "But the alternative was to do nothing and leave an entire generation of radio listeners without any religious programming."

In the seven years of its existence, "Powerline" has received thousands of letters from young people, many of them with serious problems. Thousands of problems have been handled carefully by the trained counseling staff maintained by the Commission.

"We make constant studies to keep up with what the kids are interested in," Cox said. "At one time we sent out free posters for their rooms. Then iron-on transfers for tee shirts became popular, so we switched to iron-ons."

Then the Pet Rock gambit began to pay off for those catering to apartment dwellers seeking a pet that was clean, quiet, and didn't eat much.

"The Pet Stick is clean, quiet, and doesn't eat much either," said Cox.

"In addition, it's a chip off the old block and from a proud family tree. It's not redwood, of course. That would make it snobbish because of its prior high stature. It's not dogwood either. That would make it animalistic.

"Actually, it's from upper middle-class wood like spruce, pine, or oak. You must remember that Pet Sticks are made, not born."

In addition to the salvation brochure, each Pet Stick mailed to listeners will be accompanied by a brochure describing its background, family tree, entertainment needs, and information on caring and feeding.

65 Years of Teaching

Mrs. E. L. Smith, a member of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, has resigned as a Sunday school teacher after teaching in various age groups for 65 years. She began teaching when she was 16 and has been a member of the church for 70 years. For the past 28 years she has served as assistant church clerk and as church clerk. She was presented with a silver tray on promotion day. Ernest Carpenter is pastor of Madison Avenue.



Mrs. Smith

A 46-Year-Old Request

W. G. Potts, a retired pastor in Louisville, has complied with a 46-year-old request. He officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Mattie J. Samuels, 95, who asked him 46 years ago to conduct her funeral. She was a member of the Lebanon Junction Baptist Church.

Harlan Giving Reported

Harlan Baptist Church was inadvertently left off the listing of church contributions in the Sept. 30 edition of Western Recorder. Its total giving for the 1975-76 convention year was \$32,482.81. Of that amount \$28,103.15 went to the Cooperative Program.

Baptist Ministers' Wives To Meet Nov. 8-9

Wives of Kentucky Baptist ministers will have several meetings to attend during the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Lexington Nov. 8-11.

At 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, a special conference, "The Woman I Am: The Pastor's Wife," will be held at the Phoenix Hotel.

Juanita Wheeler Epperson of Kissimmee, Fla., will lead the conference. The Georgia native is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and is the wife of a Baptist pastor. She has authored numerous articles for Baptist publications and has led WMU conferences at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the past four years.

The Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship will meet for its annual dinner during the convention Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church. Over 150 women are expected to attend. Tickets for the dinner and accompanying style show cost \$3.50 and will be available during the convention. Reservations may be sent to Mrs. O. W. Yates, 158 N. Arcadia Park, Lexington, KY 40503.

McSwains Honored

T. L. McSwain, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, and Mrs. McSwain were honored with a reception by the church in observance of their silver wedding anniversary. On that same day their first grandchild was born in Lexington.

Red River Elects Three

New officers of the Red River Association of Baptists are Houston Berry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, moderator; Harold Dunaway, pastor of Campton Baptist Church, assistant moderator; Bob Bottoms, pastor of West Liberty First Baptist Church, clerk-treasurer.

The association adopted a new constitution which calls for annual meetings. The 1977 meeting will be hosted by First Baptist Church, Jackson.

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Christian Education

CC Announces Reading Conference

Monday, Nov. 1, Cumberland College will present its second annual reading conference.

The conference is under the auspices of Cumberland's Reading-Study Center, English Department and library.

The school's Reading-Study Center achieved its uniqueness due to the fact that it offers reading instruction to all faculty, students and local residents who desire to improve their reading skills.

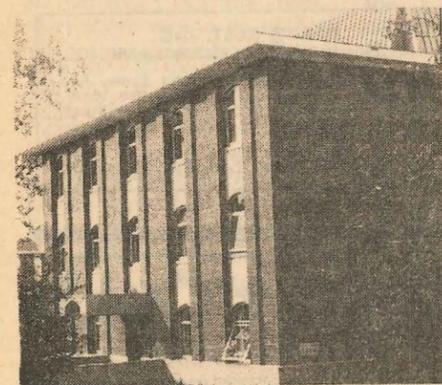
Pierce Hall to Be Dedicated October 29

Pierce Hall, located in Residence Park on the Georgetown College campus, will be formally dedicated Friday, Oct. 29, at 4:00 p.m. as part of the college's homecoming activities.

Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, said the naming of the building follows a gift from Dr. and Mrs. W. Vinson Pierce of Ft. Thomas, both alumni of Georgetown, and will honor the memory of Pierce's parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. Willis C. Pierce.

The Pierces were parents of three other Georgetown College graduates: W. Conway Pierce, J. Stanton Pierce and Mrs. Dorothy Pierce Clore.

In announcing the dedication, Mills



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expressed his appreciation for each member of the Pierce family. "Their lives," he said, "have been marked by devotion to Georgetown College and their influence has left an indelible mark on the college. Pierce Hall is another evidence of the Pierce family's love, and we owe a deep debt of special gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Vinson Pierce for their life long concern for their alma mater."

The service of dedication will be followed by an open house and tour of the dormitory. All interested friends of the college are invited to attend.

Colleges Agree to Study

Fifty of the 53 Southern Baptist-related senior and junior colleges have signed up for a major national study of Southern Baptist colleges made possible by a recent \$100,000 grant.

The study will be conducted by the Program of Liberal (Arts) Studies, currently based at the University of Arizona, Tucson, and funded by the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis.

Earl J. McGrath, executive director for the Program of Liberal Studies, will administer the grant, and the office of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Nashville will coordinate the study.



Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, seems to be enjoying himself as much as any of the other participants during Oct. 2's Parents Day activities held on the campus. Shown in the Cooke Memorial Library, he and other members of the college administration and faculty met with parents and students for a morning reception.

Frank Owen

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



A letter just received from Porter Routh, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, says: "On behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, let me thank you for the \$2,086,443 received from Kentucky in Cooperative Program Funds for the fiscal year closing Sept. 30, 1976. This represents an increase of 35.84% for the fiscal year over the 1974-75 year."

This sizable single year increase to SBC causes is due, in part, to budgetary factors that will not reoccur. However, we made a permanent 1% increase in the Southern Baptist Convention portion and have already adopted another full percent increase for next year. Of course, the only place to get these increases for causes beyond Kentucky is to reduce our own part.

We also increased our designated mission giving to SBC agencies by 5.60%.

I personally am pleased to see the Cooperative Program have greater increase than designated giving; the latter of which is largely accounted for by the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus offerings for foreign, home and state missions, respectively. These special offerings serve a valuable purpose in focusing seasonal attention on missions. However, I doubt the wisdom of depending too greatly on special offerings, which, in any momentary crisis or panic, could suffer unexpected collapse.

The best health for missions lies in the greatest possible giving through the Cooperative Program. This is the regular budget, the steady, dependable income. Because of it we have the pipeline and the machinery through which to send the extra that the special offering raises. Without the regular income we wouldn't even have anyone there to send it to. The Cooperative Program even pays the expenses of promoting and raising the special offerings.

Give to the special offerings. Give far, far more to the Cooperative Program.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for Nov. 7, 1976

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

God's Mercy For All

Multitudes insist on trying to earn the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life by their noble thoughts, unselfish deeds, generous contributions, and so-called good works, but all such attempts are futile. Salvation is never an achievement, but always a gift from the loving and merciful God.

Romans 10:5-13

Through his glorious gospel our Lord has brought the message of salvation to sinners and has placed righteousness within the reach of every penitent soul. All who have received salvation know from experience that their forgiveness and salvation did not come to them through their works but through their believing on Christ.

After one has repented of his sins and believed on Christ as his saviour, he is obligated to confess him as such before others. Confession would not be anything more than empty words unless it arose from genuine faith in the heart. Note that there is a heart duty, "Believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead," and a mouth duty, "Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus." The belief is within the heart where the Lord sees it; the confession is with the mouth and men hear it. As Charles Hodge said: "Saving faith is not mere intellectual assent, but a cordial receiving and resting on Christ alone for salvation." Confession is one of the external evidences of faith. If one truly has faith in Christ, he cannot help but confess it by word and by life. Our Lord requires those who are his to acknowledge that fact to the world. The inward faith must be expressed by the outward testimony, or in faithful witnessing to others for Christ. True Christians will not remain silent when they have opportunities to speak for their precious saviour and Lord.

This great salvation is offered to both Jews and Gentiles. Any individual in the world, who has heard the gospel, may place his name where the "whosoever" of verse 13 appears with the assurance that, if he calls upon the Lord in faith, he will be saved. To obtain salvation one must exercise faith in Christ or depend on him alone for it. Because this message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ is for all men, it must be carried to those who have never heard this truth. Men cannot believe on Christ without hearing the gospel. They cannot hear it until somebody proclaims it to them. Our possession of the gospel and the positive command of Christ to proclaim it place us under this obligation from which there is no evasion or exemption.

Romans 11:33-36

These verses constitute the conclusion of the doctrinal portion of this epistle, and they are related to what has been said in the preceding chapters as to the doctrine of salvation by Christ and justification through him. The riches of God's grace, wisdom and knowledge are unfathomable.

Life and Work Series

Marketplace Religion

Christians are rightfully expected to live according to the standards and principles set forth by the Lord Jesus as they engage in their daily activities.

Isaiah 1:10-17

When Isaiah began his ministry religious conditions were deplorable. The nation was sick spiritually and morally. The ethical standards were very low. The people frequented the sanctuary and made elaborate sacrificial offerings, but God did not approve their worship. God is never pleased with sham or pretense. He is pleased when people are right in their relationships with him and with others.

With a greater concern about their inner qualities than their outward activities, Isaiah poured out caustic irony and burning satire on the follies, fashions and vices of the disobedient people. Standing for righteousness in all areas of life and activity, he entreated the people to turn to the Lord and serve him. As a preacher of social righteousness Isaiah did not have an equal among the prophets. He was the greatest man of his generation. He truly appreciated the absolute righteousness of God and his abhorrence of sin. Isaiah's righteous indignation burned at the very thought of injustice, cruelty, oppression, dishonesty and immorality.

With all his heart Isaiah hated uncleanness. He spent his life and ministry in trying to get the people to become acquainted with God and to trust him for guidance. He challenged them to repent of their sins and to get right with God. Isaiah emphasized the fact that it is not enough to refrain from doing evil. One must go beyond that, and do that which is right. If we are to please and honor God, and if our lives are to be a real benediction to people, we must yield to the lordship of Christ.

James 1:22-27

James emphasized the importance and necessity of obedience to the expressed will of God. It is good to hear and to give assent to the truths of God's Word, but it is far better to put them into practice. Regardless of how wonderful and precious truths may be, they must be lived out if they are to be effective. Those who think there is virtue in just hearing the Word, whether or not one obeys it, are just deceiving themselves.

For their protection from error, for their progress in the truth and for effectiveness in their service, Christians should be good listeners, but they should also know the great delight of being "doers of the Word." Their tempers, tongues and lives are regulated by the precepts of the Word. For the Christian, doing what God's Word teaches is to be a continuing process.

According to verse 27, genuine religion, meaning true Christianity, is expressed in a demonstration of mercy toward the suffering and of an active love for the needy, and by keeping one's self untarnished or undefiled by the pollution of the world.

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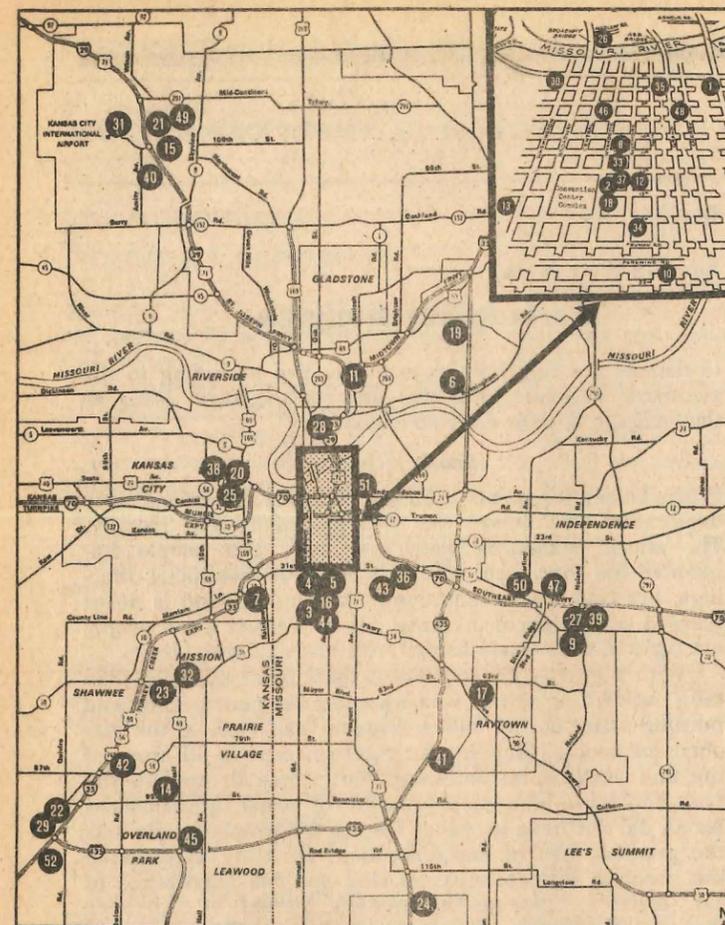
Kansas City, Missouri — June 14-16, 1977

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1221 Baltimore
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Southern Baptist Convention	June 14-16
Woman's Missionary Union	June 12-13
Pastors' Conference	June 12-13
Religious Education Association	June 12-13
Church Music Conference	June 12-13

G. ALLEN WEST, JR., Executive Director

Hopewell Holds Church Training Fair



Church Training on Sunday morning? That is what Hopewell Baptist Church had October 3. It was all part of their Church Training Fair.

The fair was to introduce new materials for Church Training to Sunday School members who might not regularly attend Church Training. During periods prior to the Sunday School class time and after the worship service, church members could survey materials from pre-school to adult.

Also during the fair, those who were interested were pre-enrolled in Church



Training classes. Floyd Price, pastor, reports that of the 130 persons who pre-enrolled for Church Training, over 100 were present in the evening classes. "We felt that it was a good percentage," said Price.

Hopewell is one of 17 Pilot Churches in Church Training using new methods and new materials to revitalize their Church Training programs. This program presents Church Training to new persons and provides a way of re-enrolling new members while clearing out class rolls.

Butler Elected Moderator For 1976-77 Term

Rev. LaVerne Butler, pastor of Ninth & O Baptist Church and Vice-Moderator for the previous term was elected Moderator at the Annual Meeting. Rev. Jay Brown, pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church was elected Moderator-Elect/Vice-President of the Executive Board.

Other officers elected were: Finley Williams, Clerk; Bernice DeJarnette, Assistant Clerk; and Dr. Allen West, Treasurer.

DON'T FORGET!

World Missions Conference

October 31 - November 7

46 Missionaries - 92 Churches

MISSIONS RALLY

Beechmont Baptist Church

Saturday, October 30

7:00 P.M.

Dr. Wendell Belew
Guest Speaker

Christian Social Ministries
Workshop

Interviewing Skills and Techniques

November 16, 1976

7:00-9:00 P.M.

Long Run Baptist Association
400 East Chestnut

Teacher Preparation and
Preview for

January Bible Study

* Book of Romans *

Teacher:

Dr. Wayne Ward
Professor of Christian Theology
Southern Baptist Seminary

November 22-23
Cedarmore Baptist Assembly

Youth Evangelism Workshop

MOVED TO NOVEMBER 12-13, 1976

The Long Run Baptist Association will sponsor a Youth Evangelism Workshop for all senior high youth on November 12 and 13, 1976, at Ninth & O Baptist Church. The featured speaker for the Friday evening session will be Dr. Jim Ryan, Director of Boyce Bible School. Special music for the evening will be provided by Mr. Ken Boatright, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Speakers for Saturday will be Jim and Susan Harper. Jim and Susan served as summer missionaries in Kentucky last summer. Jim formerly played football for the University of Georgia.

The Friday evening session begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday session begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Ninth & O Baptist Church is located at 2921 Taylor Boulevard.

"M" Night

December 6, 1976

Sively Baptist Church

1599 Sadie Lane

The film "Bold Discipleship"
will be shown.

R. A. Family Night and Chicken Supper

November 6, 1976

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Parkland Baptist Church
7206 Old Shepherdsville Road

Speaker — Mrs. Lester Patterson,
Missionary Associate to Cooper
Memorial Indian Church, Mc-
Loud, Oklahoma.