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# Baptist News in Brief

## Six Personnel Changes At Louisville Hospitals

Promotions and appointments at Louisville Baptist Hospitals effective Sept. 1

were announced by Ben R. Brewer, executive vice president, as follows: Tom Smith, appointed vice president for operations, Baptist Hospital East; Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, promoted to public, hospital and community relations director, Louisville Baptist Hospitals;

David Rhodes, appointed assistant director of personnel, LBH; Jim Pollard, appointed chaplain, Kentucky Baptist Hospital; Thomas O'Neal, promoted to director of pastoral care, LBH; Bernard Tamme, appointed administrative resident, LBH.

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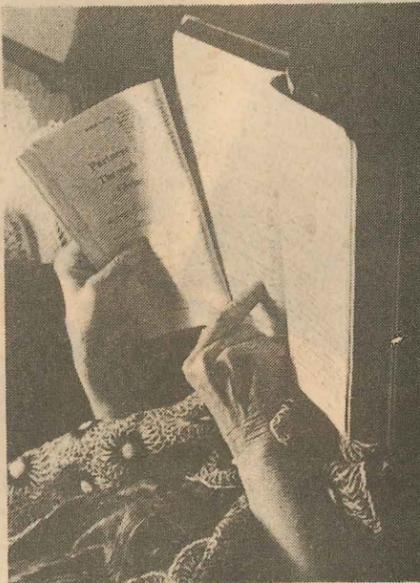
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Five Southern Baptist agency heads launch a missions education strategy to mobilize denominational resources to win the world to Christ. They hired Katharine Bryan, former Texas WMU staffer, to launch cooperative projects. Carolyn Weatherford [c], executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, chairs a new missions education council of the five agency heads. Others, l-r: William Tanner, Home Mission Board; Glendon McCullough, Brotherhood Commission; Grady Cothen, Sunday School Board; Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board.

## Double Exposure

Sunday School Preparation Week Sept. 25-Oct. 2 is a Southern Baptist conventionwide emphasis highlighting teaching improvement and preparation for new beginnings in fresh ways. Unsung heroes and heroines of hundreds of Kentucky Baptist churches are men and women who faithfully interpret the word of God each week for class, group and department members. Their examples are inspiring to us and great shall be their reward. In the meantime, let us: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Tim. 2:15).



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Kentuckians entering this fall at Southern Seminary gathered to have their picture taken for the folks back home—"to show them we made it here," said one. First row, l-r: David Scott, Highland Heights; Sandra Mercer, Louisville; Nina Bell Darr, Wilkesburg; Paula Settle, Owensboro; Dena Hurt, Paducah; David Harris, Middlesboro. Second row: Ken Bastin, Lexington; David Younce, Lexington; Tim Clark, Flatwoods; Donald Bryant, Corbin; Rex Fortner, Florence; Steve Jett, Williamsburg; Bob Busby, Taylorsville. Third row: Mark Kirkpatrick, Florence; Richard Stewart, Corbin; Larry Toller, Harrodsburg; John Roberts, Danville; Bill Parker, Russell; Danny Lane, Louisville; Scott Ford, Owensboro; Jim Vaughn, Bardstown; Randy Jungkurth, Middlesboro; Gene Parr, Lexington.

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## WMU Prayer Time Opens With Rally Day Sept. 29

WMU members across Kentucky will launch the organization's 100 days of prayer for its centennial celebration Sept. 29 at eight Rally Day locations.

Identical sessions, at 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., are planned at these Baptist churches: Dehaven Memorial, La-Grange; Somerset, First; Paris, First; Irene Cole Memorial, Prestonsburg; Bowling Green, First; First Missionary, Benton; Immanuel, Henderson; and Oneida Baptist School.

Teaching missions and spiritual life development will be emphasized. Foreign missionaries and state WMU staff and officers will lead sessions.

## Remember 10% Increase For Church Literature

Churches preparing 1978 budgets are reminded rates for church literature supplied by the Baptist Sunday School Board will increase an average 10 percent per order Apr. 1, 1978. Board trustees approved this last month.

Increases reflect rising paper, printing, postage and handling costs.

Sunday School Board literature prices are expected to remain competitive with other religious publishers, a board spokesman said.

## Ex-Kentuckian Hall New OBU President

Eugene Hall, former Kentucky educator and academic vice president at Louisiana College, Pineville, was elected 12th president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, effective Oct. 15.

A Louisiana native, Hall holds the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He was assistant professor of speech and later chairman of the speech department at Georgetown (Ky.) College and associate professor of speech and staff assistant to the dean of the college of arts and humanities at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He was Louisiana College's interim president Nov. 1974-June 1975.

## A Critical Choice for Southern Baptists

The most important personnel choice for Southern Baptists in this decade and maybe in the last quarter of this century is about to be made. This is the election of an executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to succeed Porter Routh who will retire Aug. 1, 1979. This person is elected by this group and not by the convention which is in keeping with Southern Baptist polity.

There are many strategic places of leadership among Southern Baptists but none so critical as this one. Unity and harmony among all the convention agencies and eventually among all Southern Baptists depends upon the way this leader performs his assignments.



This person sits at the nerve center of Southern Baptist life. How go the Executive Committee and its leadership eventually determine how goes the convention. And this is becoming more and more so as Southern Baptists grow, convention income through the Cooperative Program increases and Southern Baptist ministries are extended.

The Executive Committee constitutes whatever power structure exists among Southern Baptists and there must be some kind of power structure

in such a group. The Southern Baptist Convention is big business any way it is considered and it has to have some way to exercise general oversight over its agencies though the agencies have directors elected by the convention.

The Executive Committee functions every day of the year for the convention except for the three days each year the convention is in session. The convention gives specific assignments to its agencies and elects and Executive Committee to relate to these agencies between annual sessions of the convention.

While the Executive Committee exercises no control over these convention agencies, it does exercise general oversight for the convention and has the authority to advise the agencies and make recommendations to the convention concerning the agencies. The Executive Committee also

serves as an intermediary when misunderstanding or disagreements arise among the convention agencies as to program assignments and performance.

This makes for the most delicate relationships in Southern Baptist life. And these relationships depend ultimately more upon personalities than upon written guidelines. This is why the chief executive officer of the Executive Committee has to walk a tight rope.

The way the Executive Committee functions necessarily gives great responsibility and strong influence to the executive secretary. While theoretically he only carries out the decisions of the committee, he actually has much to do with what decisions the committee makes.

This is because committee members generally begin their services with little knowledge and understanding of how the committee functions and rotate off the committee soon after they learn the ropes. Consequently they have to look to the executive secretary for much advice.

The practical outcome is that the ultimate decisions of the committee generally reflect the thinking of the secretary. This is not necessarily bad. The Executive Committee expects and needs expert leadership from its staff. It's just the way the system works and this is why it is so critical who fills this office.

The executive secretary is also influential in fiscal and budgetary matters which is where the water really hits the wheel. The Executive Committee recommends to the convention the annual Cooperative Program allocations for the convention agencies. And while the agencies present their requests directly to the committee members, only the executive secretary really knows all the background to the requests. Hence his ideas carry much weight with the committee members. It is at this point that the executive secretary is under most pressure and must be extremely careful to be completely fair and impartial.

These and other considerations make the choice of the person for this place extremely critical. The responsibility should send Executive Committee members to their knees and the prayers of all Southern Baptists should undergird them in their search for God's choice for this place.

## Bingo is Illegal in Church as Elsewhere

It's a common sight in Reno or Las Vegas to see old ladies playing two or more slot machines at the same time but who would have thought of playing two gambling games simultaneously in church-sponsored bingo parties?

That's a common scene in Louisville these days according to a Sept. 12 Courier-Journal news article. To regular bingo has been added "mini-bingo." Mini-bingo is played with small cards sold to those playing regular bingo. Players can pull tabs from the mini cards without interrupting their regular bingo games. If the letters B-I-N-G-O appear in any form order under the tabs the players win a

cash prize ranging from 50 cents to \$50 according to what the player paid for the card. Some operators say profits from mini-bingo exceed proceeds from the regular bingo games.

A new gambling bingo game is not surprising. The ingenuity of gambling promoters is limitless. The popularity of the new style bingo is also not surprising since gambling is an addiction and the fact that returns in prizes are but a small fraction of what players spend never discourages players. One bingo organizer says mini-bingo is the closest thing to a slot machine he has ever seen.

What is still hard to accept is that this gambling is sponsored by churches and church-related organizations. Bingo is a weekly activity for many Catholic churches in the Louisville area and even is conducted weekly by Bellarmine College for the support of its athletic program.

Technically bingo is illegal but it has been winked at so long when conducted for charitable purposes that nobody really worries about the law. This includes law enforcement officials.

For example, Louisville Police Chief John Nevin says, "Of course bingo's illegal, but I have always felt anybody would object if you went to take a warrant out for the Father, or whoever's running the bingo. It's just not the appropriate thing to do."

County Attorney J. Bruce Miller says, "Bingo itself has always been a subject of question. We've taken a position in this community that we're not going to prosecute it period. . . We probably could stop it if we wanted to."

The concern of law officials is that others besides church sponsors are moving in on the profits from mini-

bingo. The selling of mini-bingo cards by individuals for private profit is taking place and officials are cracking down. Police Chief Nevin says police officers are told to arrest anyone selling cards on the street.

How ridiculous! Since when is a thing illegal for individuals but all right for churches? If a seller of mini-bingo cards on the street is arrested so ought be church officials and all other sponsors of bingo. So called charitable purposes don't change the morality or legality of our acts.

No wonder the church suffers so much discredit in the eyes of the world. Wonder what Jesus would have done if he had encountered a bingo game in the temple?

[Since the above was written Louisville police have decided to outlaw mini-bingo. Louisville Police Chief Nevin says anyone engaging in this form of lottery will be arrested. The ban is scheduled to go into effect Sept. 23.

Jefferson County police report they are still maintaining a "hands-off" policy on mini-bingo.

Apparently bingo will continue in the city and county without any questions asked. —Editor]

## Baptist Forum

### Plus One for Seminaries

Thank you so much for your editorial "Liberalism is Not a Major Threat" (Aug. 3 issue). In a time when there is so much sin and corruption for the Christian to be fighting it is discouraging to see those seeking to divide and cause friction among our own. Let us accept one another as brothers in Christ, using our various and unique resources for the building up of our Lord's work and leave the rest to the test of the wise Gamahel: "if this work be of men, it will come to naught...if of God you cannot overthrow it" (Acts 5:38-39).

Also having spent six years at Southern Seminary, there are few people I hold in any higher regard than our seminary professors. Their sincerity, integrity and commitment to truth and our Lord Jesus Christ is beyond question and that means more to me than any label or theological tag one puts on them.

Thomas R. Kinman, Pastor  
Simpsonville Baptist Church

### Intelligence Personified

Two articles in the Aug. 24 issue of Western Recorder prompt this response.

John W. Carlton makes a good case for the use of the mind in Christian stewardship. (Indeed, can there be any stewardship without the intellect?) The crux of his theme might be the extremes of the absolutist, the person who closes his mind to further truth, or the objectivist, who falls for the subtle ploy of no comment. Intellectual labor rules against antiquated thought and on-going education contends against the "ritual" Carlton states.

Neither is there conflict with Michael Young's "Back to the Basic."

Of course I am impressed with Dr. Stagg's exposition on the filling of the Holy Spirit. This very scholarship might be a prime example of the fruit of intellectual diligence. Were there more true comprehension of the hallowed Spirit and his indwelling, there would be less fuzziness of thought and emotional clamor.

Donald O. Cassidy  
Premium

### Could You Be the Man?

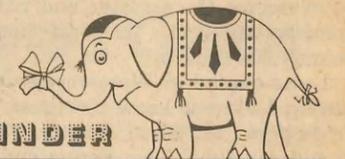
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Cocoli is a "totally Southern Baptist church" in philosophical beliefs and practices. We must have a leader who is strong in promoting SBC programs. We have many who are young in their Christian experience, and therefore, the need for training is constant—not only with our church, but in the entire Canal Zone Association.

Robert E. Robinson  
Chairman, Pulpit Search Committee  
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# Baptist Forum

## No More Soap

We appreciate and admire Harry N. Hollis and many others who have taken a stern stand against immorality, namely the new fall television comedy series "SOAP."

Also we appreciate very much our denominational paper, our Western Recorder. It keeps us informed on all important matters, past, present and future; every member of our denomination should be receiving the Western Recorder.

Now back to immorality. We, too, are opposed and stand united against any television network, and its sponsors who televise an immoral comedy series such as "SOAP." The overwhelming majority of the American people are against immorality, homosexuality, pornography and indecency in all forms which have spread across our country. Corruption will destroy any nation, ruin any business or individual.

Buck Grove Baptist Church  
Mens' Adult Sunday School Class  
Ekron

You're a Lifesaver!

The Apr. 4 flood brought such devastation to our community and our church that we found ourselves wondering if we would really be able to recover. Though these thoughts stayed with us only briefly, until the shock of what happened had eased, they still made us painfully aware of the tremendous job ahead of us.

But with humbled hearts we want to say a special "Thank You" to our Kentucky Baptist Convention and to our sister churches in Kentucky for their gracious contributions to us in our time of crisis. Your prayerful, moral and financial support made the task of rebuilding much easier for us to face and accept and your many expressions of faith in us made us more determined to overcome the disaster and resume a ministry of God's love in our community.

I was quoted in Western Recorder as saying I did not know if "these people (members of First Baptist Church) would rebuild." I am happy and proud to say that that feeling was totally unwarranted. We will dedicate our rebuilding Sunday, Oct. 23. But had it

celebration would not have come as soon or as complete as it is.

Words fail us at times like these, but please know that we send more gratitude than words can communicate with this "Thank you very much!"

Dean Pack, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Loyall

## Daddies Do Cry

I am writing in response to the article "Daddies Aren't Supposed to Cry." The event that prompted the article was obviously a tender and painful one. The article was helpful in confronting us with the grief involved in separation. My only concern is with the idea that fathers are not supposed to cry.

While it wasn't the intent of the article, it may have inadvertently reinforced an old cultural stereotype about men being the macho, superhuman figures who don't express their hurt by crying. It is significant, I think, that in the wisdom of creation men were given tear ducts, just like women. Some of the most significant moments I have shared with my children have been times that I was free to "let go" of my tender feelings.

This is not a criticism of men who do not feel comfortable to cry. This is simply written as an alternative. I am a daddy and I sometimes cry.

Jack Grisham, Pastor  
Faith Baptist Church  
Georgetown

## The Beam in Your Own Eye

I have read the two articles by Dr. Frank Stagg on "Filled with the Holy Spirit" and "Tongues: Pentecostal and Corinthian." I like to read what I can on these subjects, and several weeks ago at our church a professor from Southern Seminary in Louisville brought such a good message on the Holy Spirit. He said that regardless of confusion caused in some churches because of the charismatic renewal, such movement had done much good all over the world, focusing the attention of the people on the power of the Holy Spirit and what he can do in the lives of Christian people if they will but allow him to control their lives. He also said we should not condemn the forms

of worship of other Christians.

We may disagree but it should be none of our business as to how they worship. I liked that.

We have two sons who belong to charismatic churches (one in Florida and one in Massachusetts) and they are fully dedicated to the Lord. Neither do they have a proud or boastful attitude; their spirit is one of sweet humility.

If some of our ministers who talk against such Christians would let up on their criticism there would be less confusion and discord, I am sure. We all need to love one another in the Lord and to get the beam out of our own eye. In other words, let us truly love one another and judge not. Condemning other Christians should have no place in our churches.

Mrs. E. R. Loomis  
Covington

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# Personnel Changes

## Ferguson Moves to Ghent

Robert U. Ferguson Jr. began his pastorate of Ghent Baptist Church Aug. 21. He previously pastored Westport Baptist Church, Centertown. Ferguson, a native of New Orleans, La., is a graduate of Samford University and will graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December.



Ferguson

## Richmond First Baptist Calls Harris as Pastor

Mack T. Harris assumed the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Sept. 1. He succeeds T. L. McSwain, who resigned the Richmond church May 15 to become pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.

Harris, a graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., and Southern Seminary, pastored Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Harrisonville, Ky., during his seminary years. Before moving to Richmond he was pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Smyrna, Ga.

## New Pastor at Dedicated

Wayman Hayes has accepted the call as pastor of Dedicated Baptist Church, Warren Association. Hayes is a graduate of Southeastern Christian College and Clear Creek Baptist School. He has pastored Kentucky churches for 16 years.



Hayes

## Gets Texas Pastorate

Phil Majors, a native of Corbin, has been called as pastor of Brandon (Tex.) Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Cumberland College and currently at-

tends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. Majors is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Majors, members of Central Baptist Church, Corbin.

## Little Flock Shepherd

David Walters, pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Providence, has been called as pastor of Little Flock Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Sept. 5.

## Mountains to the Mississippi

## Anti-Porno Law Enacted

An anti-pornography campaign in Ohio County has resulted in a countrywide ordinance banning the display and sale of obscene material.

The campaign was started by Eugene Loy, pastor of the Green River Baptist Church, and was joined by other ministers and at least five other Baptist churches who passed resolutions in favor of this ordinance.

The ordinance prohibits distribution of obscene materials to adults and minors, using minors to distribute obscene materials, advertising of obscene materials and displaying for sale unwrapped covers of sexually explicit material.

## Hodge in India Serving As Missionary Relief

Wayne Hodge, a native of Princeton now living in Spartanburg, S. C., is serving in Bangalore, India, during September as a relief physician for vacationing Southern Baptist medical missionaries.

Hodge, a resident



Hodge

at Spartanburg General Hospital, is a graduate of Murray State University and University of Louisville Medical School. While in medical school he was organist at Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church.

He is married to the former Sandra Butler, daughter of Ninth and O pastor LaVerne Butler. The Hodges have three children.

# Revivals

## New Haven Holds Effort

New Haven Baptist Church, Nelson County Association, held revival services Aug. 14-19, with Steve Hodges, Jefferson City, Tenn., as evangelist. There were 14 additions to the church including 10 for baptism. James Blackerby is pastor.

## Over 150 Decisions Told

Over 150 decisions were recorded during a revival effort Sept. 4-9 at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church. There were 67 professions of faith and 75 rededications included in the total. Jim Wilson, evangelist from Orlando, Fla., led the services with Larry McFadden, also of Orlando, conducting the music. Jim Lewis is the Westport Road pastor.

# Deaths

## Mrs. Sanders Passes

Mrs. Bill (Martha) Sanders died in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 26. The Sanders are remembered from their Kentucky days when he was pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church. While a Southern Seminary student he was pastor of New Highland Baptist Church near Brandenburg.

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# Missions & Ministries

## Annie Nears Goal

The 1977 Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions is more than \$1 million above the same time last year according to William G. Tanner, director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Offering receipts totaled \$10,344,969 Sept. 6, 1977 or nearly 92% of the \$12 million goal.

## Kentuckian to Fill US-2 Appointment

Beth Dunn, Franklin, was one of 29 young adults recently selected to serve as a US-2 missionary. The two-year program involves young people interested in serving in mission projects throughout the United States. Miss Dunn, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, will be working in apartment ministries in Birmingham, Ala.

## \$40,000 Equals 25,000 New Ways to Know God

Nearly \$40,000 has been channeled from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to provide 25,000 Bibles in response to requests by missionaries and other Christians who revealed the shortage of low-cost Bibles for Filipinos. The Bibles are printed in English which is widely spoken throughout the Philippines. Printing of the Bibles was made possible by Foreign Mission Board action reallocating \$10,000 from funds originally set aside for work in Laos and \$29,800 which was first earmarked for work in South Vietnam. Both Laos and South Vietnam now are closed to missionaries because of Communist domination. The Bibles will be sold at a subsidized price in book stores throughout the country. A survey conducted by the Philippine Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) revealed that about 50 percent of the Baptist church members attributed their conversion to reading the Bible.



Two Kentuckians are among the newly elected officers of the Executive Committee of the Chile Mission [organization of Southern Baptist missionaries]. From left [front row] I. Grundy Janes Jr., Louisville, president, and J. Kenneth Park, Paducah, outgoing president. Others include [middle row] Clara Brincefield, Carol Henson, William P. Carter Jr., Hubert K. Middleton, Elliot Manferd; [back row] John H. McTyre, C. Lamar Tribble, Laura Frances Snow and S. Eugene Huckaby.

## Missions People

Mr. and Mrs. James Ehrlich, missionary appointees to Venezuela, are attending orientation at Callaway Gardens (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). A native of Memphis, Tenn., he grew up in Texas. The former Luana Pollock, she was born in Sikeston, Mo. and has lived in Missouri and Illinois. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board he pastored Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden W. Bridges, missionary appointees to Taiwan, are also attending orientation. Before their appointment in July he was minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Morgantown. Both are graduates of Southern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Owens, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 267, Ciudad Satelite, Edo. de Mexico). Before their

appointment in 1963 he was minister of music at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spaulding, missionary associates to Scotland, may be addressed at 17 Stonehaven Rd., Aberdeen AB 15US, Scotland. Both natives of Kentucky, he was born in Casey County and grew up in Lincoln County, where she, the former Barbara Bogie, was born and raised. Before their appointment in 1968 he was pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Clark Thomas, missionaries to Germany, have completed furlough and returned to the field. They are natives of Kentucky. He was born in Hopkinsville and grew up in Cadiz. The former Ruth Douglas, she was born in Calloway County and grew up in Lone Oak. Before their appointment in 1963, he pastored Woodburn Baptist Church.

# Kentucky Baptists at Work

As the Floods Subside . . .

## We Are Closer to Real Belief Than Ever Before!

Monday, Apr. 4, 1977 brought with it the worst flood Harlan County, Ky. can remember. With a flood crest of 34.5 feet (18.5 feet above flood stage) this day became a landmark in the lives of many in this small community. After the water went down and we returned to our homes we discovered total destruction. Loyall, Baxter, Lawnvale and Rio Vista were not what they once were. It did not matter how much water got into our dwellings—12 inches or eight feet, or even homes swept away from their foundations. It disrupted our lives, destroyed possessions that took a lifetime to accumulate, created a crisis

and sympathy of others would not do it for us. The first Sunday after the flood was Easter. We had our service in the church parking lot. There were enough chairs for 75 people. They were filled and two times that many were standing. We debated whether to sing "Shall We Gather at the River?" or "Higher Ground" for our congregational singing. We prayed a lot. We took an offering. We shared personal testimonies. We studied God's word. All this with the debris of our homes as the backdrop.

Though the service was concluded in a little over an hour, the spirit of that service is still with us. As we slowly moved meeting places from parking lot to parsonage carport to tent, then back to our sanctuary, we were conscious of always moving forward. We discovered together a strength and courage we didn't know we had. We realized that we could handle and deal with more hardship than we ever imagined.

The one thing we had left was our faith. In this helpless, hopeless situation we discovered anew the hope that would surely see us through. And it made all the difference! We had been stripped of all our religious pretense and self righteousness. We began discovering, or re-

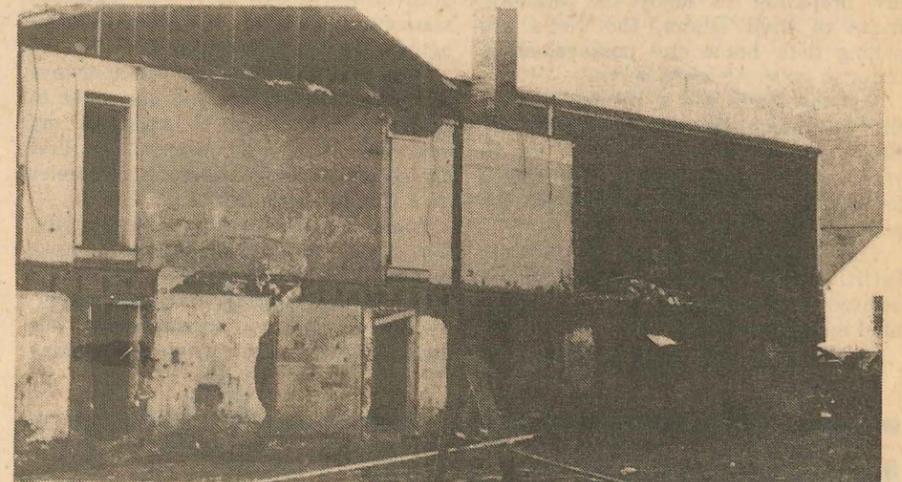
discovering, in a gradual but ever increasing way what belief really was. Together we were discovering that the horizons of our professed faith encompassed more than we ever took time to believe. We just were not believing as much as we could or should. We were not allowing God the full magnitude and magnificence of his power. We were not allowing our faith to call on God. Months have passed. We are trying our best to force Apr. 4 to pass. We are still trying to rebuild what the flood took away. We are not yet finished. For many we have witnessed personally through this experience a living, working faith. Now we understand more deeply what a working faith means and can do. Such faith has brought us to where we are: moving forward to wholeness, stronger, more determined, deeper roots; possessing a new perspective about life and its priorities. We still must work. We still have rebuilding to be done, lost possessions to be replaced, new questions to be answered, new weaknesses that require new strength and courage. The water is still going down. It will not be all the way down until all the signs of its destruction are gone. But we are closer to believing than we have ever been before.

by Dean Pack

we wondered if we could endure. Even the few whose homes were spared had loved ones who did not escape destruction. Even the spared suffered just as if they had lost like everyone else. Everyone shared the pain and grief. No one was immune. The raging waters violated the peace of our community home but all we could do was place things on higher ground and wait . . . wait for the water to go down. No matter how much we tried or how much we wanted to do we discovered how helpless we were.

After the water went down we discovered that from our church community alone 90% had lost 90% of their possessions. If their homes were not affected, their businesses were. For some, both homes and businesses were destroyed.

Our church building did not escape. The sanctuary suffered extensive damage. Our educational space was totally destroyed. We were faced with the awesome challenge of rebuilding our homes, our businesses, our church building . . . our entire community. The Red Cross helped us greatly. The Salvation Army was equally helpful. Volunteer groups from outside the county and state and assisted us and relieved us from much of the cleanup. But rebuilding was our task. The pity



Shattered remains of the Loyall church where a new addition will be joined.



Lloyd and Anne Neil  
**Willing to Follow the Lord**

They are a tall, stately couple in their late 50's. They both have had successful careers. They have accomplished good both for themselves and others. They are looking forward to their upcoming retirement. Right?

Wrong!

Lloyd and Anne Neil plan to leave for mission work in Ghana this month. Being at the place in life where others are preparing to enjoy the material fruits of their labors, the Neils are selling their home and possessions in order to go to Africa to serve.

For the Neils it's a return to their first love since they served as Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria for 19 years. Anne fondly recalls, "It was a lot of fun to be young and on the mission field."

The Neils came home in 1971 to fulfill family responsibilities. They wanted their daughters to receive their final education here.

Neither feel they were prepared for

the trauma they experienced trying to readjust to American life. They jokingly call it "culture shock in reverse."

Once in the States, it seemed the Lord had work planned for them. They were visiting friends in Arkansas when a call came from Campbellsville College.

The Neils accepted the college positions and have been at Campbellsville until now. He has served as business manager while she worked as coordinator of academic counseling.

Anne candidly admits, "you always live with the idea that you may have to return to the States. I looked at my new job as a gift because my first choice for work was to be a counselor on a small college campus."

Anne has found that professionally, her most fulfilling experiences have been at the college. She feels that students are exciting and challenging.

Lloyd's financial management has been done in a time when each penny

had to be counted.

As they discuss their plans, one notices the love and friendship that pass between them. They seem to compliment each other. He is the courtly gentleman; she the modern-day equal rights advocate. He is the calmness to her turbulence. They belong together.

Both have penetrating blue eyes that look "at" you and are quick to communicate that they care.

And that caring is translated into words as Lloyd emphatically says, "Southern Baptist have decided to carry the gospel to every nation by the year 2000. If those of us who are able won't go, then we can't accomplish this."

Anne confides, "I have tremendous feelings about the inequities of life. So many people have so much less than others. It has become a problem for me to talk to young people about missions. I feel if I'm not willing to go myself, what am I doing advising them?"

Perhaps Anne summed up their feelings when she said, "You can't wait for a perfect time to do something or you'll never go anywhere." And Lloyd adds, "It may not be reasonable or philosophically sound, but if you follow the Lord's leadership you can make these decisions."

The Neils seem to have surprisingly few apprehensions. Most of their concerns are with how much of what to take.

There are also the usual anxieties of uprooting. Such problems as selling a home are a little more poignant in the Neils' case because their present home is the first they've owned.

But, as Anne says, "We've always lived open-endedly. There has never been a sense of permanence. Home is a place of the heart."

The Neils are planning a 30-month tour, then a short furlough, followed by another 30-month tour.

Only the Lord knows what comes after that. One thing is certain, whatever he has in mind, the Neils are sure to agree.

## Interesting People



# Which Route Should Your Retirement Take?

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Whether you stay in the old or transfer to the new program, let me urge you to make sure your church has you on ROUTE 10 in your retirement planning.

ROUTE 10 is a symbol designed to remind Southern Baptist churches to adopt a percentage of total compensation for retirement planning.

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 The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till ever  
 One submit himself  
 With pieces of silver:  
 Scatter thou the people  
 That delight in war.  
 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.  
 Psalm 68:29-31

A father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God  
 In his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary  
 In families; he bringeth out those which are bound in chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.  
 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness  
 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.  
 Psalm 68:5-9

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## Frank Owen

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We have just closed another fiscal year Aug. 31. How grateful we are for the people's giving. Our Cooperative Program receipts reached \$7,050,802.05 against an operational budget of \$6 million. All funds above \$6 million are distributed as provided for in the challenge budget of \$1.2 million on top of the operational budget. We didn't quite reach our "Hallelujah Goal" of \$7.2 million but we came closer than we expected—like the farmer I've mentioned before, who said, "I didn't get as much for my cotton crop as I thought I would, but I didn't think I would."

Our receipts for the month of August reached \$798,258.91 which was almost \$150,000 above our previous one-month record. This, without any extra promotion or fanfare whatever. Our people are simply giving voluntarily.

Yet, despite all the above, it is still true that 460 of the 2200 churches affiliated with our convention gave nothing at all to the Cooperative Program. I believe many more of them would give if they realized that our income results more from the faithfulness of the many, many churches of modest strength than from the large capacities of the larger (but fewer) churches, much as we appreciate them too. Don't underestimate the importance of the faithfulness of your own church's part in our Cooperative Program, both for the sake of its own growth and for the results that come through our treasury.

Our total receipts for distribution last year reached \$11,333,000. This includes the above-mentioned Cooperative Program gifts, plus special offerings and designations, through our treasury, plus income on investments and savings toward yet unfulfilled programs and projects in our future plans, for which it seems wise to save funds in advance.

We are now into the first month of a new and larger budget. We are grateful that for the past five months our receipts have exceeded the monthly necessity to meet the new budget. We praise God and thank wonderful churches and pastors.

# Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for October 2, 1977

## International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

### That You Might Believe

John 3:16-18

Nowhere in all divine revelation is the message of grace and love more beautifully revealed than in verse 16. No language can better express the glorious wonder of God's love as unfolded here.

God expressed his love in the matchless gift of his only begotten Son. The purpose of the gift was "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love fulfilled our greatest need, the salvation of our souls. Salvation originated in God's love, was wrought by his Son and is made effective through personal faith. His love has been manifested so that all who believe on Christ will live eternally.

Christ was sent into the world not for condemnation, but for the salvation of those already condemned. If one has not believed on Christ he is condemned already. God judges the unbeliever "because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." The hearer of the gospel who will not believe on Christ commits spiritual suicide.

John 20:30-31

Guided by the Holy Spirit, John carefully selected events from Christ's earthly ministry. He incorporated an account of various miracles performed by Christ to prove Christ's

sonship to God. He sought to prove Christ's deity and the reality of his saving power so that all might come to put their trust in him as saviour. John wanted his readers to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the saviour of men, and through believing on him possess eternal life. To all believers John gave the blessed assurance of forgiveness of sins, peace of mind and joy of heart.

John 21:20-24

After dining with his disciples on the Galilean shore Christ questioned Simon Peter concerning his love for the Master and instructed him on the importance of obedience. Christ spoke very plainly about the manner of the apostle's death. Anticipating his death by crucifixion Peter asked Christ for information about John's future.

Christ promptly informed Peter that the information he was seeking was none of his concern. Christ plainly stressed that Peter was under obligation to follow him faithfully. Many of us, like Peter, are prone to neglect our own responsibilities and to meddle in the affairs of others. Like Peter and John, just following the Lord's commands keeps us busy. We are responsible for maintaining proper relationship with God and an obedience to his expressed will.

## Life and Work Series

### Judging and Forgiving

John 8:3-7

While Christ was teaching in the temple at Jerusalem the scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. According to the law of Moses (Deut. 22:23-24) an adulterer was to be stoned when two witnesses attested to the sin. These critics asked Christ if the law of Moses should be administered or if he would propose another alternative. They were not concerned about the woman, but rather in finding a basis to bring religious and civil charges against Christ. If he should discourage her stoning they would accuse him of being an enemy of Moses and sentence him to death. If Christ should concur with Moses and support her execution he would be usurping the Roman government's authority to impose the death penalty.

Rather than answer the question Christ wrote in the sandy soil. Nobody knows what he wrote so any speculation is unnecessary and unwise. Undaunted by his silence and assuming they had perplexed him the questioners pressed for an immediate answer. Knowing their hidden motive Christ exposed their hypocrisy. He confounded them by replying, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." How appropriate was that remark! Christ was willing for anyone who had never committed adultery in his heart to stone the woman for her sin. Again Christ wrote on the ground. Humiliated, all of his critics quietly withdrew.

Luke 6:37-42

Christ devoted a section of the Sermon on the Mount to those with the sinful habit of judging, criticizing and condemning others. Unfortunately some people have nothing more important to discuss than their acquaintances. They derive satisfaction from slandering others. Such an uncharitable spirit hinders Christian fellowship and hampers the work of Christ. Therefore, Christ commanded his followers to abstain from indulgence in this sin.

Looking for faults and seeking to destroy others in order to build up self arrest one's intellectual and spiritual development. This is a sure way of ministering to one's own wretchedness and of destroying one's usefulness. As you judge others, you will be judged. The standard you set for others must be the measure of your own conduct. Life moves in a circle. What we give to others we also receive. We want others to take an interest in us, to see our best, and to help lighten our load. Therefore, let us do the same for others. In other words, treat the other fellow as you would want to be treated under similar circumstances.

And remember that a fault finder is never a reliable fact finder. To seek the worst in others is to be blinded to the best that is in them. Searching for blemishes only magnifies trivial matters.

We need to recognize the sinfulness of this hypocritical spirit and to rely upon God's grace to overcome it.

# On the Air

## Judy's Letter One of 17,300 Received By Radio-TV Commission — in One Month!

Judy was 23 when she heard "The Baptist Hour" beamed from Ft. Worth, Tex. to her home in the West Indies.

The message intrigued her, so she wrote for the free copy of the sermon the announcer offered.

When the packet arrived from a place called the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission it also contained a booklet titled "You Can Become A Christian." It told her what God's word says about sin, about inviting Christ to live in one's life and explained how to ask him to be her Lord.

When Judy rededicated her life to Jesus she returned to the Radio and Television Commission a card that had been attached to the folder. The Commission, in turn, mailed her a Bible study course and a Bible.

Her letter expressed gratitude. "Dear Dr. Stevens," Judy wrote. "I am glad to hear you have received my signed decision card. I feel that I have stayed away too long from my church. Now I have gone back to my church. I attend masses regularly and I think, by having a closer relationship with Christ, my life might change for the better.

"I read my Bible nearly every day and I make sure I pray morning and night. I got the envelope with my Bible study lessons and the lovely Bible. I have also started doing my lessons and as soon as I complete it I will send it to you. Sincerely, Judy."

"The Radio and Television Commission encourages people to write to us after they have heard one of our programs," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president.

"After that, we send them material to help them grow in the Christian life. We don't ever want to be guilty of presenting the claims of Christ without going into detail on how to accept the better way of life God has in mind for all his children.

"The Radio and Television Commission does not promote just a Baptist God," Stevens continued. "We tell our listeners that God loves them and that God has a better way for their lives.

"Then we suggest they join the church of their choice. That's what

by Bonita Sparrow

Judy had already done. We just encouraged her to commit her life to Christ."

Judy's letter was one of approximately 17,300 letters received by the Radio and Television Commission during July 1977.



### STATION GUIDE FOR PROGRAMS BY YOUR RADIO-TV COMMISSION

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