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# Daley Observations

## Congratulations to Associate Editor Jim Cox

It is not the general policy of *Western Recorder* to sing its own praises nor to exalt those who produce it each week. But a significant honor has recently been bestowed upon our associate editor and the paper which we must share with our readers.

Associate Editor Jim Cox has been chosen as president of the Baptist Public Relations Association for the coming year. This group is made up of nearly 300 people serving in public relations and communications posts of Southern Baptist and state Baptist agencies and institutions all over the nation.



Jim says he was completely surprised when asked to assume the leadership of the group. But those of us watching him work in other capacities in this organization were not surprised at all. It is recognition of his ability and hard work.

He served as program coordinator and host for the association's annual meeting this year in Louisville. The attendance was an all time high and many reported it was the most outstanding program in the history of the meeting.

*Western Recorder* was also honored with an award by the organization of second place for news publications. This award was based on one issue of *Western Recorder* during 1976 judged by professional news people. The category in which this award was made was only one of many categories. We are proud of this second place award though it does not mean we were second best in news reporting of all state papers. The contest was based on only one issue and some state papers did not submit an entry.

*Western Recorder* has a significant record in having outstanding associate editors. In the last 20 years *Western Recorder* associate editors have moved on to fill some of the most significant editorships among Southern Baptists.

George Knight is now editor of the Southern Baptist family magazine, *Home Life*; Gene Puckett is editor of *The Maryland Baptist*; and Bob Terry is editor of *Word and Way*, the state paper of Missouri Baptists.

Now we have come up with another outstanding Baptist journalist in Jim Cox. But let those eternal seekers of bright young journalists beware. Jim is happy where he is and we are tired of being robbed. For the sake of Kentucky Baptists, take the editor next time and leave the associate editor.

## Kentucky Baptist Hospital Enhances Its Healing Ministry

A word of commendation is due the directors and administrators of Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville for the recently announced plan to share some services and facilities with St. Anthony Hospital. The two hospitals which stand across the street from one another will be joined by covered passageways across the street and thus will have access to each other's facilities and services.

The two hospitals will retain their separate identities and administrations. The joint venture will be known as the Highlands Medical Center. An existing medical office building on the St. Anthony Hospital property will be expanded and renamed the Highlands Medical Plaza. It will also be directly joined by passageways to the two hospitals.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital Administrator Ben Brewer gives assurance that the plan in no way is in conflict with the historic Kentucky Baptist ministry in healing. Rather, it enhances the services offered, guarantees the continued services of Kentucky Baptist Hospital in its present location and probably reduces the patient costs in some instances.

The only possible objection of Kentucky Baptists to such an arrangement would be some surrender or compromise of the basic convictions and practices in the Baptist healing ministry. The convention elected hospital directors have carefully considered any such possibility and have given enthusiastic approval to the plan. The chaplain ministries and other religious services of the hospital are not effected in any way, according to Administrator Ben

Brewer.

The advantages of the plan are obvious. For one thing it assures the continuation of Kentucky Baptist Hospital healing services in its present location. Questions have continued to be raised about the future of Kentucky Baptist Hospital since the opening of Baptist Hospital East in suburban Louisville and the transfer of some allocated beds from Kentucky Baptist to Baptist East.

Kentucky Baptist and St. Anthony now find themselves located neither in the downtown medical complex nor in the growing suburban medical and hospital centers. Consequently they face the difficulties involved in not being most conveniently located for doctors and others. But with this plan the two hospitals will be able to provide as complete and convenient medical services as anywhere.

From the standpoint of capital investment the plan makes sense. With every passing month hospital equipment becomes more and more sophisticated and expensive. Single pieces of equipment which modern hospitals must have now run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Two hospitals adjacent and joined to one another can make use of one another's expensive equipment and thus offer the latest in treatment for less cost than if both had to buy all the equipment.

All in all it sounds like a wise move. It is another chapter in the success story of the healing ministry of Kentucky Baptists beginning in 1918.

Guest Editorial

## The Obituary of the Family is Premature

by Harry N. Hollis Jr.

Director of Family and Special Moral Concerns  
Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The fraternity of prophets of doom about the family is growing. Alarming statistics about divorce, child abuse, and couples living together without benefit of marriage license are realities used to argue that stable family life is on its way to extinction.

Strangely enough, others look into their crystal balls and say that the family is entering its golden age. According to these optimists about the family, the changes we are seeing are merely "sparks off the anvil of adjustment." The family will serve us as "portable roots" in a mobile society.

Surely the truth lies between predictions of gloom and glory. But I side with those who are optimistic. The family is God's idea for the ordering and enrichment of human life. Family life is not going to be destroyed by pop-sociologists who offer novel alternatives to the family in order to sell their latest books. Family life will not be

dissolved by couples who try to camouflage their adultery by calling it "marriage in our sight" or "living together." The family will not only survive, it will prevail—because it is God's idea.

The obituary of the family is premature. But the family needs the help of Christians everywhere. We need to practice a family life that will demonstrate what Christ's love will do for a marriage. We need to show the vitality that comes to family life when worship is linked with work. We need to demonstrate the health that can be found in child rearing that combines love with discipline.

Indeed the future of the family depends on the place that we give to Jesus Christ in our homes and in our hearts. Christian Home Week is an appropriate time to reaffirm our commitment to family members and to the One who holds the future of the family in His hands.

## Baptist Forum

I was very much impressed with the March 24 issue of the *Western Recorder*.

It exhibited the following improvements:

1. It moved from pure event information to challenging and thought provoking information.
2. It shows a step in theological questions.
3. It provides opportunity for differing opinions with the reader having to decide and think for himself.
4. I want to cast my vote for the premillennial position of the second coming of the Lord.
5. It shows a step in the right direction.

Rev. Ronald E. Bowlds  
Louisville, Ky.

In a letter regarding a deacon being divorced, aren't pastors supposed to be same as deacons, ordained? What about pastors then? Does this not apply also? What about the number of

divorces a person may have, or has had?

I agree a person should not be condemned as if a devil but, God Blesses Christians who stand for principles that Jesus set forth.

Should we not look to the future and save our future deacons and church members from having to strain to get the gnat out of the camel's eye because of the blindness of our own? Let's follow the principles of Jesus and not foul up things for our future church members.

I will sign my name but ask that it not be printed because of issues in our church that may personally hurt someone in future times.

Thank you for an opportunity to speak and for helping us to understand more of what Christ means in our lives.

Name Withheld  
Whitesville, Ky.

Apparently the letter by Walter K. Price in the *Western Recorder* March

17, 1977, was written before the publication of my article on "Dispensationalism." At least he does not seem to be aware that my article answered the basic arguments of Walvoord stated in the book which he recommends. Walvoord reduces the number of passages on the pre-tribulation rapture to John 14:3, I Thessalonians 4:17, and I Corinthians 15:52, none of which have one word about the tribulation. Walvoord says that the outcome of the debate depends upon II Thessalonians 2:1-12, and my article shows clearly that the second coming of Christ and the gathering of the saints to meet Him is put after the coming of the lawless one or anti-Christ. Verse one speaks of the gathering of the saints to meet Christ and his second coming and verses 7 and 8 speak of the coming of Christ after the coming of the lawless one. How can language be plainer. All of this was said in my article. Incidentally, the date of the book by Walvoord is 1976, not 1977.

Dale Moody  
Louisville, Ky.

# Baptist Forum

"The Pastor's Wife Speaks to the Pastor" by Mrs. Ted Sisk in Feb. 10 *Western Recorder* met a real need.

I heartily concur with her conclusions on the calling, need and responsibilities of a pastor's wife. No wife needs to feel insecure being second to a husband that puts God first.

Mrs. Ralph Duncan, Pineville, Ky.

The scholarly discussion of Premillennialism, Dispensationalism, Amillennialism and Postmillennialism, by Dr. Dale Moody, was profitable, whether or not one agrees or disagrees with his position. I enjoyed these articles, and wish to comment on one statement he made.

In the course of his response to Hall's questions, he made this statement: "The church was founded during the ministry of Jesus, not at Pentecost. See Matt. 16:18."

It is lamentable that, in the realm of Christendom, there are religious bodies, and prominent leaders who emphasize over and over, that the church was "set up," "established," "organized," "started," "founded," or had its beginning at Pentecost. Such statements are dogmatically made without one iota of scripture to support this

theory.

Scriptures (which space forbids here), may be multiplies, which show that the church, was organized by Christ, and functioned under his ministry.

When the day of Pentecost came there existed just about every factor and characteristic of a New Testament church. Before the day of Pentecost, they had a list of names together, about 120, (church roll) (Acts 1:15). On the day of Pentecost they had an addition of about 3,000 (Acts 2:41). The church existed before Pentecost, for you can't add something to nothing. The 3,000 were not charter members, the 120 were.

The promise by Zachariah (1:16), that the Lord's house would be built in Jerusalem, has been cited as proof that the church was set up on Pentecost. This statement referred to the building of the Temple in Jerusalem by the exiles who returned from the Babylonian captivity, and had no reference to Pentecost at all.

When Jesus, in the commission used the words, "beginning at Jerusalem," (Luke 24:47), he was not referring to the church beginning its existence in Jerusalem, but to the church, which was already in existence, beginning its world mission task in Jerusalem. This

they did.

For almost fifty years I have believed and preached, that the church had its origin under the personal ministry of Jesus. This probably hasn't meant too much, but for a man of the caliber of Dr. Moody, to make this statement, it calls for mention, and attention, I think.

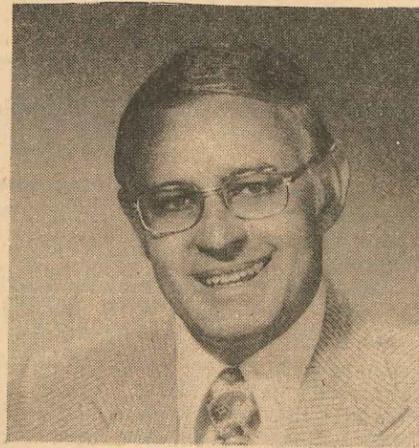
Carl Loy  
Columbia, Ky.

So we are to turn off the violence and pester the TV stations for one week. After that little blow there'll be a good laugh and the violence will go right on.

Why not mount an all out effective campaign that will put them out of commission? Note the advertisers of the products which they sell. Meantime write the advertisers and tell them why you will not use their product. Money talks, and when the sales really fall off they'll listen and we'll get better programs. There is no other answer and we are fooling ourselves when we think that there is. If every Christian, in fact every person, who gives lip service to deploring the poor quality of TV would stop buying the goods, our homes would clean up like magic.

Mrs. Ruth Hope Lessley, Paducah, Ky.

# Baptist News in Brief



## Cox Elected President Of Baptist PR Association

James H. Cox Sr., associate editor of *Western Recorder*, state newspaper for Kentucky Baptists, was elected national president of the Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) during the organization's annual meeting in Clarksville, Ind.

Cox, of Middletown, Ky., succeeds Stanton Nash, assistant to the president at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Mill Valley, Calif., who will serve as awards chairman for the 1978 BPRA meeting, Feb. 14-16, Scottsdale, Ariz. BPRA will meet simultaneously with the annual national meetings of the Southern Baptist Press Association and the organization of state Baptist executive secretaries.

Other BPRA officers are Richard M. Styles, public relations consultant, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., membership vice president; Paul G. Barnes, vice president for development, Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., program vice president; Donald S. Hepburn, director of public relations, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, treasurer;

Patsey Winfrey, director of public relations, Belmont College, Nashville, secretary; and Leonard E. Hill, managing editor, *Baptist Program*, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, newsletter editor.

C. Thomas Newsom, director of public relations at Grand Canyon College, was named local arrangements chairman for the 1978 BPRA meeting.

## Card Carrying Baptists

Southern Baptist Convention registration secretary W. Fred Kendall is making a strong plea for messengers to the annual convention to have their registration cards properly filled out when they arrive. He states registration cards should be secured from the state executive secretary's office and not Nashville.

Churches should check Article III of the convention's constitution to determine the number of messengers entitled to and provide a separate card for each messenger signed by pastor or moderator.

Registration cards may be obtained from Franklin Owen, Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243.

Presnell H. Wood, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church, Houston, has been elected editor of *Baptist Standard*, Texas' Baptist newspaper in Dallas. He will become editor-elect May 15 and editor July 15, succeeding John J. Hurt who is retiring after almost 11 years.

## Shocking News Predicted In Assassination Probes

A Kentucky congressman predicted in Louisville that investigations into the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. will reveal conspiracies.

U.S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard (D-Ky.), speaking to a session of the annual national meeting of the Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) at Southern Seminary, said he believes "shocking news" will come out of investigations such as the assassination probe underway by a special House committee.

Although the Kentucky congressman said he had no, new specific evidence to support the conspiracy view shared by many Americans, he cited a continual build up of information over the years which make the conspiracy theory plausible.

Cooperative Program receipts given in the Mar. 31 *Western Recorder* were incorrectly identified as being through Aug. 31, 1976. Actually these were through Feb. 25, 1977.



Officers for 1977-78 elected by the Baptist Public Relations Association at the group's Louisville meeting are [L to R]: President James H. Cox; Membership Vice President Richard M. Styles; Secretary Patsey Winfrey; Treasurer Don Hepburn; Newsletter Editor Leonard E. Hill; and Awards Chairman Stanton H. Nash.

## Double Exposure

April 17 is Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program Day, a time for underscoring the multiple ministries of our unified giving effort. "Bold Believers in Giving Through a Ministering Church" is the 1977 Conventionwide stewardship emphasis, calling for strong ministering churches. Sunday is a good opportunity to lead church members to a greater awareness of mission needs at home and abroad. Share with them through church organizations and the preaching service how the Cooperative Program works. Lead members to pray for people and causes supported by and helped through it.



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## Southeastern Kentucky:

# An Ugly Mess— Or Something Beautiful?

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

"I believe the Lord is going to use this ugly mess to make something beautiful."

The words were those of a Baptist pastor's wife last Friday morning as she stood amid the ruins of her church.

Torrential rains which had caused the Big Sandy River to overflow its banks had been responsible. Death and destruction were everywhere. Thousands were homeless, many of them members of churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Typical among them was the First Baptist Church of Allen, a small hamlet south of Prestonsburg. The church's sanctuary had stood in five or six feet of water for two days. Now, it was little more than an "ugly mess."

Walls were lined with dark blemishes showing the former water level.

Mud-covered pews had been removed to an educational building which would now provide for all services and organizations.

Even the glass across the baptistry front was caked in slime.

The piano and organ, carried to higher levels to save them, were destroyed even then.

But there was a beautiful part on that sunny spring morning too. It seemed to be reflected in the attitudes of pastor Earl Waugh and his wife.

Tenderly, lovingly, painstakingly they dipped cloths into a cleaning solution and wiped away the filth from buckled wooden pews, preparing them for Easter Sunday services two days later.

Waugh indicated his 200-member congregation would look seriously at rebuilding on a higher elevation. But with a \$30,000 budget, and so many members' homes and businesses completely wiped out, that will not be easy.

### TWO PERCENT ESCAPE

The scene was repeated at First Baptist Church, Loyall, where pastor Dean Pack told of overwhelming losses sustained by his congregation.

"My guess is that at least ninety-

eight percent of us lost ninety percent of our belongings," he declared.

Pack, who lost the contents of his own home, continued. "By the very nature of our calling we pastors are concerned for the needs of our people. And I think, because I suffered also, I can have a greater sense of understanding of my people's needs."

The Loyall church was totally destroyed when the Cumberland River overflowed its banks.

"At this point I don't know if we will ever rebuild," said Pack. "A lot will depend on what financial assistance our sister churches are able to provide."

In a survey of nearly a dozen southeastern Kentucky communities hit by flooding last week, no where was destruction seen as badly as at Pineville. Attempts to reach First Baptist Church and its pastor, Charles Jones, were unsuccessful because telephone lines were out. The church and its parsonage stood under several feet of water in the downtown area.

It has been reported that East Pineville Baptist Church and other churches of that area have also been completely wiped out.

Yet when things seemed darkest for Pinevillians, their counterparts in Middlesboro rushed in with aid.

"This has given us a chance to love people," John Pennington, pastor of First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, declared.

He told of a caravan of vehicles from his church going up to Pineville to distribute food and clothing. "We feel a special obligation to them," he responded.

Earlier in the week, First Middlesboro had met the crisis in its own city by providing shelter for about 40 persons whose homes had flooded. It gave free meals and clothing and was



Dean Pack, pastor at Loyall's First Baptist Church, examines his church's sanctuary after the Cumberland flooded, destroying all the church's contents.

## Special Report

concerned even then for Pineville, sending food by helicopter to the stricken city.

A Pineville radio station commented Wednesday afternoon that "helicopters have definitely been the lifesavers of this community."

Meanwhile, at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, W. B. Bingham, pastor, and his men organized a vigil to man church phones while the women provided food. "Many would call because they were nervous and scared and needed reassurance from some friendly voice," said Bingham.

He told of his personal visits in homes of church members and others in the community. His eyes became moist as he recalled a visit the day before in a home where church members had lost everything.

Following prayer, as Bingham started to leave, his hosts placed two envelopes containing their tithes in his hand.

"You keep it. You need it most now," he suggested.

"No, it's not ours," came the response. "This is the Lord's money."

He expressed special concern for those in Pineville. "What we have done has been a ministry of love and concern," said Bingham.

Herb Jones, at East Cumberland Baptist Church, Middlesboro, reported keeping 20 persons in his church whose homes were flooded.

On one occasion he discovered a man

and his wife and the man's mother enroute from Washington, D. C., to Barbourville, Ky., stranded near his home. He brought them into his own house and gave them warm places to sleep and provided meals.

The son said later, "Thank you for your goodness to us, pastor. My mother is not a Christian and has not been around many Christians before and you will never know what this has meant to me."

### HARLAN AIDS RED CROSS

Harlan Baptist Church was designated a Red Cross center for that community. Several hundred persons were being fed and given shelter in the church's facilities.

"It will be years before many people here are able to put their lives back together," Richard A. DeBell, pastor, commented. "Many older people will never regain normalcy," he declared.

Harlan's streets, two days after the rain had ceased and the water begun to recede, were filled with mud a foot thick downtown and three to five feet deep in outlying areas. Automobiles and trucks were almost completely submerged on roads leading into the city.

In all of these areas at some time or other last week people were without drinking water, their telephones were out, electricity was off, gasoline was scarce, public restrooms were closed,

### Disaster Panel Named

KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen has announced a flood relief committee drawn from the KBC staff. A memo to that effect went to all Baptist pastors in the state Apr. 7.

Owen said funds received at the Middletown office will be reported at the executive board meeting May 2. The board will be asked to authorize the staff to disburse these funds or proceed in another manner as directed by the board.

Owen also stated that \$20,000 is expected to be received from SBC Home Mission Board disaster funds.

The KBC staff committee includes A. B. Colvin, chairman; Bob Jones, Kathryn Jasper, David Book, Forrest Sawyer and Barry Allen.

motels and restaurants were shut down and long traffic lines burdened by hordes of sightseers were typical.

Clear Creek Baptist School near Pineville escaped serious damage and a spokesman there said it could largely be attributed to trenches dug following a previous disaster in 1974. Classes were dismissed Thursday morning to permit students to go up into the mountain hollows with sandwiches, drinking water and changes of clothing for many stranded persons who had lost everything. Typhoid and tetanus shots became standard prerequisites before students left on their missions of mercy.

"At least ninety percent of our students are helping," Maynard Head, public relations director, reported.

Whitesburg was another of the brighter spots in southeastern Kentucky last week. While a few persons were affected seriously the city did not begin to feel the devastation experienced by cities surrounding them.

"We provided shelter, food and clothing for three families who were not members of our own church," said a spokesman at First Baptist Church. "We are grateful to the Lord that our church was spared."

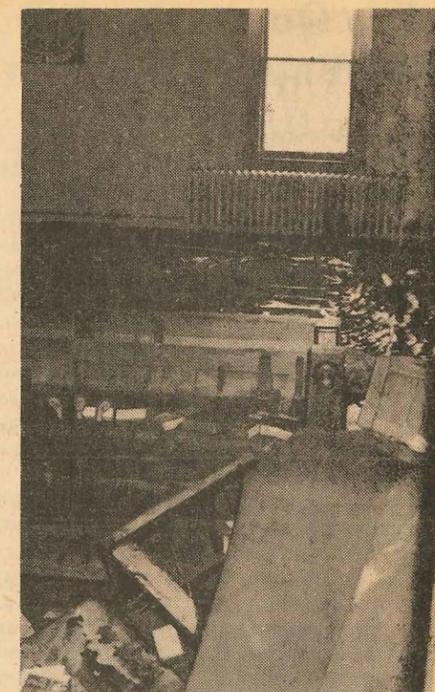
### PIKEVILLE, HAZARD DEVASTATED

Fifty-five miles north, however, Pikeville was clearly a disaster area. In fact, national guardsmen were on duty to protect the city, preventing anyone without credentials from going into the downtown area.

Attempts to reach Earl Best, Pike County missionary, whose home was also reportedly destroyed, were to no avail. All telephone lines were out. Many churches and members obviously received tremendous blows. The same is true of Hazard and other communities in this area.

Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church in Prestonsburg was another fortunate situation. It did not sustain damage from the floods and was able to provide for more than 50 nursing home patients who had to be moved from their residence to a higher elevation. Cole's two missions also provided shelter for the homeless.

Perhaps the most significant contribution Irene Cole made, however, was in the continuing role of its pastor, W. D. Jagers, as a permanent member of the Floyd County Rescue Squad. A trip with him into the back hollows and hills of this mountainous region vividly dramatizes what brotherly love in time of crisis is all about.



Another view of the interior of First Baptist Church, Loyall. [Photos by Glenn Durham]

Jagers traveled in a truck bearing powdered milk, distilled water, canned food and other staples, dispensing them and a word of love and encouragement to those most needing it. He had left a revival on the second day of flooding to return home to his own community to help where needed. Eighteen-hour days have been typical for him since.

At First Baptist Church, Martin, which is presently without a pastor, a water pump worked tirelessly, ridding the sanctuary level and basement of thousands of gallons of murky water.

The organ, piano, pews, hymnals, church library, carpets and walls were ruined.

A lone member, a lady, cried softly as she shuffled through the remains, attempting to find anything which could be salvaged.

Someone likened it all to the book of Job, and questioned, "Why must the righteous suffer?"

But then, one pastor said, "It has opened doors for me to witness that have never been opened before, for I've been praying with and for people who are lost in this community."

Can something beautiful really come from something ugly?

The determined attitudes of many in southeastern Kentucky seemed to reply in the affirmative last week.

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## Pro Quarterback Doubles As Baptist Seminarian

by Dale Helmbold

"You see such a small amount of light sometimes. But you follow it."

Neal Jeffrey of the San Diego Chargers pro football team has been following that little bit of light for a long while, more recently as a master of divinity student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jeffrey wanted to play pro football all his life. Everything he did in athletics was toward that goal. As quarterback at Baylor University, Jeffrey led the team to the Cotton Bowl in 1974. "It was so exciting just to be there," he recalls. He was the unanimous choice for All-Southwest Conference quarterback in 1974 and set a career passing record that same year with 4,341 yards. He was the recipient of numerous sports awards and in 1975 was named collegiate Christian athlete of the year by the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Then his life-long dream came true. He was drafted to the San Diego Chargers after graduation.

But it has been up-hill for three years. He was released from the Chargers after six months. This could be crushing—to have a life-long ambition reached, then see it snatched away.

But Jeffrey says his Christian faith sustained him:

"I thought, 'Maybe the Lord is trying to tell me pro ball isn't what he wants for me.'" So Jeffrey began to look into business opportunities.

But then the New York Giants called. And Jeffrey had to discern if this was from the Lord and if it was an open door.

"The only thing I knew to do was to

try to step through it, and if it closed, it closed. I saw that crack of light, so I decided to follow."

Jeffrey signed with the Giants, but after three weeks, he knew that wasn't the answer. He left New York, again thinking pro ball was not in the Lord's will.

The next day, San Diego called again, wanting him back on the team. The light? Jeffrey decided to take the step and signed on. He's been playing backup quarterback with San Diego for over a year.

Jeffrey doesn't necessarily want to stay in pro ball the rest of his life. That's why he's at Southwestern Seminary now. He feels theological education is the route he needs to take right now. It will take him six years to complete the three-year master of divinity program because he can only attend classes during the spring semesters. The rest of the year he is either in training or playing football.

That's just one hardship Jeffrey and his wife, Shiela, face as he plays pro ball. Because pro games are played on Sunday, Jeffrey cannot be in church on Sunday morning. But he can sometimes attend Sunday night, and Wednesday evening.

Sheila is able to be involved in church activities which helps her adjust to new surroundings and people. But Jeffrey says, "It's hard on a wife to move everything to San Diego for six months, then to Fort Worth for six months, then back again—for six years."

Jeffrey says he has many opportunities to share his Christian testimony. But, "I really don't have that many more opportunities than the average Christian businessman. Every Christian who works in the secular world sees and knows men who apparently have everything but are lacking the essential ingredient of Jesus Christ in their lives."

The Chargers have a Bible study with about eight who usually attend. Sometimes non-Christians come, Jeffrey says, which gives the men an opportunity to reach out.

"It's hard to break through the hard exterior many players have," he notes: "Because Americans tend to idolize athletes, the athletes have trouble admitting to weaknesses and needs. So it's hard for even a teammate to get through to them and really talk deeply with them."



Neal Jeffrey, back-up quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, spends his off-seasons preparing for the ministry of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

## Christian Education

The Christian athletes are trying though. A Pro Athlete Outreach has been formed with the intention of bringing all Christian athletes together in an attempt to reach out to non-Christians, Jeffrey cites.

"Athletes are not supermen," he emphasizes: "They just happen to have a talent that Americans are enamored with. But they have the same needs and frustrations and joys as all men."

### Seminary Sets Fund Goal

Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., voted to launch a fund raising drive to secure from \$300,000 to \$500,000 for a professorship in evangelism and adopted a \$2,394,288 budget for 1977-78.

They also voted to be personally responsible for giving or generating at least \$100,000 of the amount for the professorship.

In other action, the trustees held a joint meeting with the seminary's newly formed Development Council and joined in dedication of the seminary's enlarged and renovated Emery B. Denny Building, which houses the Southeastern library.

### Smith Teaches at Severns Valley

Ronald Smith, professor of music at Campbellsville College, is teaching Fundamentals of Music as part of the Seminary Extension Program at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

### GC Choir to Tour

The Georgetown College A Cappella Choir will perform in six churches in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio April 20-24. The 40 voice choir, under the direction of W. Wayne Johnson, will include as part of its program masterpieces of church literature, American spirituals and contemporary sacred selections.

## WF Comments on Flynt

The board of trustees of Wake Forest University, in a regular meeting has commented on the furor surrounding a recent appearance by convicted pornographer Larry Flynt on the Baptist school's campus.

On Feb. 28, Flynt, publisher of "Hustler" magazine, appeared on campus, at the invitation of the Men's Residence Council, to speak and receive the small student group's "Man of the Year Award."

The award was later described as "tongue in cheek" and "half-humorous" in intent by council President Angelo Monaco, who apologized to the administration for embarrassment caused by the invitation. The invitation was made by the group last October, before Flynt's conviction on obscenity charges, and without the knowledge of the administration, which learned of it about three days before Flynt was to appear.

The next evening, after Flynt had addressed 350 students, Coy Privette, president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, appeared in the second phase of the two-part debate to speak and be honored by the student group as "Alumnus of the Year." Addressing about 50 persons, he rebutted Flynt's point of view.

## SBTS Names Alumni of the Year



Elmore



McCommon

A pastor, a musician and an educator have been named Alumni of the Year by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The trio of Baptist leaders will be honored at the Southern Seminary luncheon at Kansas City Municipal Auditorium June 15 during the annual session of the Sou-



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thern Baptist Convention.

Vernon O. Elmore, a 1946 Southern Seminary graduate, is pastor of First Church, Corpus Christi, Tex. He is moderator of the Corpus Christi Association.

Paul McCommon, a 1945 graduate, has been for 25 years Secretary for Church Music of the Georgia Baptist Convention, the first and only such secretary in that convention. A former pastor, he is the author of *Music in the Bible*, published by Broadman Press in 1956.

Wallace E. Parham, who graduated in 1947, is a minister of education and administration at Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

Tickets for the Southern Seminary luncheon are available at half-price (\$3.75 per person) before June 3 by writing: Alumni Reunion Tickets, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

## GC Hosts Envoys

The annual meeting of the Georgetown College Envoys will be held on the campus April 16.

As representatives from Baptist churches, Envoys develop closer ties between the denomination and Georgetown.

## Wortman Elected

Harold Wortman, professor and chairman of the Cumberland College Department of Music, was recently chosen President-Elect by the Kentucky Music Educators Association.



Wortman

## Helvey Honored

O. J. Helvey, coach of the judoka team of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, was named coach of the year at the conclusion of the judo national competition held last month at San Jose, Calif.



Helvey

## Seminary Students Receive Francisco Award

Four students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have been named recipients of the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award.

The award, which includes a cash grant made possible by an anonymous gift, is named in honor of Southern Seminary's well known professor of Old Testament interpretation.

Recipients are Mike Dudit, a second-year theology student from Jacksonville, Fla.; Linda Weaver-Williams, a third-year theology student from Tyler, Tex.; Mike Fronk, a second-year theology student from Miami, Fla.; and Ken May, a third-year theology student from Huntsville, Ala.



Keon Soo Chi [second from left] was honored at a reception at Georgetown College. A native of Korea, the assistant professor of political science had just become a United States citizen. Shown with Chi are Ray Alexander, executive vice president of the college; Robert Snyder, chairman of the Department of Political Science and Mrs. Snyder.

## NOBTS Plans Reunion

The annual reunion of alumnae of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is slated for June 15 at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

Friends and graduates may purchase tickets for the luncheon at the NOBTS booth in the convention center.

## White Dies in Waco

W. R. White, Baylor University president emeritus and Southern Baptist statesman, died Thursday, March 24, at the age of 84.

White provided landmark leadership for the Baptist General Convention of Texas as executive secretary during the depression years of 1929-31 and for Baylor University as president during postwar transition years of 1948-61.

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# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Corinth Will Build

Members of Corinth Baptist Church, London, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony Sunday, Mar. 20 for an education building. The new building will be a three floor structure housing a large fellowship hall and kitchen on the basement level and educational space on the two upper levels. Ben A. Baird is pastor.

## We Support ABS

Gifts to the American Bible Society from Kentucky Baptists amounted to \$13,178.55 in 1976. Five years ago American Bible Society gifts from Kentucky Baptists amounted to slightly more than \$8,000.

## Ohio Co. Baptists Meet

The Ohio County Baptist Association is experimenting with two semi-annual meetings of the association instead of the traditional two-day annual meeting. The association met Mar. 21 at Second Baptist Church, Hartford, with over 200 in attendance including 160 registered messengers. Thirty-four of the 41 churches were represented according to associational director Charles H. Ham.

Highlights of the meeting were the election of Eugene W. Loy, pastor of Green River Baptist Church, as moderator and the establishment of a long range associational program with the view of eventually erecting an associational building. The building would house the associational offices with a conference room and other facilities for serving the churches in the association.

The Green Valley Baptist Association in the Henderson area is also experimenting with a semi-annual associational meeting.

## Yeager Resigns

Randolph Yeager, economics and history professor at Western Kentucky University, has resigned his teaching post to give full time to the publication of the Renaissance New Testament. This is a translation and grammatical treatment of every word of the New

Testament which Yeager has completed after working 42 years on the project.

Yeager is a Baptist minister and has served as a pastor and Bible teacher as well as a university professor.



Mouth Card Baptist Church, Pike County Association, held a groundbreaking service Mar. 20 for a new pastorium. The new home will be a two story structure. From left to right are: Carl Hunter, professor at Clear Creek Baptist School; Bob Johnson, chairman of the building committee; and Carl Mullins, pastor.

## Immanuel Honored

The media center of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, was awarded a certificate of distinguished recognition by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Library Department recently for achieving required standards of excellence. Mrs. William R. Read is director of the media center.

## Jaycees Select Hall

Dennis A. Hall, executive vice president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc. and administrator of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, was selected by the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the five Outstanding Young Men in the state in 1976.

Hall was sponsored by the Elizabethtown Jaycees.

The Halls are members of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

## Hay and Searcy Tour

Two Kentucky ministers of music are back in the state after a 15 day mission tour of Brazil that included singing to standing room only audiences in temperatures that soared to 115 degrees.

The men—both members of "The Centurymen," the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's men's singing group—are Albert Hay, Harlan Baptist Church, and Doyle Searcy, Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington.

The mission tour was co-sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

## Deaths

### Paschall Dies

C. T. Paschall, father of H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church and former Southern Baptist Convention president, died in Baptist Hospital in Nashville of an apparent heart attack.

Paschall, 85, was a native of Callo-way County, Ky., but had lived most of his life in Paris, where he farmed.

### Resolution for Bryan

Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, passed the following resolution: "Be it resolved that Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., in its regular monthly business meeting express sincerest appreciation to the memory of Brother Charles Bryan, who served his Lord and church for over 40 years."

### Memorial for Farrar

Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., has adopted the following memorial: "In loving memory of our dear pastor, Raymond W. Farrar, and in thanks to God for his ministry among us from March 4, 1973 until Nov. 25, 1976."

### McClain Remembered

Herbert McClain, deacon of First Church, Taylorsville, was the subject of a church resolution that expressed appreciation for his life and ministry. He died Oct. 21, 1976.

tragic missing of the mark with regard to our needed ministry. The displaced and mobile late 20th century individual or individual and his spouse as a nuclear family, to which we are called to minister, are set over and against a false ideal and an out-of-date model.

The individual or residual nuclear family who make up most of our congregations cannot stand the strain of this 19th century ideal. Our people, married or single, are suffering from a bankruptcy of intimacy—an intimacy that in the 19th century was largely ministered to by the extended family and the home community.

The urban reality of our present day existence is one of isolation. We sin against these isolated folk by creating in our churches a futile longing to restore rural 19th century family life.

## Viewpoint

### If God Is Our Father, The Church Is Our Family

by Don J. Burke, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville

Four hundred years ago our Baptist forefathers rediscovered God's remedy for human isolation. Through the "new birth" God becomes our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ becomes our elder brother and the saints become our true family.

Now and for all eternity while marriage, sex and the earthly family can be amongst God's loveliest gifts to a Christian, they are not universal gifts and are never his primary gifts. Our New Testaments tell us that God's prime concern is that we love him who first loved us.

When we come to terms with that love through salvation and the new birth the next thing God does for us is express his compassion for us by adding us to the church. Our Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's new emphasis to evangelize and congregationalize the United States is a soundly scriptural emphasis.

Never before has our historic Baptist understanding of the importance of the local church in God's plan been more needed.

In his dying moments as he looked down from the cross, Jesus saw his private nuclear family represented in

Mary and his extended family, the church represented in John. He charged John with the care of his mother.

The major point is that Jesus made provision for the extended family of faith: the church, to look after all his loved ones. A generation later it was the church that remembered for us our saviour saying: "For whosoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and my mother."

The church is the basic family of all Christians whether they do or do not have a spouse or do or do not have a close earthly family. There is much New Testament language to substantiate this.

In the New Testament there is plenty of family talk but it is all about Jesus Christ as our father and our fellow church members as our brothers and sisters. The church is for us "the household of God" [Ephesians 2:19].

We are the family that meets for the breaking of bread at the Lord's table and we are the family to whom has been given the family prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven ..."

The extended family of the crucified, our church, is for us the bridge between the tight, intense nuclear family, our natural kinfolk by blood, and the larger family of man.

Christian experience in our churches should be a liberating experience. The New Testament Christian should be liberated from the hell of loneliness and the idolatry of the tribe and blood family. "Whosoever does the will of my father in heaven, is my brother and sister and mother."

The local church for every Christian should be God's repository of "life support" systems. These systems consist of other Christians who are nourishing, disciplining and realistic in their relationships to us.

The church is our family whom we can trust, and with whom we are at home. Our church is the one place under the sun where we can be honest; where we can confess our sins and receive forgiveness and acceptance. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are those who truly love us, just as we are, and with whom we can be intimate without resorting to playing games. We in Christ's church are those who love each other because he first loved us.

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**A 'PLANE' GIFT** — Dr. Robert Peden of Baton Rouge, La., [left] makes official presentation of a new Cessna Skyhawk II aircraft to Richard M. Styles, representing the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Peden presented the plane to the mission board as a token of his friendship with Jerry A. Rankin, a Southern Baptist Missionary to Indonesia. Styles is the board's public relations consultant.

## Revival in Thailand Set

For its first major undertaking the Thailand Baptist Convention has planned a conventionwide revival in Bangkok May 4-8.

Guest speaker for the revival will be Wan Petchsongkram, former Buddhist monk who is president of the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary.

The convention is composed of four groups of Baptists and was organized as a fellowship in April, 1976.

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## Baptist Evangelism Plan Uses Argentine Students

Operation Reconciliation, an evangelistic movement utilizing Baptist young people during their summer and winter vacations, has begun in Argentina.

Professors Julio and Dorothy Diaz of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, are leading the evangelism and missions program.

The missions plan includes distributing Christian literature and Bibles throughout Argentina and conducting a census of evangelicals and possibilities for opening new mission points in the area.

The first group of 10 young people and Mr. and Mrs. Diaz worked in the hills of Cordoba near a Baptist camp area. For six weeks they camped together in various towns and villages going door to door selling Bibles, giving personal testimonies and holding informal Bible studies at night in homes, parks and on street corners. Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. A. Benjamin Bedford of Cordoba also helped with the first endeavor.

The first efforts resulted in 36 professions of faith and hundreds of families interested in hearing more, according to Frances E. Roberts, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. She said over 200 Bibles and religious books were sold and one church was begun.

## Atlanta RA's Hike For Annie Armstrong

Three hundred boys and girls from the Atlanta Baptist Association and surrounding metro counties hiked 15 miles each for Annie Armstrong on a March Saturday.

The group marched for pledges of \$1 a mile, raising a total of \$8,000 in pledges for the hike.

Of the 300 kids beginning the hike from the Home Mission Board Building, 250 made it the entire 15 miles to the Georgia Baptist Center.

The hike for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will fulfill part of the five requirements for a RA Home Missions Hiker patch.

## Frank Owen

FLOOD RELIEF



It isn't feasible for our convention to try to be a disaster service. We are not harnessed up for it. For those who wish to give to Flood Relief immediately I have continued to recommend, give to the American Red Cross. They are geared for disaster service. They are on the scene long before other agencies like us can get organized for particular disasters.

We do want to do all we can, which tends to be second echelon response to longer term needs. We have today appointed and met with a staff committee and are ready to receive funds for Flood Relief which donors wish to entrust to us; a religious channel, for religious purpose, principally helping to restore damaged churches, and make whatever Christian allocations our receipts make possible. The committee: A. B. Colvin (Disaster Chairman); Bob Jones (Direct Missions); Kathryn Jasper (WMU); David Book (Baptist Student Department); Forrest Sawyer (Brotherhood); and Barry Allen (Business Manager).

At our next Board meeting, May 4, we shall report what we have done and ask authorization for disbursing the funds. You can trust the above committee and the final decisions that will rest with our Convention Board.

The above procedure was the way we responded to the tornado disaster three years ago. We are again expecting money (\$20,000 this time) from the SBC Home Mission Board Disaster Fund as a start. Let us all give.

Clean-up and immediate necessity groups from churches are already forming—we are supporting. (Be sure you know where you are going and what they need if you aspire to such. Don't become part of the clutter and increase the problem.)

Immediate disaster funds should go to immediate disaster service agencies. We can help with the greater cost of rebuilding after the initial sharing has dried up.

Mark your checks "Flood Relief" and send them to the Kentucky Baptist Building. God bless everyone who wants to help others in need.

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

## Jesus Commissions His Followers

Luke 24:44-53

To the little group of discouraged disciples Christ appeared. He convinced them he had actually risen from the dead. He reminded them that he had previously told them he would rise from the dead. Then Christ opened their understanding concerning what was written in the scriptures about his death and resurrection. He set them free to comprehend and appreciate the scriptures. Many of God's children today need that sort of treatment. What a blessing that some are submissive enough to the Lord for him to use them to render this service to those who need it!

Christ revealed to the disciples the great significance of his death and resurrection. Because he died and rose again remission of sins was made available to sinners. Concerning the service which they as Christians were expected to render, Christ taught the disciples that it was his plan and purpose for them to be witnesses for him, beginning at Jerusalem and preaching "repentance and remission of sins" to all peoples. It was their wonderful and glorious privilege as followers of Christ to preach repentance toward God, faith in Christ, and remission of sins to all who would believe on the saviour.

A witness is one who has seen, heard, experienced or known something, and who is willing to tell what he knows. A witness for Christ is one who tells another what he knows about the saviour with a view to winning him to a saving knowledge of Christ. Christian witnessing is of two kinds—of the lips and of the life. The life speaks even when the lips are silent.

Witnessing to Christ's power to save is a task which is incumbent upon all Christians. This is their highest task and their greatest honor. Because this task transcends their natural abilities, Christians must have spiritual replenishment. Power for effective witnessing for Christ does not reside in any of his disciples, but in the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord commanded his disciples to wait in Jerusalem, which was to be the first place in which they were to witness, until they were endued with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was then, and now is, the only source of power for effective witnessing for Christ. Christ did not hesitate to tell this earnest group of his followers that they were still incompetent to do the work which he assigned to them without the power imparted by the Holy Spirit.

After commanding his disciples to evangelize the lost, Christ led them out to Bethany, the village in which Lazarus, Mary, and Martha resided and in whose home he had spent so much time.

He bestowed upon them his blessing, which they needed so much. As Christ, with uplifted hands, bestowed his blessing upon them, "He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." They worshipped him, and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.

Life and Work Series

## True to the Gospel

The problems which the Lord's people encounter may differ as times change, but the gospel of Christ never changes. It is needed by and is applicable to people of every generation. Therefore, Christians are under obligation to be true to the gospel at all times and in all places.

I Timothy 1:3-7

After a fruitful ministry of approximately three years in Ephesus, during which he maintained an impressive loyalty to the gospel, Paul challenged and urged Timothy to remain in this strategic city and to continue the battle for the truth. Paul appealed to him to continue the work of counteracting the dangerous and deadly heresies that were being introduced within the ranks of the Christians.

Paul urged Timothy to do his best to restrain the false teachers from propagating their heresies. The very fact that Timothy was commissioned to do all that he could to combat the efforts of these enemies of Christ and his cause implies that there was already in existence a standard of Christian doctrine. The false teaching which Timothy encountered was not so much a denial of the essential truths as it was an attempt to add to the gospel of Christ certain fruitless speculations called fables or myths and endless genealogies. The best way to offset false teaching is to teach the truth.

Verses six and seven contain a scathing indictment of the self-appointed teachers of the law who were so ignorant of its contents that their words were meaningless. They displayed their own ignorance when they tried to add law to grace. Because their doctrine was wrong their deeds were evil. The remedy for unsound teaching is "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." This gospel does not have to do with theories, speculations or guesses, but with three established facts, the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

I Timothy 1:12-17

Deeply grateful to Christ for the wonderful salvation which the saviour had given to him, Paul counted it a glorious privilege to relate his Christian experience every time the opportunity was afforded him. He was amazed to think that he, who had said so many hard things about Christ and his followers, had become a minister of Christ and had been given the privilege of speaking well of him. Paul acknowledged that his insulting and outrageous acts against Christians had been committed in ignorant and stubborn unbelief, but that Christ had mercifully forgiven him, for which he was very thankful. He firmly believed and boldly taught that Christ could and would freely, fully, and forever save anybody who would trust him.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

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**MRS. HARRISON GREGORY**  
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For the first time in her history Kentucky WMU holds its annual meeting outside a church. This is the first time it has been hosted by an association. Nelson County Baptist Association will host the meeting which will be at Nelson County High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Harrison Gregory, president of WMU, SBC, will make her first appearance before a Kentucky WMU audience, at this meeting. She will conclude each session with a meditation on the meeting theme, "Who Will Go?", and be the main speaker in the Friday afternoon session.

**THE FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING** will include a theme interpretation by Joan King, a puppeteer, and message by Dr. Emmanuel McCall, "I Go to America," interpreting our Bold Mission Thrust.

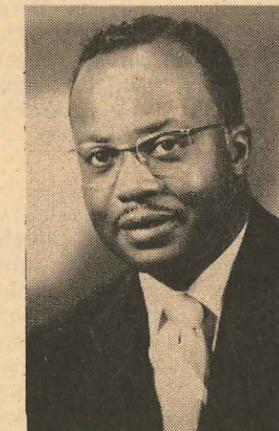
**FRIDAY MORNING** Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hasenmyer, missionaries to Japan, will be the main speakers. Mrs. Hasenmyer is from Bardstown.

**FRIDAY EVENING SESSION** will be climaxed by Walnut Street Baptist Church Choir Brass ensemble in an audio-visual multi-media presentation. Featured at this session will be an address by Mrs. Wayne Buck, missionary to Israel.

**SATURDAY MORNING** — a program has been planned to appeal to all age levels featuring G.A.s. Mildred McWhorter, Baptist Center Director in Houston, Texas, is one of a number of speakers who will give variety and "sparkle" to the concluding session.



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