



The New Look in Seminary Graduates

Baptist seminary graduating classes have taken on a new look in recent years. The feminine element is the new ingredient in seminary graduating classes which historically have been almost exclusively made up of men.

Furthermore, this new look is not likely to go away but will become more and more a part of the Baptist scene. This is clearly indicated in the current enrollment statistics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Women constituted 27.9% of the 1976-77 entering class. An even higher 30.7% of another recent entering class were women.

There are 376 women reported now enrolled in Southern Seminary schools of theology, church music and religious education. Of these 76 are theology students, 125 are church music students and 175 are religious education students. This year's graduates will include nine women with theology degrees, 11 women with music degrees and 42 with religious education degrees.



A recent news article in a Louisville paper raised the question of job opportunities in Baptist churches for these graduates. The fact is places for women seminary graduates in Southern Baptist life are limited. As Southern Seminary President Duke McCall says, the seminary goes ahead and trains

them but can do little in the way of assuring them of job opportunities. The nature of Baptist polity leaves local churches to choose their own pastors and staff members. This is the way it should be but it holds little hope for women seminary graduates because historically the Baptist ministry has been restricted to men. Women seminary graduates will find many more job opportunities in denominational organizations than in local churches.

There is no indication this situation will change anytime soon. This is especially so for women expecting to become pastors. Women with divinity degrees will be restricted to church staff positions, the chaplaincy, social work and similar ministries. Even in these a woman will find it much more difficult to be placed than a man. For example, one woman divinity graduate in this year's class at Southern wants to enter the military chaplaincy but is blocked. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board recommends

chaplaincy applicants and one of the prerequisites is two years' experience in the pastorate. The young lady has found no church willing to give her the two years' experience. One exception which may be encouraging to women divinity students is Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville whose recent action is reported in this issue on page five.

What can be said for these women seminary graduates? Whatever else is said, their fellow Baptists have been somewhat hypocritical toward them. Their home churches were required to recommend them for seminary training before they were accepted as students. Can church members ethically recommend someone for seminary training whom, when trained, they would not consider using as a staff member?

What about treatment by the denomination? Cooperative Program funds are heavily involved in training seminary students. When nearly three out of 10 students entering Southern Seminary in the last several years are women, a considerable amount of Cooperative Program money is being used to train them. Is it ethical to take contributions from Baptists in the pews to train women whom these same Baptists would not accept as ministers?

On the one hand Baptist churches and the denomination are encouraging women to pursue seminary training. On the other hand they are saying no to their services once they are trained.

The first inclination when faced with this kind of problem is to name a committee to study it and possibly make some recommendations. It is doubtful if this is the answer. Baptists don't take readily to studies and recommendations in doctrinal matters. Every church and every Baptist are left to do their own study and to reach their own conclusions.

We are strange creatures. We reverence freedom so much that we can say to women, "Seek your own place in serving God." At the same time we adhere so literally to our understanding of the New Testament that we say to women seeking to be gospel ministers, "Over my dead body."

It may be inconsistent but it's a beautiful inconsistency. That's the way we are. The wonder is that God still uses us inconsistencies and all. And we can be sure if he calls women into the ministry, he will provide a place for their ministry.

women to serve on church staffs in music and education. But churches which readily accept women for music and education ministries would not think of calling a woman as pastor.

Why is this? For one thing the scriptures do not speak specifically to the qualifications of education and music ministers as they do to the qualifications of pastors. Another reason is that historically music and religious education staff members have not been regarded in quite

Music and Education Directors, Yes; Pastors, No

Baptists feel differently about women serving as pastors than they feel about their serving as ministers of education and music. As much is indicated in the fact that Southern Seminary graduates this year include 53 women receiving religious education and music degrees and only nine receiving divinity degrees. The door to the pastorate is almost completely shut for Southern Baptist women.

The door for women ministers in music and religious education is not so closed. In fact, it is not uncommon for

the same light as pastors. The fact that the designation "director" instead of "minister" has been ordinarily used for education and music staff members may reflect this attitude.

But is this right? Is it fair? Are not church music and religious education staff members ministers of the same gospel of which the pastor is minister? If so, would not the same New Testament qualifications apply to them as to pastors?

We expect these people to be able to verify God's call to their particular ministry just as the pastor does to his ministry. More and more music and education ministers are requesting and receiving ordination by churches. Are they not ordained to proclaim the same gospel with their gifts of singing and teaching as the pastor does with his gift of preaching? Why should the standards be different?

Why do women qualify as music and education ministers but not as pastors? They qualify in the minds of some because music and education ministers are not regarded as on the same level as pastors.

Another consideration is ordination which has traditionally been reserved by Baptist churches for those serving as pastors. Ordination of music and education ministers is

relatively new among Southern Baptists and is not widespread.

Ordination is also associated with administering baptism and the Lord's Supper. Theoretically, a local church can authorize anyone it chooses to administer these ordinances but ordination is generally considered a prerequisite. This is one reason a church requests the ordination of one who is not ordained when they call him as pastor. The same church would not necessarily ask for ordination for an unordained person being called for the music and education ministry.

This view on ordination is one reason why the door is more open for women to serve churches in music and education ministries than in the pastorate. With the present trend to recognize music and education as full fledged ministries of the gospel, it will be interesting to see the effect on our attitude toward women as full fledged gospel ministers.

In the meantime the ranks of the unemployed women seminary graduates will grow with every graduating class. There is one consolation for them. One called to God's ministry doesn't have to be employed by a church or a denomination to proclaim the gospel.

Baptist Forum

Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin have co-published "The Idea Book."

We would like to send a free copy of this booklet to every reader of Western Recorder.

"The Idea Book" describes the North Central Mission Thrust. It pinpoints hundreds of sites where new Southern Baptist churches and missions are needed in these seven states.

You can use your copy as a prayer or study guide. You might find ideas for some direct mission support. Or, you may see opportunities for service as a lay volunteer or minister.

Write me for your free copy. If you want extras for your class or study group, I'll send them too.

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I would like to express my deep appreciation and the appreciation of Michigan Southern Baptists for the Kentucky preachers, singers and laypersons who helped in our "20th Anniversary Crusades."

All of the reports are not finalized but it looks like we will have almost half as many professions of faith as we baptized last year. We thank God for the victories.

Thank you for being a partner with us and our Lord in helping to reach Michigan for our Master.

Jim Coldiron
Southfield, Mich.

Do We
Still Need the
**COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM?**



Do kids
still like ice cream?

Baptist News in Brief



Dale Evans Rogers renews acquaintance with Mrs. Jane Morgan (right), Nashville Baptist Book Store employe, recently while promoting her new book, *Trials, Tears and Triumph*. The two women knew each other as teenagers. The book includes Dale's experiences sharing her Christian faith in world-wide travels.

Deaf Meet June 11-12

Kentucky Baptist Interpreters for the Deaf will hold its annual conference June 11-12 at Cedarmore Baptist

Assembly, Bagdad. Theme is "The Religious Interpreter—A God-Called Professional."

Mrs. Irma K. Young, director of the only bachelor's degree program in interpreting in the nation, at Maryville (Tenn.) College, will be program consultant. A Baptist, she has served in church programs in Texas, Louisiana and Tennessee.

The conference will include workshops for beginning, intermediate and advanced interpreters, as well as members of church staffs having deaf ministries.

More information is available from Mrs. Sue Enoch, workshop director, at 128 N. Birchwood, Louisville 40206. Reservations may be made directly with Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

Spring Meadows Post Given Jesse Hatfield

Jesse A. Hatfield, pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, has been elected director of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, effective July 1.

Edwin F. Perry, president of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care directors, stated, "Hatfield is a Christian leader of stature and maturity. He has demonstrated his expertise in a va-

riety of ministries in several churches."

A graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, Hatfield has been active in continuing education, focusing on clinical pastoral training, transactional analysis and parent-teacher effectiveness training.

Baptist East Calls Smith

Tommy J. Smith has been named vice president for operations at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, assuming duties by Sept. 1.

For two years Smith has been assistant administrator at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He received the master's degree in health care administration from George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

'Jesus' Annual TV Fare

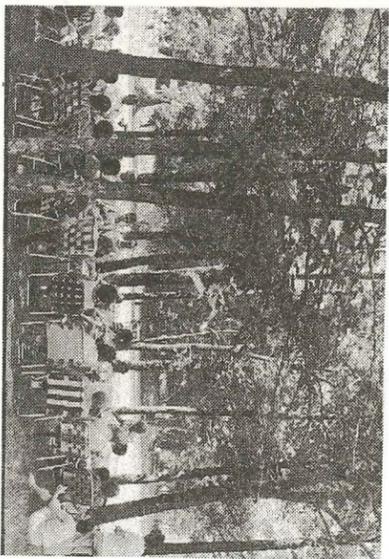
"Jesus of Nazareth" will become an annual presentation on NBC-TV, the network has announced.

The 6½-hour presentation Apr. 3 and 10 was tuned in by 49 percent of the national TV audience which NBC research estimated at 90 million viewers. To date 11,246 viewers, a record total for a program, have contacted NBC-TV about the program. Of these 97 percent have been favorable.

Double Exposure

No wonder poets sing of June. It is the keystone month of the year, the month of long days and gentle winds, of heavy shade and the fragrance of roses and honeysuckle, the month when the whole earth pauses before it begins the long, slow swing back towards mid-winter and long, dark nights. No wonder the world loves June, the month of ripe berries and bird song and long evenings, of butterflies and fireflies and high clouds in deep blue skies. There is universal agreement with the singer who wrote, "Slower, sweet June, each step more slow; linger and loiter as you go."

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Twenty-Third & Broadway Calls Couple As Pastors; Believed a First in SBC

by C. R. Daley, Editor

A husband-wife team has been called as copastors of the Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville.

John Sylvester and Joy Johnson assume their new duties June 1. Both are graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and have been members of the congregation since February of last year.

The husband-wife copastor arrange-

ment is thought to be a first for Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists. Twenty-Third and Broadway, one of the leading Kentucky congregations in earlier days, is now an inner-city congregation of about 150 blacks and whites. It is affiliated with Long Run Baptist Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (black) and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Another unusual part of the arrangement is that Miss Johnson will retain her maiden name. The couple says they want to be accepted as individuals and that's the reason Joy continued to use her maiden name after their marriage. They say they are both professionals and keeping their separate names would make it easier for them to maintain their identity as ministers.

The couple will share equally in every respect as pastors. They will alternate preaching and share equally in counseling and visitation responsibilities.

Sylvester is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Samford University. He has a master of divinity degree and is working on a Ph.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He served two years on the staff of Hong Kong Baptist College and served as pastor of the Hong Kong English speaking Baptist church before entering the seminary.

Miss Johnson is from Roanoke, Va., has a bachelor's degree from Taylor University and a master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. Her experience includes a counseling ministry in New York and serving as minister of music for Oak Park Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Miss Johnson says she has always been interested in the ministry but knew from her Southern Baptist background that women just don't get ordained and called as pastors. The couple regard their calls by the church as answered prayer.

Still another unusual feature of this action by the church was the service of another woman as chairman of the pastor's selection committee. Cora Washburn, a deacon in the church, was

head of the pulpits committee which recommended the couple as copastors. Mrs. Washburn said the recommendation was unanimous after considering 19 others for the position.

One of the first responsibilities of Pastor Sylvester will be leading in the ordination of Pastor Johnson. Miss Johnson's ordination by the Twenty-Third and Broadway congregation is set for June 3.

Twelve East State Pastors Receive WMU Assistance

Twelve eastern Kentucky Baptist pastors who lost all they had in recent flooding have benefited from an allocation by the state Woman's Missionary Union.

According to executive director Kathryn Jasper the WMU executive board appropriated \$15,000 for flood-stricken pastors. Checks for \$1,250 each were distributed to the following men last week:

Bell Association: Rick Goodman, West Pineville; Charles Jones, Pineville First; Jack Stephens, Enterprise.

Pike Association: Lat Crum, Borderland Mission; James Hendricks, Grace; Larry O'Bryan, Immanuel, Pikeville; John Penson, Sutton Mission, Pikeville.

Upper Cumberland Association: Philip Green, Big Laurel; Paul Howard, Hensley Bethel, Loyall; John Lambert, Calvary, Loyall; Dean Pack, Loyall First; Don Richmond, Lenarue, Baxter.

KBC Disaster Report

In addition to the flood losses reported last week, A. B. Colvin has added the following:

North Concord Association

Apple Grove, Tusco Merritt. Extensive damage to pastor's home.

Salem, Will Ed Kirk. Severe damage, pastor's home and furnishings.

Swan Pond, Denvil Taylor Jr. Damage to pastor's home.

Off Duty for God Until Fall

I forgot my Lord in the summertime, just the time I was needed most.

I was not away, but on each Lord's day I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime as I lazily lay in bed,

While the faithful few had my work to do, and I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the summertime, when he needed it most of all,

While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent, just off duty for God until fall.

I forgot my class in the summertime, but the devil did not forget.

Working day and night, he kept up the fight; he's a go-getter, you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime, got along without spiritual food.

While my Lord on high sent me blessings, I showed him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summertime, when from my duty to God I am free,

Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through, if, by chance, he should forget me?

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Baptist News in Brief



Southern Baptists had their day recently in Washington, D. C., as the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission met there. In upper left photo SBC president James Sullivan is greeted by America's most famous Southern Baptist, President Jimmy Carter. In upper right, Kentucky Baptist executive secretary Franklin Owen presents Kentucky 5th district Congressman Tim Lee Carter with a Brotherhood pin. In photo above, President and Mrs. Carter greet Brotherhood Commission trustees and staff in the White House rose garden. At right, President Carter welcomes agency trustee P. A. Stevens of Louisville. Looking on is Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

Brotherhood Commission Meets in Washington

Mountains to the Mississippi



Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, held a noteburning service Apr. 24. Performing the noteburning were [l-r] Wallace Armstrong, chairman of the building and grounds committee; Dowling Runner, pastor; Melville Owen, chairman of deacons; and Cecil Bridwell, church treasurer.

Kentucky Book Stores Win Performance Awards

Kentucky's three Baptist Book Stores all received awards during the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Baptist Book Store Division meeting.

The Baptist Book Store in Owensboro won a second place award, while the Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary book stores won third place honors in their respective categories. The awards were given in recognition of the stores' achievements during the 1975-76 year.

The managers of the award-winning stores are Bill Polk, Owensboro; Ruth Ouzts, Louisville; and Tom Pace, Southern Seminary.



Miss Ouzts



Polk

Daviess-McLean Holds James Robison Crusade

Daviess-McLean Baptist Association held an area crusade with the James Robison team Apr. 17-24. Accumulated

attendance for the eight nights was 48,000 to 50,000. There were 2,471 decisions recorded.

Casey Receives Degree

James E. Casey Jr., pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, New Whiteland, Ind., has been awarded the master of divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. Casey is a native of Mt. Eden and a graduate of Georgetown College.

Homecoming at Glen Dale

Glen Dale Children's Home invites alumni and friends of the home to participate in annual homecoming activities June 26, beginning with an alumni meeting at 10 a.m. at Gilead Baptist Church. Following worship services at Gilead, everyone is invited to lunch on the grounds at Glen Dale.

A softball game will highlight the afternoon festivities.



Woodland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, held a noteburning service Apr. 24. Pictured [l-r] are: B. B. Steele, pastor; John Little; Rex Sholar, minister of music and youth; Dock Kitts, chairman of the finance committee; and Maurice Puckett, chairman of trustees.

Muldraugh Marks 50th

Muldraugh Baptist Church celebrates its 50th anniversary June 5. Former members and visitors are invited for morning, afternoon and evening services as well as dinner following the morning service.

Deaths

L. W. Carlin Passes

L. W. Carlin, a well known Baptist minister in western Kentucky, died Mar. 22 at the age of 81. He had celebrated his 56 years in the Baptist ministry in October 1976.

Most of his ministry was spent in Paducah. He was pastor of the Calvary congregation from 1969 until his death. Prior to his Calvary pastorate he served Bellview Baptist Church.

Stanley Williamson Dies

E. Stanley Williamson, a director for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, died Apr. 30 in Nashville following a long illness.

He was a former pastor, minister of education and film producer and had written several books.

Personnel Changes

Mt. Zion Calls McFadden

Robert F. McFadden has been called to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Trenton, Bethel Association. McFadden served churches in Hopkinsville, Henderson, Elizabethtown and Barbourville before going to Mt. Zion.

Cartwright Retires

George Cartwright has retired after 45 years of pastoring churches in Kentucky. He and his wife, Mary Ann, will continue living in Sturgis where he has pastored a church for the past several years.

Hickey to Grays

Orville D. Hickey has accepted the pastorate of Grays Baptist Church, Gray. He began duties in April.

Bold Mission Thrust:

Kentuckians Minister in Michigan

by James Britt, Pastor
Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green

Delta flight 647 is airborne. After a busy week in Detroit I am on my way home to Kentucky. I am weary but it's a good weariness, having been a part of a crusade commemorating the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Laymen, pastors, evangelists, music ministers and denominational workers from Kentucky, Arkansas, Florida and Oklahoma served in over 200 churches.

We saw Detroit, a bulging city with a metropolitan population of 5,000,000, about the total population of the state in 1940. A sense of the size of Michigan was pointed out repeatedly by the citizens who wanted us to take note that from Detroit to the upper peninsula lay 300 miles. There is the beauty of the suburbs, and the rolling countryside containing 11,000 inland lakes, but within the city there is dirt, decay and death. The multi-million dollar Renaissance Center rising on the banks of the Detroit River reveals another of man's attempts to bring some semblance of life in the midst of a degenerating downtown.

Our mission was to share the message of life which meets the deepest need of people everywhere. Baptists from the South, sensing a loyalty to the convention which has endeavored to be true to the scriptures and our Lord's Great Commission, have started churches committed to evangelism. There are many denominations represented along with independent churches but the majority are sadly derelict in personal evangelism. Southern Baptists are in Michigan not to compete with other church groups nor simply to minister to southern transplants but because of concern for a people in need of the gospel. A recent survey by our Home Mission Board revealed there are about 6,250,000 unsaved people in the state.

God has blessed the work of Southern Baptists in Michigan which goes back to 1934 when the first of our now more than 200 churches was begun. The state convention was organized in 1957

with 55 churches and five associations. Today there are over 45,000 people who are members of churches which are a part of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. The membership shows an increase of 535 percent in the last 20 years.

I served as evangelist in the Normandy Road Baptist Church where Billy Nail, a Missourian, is pastor. It was constituted in March 1958 and has grown to approximately 500 members. Brother Nail has led the church as pastor for three years. He is directing a bus ministry and is developing a vigorous program of personal evangelism. The church is blessed with gifted leadership in music. It includes a broad spectrum of ages with many young adult couples whose spiritual lives are developing in strength at a depth level well beyond the average believer. Many of them are natives of the area.

The spiritual need is challenging. In Oakland County, where Normandy Road is located, a survey by Hal Crane, director of missions, revealed that nine out of 10 residents are in need of an evangelistic witness and a church home.

The picture is the same throughout the state. There are more than 200 cities without an effective witness including 39 counties. The convention under the leadership of Robert Wilson, executive secretary, has launched an aggressive mission program with a goal of starting 58 churches in 1978 and 59 churches in 1979.

Although Baptist work has been in Michigan about as long as Kentucky Baptists have borne witness within the Commonwealth, only in recent years has the secular society of this north central state been challenged by a cooperative witness of God's people. Southern Baptists are committed to presenting the gospel in this needy area of our nation.

I am grateful to my church who sent me and afforded me the time to serve in the crusade. My heart is warm. My vision is larger. My spirit humbled by those faithful folk.

How Much Are You Helping Your Pastor?

sermons for his church. What time is left, he can spend with his family!

Additionally, the pastor is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. His telephone can ring at any time during the day or night, and he is expected to respond. And he usually does—because he wants to help.

Once I was confined to bed with a severe case of tonsillitis. My throat was swollen and a fever had kept me awake most of the night. Early that afternoon one of the families called and requested that I come to their home to have prayer with a sick grandfather. My wife explained that I, too, was ill and suggested that a deacon make the visit. A little later, the family called again, saying that their grandfather really wanted the pastor to come. I finally got up, dressed, and made the visit although I felt I was the one needing prayer!

There are also conflicting standards for the pastor and his family. In some places a minister attends a good movie occasionally. He would be called "worldly" in other areas. The pastor's family is expected to be examples for the community who often forget that preachers' children are human, too. It would be better to expect no more from the pastor's children than you do your own.

Do you want to help your pastor? Then allow me to suggest some ways you can help him.

Always pray for him. Pray that God will bless his ministry day by day. Try to anticipate his special needs, as he studies, visits, counsels and preaches. Let him know that you are praying for him. Often a pastor is lifted to greater service because his people prayed for him.

Never ask your pastor to do things you can do. Often in revival services, church members request the pastor and evangelist to visit their family or friends. First, make that visit yourself. Witness to your lost friends and out-of-fellowship church members. Quite often your visit will be all that's needed. Of course, if you feel your contact was not successful, suggest that the pastor go. He'll be glad to help you.

Unless you have a good reason, do not call the pastor's home. If you need him, then by all means, call. But a lot

of calls to the parsonage are needless. Someone else can tell you what time a meeting begins, or what Brother John's telephone number is, or who teaches Youth A. Some pastors' homes sound like the central exchange at a large telephone company!

Let your pastor say "no" sometimes. There are times when several meetings are set for the same time, and the pastor is wanted at each of them. Don't be hurt if he must refuse to do some things occasionally. Besides, the pastor has a family and he has a responsibility to them. Let him be at home with them some evenings and you'll be repaid with a happier pastor's family. Most people go to church services, committee meetings and fellowships because they want to. Give your pastor that choice when his presence is not necessary.

Give your pastor time away from the church. Remember how much you appreciate getting away from it all? Your pastor needs adequate time off each year, and don't make him feel guilty for taking a vacation. Some well-meaning persons comment, "The devil doesn't take a vacation!" That's true, but your pastor isn't fighting the battle alone, either!

I would suggest giving your pastor a month off each year. Let him know you approve of the time off so he won't regret leaving for a few days. When he has a regular day off be sure to respect it. However, if an emergency develops on the day off, let him know about it. He wants to know. Most people have two days off each week so make sure your pastor has at least one day off.

The pastor is held responsible for whatever happens at a church, for better or worse. An effective church works as a team with the pastor and his congregation pulling together.

You demand a lot from your pastor. Are you helping him?

by K. Maynard Head

"My pastor makes \$50 an hour!"

That statement was recently made by a member of a church in my community. He went on to say, "He only works three hours a week . . . an hour on Sunday morning, an hour Sunday night, and another hour on Wednesday evening."

Perhaps the remark was made in jest, but similar feelings are often expressed by people who are unaware of the responsibilities of a pastor.

Most churches today overwork their pastor and do not know it! A few church members do not understand or appreciate the type of pressures their pastor faces.

In the first place a pastor is expected to be a jack-of-all-trades. He must manage an office, provide advice and understanding at weddings and funerals, design advertising for church programs, counsel his congregation—and often other townspeople—on various topics, write articles and devotions, teach a Sunday school class, coach a church softball team, and entertain at fellowships. In between these responsibilities he must prepare

Viewpoint

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Uplift America, Be a Christian Citizen

by C. Welton Gaddy

Christian citizenship is needed in the nation. Responsible citizenship is taught in the Bible. Responsible Christian citizenship is mandated by Christ.

Nationalism and Christianity must never be confused. However, the biblical view of government and the nature of faithful discipleship are such that the nation inevitably benefits from the presence of Christian citizens. Respect for government officials (I Peter 2:17), prayers in behalf of those who serve in public office (I Timothy 2:17), obedience to the law (Titus 3:1), and honest payments of taxes (Romans 13:6-7) strengthen the government of the nation as well as honor the Lord-

ship of Christ.

Profound contributions to the character of the nation stem from distinctives of Christian citizenship. Exemplary are the person-centered approach to politics, the witness of authentic patriotism, and the influence of moral conscience which characterize Christian citizens.

Person-Centered Politics. Respect for personal dignity and individual worth is affirmed in practice as well as in principle. No person is considered merely an opponent to be beaten. No group of people is impersonally counted as a bloc of faceless voters. Labels and stereotypes are carefully avoided. The

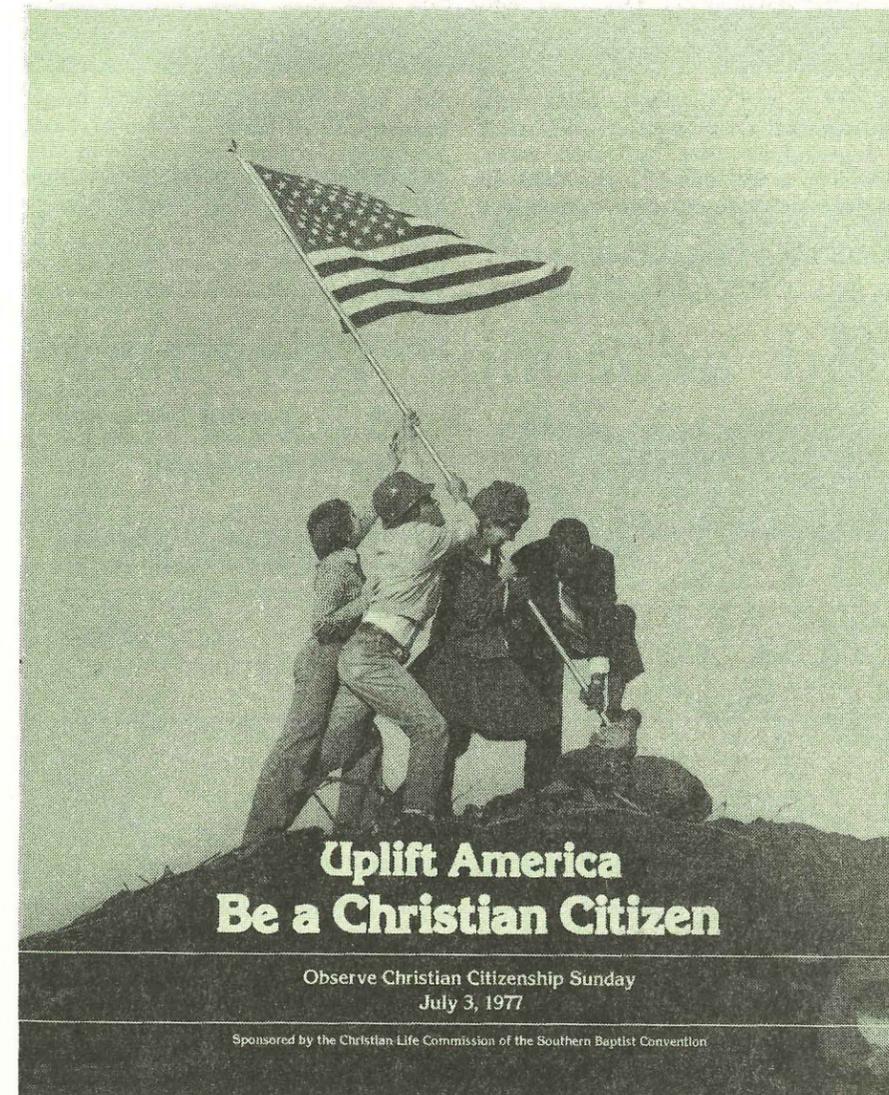
institutions, programs, and bureaucracies of government are supported as servants rather than masters of the public and evaluated in terms of actual performance. Though the two are not mutually exclusive, "winning one's cause," whether in an election, a legislative debate, or a public forum, is subordinate to serving people in need.

Authentic Patriotism. Aware that absolute allegiance belongs only to God, Christians exhibit a love for the nation which is both complimentary and critical. Through speech and action efforts are made to give the nation not what it wants but what it needs. Support is strong for democratic principles such as majority rule, citizen action, and cooperation as well as for democratic provisions such as minority dissent, constructive protest, and diversity.

Moral Influence. A Christian citizen brings to the political process a conscience shaped by the ethical teachings of the Bible and inspired by the ministry of Jesus. Thus, the question of "is it morally right?" supercedes the question of "is it politically possible?" Efforts are aimed at maintaining that which is good and eliminating that which is evil in the political process. As major government decisions are made, the strong voice of Christian convictions can occupy a position of major influence amidst considerations of public consensus, economic consequences, pressures from special-interest groups, and political loyalties.

Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 3, 1977, is an excellent time for local churches to focus on the responsibilities of Christian citizenship in relation both to God and to the nation. Regular church activities—Bible-study groups, musical programs, mission action groups, Christian education sessions, and sermons—provide ample opportunities for considering scriptural teachings on government, crucial social issues, and appropriate moral responses to the political problems of the local community. Special programs—a weekend Christian Citizenship Seminar, a series of Christians and Political Action conferences, a Know Your Community study—enable interested persons to become more knowledgeable about specific concerns.

As our nation moves into its third century of existence, Christian citizens should exercise a significant moral witness within it. The nation needs such citizenship. The Bible demands it. Observe Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 3, 1977. UPLIFT AMERICA, BE A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN.



Crestridge Opens June 18

Another summer of backpacking, tennis and horseback riding is scheduled to begin June 18 as the first summer session of Camp Crestridge for Girls gets under way.

Camp Crestridge is located 18 miles east of Asheville, N. C., and is part of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The camp offers two four-week sessions, according to Arvine Bell, camp director. The first session will be June 18-July 15 and the second July 18-Aug. 14.

Activities range from water sports to cheerleading to overnight campouts. "The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has loaned us two staffers to teach backpacking to the campers," Miss Bell said. "We'll also have instruction in tennis and horseback riding."

The camp grounds include a lake for swimming, diving and other water sports. Classes are taught in music, drama and handicrafts. Planned religious activities are part of the program.

A limited number of campers will be accepted for two-week periods, June



18-July 2; July 2-15; July 18-31; July 31-Aug. 14.

Registration fees for the camp, including a \$50 deposit, are \$250 for two weeks, \$415 for four weeks and

\$830 for eight weeks. Checks or money orders may be made payable to Camp Crestridge for Girls and mailed to Miss Arvine Bell, Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

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Drummond's Book Cited

The Bible Says, a book written by Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been listed by Christianity Today as one of 25 "Choice Evangelical Books" published in 1976.

The nationally-known religious publication called Drummond's book "The most notable evangelical work" in the area of systematic theology published last year.

The Southern Seminary professor and former pastor is the only Southern Baptist to have a book listed in the group of 25 "choice" books.

Drummond's book, published by Abingdon Press, is an introductory, systematic presentation of biblical teaching. He has been on the faculty of the Louisville seminary since 1973.



Drummond

Handy Receives Degree

Jerry Handy, formerly of Owenton, graduated with a bachelor of theology degree from Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., in ceremonies held recently.



Handy

'View of Georgetown' Exhibited in Louisville

The Elizabeth B. Farnam painting "View of Georgetown" is part of an exhibition at the J. B. Speed Art Museum, Louisville. The exhibition will continue through July 17.

The painting is one of several included in the exhibition that highlights works of Kentucky painters of the 19th century.

Earlier this year, the painting was part of the "Pageant of the Bluegrass:

Painting in Kentucky Collections," shown in the Old Capitol, Frankfort.

Coach, Four Players Killed in Accident

A memorial service was held at Anderson, S. C., May 15, during commencement exercises of Anderson College for a coach and four varsity tennis players killed in an accident on May 12 near Marion, N. C.

Tennis coach Max Grubbs, 66, a former professor of chemistry at the Baptist junior college who would have retired May 13, died when a college van, en route to a tennis tournament in Banner Elk, N. C., collided with a dump truck pulling a trailer.

Also killed were Fozal Mahmood Kahn, 21, an All-American tennis player from Karachi, Pakistan; George Eric Teasley, 19, Greenwood, S. C.; David William Owen, 19, Easley, S. C.; and Daniel J. Pankiw, 20, Waynesville, N. C.

Two other players were injured. Dihren Rathod, 19, Bombay, India, is in serious condition at Asheville (N. C.) Mission Memorial Hospital, and Scott Dickey, 20, Greenville, S. C., is in good condition with a broken leg.

Grubbs, who would have received a silver retirement cup at a faculty-alumni luncheon on May 13, coached the girls' basketball team when he first joined the Anderson College staff in 1958 and had eight winning seasons.



Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport, has announced that the college will name an Outstanding Athlete Award in Clem Haskins' name. Pictured from left are Taylor County athletic director Billy B. Smith, Haskins former coach; Haskins; and W. R. Davenport.

Frank Owen



CHURCH MEMORIES

Someday I want to write a series on Memories of the Faithful. Among the heroes I would tell about is Brother McClanahan of our church in Flat River, Mo. He was a large, friendly white-haired man whose generousities included his delight in giving his pastor and family a ride home from church in his 1922 Model-T open-air Ford.

In bitter winter the Sunday night procedure ran about the same from week to week. We would all get in and seated while he got ready to turn the crank up front. Boys my age wore Mackinaw coats in those days and I'll never forget how cold that "oil cloth" seat was on initial impact. After a few turns of the crank Brother McClanahan would come to the side of the car, all out of breath and say, "I'm so sorry (puff, puff) but I must ask you folk to get out so I can get the jack out from under the seat."

Then our host would jack up a hind wheel, put the lever down on the driver's side and the spark up so it wouldn't kick so hard and with the added leverage of the spinning wheel his grunting efforts with the crank would prove successful. Next he would pull the lever back and the spark down and the dancing vehicle would almost come out from under itself by the time the jack was let down. Then, with the engine running and the seat replaced it was time to sit back down on that icy seat which was again as cold as before.

One remembers the humorous side of these boyhood experiences but I discover that I remember equally well the great heart of Brother McClanahan. His faithful goodness and generosity have lived quietly in my memory to inspire at least a measure of similar virtues.

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International Series

A Leader Called

Exodus 3:1-11

God chooses, calls, and commissions leaders to perform specific tasks and assures them of divine guidance and enablement for so doing. One of the great leaders whom God called and used mightily was Moses.

The Circumstances—3:1-2

Through fear of losing his life Moses fled from Egypt to Midian. There he married Zipporah, and settled down to the life of a shepherd for the next forty years. Meanwhile, God was preparing him for his future job. In Midian he learned that only utter dependence on God could fit him to accomplish the task which was before him.

The Curiosity—3:3

Moses' attention was arrested by a strange and inexplicable sight. He saw a flame burning in a bush, but was amazed to see that the bush was not being consumed by the fire.

The Call—3:4-5

When he approached the bush, God told Moses to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Aware of God's presence, Moses removed his shoes and hid his face in reverence. God revealed to Moses that it was the divine will for him to come to the aid of his afflicted people and to deliver them from bondage in Egypt.

The Compassion—3:6-9

God had seen the Israelites' affliction even though, up to that time, he was apparently not taking any action for their relief. Knowing all about them in compassion God announced the divine purpose to Moses saying that he had come down "to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good and large land flowing with milk and honey."

The Commission—3:10-11

Moses was to be the human instrument which God would use in bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. The commission which he received was urgent — "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh." Moses exclaimed, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" When God's will is clear, the voice of self-depreciation is not to be heeded.

This mission or assignment was purposeful in its intent — "That thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. Since the time had arrived for Israel to be delivered out of bondage, it was imperative that Moses should go at once to perform his task.

This mission or assignment appeared too great for Moses, so he voiced his objections and made his excuses. Moses discovered that God never calls a person to a task without supplying adequate strength for its accomplishment. What God commands us to do, he enables us to achieve, if we respond obediently.

Life and Work Series

The Faithfulness of God

II Timothy 2:1-13

After reminding him of his great heritage of faith, Paul challenged Timothy to appreciate it, to treasure it highly, to overcome his natural reticence, to endure affliction and suffering courageously as he carried on his work for the Lord. He also urged him to remember that God's grace would enable him to acquit himself nobly in the struggles which he would encounter, to know that this grace would be sufficient for all needs and to render the best service possible for his Lord.

Paul admonished Timothy to take the truths of the Christian faith and share them with all who would receive them. This was to be done with the hope that those who would receive and appropriate them would be enriched greatly by them and, in turn, pass them on to others. Paul admonished Timothy to gather around him true Christians who would welcome instruction in the truth, who would be both capable and willing to teach the same to others.

In order to get Timothy to make full use of his God-given abilities, Paul listed three strong incentives:

1. The devotion of the soldier.

To do his share of the difficult and trying things involved in active military life a soldier must separate himself from the activities and cares of this world, must refuse to allow himself to become involved in civilian affairs at home and must devote himself exclusively to enduring the hardships of military life. If a Christian is to please his Lord and render effective and acceptable service, he must cut loose from the affairs of the world and let the Lord have his way in his life.

2. The discipline of the athlete.

If one is to compete successfully in an athletic contest, he must undergo training, practice self-denial, subject himself to strict discipline, accept the hardships involved, compete for the prize according to the rules and exert himself to the utmost. A Christian must do likewise if he is to be victorious and useful.

3. The diligence of the farmer.

If a farmer is to achieve success, he must engage in arduous labor from dawn until twilight. Perseverance, prayer and patience are needed in working for the Lord in any profession.

Paul reminded Timothy that the ultimate reason why he should always be faithful to Christ was because of what Christ had done for him. This contemporary and unforgettable person is just as up-to-date as today's problems. Having been raised from the dead, and being alive forevermore, Christ is adequate for all the problems, perplexities, perils and possibilities of the Christian's daily life.

Students Selected for Summer Missions

A record 37 college students have been appointed by Kentucky Baptist Convention to serve as summer missionaries to 15 states and four foreign countries.

Those students selected for service are (listed by college, name and place of service):

Ashland CC—Patti Sanders, Virginia.

Campbellsville—Patty Jo Taylor, Michigan; Fred Hampton, North Carolina.

Cumberland—Donna Jarvis, Idaho-Utah; J. E. Hail, Pa-S. Jersey; Gary Collins, Colorado.

Eastern—Rita Haubner, New Mexico. Georgetown—Jennifer Ross, Virginia; Don Donahue, Bangladesh.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital—Tammy Vest, Bahamas.

Kentucky Wesleyan—Lista Lovell, Arizona; Brent Cochran, Guam; David and Paula White, Pa-S. Jersey.

Madisonville CC—Chris Egbert, Iowa.

Morehead—Lois Curd, Nevada; Robin Kline, Illinois; Carla Armstrong, Germany.

Murray—Gerri Yancy, Toby Roberts, Martha Kirk and Keith Inman, all to serve in Virginia.

Oneida Baptist Institute—David McKinney, Arkansas.

Paducah CC—Huey Anderson, Maryland.

Univ. of Kentucky—Kathleen Halperon, Michigan.

Univ. of Louisville—Hazel Combs, New York.

Western—Kim Hume, Arkansas.

Five students were selected for the creative ministries team. Those named and the schools they attend are: John Mark Gaskin and Rebecca Poole, both of Georgetown; Debby Ann Hazelip, Elizabethtown CC; Thomas Wayne Newman, Berea; David Scott, Northern.

Five other students were selected for the drama team. They are: Wyndee Ezell and Michael Smith, both of Eastern; Rick Howerton, Campbellsville; Beverly Logan, Georgetown; Richard Sullivan, Louisville.

Two other students will participate in summer mission work. Diane Brewer, a sophomore voice major at Cumberland College has been appointed by the

Home Mission Board to serve in resort ministry at Ocean City, Maryland.

Lori Yaste, a senior at Bourbon County High School, Paris, will work as a summer missionary in the Covington-Newport area. She will spend 10 weeks working with vacation Bible schools, day camps and backyard Bible studies.

3 Louisvillians Chosen To Receive HMB Aid

Three Louisvillians have been chosen by the Home Mission Board to be among 23 mission pastors who will receive pastoral aid.

The selection, made during a recent meeting of the board in Atlanta, will enable new mission churches to have a full time pastor.

The three from Louisville who were selected are: William Alphin, to serve in Jeffersonville, Ind.; Thomas Sparks, to serve in Ottawa, Ohio; and Steven Ivy, to serve in Wyoming, Mich.

Two Missionaries Hurt In Yemen Car Accident

Rogers M. Smith of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff and William E. Koehn, Southern Baptist missionary, were injured May 14, in a car accident near Sana'a, Yemen.

No details of the accident, which demolished their automobile, are known, but board officials received a telegram about the injuries. Smith has fractured ribs. Koehn has a dislocated hip, a fractured socket bone of the hip, a fractured and displaced upper jaw and lacerations on the head, face and arm.

BMT Priorities Set

Some 147 counties in 30 states have been selected as primary targets for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust (BMT).

The counties are listed as "under-evangelized," one of four areas of

concern of BMT, which is designed to "evangelize and congregationalize" the nation by the end of the decade.

The 30 states include only one "Old South" state—Florida, in which three counties are listed in the first phase of the three phase project.

The other counties listed are in the North, Midwest and West.

FMB Appoints 10; New Mission Work Begun

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 10 new career missionaries at its May meeting and also voted to begin work in the Southeast Asian country of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon, will be the 87th country in which Southern Baptist missionaries are serving. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cullen, formerly missionaries to Thailand, have been transferred to the new area of work. Cullen has been on temporary assignment to Sri Lanka since Jan. 1.

In other action, the board decided, after consultation with leaders of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), to extend by one month the period for tabulating the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This means that the final total for the annual offering will be compiled at the end of May, instead of at the end of April.

Latest reports on the 1976 Lottie Moon Offering showed a total of \$28,314,617 an increase of \$2,145,195 over last year's offering but still short of the \$29 million goal.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. M. Joseph Benfield of Indiana and Georgia, to Uruguay; Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Dickerman of Missouri and Indiana, to Ecuador; Mr. and Mrs. James Miller Jr. of South Carolina and North Carolina, to Ecuador; Mr. and Mrs. Larry S. Thomas of Texas, to East Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Tuttle of North Carolina and Kansas, to Japan.

Mrs. Tuttle will be returning to the land where she grew up as an "MK" (missionary kid) while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. (Bud) Spencer, served as missionaries in Japan.