

**WESTERN RECORDER**

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# Daley Observations

## Do Kentucky Baptists Care About Baptist Schools?

The most far reaching issue for Kentucky Baptists which surfaced in Lexington week before last was not even presented to the convention messengers. It was a report presented to the Executive Board of the convention by the Christian Education Study Committee after three years of study. This was a committee of the Executive Board and so the report was presented to board members and not to convention messengers.



The far reaching implications of the report, however, might well dictate the wisdom of its being sooner or later presented to and discussed thoroughly by as many Baptists in Kentucky as possible. This is because the realization of the objectives and goals listed in the report will not depend upon the schools, Executive Board members or denominational leaders but upon Kentucky Baptist pastors and members sitting in church pews.

Those interested in the future of Kentucky Baptist educational institutions would do well to recheck the news article on page 7 of last week's issue (Nov. 18) of *Western Recorder*. The full report should also be read by as many Kentucky Baptists as possible. There is at least one copy of the complete report in the hands of state Executive Board members in every district association.

Such efforts to gain stronger support for Baptist schools in Kentucky are not new. Others have been helpful but fell far short of expectations and needs. This would indicate that the task envisioned will be a strenuous one.

The committee put its finger on the nerve in the wording of a statement for the study. The committee

intends to undergird Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools by "setting forth mutual plans that will inspire the confidence and support of Baptist churches, individuals, corporations and foundations."

That's it, but what a job!

Some will disagree but the masses of Baptists in Kentucky have never been excited about supporting their schools. Individual Baptists have given strong support but not the denomination in general.

A major capital needs campaign back in the sixties failed for the most part even with the help of a professional fund raising firm and a full time director. The goal was \$9 million with only about \$3 million raised. To partly atone for the failure the convention arranged a \$6 million loan for the schools with annual loan repayments coming out of Cooperative Program funds ever since.

The decision on the future of Baptist colleges and schools must be made by Kentucky Baptists. No amount of determination, excellent plans and enthusiasm by college and denominational officials can get it done. Until Baptists in Kentucky are willing to give more of their dollars and more of their sons and daughters to Kentucky Baptist schools, the outlook is dim.

This may be the best opportunity we have ever had. The school presidents are united and are working together better than any time I recall in 27 years of close observation of Kentucky Baptist schools. The competition, provincialism and selfishness of other eras is at a minimum.

Other aspects of this new undertaking for Baptist colleges and schools will be discussed in *Western Recorder* from time to time. Those readers with concern for this issue are invited to submit their views for publication consideration.

## A Commendation for Baptists in Plains

Members of the Plains Baptist Church in Georgia have come through a crisis victoriously. With the whole world looking on, Plains Baptists on Nov. 14 revoked a 1965 action of the church denying admittance to Negroes and other civil rights demonstrators. The Plains decision pleased many Southern Baptists over the nation because of their concern over the racist image of Southern Baptists.

This church has had world exposure because it is the home church of President-elect Jimmy Carter who opposed the church ban of blacks in 1965 and because out-of-town blacks attempted to enter the church two days before the Presidential election in spite of the church policy. The blacks were locked out on two Sundays prior to the Sunday when the 1965 ban was rescinded.

It was a triumphal day for Plains Baptists but of course it did not finally settle all deep seated problems and instantly heal all the wounds suffered in the crisis. Our prayers for these fellow Baptists will be needed a long time.

Most likely one of the casualties will be Plains Pastor Bruce Edwards. He took a valiant stand against the ban on

blacks and, even though he was sustained by a majority, the ill will toward him by some church members will neutralize or destroy his ministry there.

Churches looking for a pastor could well consider this man. He is a New Orleans Baptist Seminary graduate and has served in Plains about two years. A highly reliable Georgia Baptist leader assures me he is a very able man. In a telephone conversation with him the night before the showdown I found him calm and sweet-spirited.

Plains Baptists are not to be totally condemned for the 1965 action. After all, the same attitudes toward blacks and demonstrators was shared in 1965 by many other Baptist churches in Georgia and probably not a few in Kentucky. The important thing is they were big enough to admit the mistake and to rectify it.

This was not easy. Plains Baptists in recent months have tried to worship and carry on under almost unbearable circumstances. Imagine a small village church being descended upon by hundreds of news people, secret service agents, tourists and curiosity seekers as well as agitators. Churches were never meant to function under

such conditions. Only their prayers, the prayers of fellow Baptists and the Holy Spirit could have brought them through so redemptively.

All of this is another indication of a new South in racial attitudes. For some it is an adjustment to the inevitable. For more it is a change in attitude resulting from new insights gained from the teaching and preaching of biblical

truth.

Sometimes the progress seems very slow but we must remember that only several generations ago slavery was defended from Baptist pulpits on the basis of Bible passages.

Plains Baptists have written an important chapter in the history of Southern Baptists' emancipation.

## Baptist Forum

### BULLETS VS. CHRISTIANS

As Kentuckians we all have heard the old saying that someone or other was not worth the powder and lead to blow their brains out, but I don't think anyone ever really took it seriously. In Cambodia, which has been in the news lately after having a Communist revolution more radical than either Russia or China's, this very idea has been put into practice against Christians.

Recently a photograph was smuggled out of Cambodia showing a group of Christians being beaten to death with sticks and hoes because *bullets are more valuable than Christians!*

Can we in America where the words "In God We Trust" are even printed on our money imagine what it is like to live in a country where Christians are not even worth bullets?

Our Baptist faith is an individualistic faith. Each person must make an individual decision for the Lord. In the Soviet Union, however, not only are Christians not considered individuals, they are not even considered people. They are considered as objects. This is evident in the accounts given by former Communist prisoners, such as world famous author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, and Pastor Richard Wurmbrand. Lenin, the father of modern Communism echoed this belief when he said, "You cannot fry eggs without breaking shells, and you cannot cut wood without making chips fly."

Saint Paul tells us that we are all part of the body of Christ, and the part of the body in America cannot allow the parts of the body under Communist domination to suffer. If a man's hands were cold, wouldn't he warm them?

There are many ways we can help

Christians in other countries. Christians should write to their Congressmen, or the President, or both, and ask that the U. S. government request the release of Soviet and other Communist political and religious prisoners. Another way these Christians need help is through religious literature. In a country where Bibles are in every hotel room it is difficult to imagine that a Bible is worth the price of a cow in Russia on the black market, and worth more than that in some other countries. Several organizations provide Bibles and other literature to the Communist world. Money sent to the American Bible Society (Broadway and 61 St., New York, N. Y.) marked for use by Brother Andrew will go to provide Bibles to Communist countries. For those unfamiliar with the work of Brother Andrew I heartily suggest you read his book, *God's Smuggler* (published by Spire Books, 75c paperback).

The world is getting smaller day by day, and as the world shrinks it becomes more and more imperative that Christians everywhere not only learn about each other but help each other as much as possible.

Robert Treadway, Heidelberg

### APPALLED BY ABORTION CLINIC

Please count me as one "against abortion" for the record.

I have been a Baptist for more than 30 years. I was appalled at the Walnut Street Baptist Church renting space to an abortion clinic. I can hardly believe that our Baptist name has been connected with "killing babies."

Mrs. Olive K. Byron, Louisville

### BE A FRIEND!

I would like to respond to the article in the Nov. 4 issue of the *Recorder*, "Higher Education Worth Support."

Since I am a graduate of both Campbellsville and Georgetown I can appreciate Christian education. However, at one time I was very discouraged with our colleges. I came to feel that they had lost their sense of purpose and were merely trying to imitate other colleges and universities. I felt so strongly about this that I wrote an article that was published in the *Ohio Messenger* in which I said that I was glad we did not have a Southern Baptist college in Ohio and hoped we would not attempt to start one.

Since moving back to Campbellsville in 1970 I have completely changed my mind. I am convinced that the leadership at Campbellsville is fully committed to making Campbellsville College the kind of school that will provide a high quality education without compromising Christian convictions and scriptural truths.

I am so thoroughly convinced of this that I have pledged to make regular contributions to the school. I have also volunteered to give some time in helping secure other financial support. Chester Badgett and I have volunteered to give the equivalent of one day each week working with "Friends of Campbellsville College" seeking to enlist other individuals who will support the school financially.

Our goal is to help fund the unfunded scholarships. Each year Campbellsville grants scholarships in excess of \$200,000.00 which are unfunded. The policy of the school is to reject no

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# Baptist News in Brief

## Plains Church Ends Racial Discrimination; Carter 'Just Another Member'

"There are no more closed doors at this church," said Hugh Carter, as he stood on the front steps of Plains Baptist Church following an almost three-hour church conference.

Carter, deacon and church clerk, was announcing results of an agonizing decision of the church membership that both upheld the cherished Baptist tradition of congregational authority and ended racial discrimination.

Along with his announcement of the new open-door policy at the small south Georgia church, he reported the congregation action to retain the services of its pastor, Bruce E. Edwards, despite a vote by its deacons to ask for his resignation.

Hugh Carter, a Georgia state senator, church chorister and cousin to President-elect Jimmy Carter, told also of another action of the church establishing a "watchcare" committee. The committee, which will be elected by the church, will "investigate persons who apply for membership at Plains Baptist Church and make recommendations to the church as to whether or not to accept that person," he said. He noted that race will not be a factor in the recommendation.

Hugh Carter, speaking on behalf of the church at its request, said, "We

worked it out among ourselves."

Edwards, speaking from the same rainy and cold steps as Hugh Carter, noted: "Our church had a family problem. We settled it in a family manner. I'm grateful to the church and proud to be pastor of Plains Baptist Church. I believe that we will pull together and have an effective ministry for Jesus Christ."

When asked if he would stay on as pastor in light of the positive action of the church, Edwards said, "for the time being, yes."

Four distinct actions were taken in the almost three-hour church business meeting that was closed to all but church members. A motion to not consider a recommendation of the deacons to fire the pastor was defeated. Many who later voted in favor of the pastor voted against the first motion so that a clear cut and well defined decision could be reached, a church member said.

A motion then to fire the pastor at once failed by a vote of 106-87. Then the "watchcare" committee was created by unanimous action and an open door policy established by a vote of 120-66.

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, president of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, joined many other Southern Baptist leaders across the U. S. in lauding the church for its action. He called it "wonderful news" and said the doors of a church should be open to allow all persons to worship, regardless of race.

President-elect Jimmy Carter, who attended the church conference, expressed real joy at the action his church took. In his brief statements to newsmen and the crowd of tourists and curious onlookers outside the church, he expressed gratitude for the spirit in which the situation had been resolved and said, "I am proud of my church."

Although Carter modestly said he had been just another member of the church casting a vote against racial discrimination, insiders say he worked quietly and diligently behind the scenes to bring about reconciliation. But many others, including State Sen. Hugh Carter, made the same kind of effort, observers say.

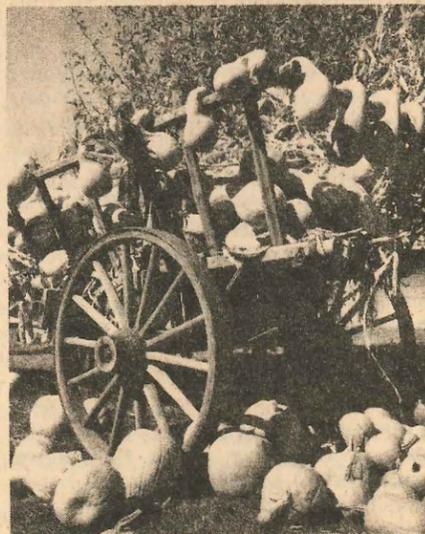
Hugh Carter, one of the 12 deacons who originally voted to ask Bruce Edwards to resign, summed up the feeling of most of the church's membership when he said, "We all acted too hastily. I know that I am sorry that I had voted to dismiss the pastor myself. I have apologized to the pastor and the church."

## Double Exposure

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations (Psalm 100).*

Gracious heavenly Father, you've given us so much to be thankful for. Grant us one thing more—a thankful heart.

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## Obscenity Action Urged

The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, in annual session at Carlisle, Pa., pledged prayer support for President-elect Jimmy Carter and his administration and urged the Pennsylvania legislature to pass laws authorizing local government to control obscene material.

In other action, elected "messengers" to the convention approved a total budget of \$887,531, including a \$225,000 goal for Cooperative Program unified budget receipts from its churches.

## Northwest Names Editor

The Northwest Baptist Convention, in annual session in Portland, sent a telegram to President-elect Jimmy Carter commending him and urging him to use his influence to encourage Baptist bodies to avoid restricting membership on the basis of race or national background.

In other action, messengers heard a report that the convention's executive board, in a pre-convention session, had elected William O. Crews, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Portland, to head the convention's newly-formed communications division and also succeed the retiring C. E. Boyle as editor of the *Northwest Baptist Witness*. Crews will supervise the convention's printing operation, in addition to editing the newspaper and handling public relations.

## Michigan Marks 25 Years

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan, meeting in South Lyon, celebrated 25 years of Southern Baptist work in the state and voted a record \$1,469,785 annual budget.

It was announced during the convention that Lowell Lawson, a Home Mission Board missionary appointee, will join the Michigan convention to serve as director of the Baptist Center in downtown Detroit. He is former minister of education at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, and has served on the staff of the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville and

has taught at the Boyce Bible School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Colorado Admits Blacks

The Colorado Baptist General Convention, meeting at Greely, voted to convey prayer and concern for President-elect Jimmy Carter and heard reports of the affiliation of nine new churches, including two black congregations with the convention.

In other action, the messengers passed a resolution against the "increasing moral decay in our society," and voted a record budget of \$1,149,967, of which \$602,395 is expected as Cooperative Program receipts from Colorado's 150 Southern Baptist churches. Twenty-four percent of the Cooperative Program figure will go to worldwide Southern Baptist causes.

## Indiana Baptists Oppose Parimutuels, TV Violence

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana voted at Fort Wayne to oppose parimutuel betting in Indiana, to send a wire to President-elect Jimmy Carter assuring him of "prayers and concern" and to oppose violence and immorality on television.

In other action, "messengers" to the convention elected Don Moore, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., as president, and recommended that a study on pastoral compensation be sent to church leaders in Indiana.

The convention also approved a total budget of \$1,210,659, which includes a goal of \$848,000 in receipts from churches through the state's Cooperative Program unified budget. Some 30.5 percent of the Cooperative Program goal will be sent to worldwide causes through the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Cooperative Program.

## D. C. Invites Carters

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention voted to invite President-elect Jimmy Carter to address its centennial

celebration Nov. 10-11, 1977 at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Rosalynn Carter, wife of the U. S. President-elect, will be invited to speak to the annual meeting of Baptist Women, missionary organization, according to convention action.

In further action, delegates adopted a budget of \$662,731. In 1975-76, the D. C. Convention gave 41.5 percent of the receipts from its churches to national and international missions with the greater part going to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). The D. C. convention is dually aligned with the SBC and American Baptist Churches in the USA, Inc.

## N. M. Votes 1st Million

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico voted in annual session at Carlsbad to approve the convention's first annual \$1 million budget and passed a resolution encouraging Baptist agencies to avoid business contacts with organizations which sell alcoholic beverages.

The resolution stipulated that a copy of the resolution be sent to Grady Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

J. R. Burnette, chairman of the resolutions committee, said the resolution grew out of a protest by some New Mexico pastors that commodities used by Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center were being purchased from firms that also sell alcoholic beverages.

## Virginia Recognizes Women Ministers

Virginia Baptists, meeting in Alexandria, commended Virginia churches which have set aside sex role discrimination and have given official recognition to women as ordained ministers and deacons.

A record budget of \$7,250,000, a spokesman said, represents a \$1 million increase in mission giving. Thirty-eight percent of the state's Cooperative Program receipts will go to worldwide causes of the Southern Baptist Convention through the SBC's national Cooperative Program.

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# Baptist News in Brief

## Fall Season: Prime Time? It May Be at Glorieta

Judging from the success of a late October Sunday school conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, the fall months may become prime time for leadership training.

Approximately 650 persons from 12 states met to participate in the first fall season Sunday school leadership conference ever held at either Ridgecrest or Glorieta.

"We discovered that a number of people found it more convenient and desirable to come to a fall meeting rather than one in the summer," said A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville.

Adult leaders were the largest group to attend the conference, followed by general officers, workers with youth, children and preschool. Eight persons attended the session for workers with mentally retarded while 16 more were in a bus outreach conference.



More than 650 attended the fall Sunday school conferences at Glorieta.

## Jerden Colorado Editor

Larry R. Jerden of Memphis has been elected editor of *The Rocky Mountain Baptist* in a special called meeting of the Colorado Baptist General Convention's executive board at Denver.

Jerden, 32, associate editor of *World Mission Journal*, published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, will join the Colorado staff about Feb. 1 according to Glen Braswell, convention executive director.



Jerden

He will succeed O. L. Bayless, who retires Feb. 28, serving as the fourth editor in the young state convention's 21-year-history. He will also be director of public relations, Braswell said.

Before joining the Brotherhood Commission staff in August 1973 Jerden served for five years on the *Baptist Standard*, weekly news publication for Texas Baptists, as staff writer and assistant editor.

Previous positions include assistant editor of *Baptist Men's Journal*, predecessor to *World Mission Journal*; news writer in the public relations office of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and reporter for United Press International, Little Rock.

## Ridgecrest Seeks Staff

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, a year-round religious retreat near Asheville, N. C., is accepting applications for employment on the 1977 summer staff.

Conference center personnel will hire about 350 Christian young people and adults to serve more than 30,000 guests during the 14-week summer season. Staffers are needed for the complete summer term, May 29-Sept. 5, although applications will be accepted for shorter periods.

Applicants must be high school graduates between 18-75 years of age.

Inquiries should be addressed to George Boswell Jr., Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

## Rennell to Middletown

James Earl Rennell, 39, has been elected associate in the KBC's Sunday School Department effective Jan. 1.

Rennell is currently minister of education at First Baptist Church, Madisonville. The Detroit native is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.; Southern Seminary; and Vanderbilt University. He holds the doctor of ministry degree from Vanderbilt.

He has served pastorates in Allensville and Hopkinsville, Ky. and in Indiana. Rennell is a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Married to the former Grace Louise Combs, Perry County, Ky., Rennell is the father of three girls.

He succeeds Fred E. Halbrooks, elected director of the Sunday School Department earlier this year.



Rennell

# Baptist Forum

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worthy student who truly deserves help. We would like to lift this heavy burden from the school's operating budget so that it will not have to continually operate in the red. We would welcome others who would like to call themselves Friends of Campbellsville College by helping us secure funds for this purpose.

George R. Gaddie, Campbellsville

## AN APPRECIATED PASTOR

For the glory of God and with enrichment of innumerable lives in the community of Lawrenceburg, Ky., Bob C. Jones has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in our town for the past 10 years.

On Sunday evening Nov. 7, in commemoration of those 10 years and Bro. Bob's 25 years in the ministry for our Lord, a celebration was held in the newly renovated and enlarged sanctuary of our church.

The preacher was surprised; the house was packed; some 25 visitors—family and persons important in Bob's life, were guests in a special section, as we played out: "This Is Your Life, Bob C. Jones." Among the guests: Bob's mother; his lovely wife Mary's mother and father; brothers and sisters of both and other family members; his former pastor, A. W. Walker; and former Scout Master, Scott Detrick, the long time school board member of Jefferson County.

As master of ceremony of the hour's program, Mike Richey, Sunday school director and recently elected deacon, did a magnificent job, as did all on the program. The other participants were: Jim Boyd, Ed Royalty, Woody Gash, Robert Cammack, Charles Williams, A. W. Walker and Kenneth Hale, the minister of music and youth of First Baptist.

Gifts of books to Bro. Bob and silver bowl to Mary were presented and a reception in the Fireside Room for 600 in attendance concluded a delightful evening.

How wonderful for the Lord's people to come together for expressions of love and friendship with singing and laughter, all for the glory of God.

Ralph Homan, Lawrenceburg

## BLUEGRASS AND YELLOW ROSES

Although there is a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky, 37 Kentucky natives have made their way out to Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex. To try to keep in touch with fellow "easterners," several Southwestern students have formed a Kentucky club.

Organized in April 1976 the club provides fellowship and, occasionally, car-pools for the long trek home. Club president is Eric Fruge, a second year Master of Divinity student from Owensboro. Kenneth Jones of Louisville, also a second-year M.Div. student, serves as secretary. Corbin native Phil Majors is program director. Phil is also a second-year M.Div. student. Don Rudolph, a second-year M.Div. student from Paducah, serves as devotional chairman.

Two native Kentuckian faculty members are club sponsors. Al Parks, Richmond, is an associate professor of education administration. William R. Estep Jr., Williamsburg, is a professor of church history. Both sponsors have hosted club meetings in their homes.

The Kentucky Club meets once a month for a brief business session, a devotional and refreshments and fellowship.

Any Kentuckians considering attending Southwestern Seminary who are interested in contacting the club prior to moving can contact the president, Eric Fruge, at 4424 Wayside Drive, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115. The club welcomes anyone who wants to plant a little bluegrass in amongst all those yellow roses!

Susan McCool, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Allow me to take this means to thank hundreds of Kentucky Baptists for their prayers and Christian concern for me.

As some of you may know, I retired from the pastorate of the dear First Baptist Church in Middlesboro almost a year ago. Since then God has given me the privilege of proclaiming his Word in scores of churches throughout our state. However, these precious tasks have become increasingly difficult from a physical standpoint.

After repeated surgical operations, it

was finally discovered about three months ago that I had massive cancer of the bladder and adjacent glands. This called for radical surgery which I have recently undergone. Although the road back to recovery, at this point, seems long and arduous, I feel sure that the same loving Father who has brought me safe thus far is able to complete his plans for my life.

The purpose of this letter is to try to express my sincere gratitude to the hundreds of you who have so graciously remembered me in your prayers and in dozens of other ways have expressed your love and concern.

My chief surgeon came into the intensive care unit a few days after surgery, when I was able to hear and understand his conversation. Standing there over me, he said words to this effect: "Preacher, there must have been a lot of prayers going up to God during that surgery. Every member of the surgical team remarked over and over that they could feel the presence and power of the Great Physician."

He went on to say that the team agreed that they had never had a longer, more complicated surgery in their experiences that went as smoothly and without a single fault.

I thanked him and later was able to tell him that I had learned of prayer meetings being held throughout the state of Kentucky, in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina and even as far west as Utah.

Please let me say to all your dear readers: "Thank you for the greatest service you could render, sincere, heartfelt prayer unto God on my behalf."

Truett Miller, Route 1 Box 269C, Madisonville 42431

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# Missions & Ministries

## FMB Appoints 28; Record 2,715 Serving

With the appointment of 28 new missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptists' foreign missionary force has exceeded the 2,700 mark.

A total of 2,715 missionaries now serve in 84 countries. A major goal in the board's total missions thrust for the next 25 years is to have a missionary force of 5,000. In the past 25 years, the number of missionaries has increased from 832 to the present 2,715.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, said in his report at the board's November meeting that the missionary personnel outlook is good.

"With the appointment of the large group of missionaries today and the prospect of another splendid group in December, the outlook is good for bringing 1976 to a close with more missionaries appointed than in any previous year," he said. The record year for appointments was 1975, when 265 missionaries were appointed.

Cauthen said that he is encouraged by the greatly increased seminary enrollments and a deepening concern on the part of college and university students for the needs of the world.

The increased number of volunteers for foreign missions and a simultaneous increase in support indicate the feeling that Southern Baptists have for the world missions program, said Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the board's department of missionary personnel.

"This milestone is particularly important during this time of the year when Southern Baptists are praying for foreign missionaries and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions," Cobbs said.

The board also heard a report from Frank K. Means, secretary for Eastern South America. He reported that the South Brazil Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has requested \$1,000,000 for church development and \$250,000 for mass media ministries to enable them to do their part in reaching Southern Baptists' goal of giving every person in the world the opportunity to hear the gospel by 2000.

Since Brazil has the largest number of overseas churches, he said, the mission feels it has the biggest job to do in multiplying its churches.



Martha [Mrs. James D.] Belote is looking over some news for Foreign Missions Hotline. She is the first woman and former missionary to be recorded for the project.

## Hotline Voice Is Former Woman Missionary

The voice of Southern Baptists' Foreign Missions Hotline for the first time is a woman and a former missionary.

Martha Belote, former missionary to China, Hawaii and Hong Kong helps to provide the latest news of Baptist work in more than 80 countries around the world, and also gives everyday thoughts and prayer requests of Southern Baptist missionaries on the field.

Mrs. Belote is deputation coordinator for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and is in charge of scheduling missionary speakers for conferences and camps. Her husband, James D. Belote served as the board's secretary for East Asia from 1968 until his death in March 1975.

The Missions Hotline began its sixth consecutive year on Nov. 15 and will run through Dec. 15. The prerecorded message, which will be changed each Thursday, will be available for the price of a three-minute station-to-station call to Richmond, Va., to (804) 355-6581. If a crisis occurs between recordings, the current tape will be re-recorded to include updated information.

Information for the Missions Hotline comes from the board's eight area secretaries and other staff members; from field representatives stationed in each mission area; and from the missionaries themselves.

## HMB Names Associates

Sylvia Lee Morris of Louisville has been appointed a missionary associate by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Miss Morris, a student at Southern Seminary, will work as a student intern in Christian social ministries work.

She is a native of Hodgenville and is a graduate of Campbellsville College.

Robert and Becky Sumrall of Louisville have also been appointed missionary associates.

Sumrall, a native of Gulfport, Miss., is attending Southern Seminary. He will be working as a student intern in Christian social ministries in Louisville.

Mrs. Sumrall, a native of LaGrange, Ga., graduated from Southern Seminary in 1976 and currently is a social worker at Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown.

## Bullards, Lawsons Appointed by HMB

George and Betty Bullard of Louisville have been appointed missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

They will serve in Lutherville, Md., where Bullard will be special consultant for metropolitan ministries with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Lowell and Ann Lawson of Louisville have been elected missionaries.

They will live in Detroit, Mich., where Lawson will serve as director of Christian social ministries at the Baptist Center.

## Johnson Receives CPA

David Lee Johnson of Richmond, Ky., has been approved to receive Church Pastoral Aid (CPA) by the Home Mission Board.

Johnson will be mission pastor of Isabella Baptist Chapel in Shepherd, Mich. Prior to his appointment, he was pastor of Union City Baptist Church, Richmond.

## Money Where Mouth Is

### Price of a Football Ticket Exceeds All Gifts to World Relief: Reid

Orvil Reid, a 68-year-old retired foreign missionary famed for his physical fitness exploits, backs his concern for world relief with hard cash.

He has presented Paul Adkins, director of disaster relief for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, a personal check for \$1,200 to be used for aid in the United States. He also gave \$1,800 to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for world relief.

Reid said the funds were earnings from his writing and from severance pay after serving as a missionary in Mexico.

In a recent exploit, Reid jogged 600 miles from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. He made the trip in a month, averaging 20 miles per day, pausing to speak to raise people's awareness of the need for world relief.

He set a goal of raising \$60,000 through these engagements, asking that the funds be channeled through state Baptist convention offices to the mission agencies.

Adkins announced that he had asked Reid to work with his department when he returns from a projected world tour, which may take him to Africa, Central and South America and the Orient.

"Reid will be especially effective with people at resort areas and seaports, where his ability to speak Spanish will help, and in conferences with senior citizens," Adkins said.

In addition to his ability to jog extreme distances, Reid allows cars and trucks to run over his stomach, lets strong men hit him in the stomach, permits groups to pull on ropes around his neck while he sings, and in other ways proves his physical fitness.

Reid said he has attempted to dramatize to Baptists and to others the waste in American society and the needs of the world's hungry.

"There's something sick about a society which gives millions to one athlete and neglects the dying in the world," Reid said.

"If Southern Baptists alone gave just the price of a football ticket to world relief, it would exceed all we have given

in recent years."

Adkins commented that while we can commend efforts to miss a meal and other dramatic ways to share, "We need a change in lifestyle that can only be achieved through a learned discipline and a forced discipline. The gospel has something to say about sharing and we need to learn it."



Orvil W. Reid backs his concern for world relief with hard cash. Reid [right] presented Paul M. Adkins, director of disaster relief for the Baptist Home Mission Board, with a check for \$1,200 to be used for aid in the United States.



Forty-nine Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil and Brazilian Baptists have started a running club "to add more years to their lives." Using Dr. Kenneth Cooper's book "Aerobics," the group became interested in jogging for physical fitness in small numbers. When the club was organized in February of this year there were only seven members. There are now 49 actively involved in the club with the membership growing everyday, according to William H. Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary.

## Baptist Work Continues During Rhodesian Upsets

Southern Baptist mission work continued virtually unhampered in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in spite of missionary reports of rumored guerrilla presence in the rural areas, according to a Baptist missions spokesman.

Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for eastern and southern Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said that travel was restricted at three of the mission stations due to military activity but at this time none of "our people" have been moved from their work.

The Baptist hospital and high school at Sanyati, Rhodesia, continue to operate and missionary personnel are functioning normally, Saunders said.

"They (the missionaries) are cautiously optimistic that something might come of the talks in Geneva," he said, "but they are fairly apprehensive about the immediate future if the talks break down."

Political activity has not hampered any of the missionaries' planned special activities, he noted. A Baptist Student Union group from Louisiana and a group of stewardship experts from several states in the U. S. completed their planned trips and campaigns this summer without incident, Saunders said.

## Is There Reason for Apprehension about A Southern Baptist in the White House?

by E. Glenn Hinson

A startling sidelight of the current presidential race is the apprehension many persons have displayed about the possibility of a Southern Baptist president. This apprehension is not unlike that once directed toward Roman Catholic candidates for high office. It has evoked enough concern that Governor Carter has spent a considerable amount of his time trying to explain and defend his faith.

It should arouse equal if not greater concern among Southern Baptists, for, if it says anything, it says that persons outside the Southern Baptist Convention no longer see there one of the most, if not the most, cherished Baptist principle: a concern for religious liberty as conserved by the separation of Church and state. Americans no longer regard this group of Baptists as the Gibraltar of religious liberty.

What are the sources of this apprehension? What in Southern Baptist life is telegraphing a need for alarm? Or, conversely, what is mission from Southern Baptist faith and practice which should be there to reassure others about an abiding concern for liberty?

Southern Baptists, to be sure, are conscious of the element of liberty in their heritage. They have no awareness that a cherished treasure has gotten lost. Convention statements frequently reiterate the concern. Both at local and national levels Southern Baptists enter the lists against those who would violate separation of Church and state for example, by way of aid to parochial schools. They support the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in the interest of conserving separation of Church and state. In their own eyes they are constantly vigilant in the interest of liberty.

Why, then, the apprehension? No doubt it is communicated in subtle rather than overt ways.



Hinson

One factor may be the intensity of evangelistic/missionary concern in the SBC. The fact is, in the history of Christianity, it has been precisely an excess of evangelistic zeal which produced persecution of Christian by Christian. It was concern for conversion, one must remember, which Augustine cited as a reason for using coercion to convert the Donatists. His line of reasoning later became the basis for crusades against unbelievers and for the Inquisition.

Most Southern Baptists will respond, "That happened a long time ago. It won't happen to us. Liberty is too much a part of our heritage to allow this distortion." The fact of the matter is, however, such rationalizations probably heighten the apprehension of others, for it means that Southern Baptists fail to see the potential danger in a concern which sometimes overshadows concern for religious liberty.

Undergirding the apprehension further is, of course, the widely held stereotype of Southern Baptists as ultra-conservative. The immense diversity of the SBC is not detected by outsiders because conservatives seem to catch the eye of the media intent on preserving the one-directional image. Judged by the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, Southern Baptists come across as narrow, rigid fundamentalists intent on stamping every Baptist with one image.

In addition, if Southern Baptists give lip service to the traditional Baptist concern for religious liberty, they drown out the words by antithetical stances many take on important Church-state issues. Some of these differ little from positions represented by Roman Catholics before the Second Vatican Council. A large percentage of Southern Baptists for example, would vote in favor of Bible reading and prescribed prayers in public schools and a constitutional amendment against abortion. And it will be interesting to see how many Baptist schools take advantage of the liberalized Supreme Court interpretation of direct aid to colleges.

Many Southern Baptists have expressed surprise and concern that Gov-

ernor Carter answered the questions of his *Playboy* interviewers as specifically and candidly as he did. This writer wondered himself why Mr. Carter couldn't have allayed fears that he would impose a conservative morality by simply saying, "I'm a Baptist. What are you worried about? Aren't you aware of the Baptist legacy to separation of Church and state, to religious liberty?"

Mr. Carter may have created part of his own problem by admitting the fervor of his own faith. But that admission would account for only a part of the widespread apprehension. A much bigger factor has been the stereotype, however inaccurate, which many impose on Southern Baptists, a stereotype very close to pre-Vatican II Roman Catholicism. This stereotype has forced Mr. Carter to explain and defend his faith.

This would be a good time for Southern Baptists to do an inventory. The chief question had better be: "How have we strayed so far from fundamental principles that objective observers would take alarm as they have in this election?" It will not suffice to take the inventory from Convention statements. We had better look at our "body language" as well. Southern Baptists are saying something they don't want to say. This writer, at least, hopes they don't want to say that concern for religious liberty as conserved by separation of Church and state is subordinated to other goals, however commendable in themselves.

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# Interesting People

## "Mature Living" Editor Calls For Rebirth of Respect for Senior Adults

With a "call for a rebirth of respect for older persons," John Steen began his duties as editor of *Mature Living*, a new monthly magazine for senior adults published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

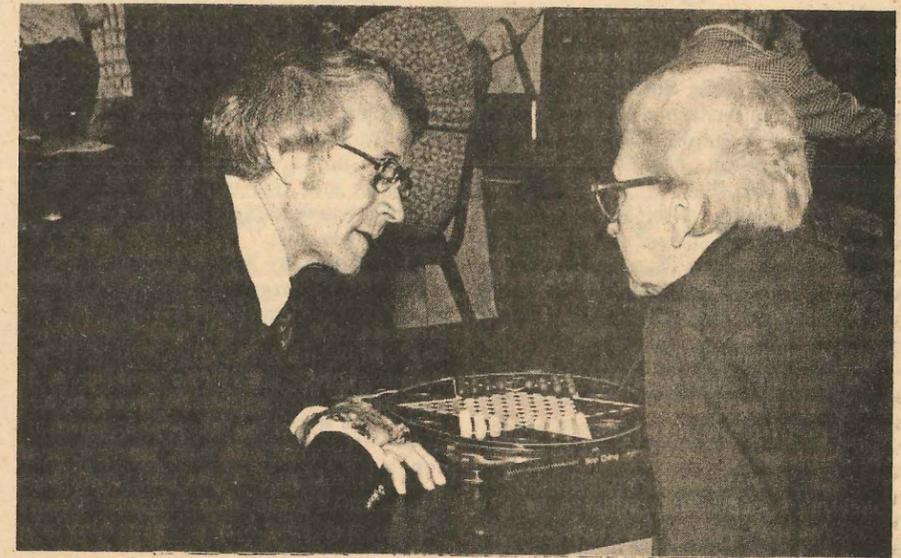
The publication, scheduled to begin with the April 1977 issue, is for persons over 60, pastors and senior adults workers. Regular features of the magazine will include columns devoted to the special medical and emotional needs of senior citizens and consumer protection.

The first issue will include such articles as: "Wear Out, Don't Rust Out!"; "Gray Hair And Green Thumbs: Male Gardeners; Celebration In April"; "Save Money — Fix It Yourself"; "What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Old"; and "A Plan For Starting Senior Adult Work In A Church."

*Mature Living* readers will have several ways to contribute to the magazine, Steen said. "Grandparents' Brag Board," a monthly feature, will include readers' stories and pictures of their grandchildren. "Readers Respond" will be the portion of the magazine for readers to write to the editor and express their views and share programs their churches have for older adults. A nostalgia column, entitled "I Remember When . . ." will feature contributions from readers about life as it used to be. Steen also invites other manuscript contributions, as well as favorite games, cartoons and recipes.

"I want the magazine to reflect their interests," Steen said. "A very integral part of the magazine will be reader participation. I want older adults to know that this is their magazine, and that it's here to serve their needs and interests."

The average Southern Baptist church membership consists of 18% senior adults, and according to Steen, the Sunday School Board has been interested in senior adult work for a number of years. "That interest," Steen said, "came to a focus about three years ago. At the Conference on Aging, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, there was one recurring statement: older adults wanted a magazine of their own. They wanted something to tie



John Steen, above, editor of *Mature Living*, talks with a senior adult during a conference at First Baptist Church, Nashville.

them together across the convention."

Consequently, the board began to research the possibility of a publication specifically for senior adults. The study showed that readers wanted a magazine separate from their Sunday School material. An uplifting approach was adopted, similar to the style used in the Board's *Home Life* publication.

A native of Mississippi, Steen attended Mississippi College, Clinton, before receiving the B.A. degree from Baylor University, Waco. He holds degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and from Union Theological Seminary, New York. He was presented an honorary degree by the Atlanta Law School.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board in 1969 as an editor in the Sunday School department, Steen was pastor of First Baptist Church, Clayton, N. C. He is a member of the Gerontological Society of America and he frequently speaks to senior adult groups.

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# Interesting People

## 90-Year-Old Dedicates New 'Amazing Grace' to Carter

by Erwin L. McDonald

A 90-year-old Little Rock minister-educator-poet has written a new version of President-elect Jimmy Carter's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace," and is dedicating it to Carter.

Joseph Boone Hunter, a former Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) missionary to Japan, has had his hymn copyrighted and is making it available at no charge to churches wishing to use it as a feature of worship on "Inauguration Sunday," Jan. 16, the Sunday just ahead of the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.

Hunter wrote the new version before the presidential race and decided to dedicate it to Carter as he listened to the Carter interview by New York journalist Bill Moyers on national television.

At that time candidate Carter told of his "born again" religious experience and indicated that "Amazing Grace" was his favorite hymn.

"I was greatly impressed with Mr. Carter's sincerity of purpose and his personal religious experience," the veteran minister said in an interview in Little Rock. "He impressed me as being the kind of leader our country desperately needs at this time."

The first two verses of the Hunter hymn relate to the "new birth" of the Christian religion, which received wide publicity during the presidential campaign as a result of the Carter statement of faith:

"Amazing Grace, His boundless love, surrounds and fills my soul; And since I hold Him in my heart. My life has joys untold.

"I tried for years to live alone And keep His love away; But, He, my path, did walk beside, To shield my steps each day."

Although the third stanza was written with all Christians in mind, Hunter sees it as particularly reflective of the life experiences of the president-elect:

"I know I've crossed o'er swollen streams and yawning chasms wide; Perhaps some fainted soul at prayer, Though unseen was my guide."

The closing stanza highlights the Christian's commitment to God's purpose for his life:

"And now I would my witness bear, His love and Grace make known; I've found my task along life's road; His call shall be my own."

Churches may secure copies of the hymn at no charge by writing to Hunter at his residence, 68 Berkshire Drive, Little Rock, Ark. 72204, and enclosing 26 cents in stamps for the cost of mailing.

He will provide one copy to a church with permission for it to be reproduced for church use. His copyright is to protect his rights as author against someone publishing the hymn without his permission.

Writing poetry and hymns has been a lifelong hobby of Hunter, who was born at Allen, Tex., in 1886.

He has written a Christmas poem each year since 1929 and is presently composing a poem for the Bicentennial Christmas of 1976.

"I agree with the late Robert Frost that 'A poem has to begin with a lump in your throat,'" said the minister. "If you are going to write poetry, you have to begin with a deep emotional experience — a great joy, or perhaps, a heavy burden."

For a long time, Hunter has felt the need for the old hymns to be reworded. Besides "Amazing Grace," he has written new versions of other hymns, including "Just As I Am" and "Rock of Ages."

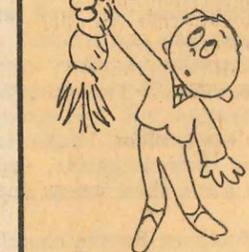
Some of his versions have been widely used.

Better prepared academically than most people of his generation, Hunter has the bachelor of arts degree from Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky.; the master of arts degree in political science from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; and the bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. He also has the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

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## "Can Jesus Really Save Me?"

by Herb Barker

"Can Jesus Christ do anything to change my life?" the tough old Chinese soldier looked me right in the eye as he asked the question. He had asked to talk with me following an evangelistic service in the Baptist church at Chiayi, Taiwan. Evidently under conviction but ashamed to come forward during the invitation, he had asked a friend to send me back to talk with him after I counseled with those who responded.

"I've been in the army a long time," he confessed, "and I have a lot of very bad habits. Can Jesus really change me and give me the new life you have been talking about?"

His direct question still represents to me the real challenge of missions, and I can see and hear that challenge in so

many ways as I serve in the Republic of China or Taiwan. It is my privilege to point men to the love and power of God in Christ as I testify to the fact that Jesus can literally change their lives.

I knelt with that old soldier and prayed as he confessed his need to God and received through faith both forgiveness for and power to overcome sin.

I reflect on that experience often when I think of what Southern Baptists are doing — when I think of what you are doing. You are meeting needs in human lives as you send the message of hope and release from the oppression of sin as you pray and as you give through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the Cooperative Program.

## Our Baptist Heritage

The celebrations of the nation's centennial in 1876 were marked by oratory much more grand than that of the celebrations of 1976. In addition, the Thanksgiving season of 1876 was a time when many Americans paused to give thanks for the first 100 years of the United States.

One Baptist who exemplified both these characteristics of the centennial year was James M. Pendleton, whose words have appeared more than once in this column. A former pastor of the Baptist churches in Bowling Green and Russellville, Pendleton had left the South when the Civil War broke out, and was living in Pennsylvania in 1876.

On Thanksgiving Day of that year he delivered a centennial address at Upland, Pa., on the topic, "God's Dealings with the United States of America." His text was "God hath not dealt so with any other nation."

He concluded his magnificent sermon with the following words:



Jack Birdwhistell

"One destiny awaits us, and one flag waves over us, symbolic of more glory than Greece, or Rome, or France, or England ever saw. Our government places the shield of its protection over the New Englander in the East, the Californian in the West, the inhabitant of Minnesota in the North, and the citizen of Texas in the South. All men are equal before the law and the genius of the Republic requires us to respect a man not because he is a *white* man, or a *red* man, or a *black* man, but because he is a *man*."

God bless our country! May her generous soil supply abundant harvests; may her noble rivers and magnificent railways continue to transport her productions; may the busy hum of industry be heard in all her manufactories; may her diversified mines disgorge their treasures; may her exports exceed her imports; may her institutions of learning flourish; may ardent patriotism prevail, may truth and righteousness abound; may liberty, civil and religious, make this land its permanent home; may Christianity shed its beneficent influences;—so that it may be said of our people, God "hath not dealt so with any nation" (Ps. 147.20).

## Frank Owen



### DISAPPOINTMENT — GRATITUDE

No one can decide when to have an illness — or a flu setback. To have missed any great Kentucky Baptist fellowship for me — a born conventioneer — would have been a catastrophe, but to miss an annual convention broke my heart. And, of all things, to miss one that met at my own beloved former church — Calvary, Lexington.

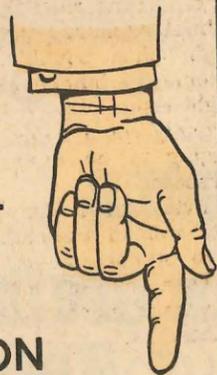
However, my bitter disappointment is now heavily seasoned with gratitude. Gratitude for your apparent forgiveness for my absence — for your many expressions of love and concern — for all the reports of a fine convention session — for the excellent function of officers of the convention and staff members, too numerous to mention.

Now my gratitude includes the latest report from my doctor that the siege is vitally over. I'll exercise a little discipline while further strength is rebuilt, but I aim to be roaring back to the full schedule I love and am grateful to reanticipate soon.

Thanks to our Lord and to Kentucky Baptists. You've elected a wonderful new set of leaders to succeed their unexcelled predecessors. Let's have another great year.

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### The Coming Announced

Luke 1:26-38

In Luke, the careful biographer, we have a splendid example of the type of men the Holy Spirit used to make available to the world the important facts concerning the life and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This lesson is first in a series of four entitled "God Comes to Man in Jesus."

Mary, a devout and godly Jewish maiden, and Joseph, a devout and capable young carpenter, were betrothed to be married. Among the Jews in that day an engagement was not a light thing which might be broken off casually upon some slight pretext. The tie of betrothal was as sacred as that of marriage. It was customary for a couple to be engaged for approximately a year before marriage. During that interval, unfaithfulness on the part of the young lady was punishable by death. Joseph and Mary were looking forward with great anticipation to their coming nuptials and it was a time gilded by many bright hopes of future happiness.

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth in Galilee to appear to the virgin Mary with a very specific and personal message for her. Gabriel suddenly and unexpectedly appeared in Mary's presence and informed her that she was the one whom God had chosen to conceive and to become the mother of a child, whose name would be "Jesus," in fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

This announcement of Mary's forthcoming supernatural conception was the most wonderful one that was ever made to any woman. It is no wonder that Mary was startled beyond description by Gabriel's announcement. To encourage Mary, Gabriel also predicted Jesus's greatness and the perpetuity of his kingdom.

Knowing that she was a virgin, Mary could not understand how she could bear a son, so she inquired of the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" Gabriel explained that God had the ability to make the virgin birth possible. Mary's expressed willingness to become the human instrument through which the saviour might come into the world was highly commendable. She certainly set a noble example for all of us who have a longing to be used by the Lord in carrying out his purposes.

Even though Mary was honored by God more than any other woman it is both unscriptural and sinful to deify her or to attempt to exalt her to the place of a mediator between God and men. Mary possessed many commendable traits of character, but she was neither divine nor sinless.

Life and Work Series

### Learning Together

Matthew 11:28-30

Those who had been laboring strenuously to observe the law of Moses were disappointed and dissatisfied because of their inability to do so. Ere they succumbed to weariness and hopelessness, Christ said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It is folly to labor for that rest, for the only way in which it can be obtained is by receiving it as a gift from the Lord.

Christ wants all to cast off the yoke of the law, to receive him as their personal saviour, to become his followers, to learn from him and to work with him. He wants each Christian to submit to his instruction and guidance.

Christ promised that his yoke would be easy and his burden would be light. A yoke is made for two and as used here, it depicts the fellowship of the believer with his Lord. Being yoked with Christ, one finds the burden light because the yoke is padded with divine love. Keeping step with the Lord and working with him, we find rest in service.

Hebrews 5:11-14

Even though it had been quite some time since the readers of the Epistle to the Hebrews had become Christians, they were still spiritually immature and unable to feast on the great and deep truths of God's Word. That accounts for the writer's disappointment at their lack of spiritual development and his challenge to them to fill their proper places in God's great redemptive purpose. He was anxious to see them develop into qualified and experienced teachers of the Scriptures.

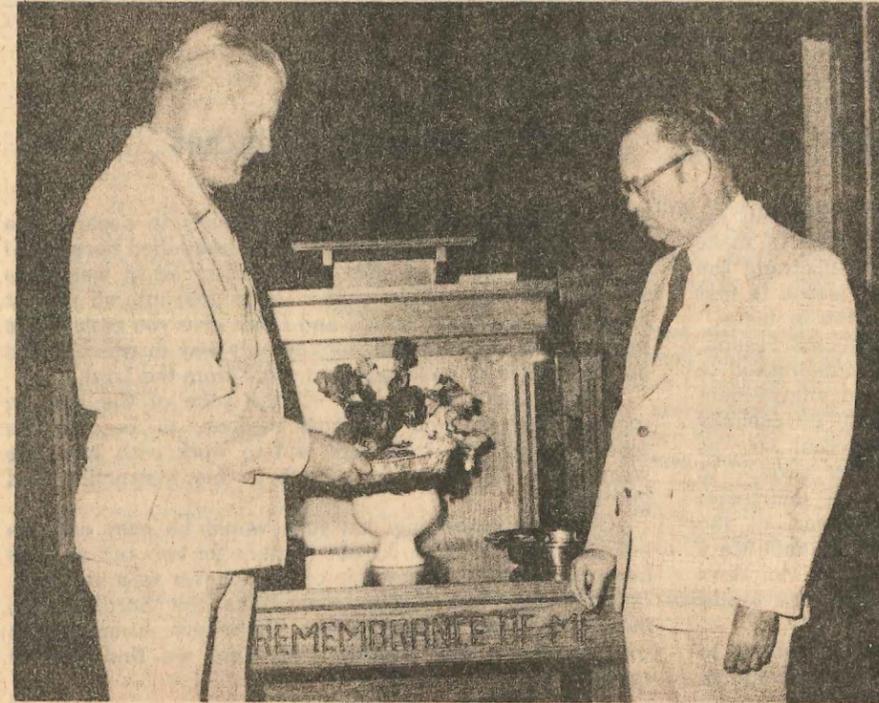
Acts 17:10-12

In the synagogue at Berea Paul and Silas encountered unprejudiced Jews who were willing to listen to their gospel messages. After listening attentively, these Jews carefully searched the Scriptures to see if what these missionaries had said were true. Upon discovering that the preaching they had heard was scriptural, many of the Jews believed on Christ and were saved.

Colossians 3:16

Paul called special attention to "the word of Christ." This not only refers to what he said, but includes the entire body of truth concerning the Lord Jesus, as given to us by the inspired writers and recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Let the word of Christ find hospitality and permanent residence in your heart, thereby influencing and controlling your life. Join with your fellow Christians in expressing the gratitude of your heart and the praises of your lips in singing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" to the glory of God.

# Mountains to the Mississippi

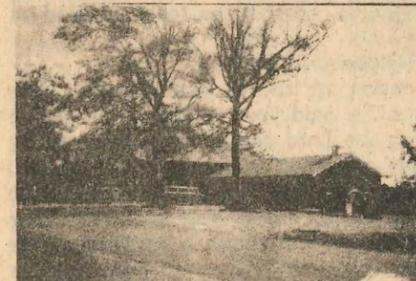


First Baptist Church, Silver Grove, held a noteburning service Oct. 3. Pictured are George Tiemeyer, chairman of deacons, and Charles H. Mitchell, pastor. The debt was retired on the annex leaving the church debt free.

## Grace Honors Teachers

Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, recently held a "Teacher Appreciation Sunday." Mrs. Emma Tackett was named "Teacher of the Year." Mrs. Irene Burns was honored for faithfulness to the Sunday school.

The teachers received plaques for their service.



Temple Hill Baptist Church, Glasgow, recently dedicated a new educational annex. Lester Nash, former pastor of the church, preached the message of dedication. Also, a \$30,000 note was burned by church trustees. James S. Jones is pastor of Temple Hill.

## Holderman Lectures

Harold Holderman, director of Glendale Children's Home, was the guest lecturer at Campbellsville College recently.

## Smiths Recognized

Crescent Springs Baptist Church sent pastor William R. Smith and his wife Joyce on a 10 day tour of the Holy Land recently. This was in recognition of seven years of service and in celebration of the Smith's 25th wedding anniversary.

## Ordinations

Robert White, a native of Frankfort, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church of Chalmette, La. He is the son of Mrs. Claybron Risk and the late Robert White. White is a graduate of Campbellsville College and a student at New Orleans Seminary.

## Personnel Changes

### Highland Park Names Pelletier and Breland



Pelletier

Breland

David Pelletier has been called as minister of education at Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a student in the doctor of education program at Southern Seminary. Bert Breland, a native of Mississippi and a first year student at Southern Seminary, has been called to the church as minister of youth.

### Eddings to Hopkinsville

Doyle Eddings has been called to serve as pastor of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He is a native of Diamond, Ky., and is married to the former Carolyn Herndon of Cadiz. They have two children.



Eddings

Eddings has served as minister of music in western Kentucky and southwestern Indiana and was serving as pastor of Keck Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., until the call to Hopkinsville.