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Daley Observations

Liberalism Is Not a Major Threat

The following thoughts are the editor's reaction to expressions of concern that theological liberalism and modernism are serious threats to Southern Baptists. Some of these expressions come from irresponsible critics who are self appointed defenders of the faith and who try to build a personal following by criticizing and falsely charging Baptist seminary professors and others. These do not deserve a response.

Others are loyal and sincere Southern Baptists who have been persuaded there are dangerous heretics among us. These deserve answers to their questions and concerns.



On the basis of 35 years of close identity with the theological thought of Southern Baptists, I am convinced theological liberalism has never been nor is now a serious threat to Southern Baptists. To be sure heresy has raised its head among us from time to time, but it has removed itself or has been removed without great injury.

History is a great teacher. Southern Baptist records reveal that someone in every generation of Southern Baptists since our organization as a denomi-

nation in 1845 has predicted our doom due to theological liberalism. All these predictions proved untrue but the critics continue.

Harsh critics can always attract some followers. Somehow we tend to suspect one another and are prone to believe charges against those in leadership places.

As a seminary student in the 1940's I went to the library every week to see who was being burned at the stake by J. Frank Norris in his publication. Norris was a tremendously able preacher with a keen mind and unusual power as a speaker. He got at odds with Baptist leadership in Texas and spent the rest of his life criticizing and fighting Southern Baptists. He started his own denomination complete with a seminary and foreign mission movement.

Norris predicted the downfall of Southern Baptists and the success of his own movement. Upon his death his followers fought among themselves and split into several

warring factions of little strength. Norris was wrong about Southern Baptists and led astray many sincere Baptists.

The critic role today is filled by a group calling themselves the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship. One of its spokesmen, Bill Powell, has used its publication to charge Baptist seminary and college professors with liberalism. I have read his charges and I have read and heard the views of most of those he charges with heresy. The particular charge he most often lodges relates to the inspiration of the scriptures. The fact is, though they may use different terms to describe their views, those who Powell criticizes have as high a regard for the inspiration and authority of the Bible as Powell does.

In my view that theological liberalism is no serious threat to Southern Baptists, I am encouraged by some recent words of W. A. Criswell, a conservative of the conservatives among Southern Baptists for 50 years and one who never hesitates to put liberals in their place.

In his column in the weekly publication of Dallas First Baptist Church he says he receives uncounted letters concerning the liberal drift in the Southern Baptist Convention. His reply in part is, "If you had all 13,000,000 members of the Southern Baptist Convention in one review before you, you would find that 12,990,000 of them are as true to the Word of God, as committed to an evangelistic program, as desirous to open the services of the church for spiritual responses, as is the pastor and people of the First Baptist Church."

After pointing out that it is only a "little handful of termites who dig at the foundation of the historical conviction and doctrines and practices of our beloved denomination," Criswell asked his readers to pray for the Southern Baptist Convention "with the firm assurance that not only is the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the deity of Christ and to the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, but that, also, the millions of our people stand shoulder to shoulder, committed to the same deep doctrinal faith."

Well said, Brother Criswell! For Southern Baptists there is not as much danger from heresy as from orthodoxy without love and zeal without trust in one another.

What's In a Name

As a child I was taught some things which I treasure more and more the longer I live. I came from a long line of backwoodsmen to whom fishing and hunting were a way of life. I learned as a boy the skills of fishing and hunting and these are skills and not luck as many think.

We had our own code of sportsman's ethics which was more important to us than official regulations and which mattered more than the fish and game we brought home. There were some things related to game and fish that Daleys were known not to do and these were passed down from generation to generation. Among these were not

taking a fish off another fisherman's trotline and not shooting quail on the ground nor killing the whole covey leaving no seed.

For these and other principles my family stood for I wear the family name proudly. It stands for something high and noble and I am determined to honor and perpetuate the name.

Study of the Old Testament gives insight into the meaning of a name for God and for the Hebrews. Over and over it is said God did some things and did not do other things for his name's sake. God is careful what

behavior is attributed to his name. He is a God of integrity, justice and love. Being known as a moral being, God would not act immorally for the sake of his good name.

The Hebrews understood this. They attached great significance to the name of Jehovah. They went to war confidently in his name. The reverential use of his name was one of the 10 commandments. His name became so holy to them they would not even dare to pronounce it and therefore we are not even certain what his name sounded like.

Since his followers were to be like their God, great significance became attached to a person's name. The Old Testament philosopher said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches . . ." (Prov. 22:1). Today to say one has a good name means he or she is reliable.

The followers of Jesus have two names: the name of

their earthly family and the name of the family of God. Both are sacred.

Luke's account of the early church in Acts includes an almost aside statement that the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. All who have accepted Christ as saviour since then bear this name.

What a name to live up to! We should bear it proudly and guard it carefully. The reputation of Christ in any community depends upon the conduct of those who bear his name.

How careless many of us are with the name of Christ! We have assumed his name but show little concern for assuming his characteristics. 'Twould be far better to give up the name than to bear it and bring reproach upon it.

What's in a name? Much! And especially in the case of the name of Jesus Christ.

Guest Editorial

No SOAP

by Harry N. Hollis Jr.

Harry Hollis is director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission.

Officials of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) have now defended their new fall television comedy series SOAP as a "morality play." They are mistaken. SOAP is an immorality play. Although ABC has recognized that this time it has gone much too far and is now apparently making some moves to deal with their grossest and most flagrant mistakes in SOAP, the task must be viewed as almost impossible. If all the filth were removed from SOAP, there would be little left but the commercials. The American people are going to ask why any responsible network would have accepted such trash for public consumption in the first place, why any local TV station committed to public service would air it, and why any responsible American business would sponsor it.

Here is what the first two episodes of SOAP contained when ABC gave a preview to its affiliates: ongoing sexual affairs implying that adultery is acceptable and funny; a homosexual who is complimented by his mother for the way he wears her clothes; a mother and daughter who take turns going to bed with their tennis pro (ABC has now said it will alter this; but what kind of moral judgment would have allowed this trash in the first place?); a teenage boy who likes pornography, wants to touch "naked ladies," and teases his sister for being a "latent nun" who has "never seen herself nude;" and a recurring message that sexual immorality is merely humorous and harmless.

Having viewed these first two episodes of this show, I found it to be bad news from beginning to end.

In view of the first wave of public indignation, ABC officials told their affiliated stations on July 15 that some changes were going to be made in SOAP. A show based on such blatant immorality, however, cannot be redeemed. Rinsing it off is not enough. Delaying it one hour will not eliminate its moral flaws. It should be thrown out.

Meeting in Kansas City at the annual Southern Baptist

Convention, messengers voted to confront television's moral challenge. SOAP is a prime example of this challenge. What can be done?

1. Southern Baptists can respond now by communicating with local ABC station managers our unequivocal opposition to such a program that glorifies immorality, laughs about adultery and supports sex miseducation. Express your opposition to SOAP's immorality. Encourage the station not to violate its responsibility to the public which it is licensed to serve. Urge the station not to show SOAP. Explain that a 60-minute delay is no solution at all. Refuse to accept their expected protestations that the ABC network is cleaning up SOAP.

2. Write the president of ABC and express your strong opposition to SOAP. Urge him to cancel SOAP as good faith evidence of his intention to meet his responsibility to the American people who own the airwaves. Write: Mr. James E. Duffy, President, ABC Television Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N. Y. 10019.

3. Be prepared to unleash a generous portion of righteous indignation on any and all advertisers who persist, in spite of wide protests, in connecting their names and their products to this dirty SOAP. The Christian Life Commission has written to these advertisers respectfully asking them to withdraw from their sponsorship of SOAP. If they do not respond favorably to this request, Southern Baptists will need to unite with other responsible church people in refusing to buy products which help pay for programs that push America down the road to moral degeneracy and the breakdown of family life which leads to national ruin.

For much too long already, the American people have been subjected to immoral television programs. It is time to make it clear to the networks, sponsors, TV writers and local stations that we are not going to tolerate this immorality any more. It is time to say yes to morality by saying, "NO SOAP!"

Baptist Forum

Monroe Baptist Association meeting in regular session July 20, at Akersville Baptist Church, voted unanimously to commend the Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association for the letter in the Baptist Forum of Western Recorder July 14 issue.

We wholeheartedly agree with the views expressed. While we believe in the autonomy of the local church, we had rather read news of churches doing things other than ordaining women.

We believe that our Baptist paper should encourage God's people to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world instead of printing controversial issues.

Monroe Baptist Association
Fountain Run, Ky.

The U. S. Supreme Court's June 24 ruling on tax aid for parochial schools seems to have led to a great deal of unnecessary confusion. Many reporters and church leaders, for instance, somehow got the impression that the court had weakened its support for church-state separation.

The truth is that the court continued its reasonably strict constructionist interpretation of the First Amendment, holding unconstitutional virtually all tax paid educational services, supplies and equipment for sectarian private schools.

Apart from textbook loans, originally upheld in a faulty ruling in 1968, the court in June allowed states to provide only medical and psychological, but not educational services to individual students attending parochial schools.

The Supreme Court, then, has remained firm in its dedication to the constitutional church-state separation principle that undergirds the religious liberty of every American. Its latest ruling, moreover, should enable the courts to eliminate remaining federal and state tax aids to private sectarian education.

Public opinion supports the Supreme Court's rulings against parochial aid, as opinion polls and statewide referendum elections in many states have consistently shown.

It is to be hoped that our politicians will recognize that the Constitution closes the door on forced tax support for parochial schools.

Andrew Leigh Gunn
Executive Director
Americans United for
Separation of Church and State
Silver Spring, Md.

While the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City is reasonably fresh in people's minds, I would appreciate receiving

suggestions for next year's program in Atlanta. The Committee on Order of Business will meet in September and since I am chairing the committee, I would like to go to that meeting with a good cross-section of opinions and ideas from Baptists throughout the convention. We are most desirous of planning a program that will magnify our Lord while giving proper attention to the purpose of our coming together—to conduct business and receive inspiration that will send us forth to another year of work in his vineyard.

Some new approaches were used at Kansas City. For instance, the various agencies and institutions limited their reports (which were printed in full in the Book of Reports) to 10 minutes during the day meetings and combined their efforts in the evening meetings to present the central theme of the session, "Let the Church Reach Out!" This approach was designed to emphasize what Baptists are trying to do together rather than who is doing it. Did you like this change? Did the satellite presentation from Hong Kong make an impact? Was the use of drama and the increased use of visuals on the big television screens effective in presenting the work of Southern Baptists? Did you find these methods of presentation inspiring? Responses to these

questions will be of much help as we work on the program for Atlanta.

If your readers have specific suggestions as to speakers or format, please share them with us. I cannot acknowledge these responses individually since I do not have secretarial help, nor can all suggestions and ideas be implemented, but I will assure anyone writing me that every proposal will be presented to the committee and receive careful and prayerful consideration. Your response at this stage of planning will be most helpful.

Mrs. Marian G. Grant
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Just a few days ago, June 15, our son celebrated his first birthday. This is nothing special until you know the rest of the story.

On the day Bryan was three weeks old, July 6, 1976, he developed a very high fever. After hospitalization, X-rays, and tests, it was determined that he had spinal meningitis induced by the streptococcal virus. Dr. Bushong of Owensboro made the correct diagnosis and, as God led, in time to prevent not only death but also physical or mental handicap, started the proper medication.

The next day we were flown by Ft. Campbell helicopter to Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville. Here Drs. Shott and Cook took charge, and again God led them, plus many others to do the proper things.

When Bryan became ill, people here in Island began to pray. Like a rock thrown into water, the praying spread to areas we were not even aware of. God honors prayer, as we can readily testify.

For several days, Bryan seemed so close to death. The first night was the worst. Had it not been for a nurse on the night shift spending the entire shift plus a few extra hours at his side . . .

One of our church members, Mrs. Carolyn Eaton, a nurse, went with us on the helicopter. We are forever indebted to her, as well as others. We want to thank those who prayed, whoever and wherever they are. We thank Dr. Owen and the others at the Baptist Building for their concern and help. We must also thank Brother Sam Jones and the Boyce Bible School for their prayers and help. We are very

grateful for the financial help, without which we could not have made it. Last, but not least, we thank Island Baptist Church. Our church stood behind us and went more than the "second mile," materially and spiritually.

God has been so good that we have to be a "witness" unto his goodness and mercy. Bryan is a happy, healthy, living example of a modern day miracle. To God be the Glory.

Wayne, Judy and Marcy Dozier
Island, Ky.

The New Bethel Baptist Church recently adopted the following resolution and would like to share it with Western Recorder readers:

Because the decline of moral integrity in the United States continues at an alarming pace; and

Because a campaign is being waged to secure legal, social and religious acceptance for homosexuality and deviant moral behavior at the expense of personal dignity; and

Because the success of those advocating such deviant moral behavior would necessarily have devastating consequences for family life in general and our children in particular; and

Because the radical scheme to subvert the sacred pattern of marriage has gained formidable momentum by portraying homosexuality as normal behavior.

Now therefore be it resolved that New Bethel Baptist Church of Verona, Ky., in regular business session of July 6, 1977, affirms the biblical teachings that homosexuality is not an acceptable lifestyle within the Christian community. And that the Bible is clear in its teaching that homosexuality is a perversion of God's intended sexuality for both men and women.

Be it further resolved, that we publicly commend Anita Bryant and other Christians for their courageous stand against the evils inherent in homosexuality.

Be it further resolved, that we acknowledge that homosexuality, as any other sin, can and needs to be forgiven through the work of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Therefore, we pledge to earnestly pray for and seek their redemption.

Jerry Thomason
Verona, Ky.

It is good that our Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution calling homosexuality a sin and commending Anita Bryant and other Christians for their courageous stand against the evil inherent in homosexuality.

Homosexuality is the product of the sin sick mind, or as the Bible calls it, the "reprobate mind." It is soundly condemned in Rom. 1:24-28, I Cor. 6:9-10, and other scripture passages in both the Old and New Testaments.

As Christians we have a responsibility to witness to homosexuals of the saving grace of Christ and to pray for their repentance. But we also have an obligation to do all that we possibly can to see to it that they don't openly practice their wickedness, and especially that they don't teach school or hold other positions where they can ruin the lives of children.

The better than two-to-one defeat of the homosexuals and their backers in Dade County, Fla. is a good example of what Christians and others of high moral persuasion can do when we stand together against evil.

William R. Hagan
Taylorsville, Ky.

The guest editorial in the June 30 issue by Mr. Terry was excellent. We as Baptists should have the right to see how our money is being used by our convention agencies.

I also feel that our colleges and schools should be willing to provide this information. The majority of Kentucky Baptists would be shocked if they knew the poor salaries that our professors are being paid.

Mr. Terry was also correct when he mentioned that in some cases the executive board of a body of trustees hides certain information from the other trustees. It is unfair to the non-executive board members and to the agency that they are serving.

Let us all keep the lines of communication open and be honest with each other.

Paula Settle
Owensboro, Ky.

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

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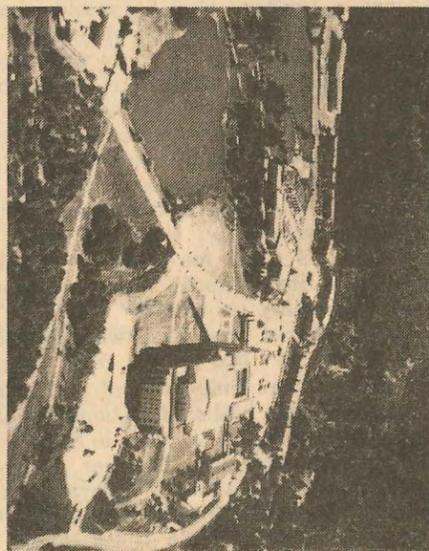
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Double Exposure

Celebrating its 25th full season of summer operation is Southern Baptists' westernmost assembly at Glorieta, N. M. The principal conference facility and auditorium are shown in the right foreground. New Mexico Hall, including registration desk, offices, shops and more conference space, is in the picture center. At the upper edge are numerous guest accommodations—Texas and Oklahoma halls, Chapparral Inn and others. The conference center is now a year-round operation, providing short term learning opportunities in winterized facilities. The assembly is 18 miles east of Santa Fe.



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by C. W. Scudder

Unwanted pregnancy is the occasion for serious consideration of abortion. Those facing such a situation now have legal abortion as a live option, and many are choosing that option. There is deep difference of opinion within the Christian community concerning how the situation should be faced. Some basic considerations are needed at the present time in order to establish a perspective for decision making.

Three basic questions, along with several others, are suggested which are appropriate in considering abortion from a Christian perspective. They should provide some guidance in the decision making process.

When does life begin? It is obvious that life begins at conception. It is equally obvious that the life which is terminated by abortion is not fully

child begins. It would seem that responsibility for the new life begins when the new life begins. And it seems that couples have believed and accepted that fact. Couples begin acting like parents in their relationship when the wife becomes pregnant, and they certainly act like parents in their planning for the new arrival. Pregnancy changes the whole lifestyle of a couple, and it is never the same again.

We must be concerned about what abortion means in relation to parental responsibility. And we should be concerned about the effect of such an experience on those who ignore such responsibility even to the point of taking the life of a fetus of which they are a part. Much has been said about the right of a woman to determine whether her body will be used in bearing a child. More needs to be said about the responsibility of a woman who permits her body to be used in a way that makes pregnancy possible.

We live in a day that literally

light for the Christian. It has been said that the hand of God is on our lives from the womb to the tomb.

Christians have expressed the view many times that parents become partners with God in bringing new life into being. It may be more precise to say that parents become God's instruments in the creative process. It seems obvious that great care must be exercised in terminating what God has joined in bringing into being. Christian couples faced with a problem pregnancy certainly should be reminded that God is at work in their lives through his creative plan.

The will of God must always be sought in the light of specific circumstances. We should be very frank in stating that only the will of God can be right for a Christian. Certain circumstances may very well justify abortion, but such justification must be viewed as the will of God if a Christian is to accept it as a course of action.

There is not room in this article for a

Abortion:

A Perspective for Decision Making

Viewpoint

developed. Infanticide is an unfortunate choice made by some for a word to be used in regard to abortion. Feticide is more appropriate. It is fetal life that is terminated in abortion.

Is abortion killing? Of course it is. It is the killing of a human fetus, and the degree of development is of little value in making a moral decision. Fetology, practice of medicine whose patients are all unborn, has humanized the fetus.

Is killing ever justified and right? It is justified by most people in defensive wars, and police action, and in self-defense. And in those cases it is fully developed and often highly trained lives that are taken. We need to acknowledge that abortion, too, is killing. We are on the wrong battle line if we are trying to prove that it isn't. Can the killing of a human fetus ever be justified? Certainly, but it is a serious matter and cannot be justified for every cause. Such killing must be related to the will of God by a Christian, for it is to God that an accounting must be given for the act. We must decide very carefully when a person has the right to take life, even the life of a human fetus. Feticide on request cannot have Christian approval.

When does parenthood begin? It is obvious, again, that parenthood begins when the new life of the developing

celebrates sexual irresponsibility. We must not view as right the extension of that irresponsibility to the point where unborn babies can be destroyed when they are not wanted. Something better than that should be expected of those claiming sexual freedom. Responsibility must always be expected of those who would be free.

A cautious estimate is that 30 million unborn children are destroyed by induced abortion every year. We must not forget that motherhood is terminated in each of those cases also. Induced abortion terminates motherhood just as it ends the life of the unborn child. It is sad to think that motherhood is terminated in the lives of 30 million pregnant women each year.

It is quite possible that the most serious effect of all in cases of abortion is on the pregnant woman—the mother. There may also be a considerable effect upon the sensitivities of the father of the unborn child. It is the natural impulse of parents to protect their children with their very lives if necessary. Abortion is at the very least a negating of that parental impulse.

Is God at work in the womb of a woman? If God is at work in the womb of a pregnant woman, it puts abortion in a considerably different

moral evaluation of the various reasons proposed for induced abortion. It can be said, however, that the individual Christian—pregnant woman, or nurse—must make the decision, and it must be insisted that the decision be related to the will of God in the light of the circumstances.

As Christians we must dare to be different, as different as God leads us to be. We should do our best to provide a Christian influence through legislation and in every other way possible. We also must have the courage to put our convictions into practice, recognizing that we really make our decisions more by what we do that by what we say, or even by what we legislate. And let us remember that our first responsibility as Christians is to decide the morality of induced abortion and help our people to make their decisions on that basis rather than merely on the basis of legality. This is true even when the laws are the result of our Christian influence.

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Baptist News in Brief

Committee Says 'No' To Vatican Ambassador

Efforts to repeal an 1867 law prohibiting the use of public funds for an ambassador to the Vatican have failed.

A conference committee from the Senate and House of Representatives failed to include this provision in its final version of the Department of State appropriation bill. The Senate and House must now accept or reject the compromise version of the bill without further amendment.

The Senate version of the bill contained a section that would have repealed the law making it possible for Congress to provide money for an ambassador to the Pope. The House measure did not contain this provision necessitating the compromise committee.

N. C. Editor Gets Post

J. Marse Grant, editor of Biblical Recorder, North Carolina's state Baptist newspaper, has been named vice chairman of the state's Board on State Goals

and Policies by N. C. governor James B. Hunt Jr.

Hunt serves as chairman of the board, which is the chief advisory agency to the governor on goals and policies.

Anita's Job 'Safe'

The Florida Citrus Commission said it intends to retain singer Anita Bryant, a Southern Baptist, after two separate consumer research studies indicated that 89 percent of persons interviewed were not affected negatively by her commercials.

The controversy over Miss Bryant's status with the commission arose out of her fight against homosexuality in Dade County, Fla.—a fight that has spread to other areas.

False reports had circulated that Miss Bryant was about to be fired because of her civic involvement.

A Florida orange juice industry spokesman stated that the only way Miss Bryant would be let go was if market research revealed that she was no longer selling the product.

St. Clair Leaves HMB

Barry St. Clair has resigned as director of youth evangelism for the Home Mission Board to become director of Evangelism Research Foundation and Reach Out Ministries, Houston, Tex.



St. Clair has spent six years with the Home Mission Board developing a nationwide strategy for youth evangelism.

Allen Hears 'New Tune'

"A whole new tune" of cooperation is singing through the Southern Baptist Convention newly elected SBC president Jimmy R. Allen said recently.

Allen, in Atlanta, Ga., to speak to directors of the SBC Home Mission Board, told them "We can't afford to allow 'territoriality' to fragment or disengage us.

"I am listening to a whole new tune" he noted, praising SBC agency leaders for a new spirit of cooperation.

"Most Southern Baptists in the pew haven't even been aware that such problem (of cooperation) even exists," he stated.

He added, however, that the "agencies have made a big step toward interaction."

Priest Drafts Amendment To Protect Sabbatarians

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.), a Roman Catholic priest serving in Congress, has introduced an amendment to the 1972 Civil Rights Act which would guarantee job security to those who refuse to work on Saturday because of religious convictions.

This amendment comes as a result of two Supreme Court decisions last spring upholding employers' dismissals of members of the Sabbatarian World Wide Church of God.

Other groups affected by this debate are Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists and others.



Dale Evans Rogers visited the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex., recently and shared her religious and patriotic beliefs with Charles Yates [l], producer of "MasterControl" and Jim Rupe, producer of "Country Crossroads." Both of these Baptist radio programs are heard on over 600 stations. These interviews will be aired later this fall.

*"It's a new day, a new people and new ideas."
—Carolyn Ellis*

Shelbyville's Servant for WMU

A little over three years ago one question plagued Mrs. William (Carolyn) Ellis as she completed her final year as president of Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union: "What am I going to do now?"

The answer wasn't long in coming as the nominating committee of the Southern Baptist Convention's WMU called Mrs. Ellis to ask if she would allow her name to be brought before the convention for the office of WMU recording secretary.

The rest is history as Mrs. Ellis begins her third one-year term as one of only two elected officers representing some 1¼ million Baptist women throughout the world. (Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., WMU president, is the other.)

That, in a nutshell, is how a gracious lady from the small city of Shelbyville, Ky., gets elected to a national office for Southern Baptists. But the reasons for her selection run deeper. Mrs. Ellis has devoted practically her entire life to mission work.

"WMU has been a part of my life since my days in YWA's (Young Women's Auxiliary, the forerunner of today's Baptist Young Women)," Mrs. Ellis said. "As long as I can remember I have had a love for missions and a zeal to work in that area."

Her record bears witness to that love and zeal. At various times Mrs. Ellis has served as WMU director at her home church (First Baptist, Shelbyville), association WMU director, 16 years on the executive board for state WMU, regional WMU president, state WMU assistant recording secretary, state WMU president (1970-74) and now national WMU recording secretary. She has even been a leader in Royal Ambassadors (mission organization for boys).

Mrs. Ellis noted the idea of serving as a national WMU officer was attractive to her because "it seemed to be a challenge and would provide me with further days of working in the thing I love best—WMU."

"I was humbled by the committee's selection," she related. "I'm thankful

for this experience because I know I am serving the Lord in this position."

Mrs. Ellis stated her job as WMU recording secretary is not as awesome as it sounds.

"I am only required to attend two meetings a year," Mrs. Ellis observed. "I go to the executive committee meeting in Birmingham (Ala.) in January and also to the national meeting



held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention.

"A full time staff member works with me in recording what goes on," she continued. "Some people may think that writing minutes is very mundane, but I find it rewarding. It has been a delight."

While Mrs. Ellis loves her work at the national level, she hasn't lost her vision for local WMU action.

"To be involved in WMU at the grass roots level, the local church, is a full time Christian calling," she emphasized. "My years as state WMU president were the most rewarding of my life because I had a chance to be in on the planning process and then see the plans carried out in local churches."

"WMU definitely has a future as we go into more areas of mission action," she explained. "One of the most encouraging notes for WMU is the tremendous growth in Baptist Young Women (ages 18 through 29).

"WMU today is in a transition period as we try new and different ways to minister and try to get away from old, staid methods," Mrs. Ellis continued. "We have a broader concept of the world in which we live and we're constantly finding new and exciting ways to minister."

"It's a new day, a new people and new ideas."

Paralleling Mrs. Ellis' love for missions has been her love for her church. The Bagdad, Ky., native has been a Sunday school teacher (a job she reluctantly relinquished due to travel demands in her years as state WMU head), has worked in vacation Bible schools and is now involved in her latest project—leading a devotional service one Sunday a month at a local hospital.

Mrs. Ellis, who has put over 45 years in WMU service, is quick to note that she could not have done so without the loving encouragement of her husband, William.

"He has been very supportive," she observed. "He has been extremely understanding. I couldn't have done it without his help."

The Ellises have one son, a professor at Eastern Kentucky University, and two grandchildren.

But next to her God and her family, Mrs. Ellis loves her work in WMU most of all.

"It is exciting . . . never dull," she noted. It is the type of work you do because you want to, not because you have to. My work has been rewarding. It has helped me grow spiritually and I feel my efforts have helped others."

"In WMU you realize each of us has a call to missions wherever you are," she concluded. "My experience has been great. Everything has been a challenge."

"The Lord has always provided an avenue of service. I wouldn't take anything for my years in WMU."

Both the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board have favored the Bluegrass State with the selection of their recording secretaries, somewhat extraordinary in denominational annals. But then, the Kentuckians they chose are extraordinary people.

Doris Mullendore doesn't know why the Lord called her to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board. But, whatever the reason, she's glad he did.

Mrs. Mullendore was elected this year to her second four-year term on the board. The Louisville native, who has lived in Bowling Green for the past 10 years, is one of 15 women on the 3-member board which supervises Southern Baptist mission work around the world. She is also the board's recording secretary, the only female board member holding elected office.

"The position of recording secretary is primarily an honorary one," Mrs. Mullendore explained. "Elizabeth Minchew, a member of the permanent staff, does most of the work. About all I do is sign the minutes."

"Practically all the board's work is done in committee, so there's very little actual recording to do," she continued. "Only infrequently are matters brought up from the floor."

But her work on the Foreign Mission Board isn't as easy as she makes it sound. It requires a lot of travel, hard work and dedication.

The board holds 10 of its 11 yearly meetings at its Richmond, Va., headquarters. The other meeting, its biennial affair, is hosted each year by a church outside the Richmond area.

While members aren't required to attend every meeting, they must make at least four per year and are encouraged to attend as many as possible. Board members receive no money for their work other than reimbursement for travel expenses to and from meetings.

By her own count Mrs. Mullendore has attended 34 board meetings in her 10 years of service. A typical journey requires her to drive the 60-odd miles to Nashville, Tenn., on Monday morning and catch a late morning flight to Richmond. Monday afternoon and eve-

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by
Nick Nixon*

Bowling Green Worker on FMB

ning and all day Tuesday are required for meetings. On Wednesday she takes a morning flight back to Nashville and then drives back to Bowling Green. That makes for a rather hectic three days.

"This is one of the real problems of serving on the board," Mrs. Mullendore observed. "There just isn't enough time. We can't meet for longer



periods because most members have job or family responsibilities that prohibit longer absences from home."

Mrs. Mullendore is also the only woman to head one of the board's standing committees.

"I chair the denominational coordinating committee which was begun last year," she noted. "We found that foreign missions were not being communicated throughout the convention as much as in the past. Our committee was established to work with other SBC agencies to promote foreign missions and increase mission awareness."

Mrs. Mullendore recalls how "awestruck" she was when approached about serving as one of three Kentuckians on the board.

"The state committee on boards called one day in 1973 and asked me to consider serving on the board," Mrs. Mullendore said. "They wanted me to talk it over with Ray (her husband) because it would take me away from

*"I don't understand why I was chosen . . ."
—Doris Mullendore*

home a great deal.

"Ray has supported me all the way with my work on the board," she reflected. "I couldn't function if he were not behind me. He sees my work with the board as a way he can be a part of missions."

Mrs. Mullendore feels every Christian has a part to play in missions.

"I believe lay involvement in missions is the avenue of the future," Mrs. Mullendore observed. "We are going to have to depend on volunteer lay witnesses to work with career missionaries to win the world to Christ."

"Our Foreign Mission Board simply can't afford to send career missionaries in sufficient numbers to accomplish this task. It's going to take a calling out of the called to get the job done."

Mrs. Mullendore was first elected to the Foreign Mission Board at the 1973 SBC in Portland, Ore. She was re-elected to another four-year term this year in Kansas City. SBC rules prohibit another term when her current one expires in 1981.

What then? A gleam comes in Mrs. Mullendore's eyes as she considers the possibilities.

"I have always wanted to be a missionary," she noted. "I have been involved in WMU since I was 16. I still hope things will work out for me to go into mission work."

"You know, Ray and I are not too old for the missionary associate program."

Mrs. Mullendore, who serves as WMU director for her home church, First Baptist, Bowling Green, feels good about the Foreign Mission Board's future.

"I am very optimistic," she said. I don't see any reason why we can't make our goal of 5,000 career missionaries by the year 2000."

Despite four years of service, Mrs. Mullendore still has a sense of awe about the Foreign Mission Board and her membership on it.

"I don't understand why I was chosen," she reflected. "But I do feel a call, a dedication. It's definitely been the most rewarding time of my life."

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Missions & Ministries

Mission Service Corps Gears Up for Enlistment

The Mission Service Corps, designed to gear up the ambitious Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) goal of enlisting 5,000 short term volunteer missionaries by 1982, was born amidst an unusually intense air of urgency and excitement.

A special Mission Volunteer Committee of leaders of SBC agencies and state conventions "met with the idea of unstopping the channels for money and personnel to flow to areas of need," said W. Ches Smith, committee chairman.

Impetus for the eventual formation of the Mission Service Corps grew out of meeting, June 7 in the White House, between President Jimmy Carter and various SBC agency leaders.

While expressing the need to overcome barriers which would prevent the effort from undergirding the Bold Mission effort, committee members emphasized the effort must be organized properly to keep it from floundering and collapsing under its own weight.

The special committee laid out 10 principles; established three work

groups (for enlistment and screening, identification of places of service and assignments, and financing and administration) and set the next committee meeting for Sept. 1 in Nashville. It hopes to report to the SBC Executive Committee at its meeting Sept. 19-21.

Ethiopia 'Unstable'

An Ethiopian Christian has been appointed administrator for Southern Baptist work in Addis Ababa, but there are no plans for any Southern Baptist missionaries to return to Ethiopia "until the situation stabilizes" in that country, David L. Saunders said.

Saunders, area secretary for eastern and southern Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reported all missionaries assigned to Ethiopia, with one exception, are considering alternate assignments or doing feasibility studies relating to their future work.

This exception is V. Lynn Groce, an agriculturalist, who plans to remain in Nairobi, Kenya, serving as mission officer for Ethiopia in liaison with the Ethiopian administrator.

BWA Designates Money For Seminary in Russia

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) General Council has designated \$110,251 for theological education of ministerial students speaking one or more of the Slavic languages in Eastern Europe.

A large portion of that amount—\$50,000—was reserved for an institution of theological training in the USSR, to be paid after the necessary permissions are obtained from the authorities.

A Bible correspondence school currently operates out of Baptist Union headquarters in Moscow. In addition, a limited number of ministerial students are permitted to attend schools outside the USSR. Statistics show 5,500 Baptist churches in the USSR with 545,000 baptized members.

Approximately two thirds of the 1,172,000 Baptists in Europe live and witness in the Eastern section. However, most churches are led by lay persons without formal theological training.

in Stanford. His wife is the former Rachel Sams and the couple has two daughters and one son. Butler continues to live in Willisburg and is available for supply preaching and revivals.

Glasgow Hires Wilkerson For Education-Youth Post



David Wilkerson has taken the job of minister of education and youth at Glasgow Baptist Church.

Wilkerson, a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., has completed the requirements for his master of religious education degree and will be graduated from Southern Seminary in December. He has previously served as minister of youth and music at Wynne (Ark.) and New Whiteland (Ind.) Baptist churches. Wilkerson is married to the former Mitzie Underwood. H. Curtis Erwin is pastor at Glasgow.

Bailey Leaves Southside For Tennessee Position

Kerney Bailey resigned July 31 as pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept the pastorate of Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn.

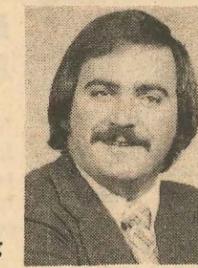
In another change at Southside, Don Eskew, a student at Southern Seminary, has resigned as minister of youth.

Comes to St. Matthews



Louisville native Chip Miller is the new minister of education at St. Matthews Baptist Church. Miller, who has almost 20 years of full time church experience, comes to St. Matthews from Murray Hill Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. He and his wife Nancy have three children.

Dugas Takes Music Post



Ken Dugas is the new minister of music at Valley Station Baptist Church. A native of New Brunswick, Canada, Dugas is a graduate of Capital University Conservatory of Music. For the past four years he has served as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Heath, Ohio.

He is married to the former Pat Walker, daughter of Arthur L. Walker, former Kentucky pastor now state mission director for Ohio.

Gleitz Begins Pastorate

Larry A. Gleitz became pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Independence, July 31.

Gleitz, a native of Corydon, Ind., is a graduate of Evansville (Ind.) University and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He has previously held pastorates at Slate Hill Baptist Mission, Evansville, and Trinity Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont.

Mrs. Stone Selected

Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Mrs. Sharla Stone as educational coordinator.

Mrs. Stone is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Southwestern Seminary. She was formerly minister of youth, college and recreation at Lane Avenue Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Central Calls Wainright

Dennis Dean Wainright joined the staff at Central Baptist Church, Winchester, July 10. He has been serving as youth, education and activities director at Susquehanna Baptist Church, Independence, Mo.



Wainright

Wainright is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He is married to the former Donna Elaine Hastings.

Rust Moves to Arizona

E. Warren Rust, director of metropolitan missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board since 1971, has moved to Arizona upon the recommendation of doctors.

He will continue his ministry as an assistant director of the metropolitan missions department serving in the western United States. Rust is a native of Kentucky and a former pastor in Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri.

Personnel Changes

New Murray Music Man

Wayne B. Halley began serving July 1 as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Murray.



A native of Oklahoma, Halley received his bachelor of music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and his master's degree from Southern Seminary. Halley has served churches in Kentucky and Florida and is a charter member of the Centurymen. He is married to the former Dorothy Black and they have two children.

C. E. Butler Retires; Led Willisburg 19 Years

C. E. Butler, pastor of Willisburg Baptist Church for the past 19 years, has retired. Butler is a native of Grant County and received his training at Cumberland College, Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other pastorates for Butler include Liberty, Mt. Olivet and Fairview Baptist



Eight Kentuckians Commissioned as Journeymen

Eight Kentuckians were among the 94 missionary journeymen commissioned July 22 in ceremonies at Monument Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Journeymen are college graduates younger than 27 who work for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments overseas.

The Kentuckians commissioned are: Ruth Anne McConnell, Hopkinsville, who will be a staff nurse in Jibla, Yemen.

Douglas Moran, Louisville, employed as an English teacher in Fukuoka,

Japan.

Stan and Susan Greene Romanstine Jr., Middlesboro, who will both be working in a music ministry at the Baptist Center in Israel.

Gordon and Minda Smith, Louisville, who will serve as youth workers in Nairobi, Kenya.

Ronda Faye Straub, Paducah, employed as a library worker at the seminary in Santiago, Chile.

Becky Thomas, Florence, who will be a teacher at the American school in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Miss Straub

Smith

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Romanstine

Romanstine

Moran

Miss Thomas

Mountains to the Mississippi



Madisonville First Baptist Church's youth chorale recently returned from a singing tour which included performances in five states. The group is shown here on the Capitol steps in Washington, D. C., with Kentucky First District congressman Carroll Hubbard [lower right].

Four Get Scholarships

Four children of Kentucky missionaries have been awarded scholarships for the 1977-78 school year.

Funds from the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions provide the \$600 scholarships for children of state department of direct missions personnel.

This year's recipients are: Robert Campbell, son of Walter A. Campbell, Hyden, who will attend Cumberland; Brenda Faye Martin, daughter of Drew Martin, Hazard, who will attend Cumberland; and Jerry and Allen Pensol, sons of Harvey M. Pensol, Mt. Vernon. Jerry will attend Georgetown and Allen will go to Cumberland.

Kentucky Native Takes Westminster Chapel Post

R. T. Kendall, a native of Ashland, has accepted an invitation to become minister of Westminster Chapel, London, England.

Kendall, a graduate of University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is the first American pastor in the 112-year history of

Westminster Chapel.

Kendall, who recently received his doctor of philosophy degree from Oxford University, has previously held pastorates in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Louisvillians Contribute To New Broadman Book

Thirteen Louisville Baptists are among 95 writers who contributed to the new Broadman Press book *The Equipping of Disciples*, which is dedicated to Philip B. Harris, who retired July 1 after serving 17 years as secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training department.

Eleven of the 13 have connections with Southern Seminary. They are: James L. Blevins, Lucien Coleman, Dick Cunningham, Gaines S. Dobbins, Findley B. Edge, Allen W. Graves, E. Glenn Hinson, Peter Rhea Jones, Duke K. McCall, Robert A. Proctor and Paul D. Simmons.

Other Louisville contributors are Wayne E. Oates, professor at University of Louisville, and Lewis J. Twyman, counselor.

The book, which is edited by John

Hendrix and Lloyd Householder, describes biblical models of a church's training ministry, suggesting specific ways Christians can equip themselves to fulfill the mission of the church.

Burke, Scot Pull Swap

Donald J. Burke, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, exchanged pulpits for the last three Sundays of July and the first Sunday in August with William Porch, minister of Bristo Baptist Church, Edinburgh, Scotland. The ministers will use each other's homes and automobiles in their ministries to the respective congregations.

Fire Makes Church Glad

There was a fire July 10 at South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington, and all the members were glad!

Destroyed in the fire were the recently paid off \$115,000 notes issued nine years ago for the construction of South Elkhorn's auditorium.

A covered dish meal followed the morning service to celebrate the debt removal and also to welcome the church's new minister of music and youth William F. Hart. Hart comes to South Elkhorn from a similar position at Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Price Authors Book

Walter K. Price, Lexington, has written a book which was published recently by Moody Press. The book, Price's seventh, is entitled *In the Final Days*. Price, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, is presently involved in a Bible conference ministry.

Paducah Church Works In S.D. Mission Effort

Nine young people and four adults from East Baptist Church, Paducah, returned recently from a two week missionary effort on the Sioux Indian reservation, Eagle Butte, S. D.

Under the supervision of Southern Baptist home missionary Ballard White, the group conducted nine vacation Bible schools and three backyard Bible clubs with a total enrolment of 575.

The trip was financed by love offerings from the church. Tom Atwood is pastor.

Ordinations



New Salem Baptist Church, Valley Station, recently ordained Denny Allen to the gospel ministry. Shown here with Allen [c] are his wife Marsha, New Salem pastor Charles Flener and the Allen's children [l-r] Scott, Denny Lee and Leah.

John Holloway Ordained

Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained John W. Holloway to the gospel ministry on July 10.

Holloway, a second year student at Southern Seminary, is Carlisle Avenue's associate pastor for youth. He is a native of Alabama and is married to the former Jane Rice.

Rainbow Set Aside

Whites Run Baptist Church in Carroll County ordained its pastor Jon W. Rainbow in services July 10.

Rainbow, a native of Arizona, is a graduate of California Baptist College and is a second year student at Southern Seminary. He and his wife Vicki have two daughters, Virginia and Valarie.

Corbin Ordains Lewallen

Carl Lewallen was ordained to the gospel ministry June 19 by First Baptist Church, Corbin.

Lewallen is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is serving as pastor of East Union (Ohio) Baptist Church.

Revivals

Fairview Results Told

Fairview Baptist Church, Berea, held a revival recently which resulted in four baptisms, two persons joining by transfer of letter and several rededications. Joe Mobley was evangelist.

Sherman Leads Effort

The Jack Sherman evangelism team, London, led a revival at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Manchester. Pleasant Grove pastor Clyde Shackelford reports 10 decisions including four professions of faith.

78 Decisions Reported

Pastor Lowell Mason reports that Scaffold Cane Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, experienced an unusual revival with Joe Mobley serving as evangelist. A total of 78 decisions were made including 39 professions of faith, 12 additions by letter, and five commitments for full time Christian service.

Indian Creek Effort Held

Indian Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services July 6-16 that resulted in 19 professions of faith. Jerry Anderson, pastor at Gamaliel Baptist Church, was evangelist. Thurman Seber is pastor at Indian Creek.

Deaths

John Cain Dies

John A. Cain who had pastored several churches in Kentucky, passed away recently.

Cain has pastored 18th Street Baptist Mission, Green Brier, Glenville and Whitesville Baptist churches in Daviess County; Watson Lane Baptist, Henderson, and Victory Baptist, Evansville, Ind.

He is survived by his wife Elouise and a daughter Terri.

Frank Owen

BROTHERHOOD, TOO



I recently wrote a column here to encourage Church Training leaders to keep trying, or if they have ceased the effort for a time, to try again. I said that human habits and people's likes and dislikes don't remain the same generation after generation. Some generations deliberately abort the customs of their parents and some deliberately take up customs that their parents did not have. This includes religious customs.

This is simply to declare that the same principles that I spoke of in connection with Training Union will also apply to Brotherhood.

Sometimes a church simply comes to a generation of men in which there is no leadership with this kind of interest; no stackpoles on whom to build or maintain this kind of work. Sometimes a whole generation of very good men in the church will simply have grown up with different interests and, persuade as you may, you can't get any of them to put their lives and zeal into a Baptist men's fellowship with interest in missions and such.

However, this does not necessarily mean that there never will be a generation of men in a given church with such interests and dedication. I know some churches where Brotherhood once existed in which it has died. We shouldn't allow this to mean that it stays dead forever. Try again, brethren. You may now have a generation of marvelous potential leaders who would just love to pitch in and form and grow a great Brotherhood fellowship in your church.

Again, I say, a tire that goes flat need not be left flat. Try again. A fully serviceable new tire may be available by now. Put it on the wheel and pump it up and maybe the vehicle is ready to go again. We come to these flat places in particular categories in all phases of church life, but we don't need to stay flat. Some of the best things we have ever done served their generation and died, but they can be born again and they are worthy of new life. Let's try it. "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; . . . (Heb. 12:12).

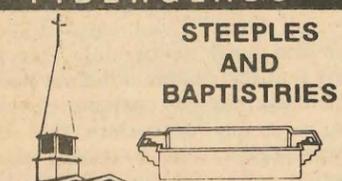
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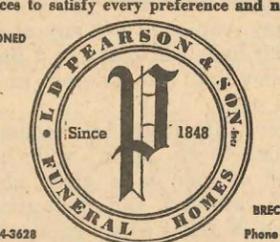
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Sunday School Lessons

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International Series

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Gideon: God's Courageous Man

Judges 7:2-8, 20-21

An emergency never arises but what God has a man who is equal to the occasion and ready to meet it. In the midnight hour of Israel's hope God called Gideon to the task of commanding the army in driving out the invading Midianites and delivering his people from their bondage. This call came as a surprise to this great lover of his family, his country and his God. Upon discovering God's will for his life and having been assured of the Lord's presence and power, Gideon carried out the divine instructions.

Thirty-two thousand men responded to Gideon's call. God commanded Gideon to reduce the size of his army. When the test of courage was applied 22,000 men went back home. When the test of earnestness and zeal was applied only 300 qualified for such a hazardous undertaking. What was even more strange, God took away all the weapons of the 300 before he allowed them to go into battle. Only heroic men could have survived the shock of such an appalling depletion of numbers, leaving 300 men to fight 135,000.

Gideon's tactics were unusual. He and his servant, Phurah, moved cautiously to the camp of the enemy to reconnoiter, an unusual task for a general. When he returned, he so inspired his 300 men by his courage that

they were willing to go anywhere at his command.

To each of his men was given a trumpet in his right hand, a pitcher in his left hand and a lamp or torch inside the pitcher. At a given signal each man would blow his trumpet, smash his pitcher on the rocky ground, hold high and swing to and fro his torch and cry, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon."

Awakened from sleep, the Midianites heard the blaring of the trumpets and the crashing of the crockery, and seeing the glare of the 300 lights, they concluded that Gideon's forces had surrounded them. In their confusion and panic they rushed hither and thither in the darkness and killed many of their own. When the bloody tragedy was ended, many had been killed and the rest had fled without one of Gideon's men receiving a wound.

What was the secret of their great victory? That secret was revealed in the words, "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp." Gideon and his men were united in mind and purpose. Each was willing to do all that he could to win the victory. All 300 followed the example of their leader and obeyed his orders. No one became discouraged or faltered. Because they took their rightful places before God and did their part, he blessed them with a memorable victory.

Life and Work Series

The Sanctity of Time

God has set aside one day each week for people to use in the replenishment of their spiritual and physical strength.
Exodus 20:8-11

In his wisdom God purposed that after labor should come rest, so he instituted the sabbath and designated it as a day which was to be used for his glory and for man's benefit. On the sabbath man was required to cease his labor, to draw apart for rest, to meditate on the things of his creator and Lord and to build his spiritual life.

Just as the Jewish sabbath was a day of rest and afforded an opportunity for the worship of God, so the Lord's day is a day on which God wants us to study the scriptures, meditate, pray and engage in public worship. Any Christian who does not observe the Lord's day by resting from labor and worshiping God is a loser, even though he may profit financially by so doing for the time being.

Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath Christ and his disciples were walking through a field of grain. The hungry disciples began to pluck the heads of grain, rub them out and eat the grain, which was quite permissible (Deut. 23:25). The critical Pharisees saw a chance to make a point against Christ. These fault-finding formalists contended that he permitted his disciples to violate the law with reference to the sabbath.

Christ brushed aside their traditions and expressed approval and support of his disciples. In defending what they did, he referred these self-righteous critics to the scriptures which related how their hero, David, had eaten the shewbread when he and his men were hungry. He also called attention to the work of the priests on the sabbath in their making of the necessary preparation for the sacrifices.
Luke 4:16

Here is a reference to an interesting event in the life of our Lord. In the course of his preaching tour in Galilee, he came to the small town of Nazareth in which he had been reared. There everybody knew him. None were surprised when he went to the synagogue on the sabbath in order that he might join in the public worship and embrace the opportunity of teaching those assembled there. It had been his life-long custom to go to the place of public worship at the designated time.

Revelation 1:10

While in exile on Patmos, an island in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Asia Minor, John remained conscious of the Lord's presence with him. The Lord directed John to write what he saw and to send his writing to the seven churches in Asia. His experience is another illustration of the fact that God does not forsake his obedient children when they suffer for him.

Christian Education

Lyons Chosen to Head Metro Campus Ministry

Dwight K. Lyons, Baptist campus minister at University of Louisville since 1969, was named July 15 as coordinator for Louisville metropolitan Baptist campus ministry.



Lyons

Lyons will work with the Student Department of Kentucky Baptist Convention to strengthen the six existing student ministries and to establish new ministries in higher educational institutions in the Louisville area. Lyons, a native of Elizabethton, Tenn., is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Louise Booth, who teaches at U of L.

Pinson Named President Of Golden Gate Seminary

William M. Pinson Jr. has been elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., effective Aug. 15.

Pinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., since 1975, was elected by seminary trustees to succeed Harold K. Graves, who retired recently after 25 years as president of the 33-year-old seminary.

Pinson was professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., from 1963 to 1975. He holds degrees from North Texas State University and Southwestern Seminary and has written several books.

Degree Swap Announced

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, are providing an opportunity for alumni to exchange degrees.

Between now and December 1, alumni who hold the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary may exchange it for the master of divinity

by sending the old diploma to Harold S. Songer, director of basic professional studies, along with a check for \$25 to cover cost of the new diploma and handling.

Alumni who hold the doctor of theology degree from Southern may exchange it for the doctor of philosophy by mailing the old diploma and a check for \$25 to Page H. Kelley, director of graduate studies.

The seminary address is: 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 40206.

Carolina Baptists Form Special WF Committee

The North Carolina Baptist Convention general board has authorized a special 15-member committee to work with trustees of Wake Forest University to

open channels of communication to relieve tensions between the Baptist school and the convention and its churches.

The Winston-Salem school has been involved in several controversies with North Carolina Baptists through the years. The most recent dispute arose earlier this year when a student group invited Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt to speak on campus.

The committee, to be named later, will serve through the 1979 annual meeting. It will report to the convention for the next three years on all areas of Wake Forest/convention relationships and will deal with the trustees in the matters of communication, information and suggestions.

Orena Moses Knows It's Never Too Late



After 36 years away from the classroom Orena Moses never expected to fulfill her lifelong dream of obtaining a college education.

But at the mellow age of 56 Mrs. Moses has joined her 19-year-old daughter Kathy in enrolling for classes this summer at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

A widow since 1967, Mrs. Moses was working in Williamsburg as a seamstress when Kathy encouraged her to resume her education. Mrs. Moses saw this as her chance for "self-actualization."

This summer Mrs. Moses is taking two courses plus working in the college's development office. She is majoring in psychology and religion.

"After graduation I plan to counsel in a high school or possibly serve in this capacity in a church," she said.

Through their becoming classmates Kathy and her mother have developed a closer relationship.

"I'm proud to be attending school with Mom," the pretty sophomore stated. "I see kids looking at us and I know they wish they could have the type of relationship we have."