

**Western Recorder**

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# Daley Observations

## A Tale of Two Churches

By coincidence recently on successive Sundays I visited two Kentucky Baptist churches which have been in kingdom business a combined total of 306 years. Both congregations are vigorous and are making plans to minister until the Lord returns.

On July 3 Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Nelson County celebrated 196 years of ministry with homecoming and dedication services. Constituted on July 4, 1781, Cedar Creek might have been the first Baptist church organized in Kentucky had not the charter members decided to wait until July 4 to organize.

When Cedar Creek was constituted Kentucky was still a part of Virginia. Like other early congregations in this Indian hunting ground, worshipers came to church with a Bible in their hands and a rifle on their shoulder. The church stands today between Bardstown and Boston several miles from its first location. The present sanctuary is about 150 years old and is a structural masterpiece. Except for the front, the sanctuary is completely surrounded by the graveyard and so the educational building is a hundred yards or so away



on another lot.

The educational building was dedicated in special services on July 3 as was a new baptistry. Oddly enough the church never had a baptistry in its 196 years of existence. A baptism service climaxed the day's activities.

Cedar Creek is searching for a pastor. Serving as interim pastor is Walter E. Bryant, the beloved former pastor of Cox Creek and Kings. It will be hard to find a pastor to lead the congregation more magnificently than Bryant is now doing.

Woodburn Baptist Church is 110 years old this summer and celebrated with homecoming services on June 26. Located in the lush and fertile land between Bowling Green and Franklin, this village has weathered many changes and remains a beautiful and delightful place to live. Once a busy stop on the mainline of the L&N Railroad, Woodburn

has lost its depot as it has its bank, but its churches still flourish.

In 1944 this congregation took a chance and called an inexperienced seminary student as pastor. I was that student and will forever be indebted for experiences that were as valuable as my seminary training. This congregation had more mature Christians and excellent cooks for its size than any I have ever known. Most of these saints have gone on to glory, but ties to their families are still strong and the cooks are better than ever.

Woodburn Baptists have come a long way since 1944. From worship services only two Sundays a month, the church now has a full program of worship, Bible study, music, missionary organizations and a resident pastor. The building has been beautifully renovated, a spacious pastorium stands across the street and ground was broken on this homecoming day for another addition to the building.

All former pastors of Woodburn remember its blessings with gratitude. One of these is W. A. Criswell who returned 10 years ago for the centennial celebration and who has related Woodburn experiences all over the world.

The Lord has honored this congregation recently by calling one of its number to the ministry. David Morris related his call in the homecoming service, was licensed to preach by the church, is giving up his job and will be off to school next month. O. C. Murphy is the able Woodburn pastor.

The success of Baptists is due to faithful congregations like Cedar Creek and Woodburn. Together they represent 306 years of preaching and teaching the gospel. Thousands who found Christ through their ministries have moved away to be leaders in other congregations.

The world today is a far cry from 1781 or even 1867 and the founders of these congregations would not believe all that has happened if they saw it. But the spiritual needs of today are the same as then. So is the gospel. Thank God for his people of every generation who are committed to proclaim and to live the changeless gospel in a changing world.

## Vatican Statement Out of Place

It is not surprising but it is out of place. The recent Vatican call upon the governments of the world to give financial support to Catholic schools could have been predicted. This is the historic position of Roman Catholicism. The state has always been expected by the Vatican to contribute to the Roman church and its many ministries.

Catholic schools are feeling the financial pinch. Fewer and fewer priests and nuns are giving their free services in parochial schools which means more paid teachers must be used. The costs of modern equipment and educational materials continue to rise which makes it hard for parochial

schools to compete with public schools which receive tax funds.

One can sympathize with those trying to operate parochial schools these days, but sympathy should not take the form of compromise of the basic and valid position of separation of church and state.

A parochial school is a religious organization as well as an educational institution. If it were not, its existence could not be justified. Many Catholic schools have daily religious exercises as well as academic classes.

The United States Constitution prohibits tax support of

religious exercises in public schools as well as in church schools. The United States Supreme Court has upheld this position in the face of all kinds of pressure from Catholic officials, parochial school parents, advocates of non-Catholic private schools and even Presidents of the United States as well as other politicians.

The United States Supreme Court has recently somewhat compromised its historic hard line stand on this matter. In a recent decision the court held as constitutional the use of tax funds for textbooks to lend to parochial pupils and for medical and dental services and the like to parochial pupils but still rules out any tax aid to or through church schools.

Some Baptists in recent years have compromised the church-state separation principle as much or more than the Supreme Court has. In trying to keep our Baptist colleges solvent, we have gone after and gotten low interest loans

for buildings and government loans and grants for students. By so doing we have almost silenced the historic Baptist witness to religious liberty by separation of church and state.

Religious freedom requires the churches have the right to operate schools if they choose. Separation of church and state requires that these churches and the parents who use them pay for these schools. The state has discharged its obligation by making public schools available to all children. When parents choose other schools, they should expect to pay.

The Vatican statement included one very fine point. It warned against letting parochial schools serve the rich and leave out the poor.

Private schools in the south need the same counsel. There are exceptions but most of these schools serve the whites who can afford to pay tuition leaving the blacks and poor whites for the public schools.

## Baptist Forum

The Mouth Card Baptist Church, Pike Association, wishes to thank all the people who helped us during our recent flood. We had a distribution center in our church which helped 85 families whose homes were flooded. We distributed food, clothing, furniture and household items. Most of this was furnished by churches in Northern Kentucky. Some of those who helped were George Stack with the Ten Mile and Owen Co. Associations and W. L. Crumpler, Union and the Crittenden Association. Stewart Truck Lines, Dry Ridge, Ky., furnished a truck and Mr. Stewart drove the truck. Consolidated Freightways, Cincinnati, furnished a truck and driver and gasoline. Salvation Army, Bowling Green, brought a load of clothes. We received \$685 from churches and we were able to give \$38 each to 18 families who were in our church to buy back household items they lost in the flood.

During all this work our basement was flooded to the ceiling. We used our pastor's home for giving 700 shots, feeding sometimes 50 workers a day, distributing food and clothing, and making a grocery run each day. Because of looting people couldn't leave their homes to come and get food. A couple of times the army would bring a whole load of milk, about 100 gallons.

It is impossible to list all the people

who helped because we were so over worked and couldn't take time to keep accurate records. We were without electricity for six days and no water and no heat and still running a center. The Lord answered our needs before we could even ask for them. We can't even tell you now how it all started in running a center. Our pastor's wife prayed and asked the Lord what to do and he said, "Put up a sign, RELIEF INSIDE," and she did. We had no food, no heat, no electricity, no water. About five minutes after the sign went up a man stopped who wasn't even a Christian and asked, "What can I do?"

It all started from there. He went out and got a camp stove and supplies to fix hot coffee. From there on we received five truck loads from Northern Kentucky Baptist churches. The first seven days WECL radio station in Elkhorn City fed us and thousands of others until help could get here. The second week the army fed us. From then on the churches kept food here. God supplies our every NEED, not our wants.

Mouth Card Baptist Church  
Mouth Card, Ky.

I am a Christian woman with a desire to serve my Lord. I thank God daily for my sex and for one of my most honored

experiences of life—giving birth to two beautiful baby girls. I enjoy being a woman and I'm glad my Lord chose me for it. I'm also happy that in his wonderful plan he put the head of our household on my husband's shoulders. Weekly my husband and I share in the study of God's word in a mixed couples Sunday school class (under male supervision). I am indeed proud that our church believes in and stands for male leadership.

It is necessary that I hold down a full time secretarial job, therefore I consider myself liberated to the working world; however I pray I never become liberated from God's Holy Word.

My prayer is that more of us women would study God's Word daily to know what he means for us to do, and I believe we would see less divorces, fewer nervous conditions, less need for tranquilizers, and far more contented females.

Let's enjoy being women and consider it an honor that the Lord chose us for the feminine sex and not degrade our "special honor" by trying to do what he has called the man to do.

Mrs. Fred (Nancy) McDowell  
Catlettsburg, Ky.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Recorder Awards Contract To St. Matthews Firm

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

After 58 years of printing its own publication, Western Recorder has terminated its printing services effective with this issue (July 27).

A three-year contract was signed with Jefferson Publishing Inc., of St. Matthews, Ky., July 21, giving the suburban firm exclusive right to print the 151-year-old weekly Baptist news journal.

Participating in the contract signing were Bruce B. VanDusen, president of Jefferson Publishing; C. R. Daley, editor, and Paul Whittler Jr., business manager, both of Western Recorder.

The contract calls for similar size, paper, ink and number of half-tones as previously. Fifty issues will be printed annually, as before. Current circulation is 56,000 families per week.

Jefferson Publishing currently prints its own newspapers, among them The Voice and The Jeffersonian, plus The Catholic Record and a number of other smaller publications weekly.

Western Recorder's publication date has been advanced to Wednesday under the new contract. Most subscribers in the state will receive papers Tuesday or Wednesday.



Signing their new three-year agreement on the dotted line are [l-r] Western Recorder business manager Paul Whittler Jr.; Bruce B. VanDusen, president of Jefferson Publishing Inc.; and C. R. Daley, Western Recorder's editor.

## Scholarship Cut Off Near

Applications for matching funds scholarships for the coming school year close July 31. A letter to Franklin Owen's office by that date is sufficient to begin the process.

Currently, 127 prospective students have applied. Owen said some funds are available for those who meet the conditions, including first come first served.

## Z I P

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex., will soon have something new—its own zip code.

The U. S. Postal Service has granted the Baptist agency its own zip code—76150—effective Sept. 1.

The commission receives 500,000 pieces of mail annually and in 1976 mailed out over 1,400,000 articles.

## Double Exposure

At what age is a child able to comprehend who God is? Some are able to pray to him when only two. But when do they reach the time of true understanding, the age of accountability? Can a youngster nine or under know God as his personal saviour? We have known some whose professions of faith came much earlier, one as early as age six. While we are not advocating a given age, some who have made early decisions have yielded fine Christian examples in later life. The Bible cautions, "Suffer (or permit) little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).



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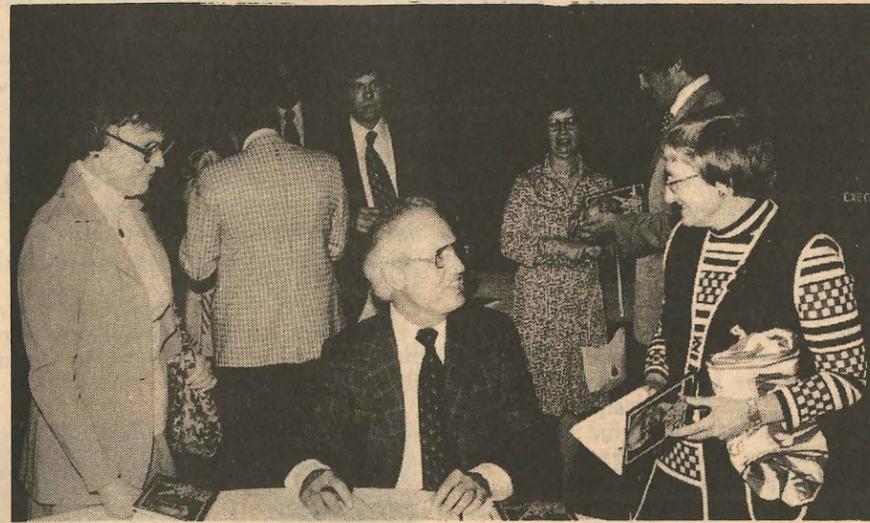
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Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll talks with Margaret Chaney [l] and Ruth Ozutz [r] of Louisville Baptist Book Store during a recent reception. The affair was held to announce the new book, Julian Carroll of Kentucky, by Charles Conn.

## Baptist Leaders Protest Diplomatic Ties to Vatican

Three Southern Baptist leaders have criticized President Jimmy Carter for his selection of David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Vatican.

In a related development, Congress is on the verge of repealing a century-old statute prohibiting public funds for a United States ambassador to the Papal state.

Opposition to Carter's action came swiftly and sharply from Jimmy Allen, newly elected Southern Baptist Convention president; James E. Wood Jr., Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs director; and Foy Valentine, director, SBC Christian Life Commission.

Wood labeled Walters' appointment as "ecclesiastical" and pointed out that Carter first cleared the appointment with Joseph Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Allen sent President Carter a telegram expressing regret over the appointment. Allen told the President he believes "this practice is in violation of the spirit and probably the letter of the first amendment to the Constitution."

Allen urged Carter to find other ways to maintain effective communication with the head of the Roman Catholic Church on matters of mutual concern.

Valentine also expressed strong dis-

agreement with the appointment. "The appointment is evidence of the continuing efforts of vested interests to erode the principle of church-state separation," he said.

Walters is the first Roman Catholic named by an American president as an envoy to the Vatican. He succeeds Henry Cabot Lodge, who held a similar position during the terms of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

On Capitol Hill, the Senate has voted to repeal the 1867 statute which prohibited funding for an ambassadorship to the Vatican. The measure, which was proposed by Sen. Richard Stone (D-Fla.), was made part of the 1978 Department of State appropriation bill.

No such provision was passed by the House so the matter now goes to a conference committee between the House and Senate to iron out the differences.

Stone, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, proposed the repeal because he felt that such a prohibition should not stand in the way if the president desired to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican.

In response to this measure, SBC president Jimmy Allen urged concerned citizens to write or telegram their senators and congressman protesting this action.

## Hungary to Host Graham; May Speak in Russia

Evangelist Billy Graham has accepted an invitation to hold a series of religious meetings in Hungary. Overtures have also been made for Graham to preach in Russia and Romania. The date has not been determined although a fall date is possible.

Graham, vacationing in Europe, said he would be willing to "cancel any engagements to accept this invitation." However, it would not entail the cancellation of any scheduled crusades.

## LaFavre Takes Pastorate

Robert E. LaFavre, associate editor for the past five years for The Christian Index, Georgia's state Baptist newspaper, is resigning effective Aug. 15 to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Ga.

LaFavre, a native of Hollywood, Fla., joined the Index after eight and a half years as associate pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta. He has also served churches in Kentucky and Florida.

## ABC's 'Soap' is Dirty

Three Southern Baptist leaders who have previewed the first two episodes of "Soap," an upcoming prime time series on ABC-TV, have unleashed vigorous protests against what one of them calls "a 30-minute dirty joke."

Foy Valentine and Harry N. Hollis Jr., of the SBC Christian Life Commission, have written ABC president Fred Pierce asking that "Soap" be canceled before it is shown. SBC president Jimmy Allen also opposes the show.

"'Soap' is not sophisticated; it is a 30-minute dirty joke," declared Hollis of the series which deals with themes of adultery, homosexuality, transvestism and impotency.

"'Soap' is dirty," Hollis says. "It does not cleanse through healthy humor; it dirties through the use of base relationships and crude and lewd expressions. It is the epitome of sex miseducation."

"'Soap' is prime time pollution," Valentine declared.

# Kentucky Baptists at Work

Jay Brown has spent over 35 years pastoring churches and holding various associational positions. But he freely admits he has been an evangelist at heart all that time.

"I love the pastorate and the contact with people," said Brown, who became director of evangelism for Kentucky Baptists in April. "But more than anything else, I love to participate in evangelistic efforts and see people accept Jesus Christ as their personal saviour."

The 54-year-old Alabama native began his ministry at a mission in Birmingham, Ala., while a student at Howard (now Samford) University. Since that time he has pastored churches in Montgomery, Ala., Chattanooga,

gelistic churches in Kentucky.

"My primary role as evangelism director is to motivate church leaders, plan evangelism programs and train witnesses and workers to perform tasks," he stated. "With the emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust, getting the whole church involved in evangelistic activities becomes even more important."

"Our churches must have a total mission outlook," he added. "Really, the Great Commission is just as applicable in our county and state as it is in our nation or the world. The only difference is in the strategy we use."

One of the primary areas of interest for Brown is to alert the churches of the various avenues through which a spiritual awakening can occur.

Southern Baptist Convention; Ramsey Pollard, retired pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; David Haney, SBC Brotherhood Commission expert on church renewal; Reid Hardin, a layman active in SBC church renewal efforts; Lewis Drummond, holder of the Billy Graham chair of evangelism at Southern Seminary; Kentucky evangelists Wallace Morris and Harold Tallant.

In addition to this impressive array of speakers, there is one more who Brown is excited about. He is David Ring.

**Jay Brown:**

## Always an Evangelist at Heart

by Nick Nixon, Staff Writer

Tenn., South Campbellville, Ky. (while he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Lansing, Mich., and at Louisville Farmdale (on two separate occasions). Brown also spent six years as superintendent of missions for two associations in Michigan.

But in all of these positions, evangelistic work has been his first love.

"When I was a young pastor in Montgomery, I participated in a simultaneous revival with other pastors in the association" Brown recalled. "The older pastors remarked that I was too evangelistic, but I believed in what I was doing and kept on."

"When I was in Michigan I sometimes worked in 16 to 18 weeks of revival a year," he added. "I have even used my vacation time to lead revivals. I love it!"

Brown's contagious enthusiasm makes it obvious that he loves his new job.

"There are so many exciting things happening today. New avenues of work are springing up every day," Brown noted. "In this job I can attend conferences and talk with people and become a resource person for all pastors in Kentucky. That's exciting!"

Brown is focusing his efforts on helping plant the seeds to grow evan-

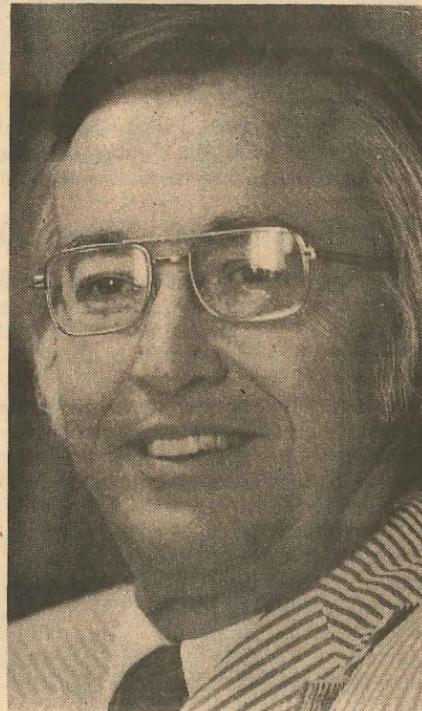
"Church awakening can come in any number of ways," Brown observed. "Most people think a revival is the only means and thus they center entire evangelistic efforts around one week of meetings a year."

"Revivals are just one means of awakening a church, he continued. "There are hundreds of others—lay renewal weekends, bus ministry . . . When I was at Farmdale we experienced a real awakening through a building program."

"Building an evangelistic church is not a one man, one thing, one time occurrence," Brown added. "It's a happening that continues. It involves the whole program of the church and is, in fact, the whole atmosphere of the church. It's the church becoming aware of its possibilities and becoming interested in fulfilling the role for which God called them."

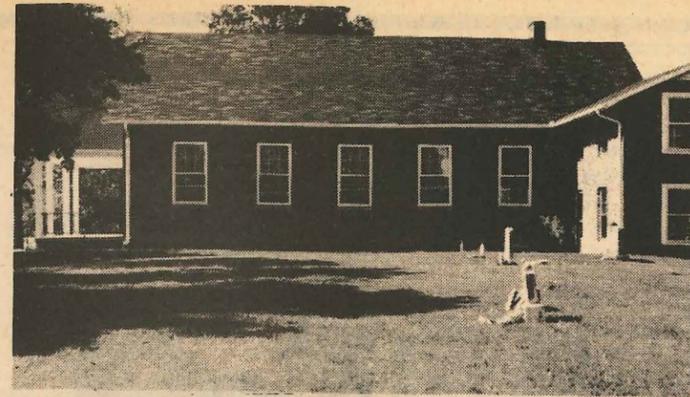
Brown is now finalizing plans for the state evangelism conference his office conducts annually. Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, will host the five session, two-day meeting beginning Jan. 16, 1978. An imposing list of speakers has agreed to participate.

The list includes Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., and a former two-term president of the



"I heard David speak recently at William Jewell College and he was unbelievable," Brown said. "David is a 24-year-old cerebral palsy victim. But what he has lost because of his affliction God has more than replaced in his ability to speak. He will have you laughing one minute and crying like a baby the next. His testimony is one of the most inspiring I have ever heard."

Brown hopes this conference will be a time of inspiration for those who attend. But more importantly, he hopes it will give them an idea of the vast resources available to help church evangelism programs.



The renovated Cedar Creek sanctuary was constructed about 150 years ago.



Worshippers head from the sanctuary to the educational building at lunch time.

## Cedar Creek Baptists Celebrate 196 Years of Ministry

Cedar Creek Baptists in Nelson County have a rich heritage and they are proud of it. This heritage includes strong patriotism. The church was constituted on July 4, 1781, and celebrated 196 years of ministry on July 3 of this year.

There are two congregations in Kentucky named Cedar Creek. This one is in Nelson County about six miles west of Bardstown off Highway 62. It is sometimes called First Cedar Creek to distinguish it from Cedar Creek in Jefferson County which is also one of the oldest churches in Kentucky having been constituted in 1792.

Cedar Creek's homecoming this year was special. It was the occasion for dedication of a spacious education building and a newly-installed baptistry.

The education building is unique in that it is 100 yards or so away from the

sanctuary. The sanctuary is surrounded by a cemetery and thus there was no space for an addition to the church. A new sanctuary may someday be constructed in connection with the educational building but the old sanctuary, which is structurally sound and beautiful, now suffices.

The new baptistry is also unique. There was no room behind the pulpit where baptistries are usually constructed. And so the baptistry occupies one side of the front of the sanctuary and is very beautiful. The church has existed 196 years without a baptistry. Outdoor baptisms were the order of old days.

Walter E. Bryant, Cedar Creek interim pastor, made special plans for the day. In the morning service Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley was guest speaker. The special homecoming and dedication service in the afternoon

featured musical groups, the choir and Kentucky Baptist executive secretary Franklin Owen who delivered the address and led the congregation in dedication vows.

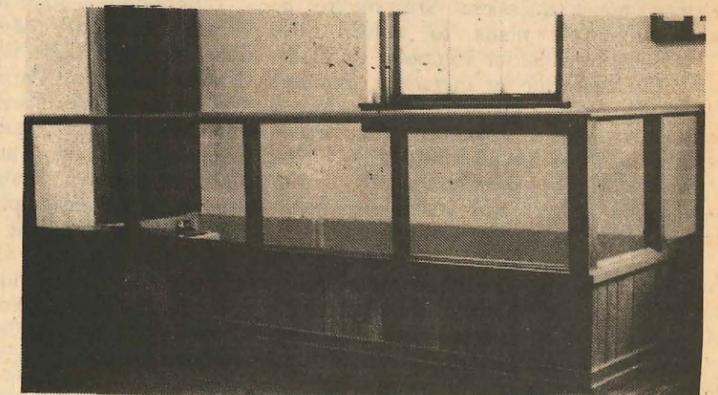
A sumptuous dinner was served at noon for members and many guests.

Cedar Creek has survived many different eras. Interim pastor Bryant presented highlights of the church's history. Listeners were amused to hear accounts of caretakers who kept the building, built the fires and furnished water for the preacher while he preached, all for \$10 a year. Pastors fared better receiving as much as \$100 a year.

The community around Cedar Creek appears to be growing. The members today appear as anxious to provide for these as did the faithful who began the church in 1781.



An anniversary cake was part of the sumptuous homecoming dinner.



The uniquely constructed baptistry is the first for Cedar Creek in 196 years.

## Missions & Ministries

### FMB Appoints 21; New Volunteer Plans Studied

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its July meeting in Richmond, Va., added 21 missionaries and two special project workers and geared up to give full support to new programs designed to utilize an increased number of volunteers in overseas missions.

Six of the missionaries have Kentucky connections. James and Luana Ehrlich, who will minister in Venezuela, were serving at Highland Park Baptist Church, Louisville, at the time of their appointment.

J. Hines and Martha Adams both attended Southern Seminary in Louisville. They will serve in Panama.

Tilden and Linda Bridges will be serving in Taiwan. Both graduated this spring from Southern Seminary. He served as minister of youth and she served as music minister at First Baptist Church, Morgantown.

Other career missionaries appointed are: Mr. and Mrs. P. Thomas Canady, Honduras; Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Covington, Ghana; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Vassar Jr., Venezuela; and Miss Cynthia L. McGee, Chile.

Employed as missionary associates were: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Heskett, Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Segars, Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stanford, Costa Rica; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Sumrall, South Brazil. Dr. and Mrs. Demming M. Ward were employed as special project medical workers for India.

Executive director Baker J. Cauthen said many questions are yet to be explored on plans to enlist 5,000 persons by 1982 for volunteer missions.

The proposal for increased numbers of volunteers, Cauthen said, "comes as a clarion call to strengthen this permanent corps of career missionaries." The board, in its portion of the SBC overall mission effort, had previously set a goal of 5,000 career missionaries by the end of the century. The goal of the overall SBC mission effort is to provide every person on earth the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ by the year 2000.

In other action, the board approved relief projects totaling over \$52,000 and also authorized almost \$9,000 in hunger funds.



Six of the 21 newly-appointed Foreign Mission Board missionaries have ties with Kentucky. They are [front row, l-r]: J. Hines and Martha Adams, who will serve in Panama; [second row, l-r] Tilden and Linda Bridges [Taiwan] and James and Luana Ehrlich [Venezuela].

### 69 State Students Serving in HMB Summer Missions

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is sponsoring 69 Kentucky students in mission work this summer.

The students serving are (listed by college, name and place of service):

Berea—Jeannie Gay, Northern Plains; Linggawatti Laoh, New York.

Campbellsville—James Anderson, New Mexico; Verrena Anderson, New Mexico; Nancy Davenport, Washington, D. C.; Vicki Phelps, Northwest; Randall Phillips, New Mexico; Rebecca Powers, New York; Patricia Purnell, Oklahoma; Robert Webster, Illinois.

Centre—Karen Wright, New Mexico.

Cumberland—John Baber, New York; Diane Brewer, Maryland; Harry Browne, California; Willis Bush, New York; Kathleen Carpenter, Kansas/Nebraska; Mary Currie, California; Revel Dawson, Pennsylvania; Patsy Evans, New York; James Ford, Ohio; Patrick Herlihy, Louisiana; Jeffrey Houghton, Mississippi; James Howerton, Kentucky; Linda Howerton, Kentucky; Zula Joseph, California; Phillip Moore, Illinois; David Moss, Florida; Jeff Parrish, New York; Brian Shoemaker, Northwest; Carol Silver, California; Jerry Waugh, Michigan; David Wood, Utah/Idaho.

Eastern—Kathy Ables, Maryland; Mary Baxter, Texas; Madonna Brandenburg, New York; Theda Graziani,

New York.

Georgetown—Claudia Sexton, Pennsylvania.

Hazard CC—Cheryl Combs, Michigan.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital—Margie Baker, Northwest.

Kentucky State—Keith Hunter, New York.

Morehead—Carolyn Gragg, South Carolina; Karen Kimsey, Florida; Rebecca Mays, California; Joel Wilson, California.

Murray—Jeffrey Caldwell, South Carolina; James Drake, Alabama; Donna Dunning, New York; Karen Hussung, Northern Plains; Sonya Latham, California; Karen Park, Florida.

Paducah CC—Susan Anderson, California.

Southern Seminary—William Black, California; Forrest Bohlen, New Mexico; Claudia Collier, Alaska; Robert Cunningham, Arizona; Rozanna Dalton, Maryland; Randy Evers, Alabama; Keith Hibbs, Alabama; Catherine Howle, Arizona; Marcia Jowers, California; Michael Lassiter, Tennessee; Robert Lawrence, Florida; Dean Poteat, South Carolina; Denise Watts, Alabama; Lucianne Wood, New England.

Western—Sarah Bratcher, California; Judith French, Kansas/Nebraska; Susan Phelps, Alaska; Jennifer Lewis, New England.

### Mary Dan Kuhnle's Ministry is Based On God's Love

by Elaine Selcraig Furlow

When Mary Dan Kuhnle took over as director of Sellers Home in late 1975, her task was to see if the facility should remain open.

Sellers Home, on a quiet, tree lined street in New Orleans, was named for Dr. Thomas B. Sellers, a New Orleans physician who donated his medical services to the home for unwed expectant mothers for 33 years. The home, however, was in decline in late 1975.

"With the changes in our society—such as unmarried girls keeping their babies, abortion and the pill—we felt like there may not be any need for Sellers," said Charles McCullin, assistant director of the Home Mission Board's Department of Christian Social Ministries.

"We considered closing it down, but wanted a trial period to see if that was what we really wanted to do." (Sellers Home is operated by and funded by the HMB.)

Miss Kuhnle was asked to look into the matter of keeping the facility open. "I really got excited about having a chance to dig into it," she says. "I felt this was a chance to use some creativity and energy."

Miss Kuhnle, who had been an employe of Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care and a part time teacher at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary prior to her appointment, arrived at Sellers ready to make some changes.

Some were large changes, others were small. Some were gradual and some were quick.

One of the first and most obvious was in the building's interior. "The lights were dim, and there was very little color. There was no music. It struck me the way schools looked . . . when you went in late in the afternoon after everybody was gone; it was just really quiet and kind of dark, with the gray lockers on the wall. That kind of feeling."

She had one wall of her office painted a cheerful yellow, and moved

in comfortable white chairs. The bottom half of the corridor walls were painted in blue, orange or green. Now music fills the entryway and colorful posters dot the walls.

When she realized some of the girls didn't have spending money, she started a volunteer work program to help them earn money.

When she noticed most did not have relatives nearby, she started an "adopt a girl" program, matching individuals at Sellers with Christian families in the New Orleans area.

She began obstetrics classes.

The changes have not always come easy, and she consciously reminds herself: "You're not going to move all this overnight, so don't try."

In matters of philosophy, the changes have been significant, yet often subtle. For example, there have been changes in adoption policies. Recently, the home agreed to accept for placement a biracial 10-month old child from Idaho. Changes also have taken place in special children and black children.

"I think any child is adoptable," she says. "I think its a burden on the agency to find and educate a family to take them."

Sellers now is giving more attention—under Miss Kuhnle's direction—to children of special circumstances such as black, biracial, handicapped.

Another change she has made is to put tour groups and the girls at the home in contact with one another. Because Baptists pay for Sellers through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering and the Cooperative Program, many groups tour the facility. Generally, the tourists see dorm rooms, the nursery, laundry, dining area and clinic. But, until recently, they rarely saw the girls.

One day, as Miss Kuhnle was talking to a tour group, one of the women asked what the girls look like. Miss Kuhnle replied that they "look like sisters, daughters, cousins, next door neighbors, like anybody else."

Later, when she told the girls about the conversation, one of the girls retorted: "Do they think we turn into frogs?"

Miss Kuhnle asked if the girls would like to meet a tour group. They did and the first meeting went well. Since then, the girls have been meeting those who tour the facility.

If a question makes a girl feel uncomfortable, however, she is free to decline to answer, and when visitors challenge a girl about her decision on whether to keep or put the baby up for adoption, or ask such questions as

"Who is the father?" or "Why did you



get pregnant?" Miss Kuhnle steps in.

Generally, however, groups are courteous and kind. Common questions relate to church attendance and to how many of the girls have become Christians since coming to Sellers. Miss Kuhnle says they go to church often.

"Some visitors are surprised when they find out most of the girls already are Christians when they come to the home. Some people believe they would not have gotten themselves in such a situation if they were Christian," Miss Kuhnle says.

However, when the visitors come face to face with an unwed, pregnant girl, they begin to understand that "each person is responsible for his own situation and it is unwise to make moral judgements in such circumstances."

Miss Kuhnle feels a large part of her work is to affirm the girl rather than to decry her. "We don't feel they have to be on their knees in contriteness before we help them. We pick them up where they are and try to help each girl understand her worth and value." Miss Kuhnle and the staff want each girl to experience an "accepting relationship, based on God's love."

An atmosphere of acceptance permeates Sellers. It is the cornerstone of Mary Dan Kuhnle's ministry.

# Christian Education

## Alexander Resigns GC Office; Stays on Faculty

Ray Alexander has stepped down as executive vice president of Georgetown College. Alexander will remain on the Georgetown faculty as professor of education.



Alexander, who will be on sabbatical leave through January 1978, is a native of Grant County and a 1953 graduate of Georgetown. He holds advanced degrees from the University of Kentucky.

## Four Kentuckians Serving In SBTS Mission Effort

Four Kentuckians were among the 14 seminarians selected to serve as missionaries this summer by the student summer missions program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Those selected were: Clifton and Gail Gay, Lexington, who are working in a church in Panama; Rozanna Dalton,

Sturgis, who is working in a missions project in the inner city in Baltimore, Md.; and Mike Lassiter, Louisville, who is traveling in the western United States for the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

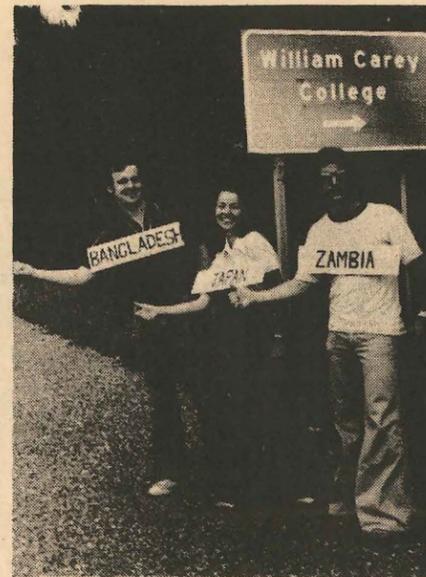
## Scholarship Fund Begun Honoring Harold Graves

The Harold K. Graves scholarship fund was established at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., honoring Graves who retires July 31 after 25 years service to the seminary.

The permanent, open-end fund will provide monies annually for seminary scholars who will be selected for their academic excellence, dedication to ministry and potential for service.

## History in the Making

Shirley Meece, English professor at Campbellsville College, is preparing an oral history of the college which she hopes to complete by the school's diamond jubilee in 1981. Anyone interested in contributing to the history is invited to contact her at the college.



These William Carey College students are three of 19 students from the Hattiesburg, Miss., school who are participating in the student summer mission program. This Southern Baptist school increased its involvement in summer missions this year by more than 200 percent over last year. Shown here are (l-r): Steve Hooker, Betty Jones and Al Fike. Any guesses where they're going?

## 21 Students Get Awards

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union has awarded anniversary scholarships to 21 students who attend Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools. The 1977-78 scholarship recipients are (listed by school, name and home):

Campbellsville—Rebecca Brown, Pellville; Debbie Cooley, Gravel Switch; Marian Waller, Verona.

Cumberland—Debra Carnes, Flat Lick; Vivian Anderson, Pine Knob; Wanda Stephens, Pikeville.

Georgetown—Carolyn Adkisson, Owensboro; Lisa Jester, Georgetown; Cheryl R. Robinson, Pleasureville.

Clear Creek—Rollin O. Beauchamp, Hodgenville; James A. Harley, Lawrenceburg; Lowell Mason, Maysville; Randall Stallings, Owensboro; Stanley Stevenson, Somerset; George Williams, Elizabethtown.

Oneida—David Byrd, Bethel, Ohio; Bob Helm, Louisville; Shanna Mayes, Jackson County; Benjamin Franklin, Hamilton, Ohio; Dennis Morgan, Perry County; Barbara Caldwell, Leslie County.

## SWBTS Gets \$63,000 Gift

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., has received a \$63,000 grant from a Dallas business-

man to be applied toward newly constructed student housing and financial aid to students.

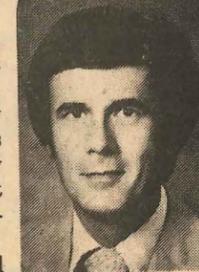
Rufus C. Higginbotham Sr., a retired businessman, made the grant in the form of stocks and bonds which have been redeemed by the seminary.

The major portion of the funds, \$60,000, will be used to pay for construction costs on a recently completed four-unit apartment building. The remainder of the funds established a special emergency aid fund for seminary students who incur sudden and unexpected emergency financial need.

## Al Washburn Named To NOBTS Faculty

Al Washburn, minister of music at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, was one of five new faculty members appointed at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Washburn will assume his duties as associate professor of church music organ on Aug. 1.



Washburn

Others named to the faculty were: Joe Cothen, Mrs. Ann Daniel Carlino, Talmadge Butler and Bernard Spooner.

## Expanding Boyce School Celebrates Third Birthday

Only three candles will decorate the cake when Boyce Bible School celebrates its third birthday in August, but each of those candles will burn bright with meaning for a school that some said would never "make it."

That first semester there were only 48 students at the fledgling institution, begun by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to provide theological education for ministers who lacked a college degree.

This year enrolment topped 300 students and projections are for a 10 percent growth each year.

At Boyce everything is geared to meeting the needs of this special category of student—usually older than the average seminarian—sometimes already in the ministry for several years and without a college degree.

The 31-member faculty is composed primarily of part time instructors who continue to serve in local churches and denominational positions.

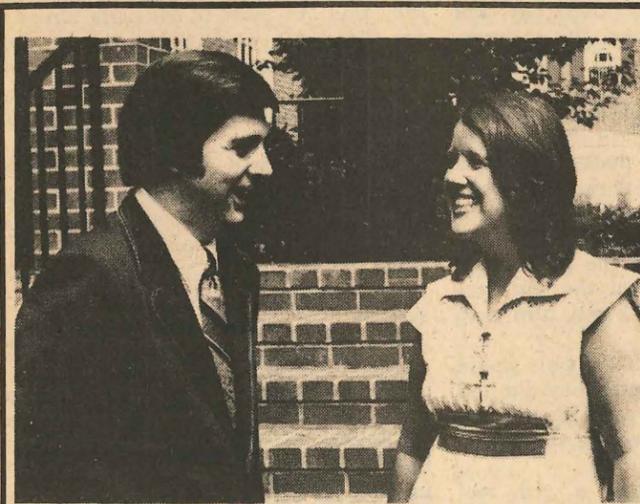
The curriculum is specifically designed for the needs of Boyce students. One goal is to teach the principles and competencies needed to organize a Baptist church. This is especially important since half of the students coming to Boyce are from outside traditional areas.

Course work is scheduled so pastors may commute to the Louisville campus for several days or evenings each week. But more and more students are coming to live on campus.

Many students attend Boyce Bible School without coming to Louisville through off campus centers opened in Little Rock, Ark., and Columbus, Ohio.

Each center enrolls an average of 40 students per term. Faculty members at off campus centers are state denominational leaders, local pastors and others. Some Louisville faculty also commute to the centers.

Things have never looked brighter for Boyce Bible School—a school that has "made it."



Hiseville Baptist Church pastor Tony Chastain talks with that church's own missionary Janet Hager, who is serving this summer in Canada working with Eskimos and Indians.

## Hiseville Church Sponsors Student Summer Mission Work in Canada

Hiseville Baptist Church decided to get directly involved in missions. So they got their own missionary!

She's Janet Hager, a first-year music student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A native of Huntersville, N. C., she had already been selected to serve in Inuvik, Canada under sponsorship of the seminary's student summer mission program.

According to Hiseville pastor Tony Chastain, the church's Woman's Missionary Union was looking for a missions project. They decided to sponsor Janet's work with Eskimos and Indians in Canada this summer. The church responded by giving over \$350. The money raised provided for Janet's transportation costs with some left over for living expenses.

The project was such a success that Hiseville is already planning for bigger and better things next year.

"We've adopted a project for next year either to send one missionary overseas or sponsor two missionaries closer to home," Chastain says.



Cumberland College's chorale and chamber choir is shown during an afternoon concert in Vienna, Austria, one stop during the group's recent concert tour through Europe. Directing the choir is Joe Tarry, associate professor of music at Cumberland.

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## Mountains to the Mississippi

### Anchorage Church Plans Special Birthday Service

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Anchorage, will celebrate its 172nd birthday with special homecoming services Aug. 7.

Jay Dunaway will be guest speaker for the morning service which will be followed by dinner on the grounds. An afternoon gospel sing is also scheduled. All former members and visitors are invited to attend. Donald J. Campbell is pastor.

### 15 Kentuckians Serving On Ridgecrest Staff

Fifteen Kentuckians are serving this summer on the staff of Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. As staff members they will help accommodate an estimated 35,000 visitors to this center which is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Those staff members from Kentucky are: Jeff Shadowen, Bowling Green; Roger Polston, Ekron; Bill Martin, Hiseville; Julie Cason, Lexington; Debra Anne Terrell, Steve Geoghegan and Jim Nogalski, all of Louisville;

Mary Jane Elmore, Middlesboro; Sherrie Riggs and Judy Gray, both of Murray; Gary McFarland, Owensboro; Christine Ann Cox, Pikeville; Brenda A. Clement, Switzer; and Donna Dawson and Janell Slucher, both of Versailles.

### Homecoming Concert Set

The Christian Singers will be featured in a homecoming concert at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Sunday evening, July 31.

The 50-voice group recently returned from the Southern Baptist youth choir festival in Fort Worth, Tex. Robert W. Cook is director.

### Kentucky Pastor, Choir On Ridgecrest Program



Pyles

J. C. Pyles, pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Louisville, and a 60-voice choir from his church will present a special program at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly Aug. 14.

Pyles, who has appeared on a number of programs for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be leading the music for Home Mission Week at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta (N. M.) assemblies this summer.

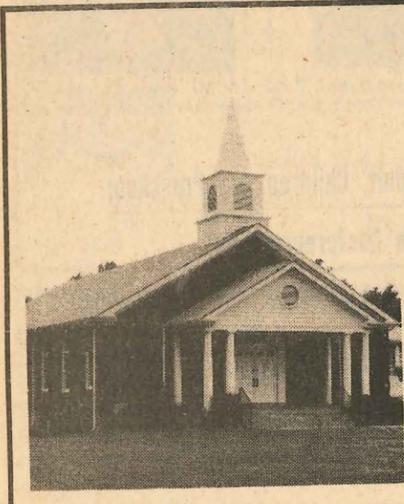
At Ridgecrest the choir will present a concert designed to interpret the range of black church music.

### Fisherville First Baptist To Hold 150th Celebration

August 14 will be a very important day for First Baptist Church, Fisherville. Services will be held then marking the 150th anniversary of that church.

The morning service will be devoted to remembering the church's heritage and looking toward the future. A dinner on the grounds will be provided followed by an afternoon pageant depicting outstanding events in the church's history.

All former members and other interested persons are invited. H. Gary Coltharp is pastor.



## Frank Owen



### BOLD MISSION

The Southern Baptist Convention Bold Mission Thrust program is a daring projection of faith. It pledges our best effort to confront every American and every person in the world with the gospel message by the year 2000. All sorts of particular programs in our Baptist agencies and church organizations will be aimed at the achievement of this goal.

The Southern Baptist Convention is requesting all the state conventions to work toward a 50-50 division of Co-operative Program funds with Southern Convention and state causes after appropriate expenses. (In Kentucky we have been increasing the out of state share by one percent per year, putting the higher plateaus into effect as added receipts make it possible.)

Our recent SBC meeting in Kansas City adopted a recommendation that "every church be encouraged to place the Cooperative Program in its budget on a percentage basis and that every church and convention be encouraged to increase gifts by some percentage each year." Obviously, the point to which a church or a state convention has already risen and the amount of increased income will affect this, but most all of our churches can still rise higher and the states will be enabled thereby to continue the advance. Many new witnesses must be sent around this world.

Evangelism must be a central part of Bold Mission Thrust. How else could we better reach both personnel and financial goals? Most of us can give more but more disciples will give multiplied more. New converts, evangelized and congregationalized will grow in all the Christian graces, including giving, to send others to witness and win.

As of the end of June, we were again ahead of last year's receipts by \$343,777.55. Allow us to encourage churches to make August a catch-up month. We are quite a way from our full cooperative gifts goal of \$7,200,000. Our fiscal year ends August 31.

## Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for August 7, 1977

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

### Renewing the Covenant

As he was approaching the end of his life, Joshua reminded the children of Israel of their need of renewing their covenant with God.

Joshua 24:14-15, 19-28

Knowing the fickleness of the people whom he had led so long and loved so much, Joshua called together their leaders and delivered his farewell address unto them. Refusing to take unto himself any of the glory that belonged to God for the things that had been accomplished, this humble and godly man summarized their history since the days of Abraham their forefather, pointed out the remarkable way in which God exercised oversight of them during their stay in the wilderness and stressed that God had enabled them to conquer Canaan. After rehearsing God's dealings with his people, Joshua reminded them of their dealings with God. He recalled their unjustifiable murmurings, reluctant service and frequent revolts.

Aware that many were pretending to serve God and, at the same time, secretly worshiping the ancient idols of their Mesopotamian ancestors, Joshua refused to tolerate such double mindedness. He knew that by their idolatry they were violating the first commandment of the decalogue and were incurring the displeasure of God. Joshua told them that their attempt to serve God and other

gods at the same time was an utter impossibility; therefore, in view of God's faithfulness to them, he urged them to abandon all false gods and be wholehearted in their allegiance to the true God. Joshua stressed that God would never consent to their divided allegiance. Their only safety lay in abstaining from the heathen practices of those about them and being loyal to God.

To assist the Israelites in making the right decision Joshua announced his own decision in the words: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" Joshua's important decision was solemnly made, openly avowed and earnestly adhered to until the end of his life.

In response to Joshua's example and appeal, the Israelites acknowledged the grace and mercy with which God had dealt with them in bringing them safely into the Promised Land and declared their determination to repudiate all false gods and to serve God faithfully.

When the Israelites committed themselves to God, Joshua made a record of their vow. As a reminder of what had taken place and what they had promised, Joshua erected a huge stone monument under an oak. Only occasionally would they see the written covenant, but all who passed by this stone would be reminded of the renewal of the covenant.

Life and Work Series

### Taking God Seriously

One's relationship to his creator and preserver is revealed by his attitude toward and use of God's name.

Exodus 20:7

God's name signifies all that he is, says and does. This third commandment requires reverence for God's name and forbids its use insincerely, deceitfully, flippantly, irreverently or profanely. People take God's name in vain when they speak irreverently of it, when they use it in idle discourse, when they hypocritically honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from him and when they use his name in swearing. Profanity, which flavors much of the ordinary conversation today, is always an evidence of coarseness, senselessness, uselessness, sinfulness and futility. Profanity is unmistakable evidence of a lack of both intelligence and Christianity. Notwithstanding the fact that many regard cursing as a trivial matter, God's Word treats it as a grievous sin, without justification in every instance.

James 3:9-10

With the tongue the Christian can and should praise God, challenge others to do right, inspire to noble and heroic living, encourage the despairing and comfort the sorrowing. The person who speaks to cheer and encourage others will certainly enrich the lives of those who hear him. Inasmuch as "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," only those whose hearts are right with God will speak in such a way as to please and glorify their heavenly father.

One may use his tongue in an attempt to call down a curse upon someone, but that is wrong. With words that should never be spoken one can break friendships and injure the lives of others. Many wounds inflicted with the wrong use of the tongue have never healed. The tongue can be used to heal and bless or to hurt and destroy.

Malachi 1:10-14

Due to the widespread immorality which prevailed throughout the land, God sent through Malachi a message of rebuke and warning to his disobedient people. He declared that they had presented him sacrifices in the form of crippled, sick and castoff animals. As a result of their attitude toward God and disobedience to him, they did not have any right to expect God to bless them.

Matthew 6:9-10

The model prayer, which Christ gave his disciples to guide in their praying, falls into two parts—the first having to do with God and his kingdom, and the second having to do with us and our needs.

We should pray to our heavenly Father in the spirit of filial trust and childlike confidence. We should approach God with a spirit of reverence, humility and godly fear. We hallow God's name when we set it apart from all others and use it reverently. "Thy kingdom come" implies that the Holy Spirit is to have undisputed sway in our lives on earth. "Thy will be done" involves a submission of everything to the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

## Epitaph for an Era Gone By

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

It's quiet now. So quiet, in fact, the silence is almost deafening.

The Western Recorder print shop has closed, and with it an era concludes in the life of a people, a press and a paper.

In the stillness and quietness of this spot, now far removed from the boisterous activity which characterized it in the past, a flood of memories linger. And if one listens very carefully he can still hear voices and laughter from the past somewhere amid the rafters and the sounds of machinery beginning to roll.

Its human embodiment comes in many forms.

There is Sam Parrish, pressman, clucking like a mother hen over getting the color just right on the copies coming off the press. When Sam pushed the start-up button and a bell on the press rang a beehive of activity began as cohorts surrounded him to stack, trim and label the papers for mailing. If there ever was a professional in the business it is Sam.

Hugh New is another you don't easily forget. A jack of all trades, sometimes he was a compositor, sometimes layout and paste-up man. In the waning days when many had resigned to accept other positions Hugh jogged papers coming off Sam's press, then ran the cutter and mailer, too.

Freddie Best is a loyalist. He was one of Sam's right hands, and his willingness to do whatever was needed can't soon be forgotten. Early in the morning he picked up the mail; much of the day he ran errands and made deliveries.

And Virgil Lewis. If there ever was an answer to prayer, it was Virgil, whose specialty as a cameraman—that last plate-making processor a paper must see before going on the press—saved the day. Though with us only five months, he filled a position absolutely critical to the production of Western Recorder.

There were many others before them, of course, who resigned to take other positions when it became clear our own printing business would fold.

Wayne Catlett, foreman, supervised them all. George Strickland was the paper's typesetter for several years. Jack Bensing (tenure: 35 years) and Gerald Huddleston ran the smaller presses for job printing in the days when the shop was covered up with work. Pat Knipp proofed and pasted up pages. Jerry Tucker and Jason Douglas jogged papers coming off the press. Others were called in as demands arose.

These have gone to other jobs now, but the good memories of experiences shared will remain.

And what of the press? It's gone, too. If anything was symbolic of the era, it was the press. With its departure, the finality of it all is obvious.

Just as there's an empty void when personnel disbands, now there's a great open space on the ink-stained concrete floor where the Goss turned out millions of Western Recorders. The clickety-clack of the web rollers was similar to a freight train on a track. But like a locomotive, we've finally reached the end of the line.

And this leaves the paper itself. That's the one ray of sunshine poking its head through gloomy clouds.

It's the paper which gives expression to our whole purpose in being. While Western Recorder has weathered many storms and transitions in 151 years it continues to undergird the work of the denomination it serves. While it is good to reflect on the era gone before, optimistically we must believe the best is yet to be.

In a changing world the ministry of this publication is changeless. The era we are launching is the dawn of a new day. As one chapter concludes, another with even more promise is about to begin.

*Help us, O Lord, to run the race you have set before us with humility and speed, calling out the best within us. Thank you for the joys of association in the past and the beautiful memories which are ours to keep. Shower your blessings upon those who have served faithfully and well in this ministry. Permit the rest of us to press onward that your purposes may be served as you work through us. Amen.*

Sam Parrish, pressman, watches the big web press roll out the July 14 issue of Western Recorder, the last issue published in the Recorder's own shop.

