



WESTERN RECORDER

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The End of an Era

It's the end of a long era for Western Recorder. (See article on page four of this issue.) After operating a print shop since 1919, when the paper was purchased by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, printing operations will be discontinued after Sept. 1, 1977. The paper will not change in appearance nor in any other way. It will only be printed in a large modern commercial print shop.

Naturally there is a tinge of sadness in ending such a long tradition but wisdom and economics dictate the change. The Western Recorder printing operation subsidized Western Recorder during most of its existence but in recent years it has been less and less profitable. We could not afford all the expensive, high-speed equipment necessary in the printing industry today for a successful operation. Consequently, we found it harder and harder to meet the prices our customers found elsewhere and we faced the fact that other printers could print Western Recorder about as economically as we could in our own shop.



Then there is the complex matter of a religious organization's being in a commercial business. We operated as a non-profit business technically but were becoming more and more subject to government regulations including taxes.

My own convictions on church-state separation have never let me be completely comfortable in operating a business with tax-exemption status. Our printing enterprise was non-profit in the sense that there were no stockholders sharing in profits and all the profits went back into the business of producing a religious publication. As such we paid no taxes on our printing profits though property taxes were paid on the building housing the operation.

The Western Recorder directors and staff consider the Western Recorder print shop served its day and served it well but is no longer worth the efforts it requires. It has required more than half the time of one staff member and some time from all of us. Without it we can concentrate on our primary responsibilities of producing Western Recorder and getting it into as many Kentucky Baptist homes and hearts as possible.

Mr. Whittler, our business and circulation manager, can now spend most of his time in circulation efforts. As editor and ultimately responsible for oversight of all Western Recorder activities, I feel a great sense of relief.

Some words of recognition and appreciation are appropriate on the occasion of saying goodbye to the Western Recorder print shop. The foremost expression of appreciation belongs to a host of faithful print shop workers through the years. Many of these considered their work their ministry and this is the way we presented it to all prospective employees. Our workers are experiencing success in finding other places to work and this makes us happy.

Gratitude is also due those who gave us their business. These were mostly Baptist churches, colleges, hospitals, seminaries and district associations. They made our existence possible.

Then there are the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board leadership and members who increased our annual appropriation enough to let us contract the printing of the paper. Executive secretary Franklin Owen and members of the executive board finance committee have been especially understanding and helpful. We are very grateful.

We feel Western Recorder will be strengthened by this move. We pledge anew our commitment to make the paper helpful to Kentucky Baptists and pleasing to the Lord.

Judges for the New Judicial Plan

No plea to Americans deserves more to be heeded but goes more unheeded than the plea to vote in local, state and national elections. Our voting record is shameful compared to other free nations and it is dangerous in light of its ultimate consequences.

There is no better way to lose anything than to ignore and neglect it. This goes for democracy and free elections. Political despots and tyranny are the reward of those who neglect to exercise their right of suffrage.

It is granted the sordid nature of some American

political life turns off many people. But cynicism and abandonment play into the hands of corrupt and self-serving politicians who are always in the wings waiting to take over. When corrupt politicians get into office, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

By now readers suspect the motivation of these words is the upcoming primaries on May 24 in Kentucky. That's right. If this plea for voting in the democratic process on May 24 does not result in more participation, I will be disappointed.

The absence of statewide contests in this year's elections further discourages wider participation. But those tending to discount the importance of this year's elections are overlooking something critically important. This is the choice of judges for the new judicial system in Kentucky.

The Kentucky voters voted last year in favor of major changes in Kentucky's judicial system. This voter approval surprised many observers since Kentuckians generally are slow to approve major changes. Some surmise voters did not realize the extent of judicial changes they approved.

Whether or not we realized all we were doing, we did

it and now the new system is being implemented. Judges for the new court are being chosen in the May primaries.

I am not qualified to make a judgment but competent and trustworthy persons say the new court plan has much merit. Some call it "the people's court" and say 90 to 95% of all litigation will go through these courts.

The judges for these courts will be chosen on a non-partisan basis which means they are not running as Democrats or Republicans. This may further discourage voter turnout since party loyalists will not have a candidate to sponsor.

No plan is better than those who administer it. This goes for Kentucky's new judicial system. The judges chosen for these courts will promote or obstruct justice. We can be sure the immoral forces will work to elect judges they can influence. This is all the more reason Christians should see that judges of unimpeachable character and moral integrity are elected.

Every office to be filled this year is important but judges for the new judicial system in Kentucky are critically important.

Baptist Forum

Americans have lived their lives as though there would be no tomorrow. They have been busy "getting and spending" while the world wasted away. Energy resources are used as though they had no end, or as though there would be no need of energy past the present day.

We have come to the point that this is no longer a viable option. We now live in one world as never before. The totality of our world is today more of neighborhood, primarily because of advanced transportation and communication. What happens in one part of the world inescapably affects the rest of the world.

President Carter, in his address to the Congress, reported that even with the suggested reduction of oil imports, the United States would still be dependent upon other countries. For example, if Saudi Arabia withdrew their oil contracts with the United States, our economy would be crippled within ten days.

Carter spoke on the energy crisis,

but the real crisis goes much further. It is a crisis of man's degree of stewardship. Conservation is merely good stewardship of the resources which God has placed upon this earth to benefit his creations.

In the Gospels the parable of the talents reflects the choice Americans now face. In that account the master gives to three of his servants a responsibility. Upon his return, two have used what he gave them wisely and are rewarded. But, one has not and is rebuked. The first two planned and worked diligently to be wise stewards. Whether one agrees with the Carter plan entirely or not, each American has a responsibility to conserve.

What does this have to do with Southern Baptists? They have a responsibility to lead the way, not because of denominational ties, but because they are Christians and should lead the American people in good stewardship.

John D. Burke
Louisville

Special Report

SBC Charter Bus Passes Available

Special charter bus passes will be available for persons attending the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Kansas City in June, according to the SBC transportation committee.

The passes, good for four days, June 13-16, will cost \$10 each on the scene in Kansas City and \$8 each if bought in advance by contacting SBC Bus Shuttle Service, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118.

A spokesman said one taxicab trip from outlying motels costs more than the four-day pass and that no parking will be available in downtown Kansas City unless the person is staying in downtown Kansas City.

Messengers to the convention will not be able to ride the special chartered buses without a pass, which will be available at all outlying motels.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

Recorder Sets Closing Of Print Shop Sept. 1

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

The board of directors of Western Recorder has approved discontinuing printing services Sept. 1, 1977. The decision means the 151-year-old publication will negotiate a printing contract with an outside firm effective at that time.

The possibility of closing the print shop has been discussed by the directors for months. Last Dec. 3 the directors expressed a unanimous desire to get out of the printing business, becoming publishers only.

In March 1977 the finance committee of the state executive board approved necessary Cooperative Program funds for Western Recorder for 1977-78 which would allow the paper to discontinue printing operations. The state executive board also approved these budget appropriations May 2-3, paving the way for the board of Western Recorder, meeting May 3, to implement its plan.

When the impending change became apparent earlier this year several print shop employees secured positions elsewhere. Of 11 full time positions in

the print shop at the close of 1976 only three are presently filled by permanent staff members. Two temporary persons have been added.

In addition to printing the weekly Recorder the shop was providing more than a dozen church bulletins or mail-outs each week, serving several club and civic organizations' printing needs, producing minutes of many associations and state conventions and providing a source for printing for the Kentucky Baptist Building. That load, which was still not enough to provide a sound financial base for the Recorder, has been recently reduced. In addition to the Recorder only one church bulletin and the minutes on hand, to be completed shortly, are still being produced in the print shop.

Assets Worth \$90,000

Printing equipment owned by the Recorder is valued at \$90,000. Proceeds from its sale will go into a reserve fund for the Recorder, according to an agreement between the state executive board and the paper's board.

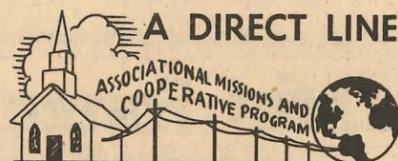
The Recorder board has further determined that its typesetting equipment and typesetter will be retained, to be used for production of the Recorder

only. The arrangement will permit the paper to submit camera ready copy to its contract printer, which will print, bind and mail the publication weekly.

The new contract is expected to provide the same features which readers are accustomed to in present editions: same newsprint, same size, same format, same type faces, same number of pages, same number of inks (two) and same number of annual issues (50).

Staff positions to be retained include those of editor, associate editor, business manager, bookkeeper, editorial secretary, subscription bookkeeper, subscription clerk, typesetter and journalism student interns. This reflects a reduction from 19 full time employees in December 1976 to a projected staff of eight full time employees Sept. 1, 1977.

The proposed operating budget for the year 1977-78, beginning Sept. 1, is \$256,000.



Double Exposure

Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come (Song of Sol. 2:11-12).

He hath made everything beautiful in his time (Ecc. 3:11).

By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible . . . ; all things were created by him . . . (Col. 1:16).

The blooming of the hyacinth reminds us that our God is one of love. He remembers his own. He cares. He continues to place beauty in a world of man-made ugliness. Thank you, God for reminding us of your abundant goodness to us.



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Physical Facilities, Disaster Relief Concern State Board At Cedarmore Meeting; Budget, Successor Plans Adopted

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

Meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly May 2-3, the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention focused attention on its physical facilities, emergency relief for disaster areas and handled numerous other chores.

It appropriated \$30,000 for furnishings for a Baptist student center at the University of Kentucky currently under construction. It further authorized the purchase of property from Eastern Kentucky University for future development at a price not to exceed \$10,000.

Its major concern, however, dealt with the space currently allocated to Western Recorder for printing operations, which will be released Sept. 1, 1977. (See related story on opposite page.)

Executive secretary Franklin Owen had earlier suggested a chapel type meeting room and additional office space might be constructed in the present print shop space but several board members voiced opposition to the chapel idea for the Baptist Building. They expressed preference for Cedarmore as a meeting place for the executive board. It had been suggested they could meet in the new room.

A compromise motion, offered by David Nelson, authorized employment of an architect "with no fixed plans." The entire matter was referred back to the finance and administrative committees for additional study.

The board took steps to provide quick relief to any areas of the state where disaster assistance might be needed. The executive secretary and a staff disaster relief committee were authorized to spend up to \$20,000 in emergency funds on such future occasions.

Owen reported to the board that \$29,972.16 had already been received from Kentucky Baptists to help recent flood victims. An additional \$20,000 came from the Home Mission Board.

\$8 Million Budget

An \$8 million Cooperative Program

budget for 1977-78 was adopted, including a \$7.2 million basic budget and \$800,000 in a challenge section. An additional \$640,150 was added to the \$8 million in income from other sources.

An \$8.8 million Cooperative Program overall goal for 1978-79 will be recommended to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in November. With additional estimated income it projects a total Cooperative Program income of \$9.5 million.

Eight persons were elected as associational representatives to fill vacancies on the executive board. Their associations, names and committee assignments are:

Blackford—Dan Hughes, church services; Blood River—Bill Whittaker, campus ministries; Christian County—John R. Christian, program; Fulton—J. David Clapp, finance; Logan County—William E. Lynch, church services; Lynn—Donald Cottrell, Christian life; Muhlenberg—Ernest Bean, church services; and Red River—Carl M. Seale, Christian education.

Successor for Owen

Noting the approaching retirement of executive secretary Owen Dec. 31, 1978 the board adopted a plan for selection of a successor. Convention president Ted Sisk will appoint a 15-member search committee at a preconvention session of the board Nov. 14, 1977.

The executive secretary-treasurer-elect is targeted to begin his orientation with Owen Sept. 1, 1978. Compensation will be determined by the search and administrative committees.

In his report to the board Owen called for a reorganization of board committees more commonly related to staff departments and divisions. He announced a wage program study which is expected to provide remunerative rewards for meritorious service by staff members.

He reported receipts at \$4,170,711.18 for eight months of the current budget year as compared with \$3,616,148.57

for the same period last year.

The board gave Owen standby authorization to increase staff mileage reimbursement for business travel to 17 cents per mile, pending President Carter's energy program developments.

The board authorized a loan of \$45,000 to the state Woman's Missionary Union for development and promotion of a film on Kentucky Baptists. The film will be produced by the Radio & Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and completed in time for WMU's 100th anniversary next May. The loan is to be repaid at \$15,000 for three years if the project is approved this summer by the WMU executive board.

Name Change Postponed

A motion to rename the Church Training Department the Church Services Department was referred back to the program committee. The present department includes church training, church administration, family ministry, church recreation and church library programs.

Responding to the energy crisis, the board adopted a resolution calling for Baptists and Baptist churches of Kentucky to maintain "an attitude of sacrifice, practicing the conservation of energy through all possible means."

The terminology in a Christian education study committee report adopted by the board last November was altered slightly. Where the original report called for a "minimum" of 30% of future budgets to be allocated for Christian education, the change requests a "goal of 30% or more" for this area.

Each agency of the convention was represented by its administrative officer and staff members. College, school, hospital and agency heads presented optimistic reports on their areas of work.

The board's next meeting will be Nov. 14, 1977, at Florence, Ky.

Western Recorder

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."—Jude 3.

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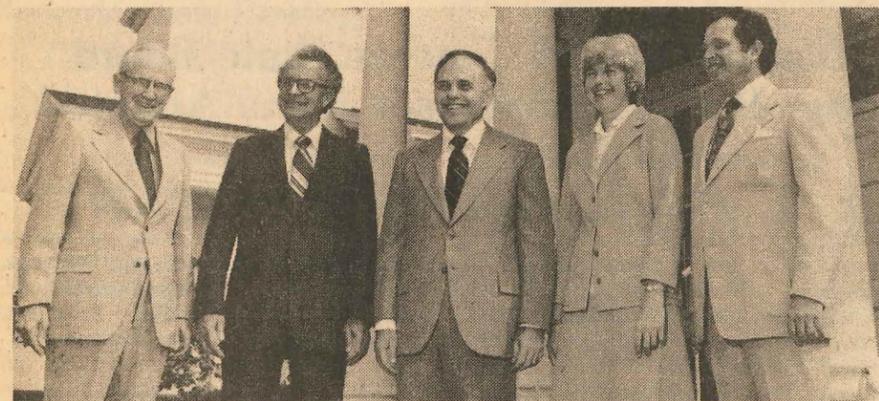
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Standing with Baker J. Cauthen [L], executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, are these new officers of the board elected in Atlanta [L to R]: Travis S. Berry, pastor, First Church, Plano, Tex., first vice president; William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga., president; Doris J. Mullendore, Bowling Green, Ky., recording secretary; John W. Patterson, pastor, Hatcher Memorial Church, Richmond, Va., second vice president.

Young Confirms SBC Talk

United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young has confirmed acceptance of an invitation from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) committee on order of business to address the denomination's annual meeting in Kansas City in June.

The former Georgia congressman, a minister of the United Church of Christ, will address the afternoon session of the SBC at 4 p.m., Thursday, June 16.

The convention will close Thursday evening with a challenge to mobilization of denominational resources to win the world, culminated by a message by Evangelist Billy Graham.

In other developments, SBC president James L. Sullivan of Nashville said he has asked Arthur L. Walker Jr., a dean at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to serve as convention parliamentarian.

Allen, Kendall Decline Reelection as Officers

Clifton J. Allen and W. Fred Kendall, two Baptist leaders who have long performed the arduous task of recording annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meetings and registering ever increasing numbers of messengers to those meetings, will step down at the

end of the SBC annual session, June 14-16, Kansas City, Mo.

Allen, 75, retired editorial secretary for the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will complete 12 terms as recording secretary in Kansas City.

Kendall, 69, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, will complete 13 terms as registration secretary.

Earlier, SBC president James L. Sullivan of Nashville, retired president of the denomination's Sunday School Board, announced that he would not allow his name to be placed in nomination for a traditional second term as SBC president.

New Materials, RA Meet Slated by Brotherhood

Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Brotherhood leaders have agreed to prepare new Brotherhood materials for the 1980s and sponsor a national Royal Ambassador (RA) congress and Baptist Men's conference.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, said the materials would suggest ways through action and study for carrying out the mission tasks of a church.

The group also looked with favor on a national Baptist Men's conference, possibly during 1982.

Carter Sets Peace Day

President Jimmy Carter has designated Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, as a day of prayer for permanent peace. He has asked that at 11 a.m. on that day the people in every locality in the nation unite in prayer.

The action comes in response to an act of Congress in 1950 asking the President to proclaim Memorial Day in memory of the men and women who have died in battle in defense of the ideals of the American nation.

President Carter asked that both government and private persons fly the flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.

Daniel Out at BSSB

James H. Daniel, leader of the church program services group of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board since 1971, has submitted his resignation from that position effective upon the completion of current assignments.

A native Tennessean, Daniel came to the board in 1962 as a consultant.



Edward Gene Medaris, 47, of Fairbanks, Alaska, was elected editor of *Indiana Baptist*, publication of the *State Convention of Baptists in Indiana*, effective mid-June. He has held pastorates in Alaska, Texas, Venezuela and Idaho and been religion editor, *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

Kentucky Students Graduate from GGBTS

Three Kentucky students are among the 90 candidates for graduation from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

The candidates and the degrees which they will be awarded are: James L. Young, Louisville, master of religious education; Bobby B. Romans, Stamping Ground, certificate of theology; and Bob C. Hardison, Greenville, doctor of ministry.

C-N Faculty Members Honored

Three members of the Carson-Newman College administration and faculty who retire this year were honored April 29 at the annual faculty honors banquet.

Retiring this year are Carson-Newman president John A. Fincher, Virginia P. Koonce, assistant professor of education and L. Dan Taylor, associate professor Greek and religion.

Awards at CC

Over 100 students from 11 central Kentucky high schools participated in the annual Campbellsville College math and science contest.

The competition in biology, chemistry and math was held Apr. 8, under the direction of six math and science professors.

Six overall awards were received by Bethlehem High School which led the competition. The team was sponsored by Mrs. Jacqueline Peake, Bardstown.

Seminary Honors Graves

Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., honored president Harold K. Graves for 25 years service as the school's chief administrator, voted to participate in a \$30 million capital/endowment campaign with the other five Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) seminaries, approved an \$8.7 million capital needs request and approved a record \$1.6 million budget for 1977-78.

The trustees also received a \$50,000

challenge gift for the school's chair of evangelism, named a new student housing village for an early executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board, promoted six faculty members and authorized a new professor in religious education (who will be named later), in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Also approved was a 15 percent student growth projection for Golden Gate over the next five years, as recommended by the trustees' long range planning committee, and participation in a branch of the seminary in Phoenix in cooperation with Grand Canyon College and the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

A search committee for a successor to Graves, who will retire this summer, gave "an optimistic report" but did not name a candidate. "Tentative plans call for another meeting of the trustees in Kansas City on June 15, to give consideration to the election of a president to succeed Dr. Graves," a spokesman said.



Clear Creek Baptist School's singers were recently featured at the association WMU meeting held at Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Middlesboro. The singers, under the direction of David Hale, have performed throughout the southeast. Pictured are: [L-R] Tony Porter, Brenda Searcy, Ron Chambers, Mitzi Dunsmore, Tim Searcy, Linda Dunsmore, Ella Sue Robbins and James Wedding.

Go North Young Men

The chief executive of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio urged Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students in Louisville not to put geographical boundaries around their calling to ministry.

Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary

of the convention, speaking to a seminary chapel audience during Missions Emphasis Week, cited the "tremendous challenge" available in Ohio and other northern states where Southern Baptist work is relative young. He urged the students to consider serving in the north rather than the south when they graduate.

"We have more than 500 congregations (in Ohio) but we still have cities without a Baptist witness," he said, urging them not to "put geographical boundaries around your calling until you have through prayer discovered the place of God's choosing for you."

Rogers is Named Seminary Professor

Robin Kent Rogers, a Montgomery, Ala., native, has been named assistant professor of church social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rogers, who is currently working for the Kentucky Department of Human Resources in Frankfort, will join the faculty July 1.

He is a graduate of Baylor University, Southern Seminary and the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work.

Previous experience includes work at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville, and service in Long Island, N. Y., with the Home Mission Board.

Visiting Profs at SBTS

Three Kentuckians, Danny E. Flanagan, Wesley R. Monfalcone and J. Altus Newell, will be visiting professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, this summer.

Twelve Baptist church and denominational leaders will be on the Seminary campus this summer to teach courses during the June or July month-long "J-terms."

Flanagan, a Southern Seminary graduate, is now campus minister at Campbellsville College. Monfalcone, also a graduate of Southern, is chaplain director at Louisville General Hospital. Newell, a Southern graduate, is currently pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville.

Christian Education



Wayne E. Todd [right], secretary of the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board, recently presented an award to Alice Straughan of Greensboro, N. C., for her contributions to church library work, especially for her gift to establish the Straughan Fund for Church Librarianship at Southern Seminary. Seminary librarian Ronald Deering [left] looks on as the award is presented.

Harris Named President Of Clarke College

S. L. Harris of Fort Worth, Tex., counselor and associate professor of sociology at Tarrant County Junior College, has been elected president of Clarke College, a Baptist junior college in Newton, Miss. His wife, the former Fleta Nell Lindley, will become the school's librarian. He is a former pastor and Baptist student worker.



Harris

Student Mission Auction Cashes in on Success

A room full of seminary students and visitors bid a grand total of \$680 at an

unusual auction at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The auction was unusual because funds collected will go to send students around the United States and abroad for summer mission work, and because of the items being sold.

Drawing the highest price was a magic show by student David Garrard, which brought \$110. Another money-maker, which went for \$85, was a candlelight, "Filipino-style" dinner for two with Dr. and Mrs. Bryant Hicks of the Southern Seminary faculty, former missionaries in the Philippines.

Other items which went off the auction block were an airplane flight over "romantic downtown Louisville," which sold for \$40, a variety of shirts autographed by seminary faculty members and a number of personal services by various seminary administrators, including completion of next year's income tax return by treasurer Richard Broome, which brought \$15.



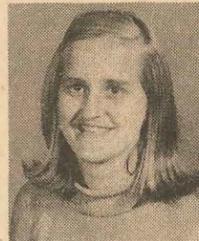
Appalachian author James Still [right] recently presented an autographed edition of his book *Pattern of a Man and Other Stories* to Carlyle Cross, director of Cumberland College's libraries, for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist college's rare book collection. The collection will include autographed editions of works by Kentucky authors, early books owned by the Williamsburg Institute, Cumberland's predecessor, rare books of historical and/or literary value and books printed prior to 1825.



Members of the Campbellville College Women's Club are working hard this spring to help repair damage done to the campus by the severe winter. From left to right, Mrs. Milton Rogers, Mrs. R. B. Shiflett and Mrs. W. R. Davenport.

Miss Worden Honored

Cynthia Sills Worden, of Borna, was among 18 students who were recognized during the recent Awards Day ceremony at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.



Miss Worden

She received the Elizabeth G. Price Memorial Award. This award is presented to the young woman in the religious education graduating class in May who makes the highest average grade during her seminary course.

Gays Can't Advertise In Student Newspaper

A homosexual group on the campus of Mississippi State University lost in an attempt to have the U. S. Supreme Court rule that their advertisements must be run in the student newspaper.

The Mississippi Gay Alliance, an organization comprised mainly of homosexuals on the Starkville, Miss., campus, had submitted a paid ad in 1973 to *The Reflector*, the university student newspaper. Editors of the newspaper refused to run it.

The homosexual group then brought

suit against newspaper editors and university officials, claiming that their free press rights had been denied.

Two federal courts had earlier disagreed with them, however, upholding the editors' freedom to accept or reject their ads.

Attorneys for the university officials, including the president, argued successfully that they did not control the operation of the newspaper and that any effort to dictate newspaper policy on their part would amount to a violation of the student editors' free press rights.

Miss Weatherford At Campbellville

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the 1977 commencement address for the Campbellville College graduation exercises May 15.

Miss Weatherford has led more than a million women, girls and preschoolers in missions education, mission support and mission action. She has written various articles, lesson materials, teaching guides and two books, including *God Has Done His Part*, which was published this year.



Miss Weatherford

C-N Graduation May 13

Approximately 302 Carson-Newman students are expected to receive degrees at May 13 commencement exercises at the East Tennessee Baptist college. This will be the 126th graduating class from C-N.

J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., will deliver the baccalaureate address. Speaking at the commencement exercises will be Max Rafferty, dean of the school of education, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.



John E. Renfro, head of the department of health at Cumberland College, is shown holding the Honor Award presented to him by the Kentucky School Health Association for his achievements in promoting public school health in Kentucky.

Campbellville Receives Collector's Prints

Frank D. Peterson, vice-president of business administration of the University of Kentucky (1953-63) and founder and director of the College Business Management Institute (1953-63), has presented his collection of 25 Ray Harm collector's prints to Campbellville College.

Caldwell Signs with CC

Kenny Trivette, coach of the Cumberland College basketball team, reported that 6'4", 190 lbs. forward Roger Caldwell from Oneida Baptist Institute recently signed a basketball grant-in-aid with the Kentucky Baptist college.

Caldwell holds a career record of 2,000 points and 1,800 rebounds, averaging 20 points and 18 rebounds per game this past season.

Mrs. Anderson, Young Publish Drug Article

Two members of the Campbellville College family, Mrs. Pearl Anderson and Michael Young, will have an article published in the *Health Education Journal*.

The article, entitled "A Survey of Drug Interaction," will appear in the May-June issue of the magazine.

Mrs. Anderson, the wife of professor Carlos B. Anderson, is a senior at the college.

Young, associated professor of health and physical education at the college, has had several health related articles published in magazines and journals.

Campbellville Sponsors Craft Show June 18

A craft show and flea market is to become an annual event at Campbellville College. This year's show will be held Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The exhibits will be set up on the grounds of the campus. In case of rain they will be displayed in the J. K. Powell Athletic Center.

Eligible to exhibit and sell are faculty, staff, students and alumni of Campbellville as well as any resident of Taylor County.

GC Associates Meet

The Georgetown College Associates, formed in 1975 to aid the present and future programs of the college, met on the campus for their third annual meeting April 28-29.

The April 28 session included remarks from Robert L. Mills, president of the college; Dudley Glass, a retired research scientist with Eastman Kodak and chairman of the Associates; and Paul Parks, Bowling Green physician and chairman of the board of trustees of Georgetown College.

Members of the organization confer with the president and other campus officials while serving on one of three committees: development, corporation/foundation support or estate planning.

Campbellville Exercises

Robert B. Wilson, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, will deliver the baccalaureate address for the 1977 Campbellville College graduation exercises May 14.

Missions & Ministries

Six Kentuckians Named Missionary Journeymen

Six Kentucky Baptists were among 103 young adults approved for training as missionary journeymen at the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Atlanta.

Those selected from Kentucky were: Ruth Anne McConnell, Hopkinsville; Douglas Raymond Moran, Louisville; Gordon Louis Smith, Louisville; Minda Ann Smith, Louisville; Ronda Faye Straub, Paducah; and Rebecca Sue Thomas, Florence.

These journeymen will join Southern Baptist missionaries in 44 countries and territories after completing a six-week training period this summer at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. They will be commissioned for overseas service July 22 in Richmond, Va.

Journeymen are college graduates 26 years old and under who serve overseas for two years in jobs with career missionaries.

Michigan Baptists Begin Evangelistic Campaign

With the added incentives of Southern Baptists' Bold Missions effort and the 20th anniversary of SBC work in Michigan, Baptists in Michigan have launched this spring the largest evangelistic undertaking in the state's Baptist history.

Central crusades in six key cities and follow-up simultaneous revivals are underway in most of the convention's 200 churches. On the first night of the six central crusades more than 4,000 people gathered to hear Southern Baptist evangelism leaders.

Over 200 Southern Baptists from the Baptist State Convention of Michigan's "partnership states" of Kentucky, Oklahoma, Florida and Arkansas joined the central crusade teams to lead in local church revivals.

Twenty years ago less than 2,000 Southern Baptists who could be pinpointed lived in Michigan. In 1977, over 40,000 Michigan Baptists have joined with their sister churches from the South in a bold effort to evangelize Michigan for Christ.



Pictured are students in the Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia, opening packages of Baptist Hymnals sent by readers of Western Recorder in response to a Baptist Forum letter from missionaries Jim and Jane Park. Response to the request was "really great," according to the Parks, who are from Paducah.

Five New Mission Areas Approved

Reaching toward the goal of missionaries in at least 125 countries by the end of the century, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board recently approved work in five new areas.

Southern Baptist missionaries already have begun building an active program of witness in one new mission field, Rwanda; and the board gave approval in its April meeting to enter Bolivia, South Africa, the Seychelles Islands and the Cayman Islands.

Only one, the Cayman Islands, will be immediately listed as one of the political and geographical entities where Southern Baptists have missions work. The others will not be added until personnel are assigned to them, said J. Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division.

Crawley's office keeps the official tally of Southern Baptist mission fields overseas as well as a count of missionary personnel serving in them. As of Apr. 27, 1977, the board had 2,716 missionaries in 86 countries.

Active Baptist work in Rwanda, approved as a mission field by the board in March, began with the arrival of the Earl R. Martins in Kigali, the capital, in early April. The Martins, formerly missionaries in Tanzania and Kenya, began their ministry with seven congregations in the Kigali area. No established churches are there.

The Herbert W. Neelys have been transferred from Rhodesia to the Cayman Islands. They will be stationed on Grand Cayman, the largest of the three-island group, working with a number of Baptists on the island, most of them from Cayman Brac.

The new work on Grand Cayman will be an outreach of the association on Cayman Brac, although distance will preclude more than a limited participation.

In South Africa, the Baptist Union of South Africa has extended an invitation for Southern Baptists to work among the more than four million "coloureds" (persons of mixed race) in that country. Three couples have been requested initially, one in theological education and two in evangelism and church development.

In the Seychelle Islands, work will begin on the main island of Mahe, with emphasis on a youth ministry in Victoria, the capital. These islands are located east of Northeast Tanzania.

J. Bryan Brasington, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for western South America, says the board will respond initially in Bolivia by transferring two experienced missionary couples from other missions to do evangelistic outreach, theological education and lay leadership training.

Hurst Named Associate To Medical Consultant

Harold E. Hurst, Southern Baptist missionary to Panama, has been elected associate to the medical consultant in the Foreign Mission Board's overseas division, effective May 1.



Hurst

He will promote and coordinate the medical/dental volunteer program and organize and coordinate medical emergency disaster teams. Among his other duties, he will coordinate the Baptist Hospital partnership program between U. S. Baptist hospitals and overseas Baptist hospitals related to the board.

Hurst, on furlough from Panama, has assisted the medical consultant on administrative matters since Aug. 1, 1976. In Panama, he was hospital administrator at Marvel Iglesias Baptist Hospital.

Hurst and his wife, the former Alice Leavitt, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952. In addition to Panama, they have served as missionaries in Costa Rica and Honduras.

Birmingham Church Repays a 'Debt'

A Birmingham, Ala., church has repaid the Home Mission Board for funding its founding 32 years ago.

The Mountain Brook Baptist Church will send a check for more than \$10,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions because the pastor, Dotson M. Nelson Jr., challenged the church to take a bold part in "Bold Mission Thrust," a plan to evangelize and congregationalize the nation.

Nelson, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and past president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, launched his church's Week of Prayer for Home Missions with a sermon on Bold Mission Thrust.

In 1944 no Baptist church existed in

the Mountain Brook suburb of Birmingham, until the Birmingham Baptist Association knocked on doors to find people willing to start a congregation and until the Home Mission Board provided \$10,000 to purchase the property.

Now, Mountain Brook Baptist Church has 1,700 members, ranks first among Alabama churches in per capita gifts to missions, ranks second in Alabama in contributions through the SBC's Co-operative Program unified budget and has organized another church.

Key Cities Selected For Nationwide Thrust

Six major cities have been selected as "key cities"—major targets of concern—in the first phase of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust (BMT) to "evangelize and congregationalize" the nation by 1980.

The six cities—New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Seattle and Houston—are phase one of a three-phase project involving 16 other cities. New York City is included in each phase.

Other phase two cities besides New York are Detroit, Washington, D. C., St. Louis, Atlanta, San Francisco/Oakland, Portland and Denver.

Phase three cities are Minneapolis/St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, San Diego, Boston, Miami and Kansas City.

Gerald Palmer, director of the board's missions section, said the key cities are one facet of overall BMT strategy, which includes projects and programs in many other cities and counties across the nation, in conjunction with Baptist associations and state conventions.

Key cities make up one of four primary targets of concern for BMT. Others are areas without an effective evangelistic witness, 'cultural and lifestyle groups and transitional communities with churches in crisis.

In each of the 22 cities selected for the three phase program the Home Mission Board will seek to determine national perspective, to suggest national priorities and to create among Baptists an awareness of a national concern.

North Central Push Hikes Church Total

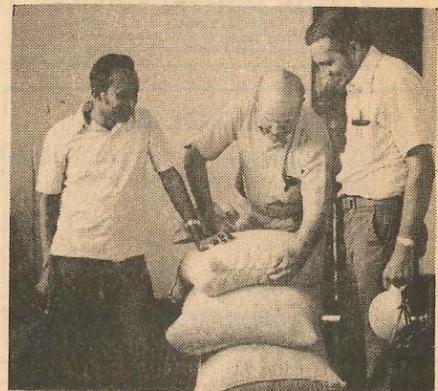
Since the North Central Missions Thrust got underway at the beginning of 1974 one new Southern Baptist church has been organized every 10 days in the seven participating states.

E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, made the announcement in Indianapolis at a meeting of the North Central steering committee.

"Reports show a total of 109 new churches in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota during that period, which averages out to almost exactly one new congregation every 10 days," Moore said.

The North Central Thrust is a co-operative effort of the seven states to double Southern Baptist work in their area by 1990.

Robert Wilson, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, who will serve as chairman of the 1978 emphasis, said the 1978 goal is for 397 new churches and chapels.



In Brazil the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board spent almost \$155,000 on various relief and rehabilitation projects in 1976. Included was a farming project in which Brazilians were given seed to plant when they had cleared and fenced the land. Examining sacks of beans for planting are an unidentified Brazilian and Southern Baptist missionaries Jerry P. Smith [center] and Donald E. Turner.

Market Place

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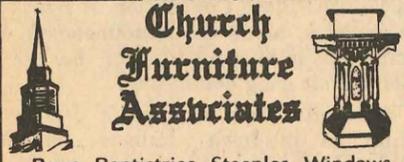
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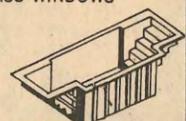
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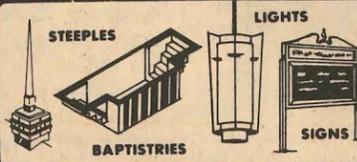
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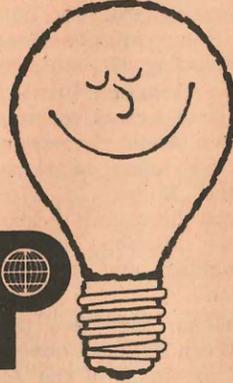
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Mountains to the Mississippi

Campbellsville Church Holds Revival

Green River Memorial Baptist Church, Campbellsville, held revival recently. Ten people came as candidates for baptism, eight were united by letter and 14 rededicated their lives.

For the past two years Green River Memorial has exceeded goals in giving to both Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. Don Gowin is the pastor.

McKibbens Honored

Thomas R. McKibbens Jr. associate pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, has received the Norman W. Cox Award for the best article published by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1976. The award was given during the recent joint meeting of the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society in Nashville.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boatwright were recently honored by Bethlehem Baptist Church, Central City. Boatwright was made an honorary member for life in appreciation for his service as interim pastor from August, 1976 to March, 1977. Harold Butler is now pastor of the Bethlehem congregation having come from the pastorate of Wing Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Deaths

Former Pastor Killed In Automobile Accident

E. S. Smiddy, former pastor at Bethlehem, Blood River Association, was killed in an automobile accident Apr. 27. He retired from the pastorate six months ago and lived at Gilbertsville with his wife who survives.

Personnel Changes

Welch Moves

Paul M. Welch became pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, on Apr. 24 after a three year pastorate of Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Murray. Welch is a native of North Carolina, a graduate of Mars Hill College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His other Kentucky experience includes serving as assistant pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, and pastor of New Brandenburg Baptist Church.

Mrs. Welch is the former Kathryn A. McLean. The couple has one son, Michael Paul.



Welch

Ormsby Heights Calls Tallant as Associate

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, has called C. Phillip Tallant as associate minister for music, youth and education beginning May 8. Tallant was previously with East Audubon Baptist Church.

Ormsby Heights held a note burning May 8. Dallas Vincent is the pastor.

Frank Owen

CEDARMORE SUMMER



A number of our people have requested that I get back to more homespun type stuff in this space. Thanks, we'll try to do some of that later. But first, let me add my emphasis to our summer calendar of events at beautiful Cedarmore retreat. I am listing below events of the coming summer for which you can still make registration through the sponsoring departments here at the Baptist Building and thus arrange for a time of Christian growth in a delightful setting with comfortable facilities and plenty of recreational time and activities.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Youth Weeks [3 weeks]

Sorry, all three summer youth weeks, (the most we have ever attempted) are filled.

Children's Music Camps [3 weeks]

July 11-15; Aug. 1-5; Aug. 8-12

Youth Music Assembly [1 week]

July 18-22

Senior Retreat [three-day session]

Aug. 22-24 - College preparation

Mother/Daughter Overnight

July 8-9 and July 15-16 (Cedar Crest)

RA Camp at Rabro

June 13-17 continuing through Aug. 8-12

Father/Son Camp-Rabro [2 weekends]

July 1-2 and July 8-9

GA and Acteens Camp-Cedar Crest

[8 weeks]

June 20-24 continuing through Aug. 8-12

SUMMER ADULT PROGRAM

Adult Bible Study and Vacation Retreat

July 4-8 and July 11-15 (2½ hrs. daily)

Bible Study - remaining time at leisure)

Music Assembly - Adults/Youth

July 18-22

Music Ministers' Retreat

July 25-27

WMU Leadership Conferences

July 25-27; July 28; July 29-31

Weekday Early Education and

Mentally Retarded

Conference - Sunday School

Aug. 1-3

Sunday School Conference

Aug. 8-10

(All SS leadership-nursery provided)

Pastors' Retreat

Aug. 22-24

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for May 22, 1977

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

Life and Work Series

Guidelines to Faith

James 4:1-10, 13-17

Taking note of the fact that the friction, wrangling, quarreling and strife which existed among the believers of the dispersion were notorious, James posed a question to his readers. James referred to the general condition of hostility within the ranks of believers as "wars," and to the bad outbreaks of their hostile feelings, which followed their heated arguments, as "fightings." He understood fully that such things have their source in lust or an unsatisfied desire for praise and preeminence.

In spite of their longing for recognition, honor and power, the self-centered church members to whom James was writing did not get the things which they coveted. When one's life style is in keeping with the world system which is built without any recognition of God, it always fails to produce the desired results. Lusting after that which belongs to others causes wars.

James' answer to his thought-provoking question was to the effect that such an unhappy condition was the result of their carnal desires. The real remedy for them was earnest prayer to God. Advancement in the work of the Lord always comes through prayer and never by strife. God is aware of every need of his children, and he wants them to talk to him about all of them.

God will not condone his children walking in worldly ways and living in worldly fellowships, for such is contrary to his will and proves that they are at enmity with him. A Christian who forsakes Christ and walks in the ways of the world is compared to a woman who leaves her husband in order to go with other lovers.

To live victoriously we must resist Satan, who is the enemy of God and destroyer of men. Satan will flee from a child of God who resists him in the name of God and with the strength which he imparts to him. Drawing near to God and having daily communion with him will prove to be a very effective weapon against the wiles of Satan. Communion with God must be preceded by the cleansing of the hands and the purifying of the heart, or both the external and the internal life.

We are reminded that life, like a vapor, is here for a very short period and then it vanishes or goes away. Since we are only passing through this world, let us spend each day in the service of our Lord, whether those days be few or many. Instead of trying to control your life, yield it to Christ and let him control it and you will be glad that you did.

To know the Word of God is not enough; we must do what it teaches. This is perhaps the most striking verse in the Bible on the sin of omission. To know what is right and not to do it is sinful. It is very definitely our responsibility to live in accordance with God's expressed will.

Relationships in the Church Family

I Timothy 5:1-8, 17-22

In this chapter Paul enunciated some basic principles concerning the relationships within the church. Believing that prevention was better than a cure, Paul gave Timothy some very practical advice as to how to deal with people and with the problems which he was certain to encounter within the fellowship of the churches. The apostle readily recognized that all of those within the society of grace were interested in being the recipients of concern, understanding, love and appreciation. He knew that the demonstration of the Christian attitude would result in a wholesome solution of many problems and avert numerous regrets in the future, and that accounted for the counsel which he imparted to his young colleague.

Knowing that older people usually respond favorably to respect, courtesy, interest and kindness, and unfavorably to those who do not demonstrate these qualities in their contacts with them, Paul urged Timothy to get thoroughly acquainted with them. He admonished him to plead with the elderly respectfully and lovingly as he would if they were his parents.

For generations the Jews had made it a practice to provide for the needs of widows and others who were in dire need of financial assistance. The first church in Jerusalem continued that practice and had some criticism because there were those who claimed they did not receive their share of the distributable alms. Paul urged the continuation of the support of widows who were left without remuneration and unable to secure the necessities for a livelihood. Refusal to provide for widows in desolation is an obvious rejection of God's will.

However, it must be made clear that the responsibilities of children, grandchildren and other relatives to provide for the needy are not to be relegated to a church. Since natural affection prompts pagans to look after the needs of the members of their families, Christians should not do less. Those who ignore their responsibility in this realm exhibit their lack of true piety, fail to do their duty, dishonor Christ greatly and come far short of the standard of multitudes of heathen. Even unbelievers, including some atheists, will provide for their own, so professing Christians who shun their obligations to their dependents do worse and this is an inexcusable denial of the Christian faith and a repudiation of the law of love.

Paul explained that a church should recompense her pastoral leadership with proper respect, honor, love, adequate financial support and protection from malicious slander.

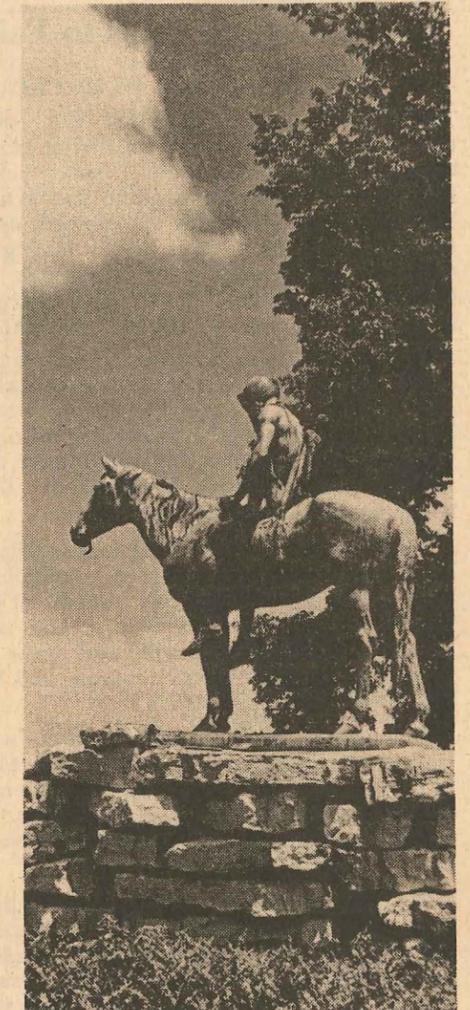
A pastor should be discreet and carefully guard his character. No accusation against him deserves recognition unless it is substantiated by "two or three witnesses." Should the charge be found true, he is to be disciplined wisely, lovingly and remedially thereby keeping others on guard against temptation.



KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo. [above] will be host to the 1977 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16. Registration for this 120th annual session [132nd year] is expected to top 16,000. This will be the fifth time the SBC has met in the city, the 12th time in Missouri.

The center of activities for the Southern Baptist Convention will be this square [below] in the heart of Kansas City. Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel [at left] will be convention headquarters. Other hotels in the vicinity include the Holiday Inn adjacent to the Municipal Auditorium [on right]. Roe Bartle Convention Center, where SBC sessions will be held, also faces the square.



Indian on horseback [above] overlooks Kansas City. A large collection of American Indian art will be on exhibit at Nelson Gallery during the convention week.

Full agendas of SBC meetings in next week's Western Recorder.