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Special Report

A Message to Our Readers from the President Of the Southern Baptist Convention

The President of the United States calls it "a quantum leap forward" for Southern Baptist missions.

The head of the Southern Baptist foreign mission movement calls it a "flag" signaling a new day in which God is going to empower Southern Baptist missions as never before.

All of us are sensing a stirring of God at the grass roots of our experience. The challenge to secure and support 5000 additional missionaries in five years staggers all but the most hardy imaginations.

The idea is for churches and individuals to commit themselves to financial support of a person on a two-year commitment either in the United States or another country. The Mission Service Corps support is designed to be over and above increased Cooperative Program giving, increased Annie Armstrong home missions offerings and increased Lottie Moon foreign missions offerings.

Born in the hearts of scores of people in the last decade is a desire for involvement in ministry and evangelism by all kinds of people in all kinds of places. Lay involvement in short term tasks has been going on both in domestic and international missions in increasing numbers. Now that seedbed of mission concern has burst into bloom. With the mandate commissions of the last two annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention the time has come!

Because the experience of God's leading his people called Baptists to unprecedented levels of service, sacrifice

and support is energizing us these days, we are in the midst of a movement. The need to communicate is not a luxury. It is an absolute necessity. The state Baptist papers and every other communication medium of Baptists should not be afterthoughts; they should be in the middle of the movement. Our people must know in order to pray, respond, suggest, support, share, weep and laugh as God does wonders among us for we have not passed this way heretofore (Josh. 3:1-5).

Southern Baptists have developed magnificent communications systems. The state Baptist papers are foundational in informing, convincing, correcting and inspiring Baptists to action. With a combined circulation of 1,773,426 these papers reach past barricades of apathy to eager searchers. They can trace for our people the steps in fashioning the Mission Service Corps. Communication is a key to the response to what God is doing. When people do not know, they cannot do.

There is a line in the story of God's stirring at Pentecost which is absolutely pivotal to this experience. It is often overlooked. Acts 2:6 says that after all the signs of God's new moving and power "it was noised abroad and the multitudes came together. . . ." Something had to be happening to be reported but when it was happening it was noised abroad.

It's happening among Southern Baptists. Let's be thankful that we have state Baptist papers to help us "noise it abroad" so that no one will be left out of what God is doing among us.

by Jimmy R. Allen



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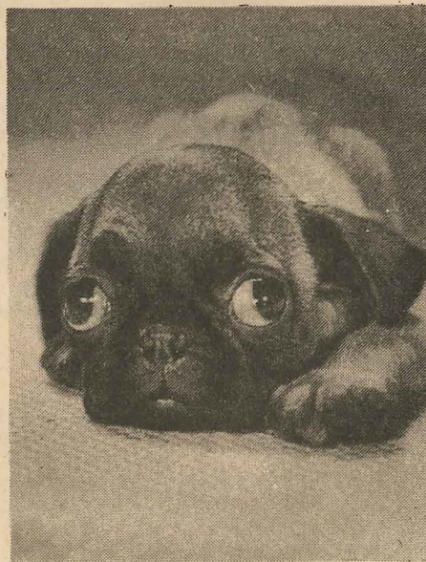
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Double Exposure

A pastor's sermon for children a short time ago prompted this picture. The discussion centered on care for all God's creatures. The message took on special significance for preschoolers and early schoolers as they considered household pets with which they were entrusted. In the first chapter of the Bible we read, *God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good* (Gen. 1:25). Youth and adults can exemplify God's values for all life in their treatment of animals around them.

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Baptist News in Brief

FMB's Cauthen on Mend After Coronary Attack

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was reported making a good recovery in a hospital in Huntsville, Ala. after suffering a heart attack Sept. 18.

The doctor reported that the coronary thrombosis damaged the lower front part of Cauthen's heart, but reported his condition as stable. He suggested two months of recuperation before Cauthen resumes his responsibilities.

Board president William L. Self, who visited Cauthen in Huntsville, Sept. 19, said that administrative responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board will be carried by the staff's executive council during this interim period. Cauthen's administrative associate, Rogers M. Smith, will preside at meetings in the executive director's absence.

Cauthen collapsed while speaking at the televised Sunday morning worship service of Jackson Way Baptist Church.

Cauthen was expected to spend seven days in the coronary care unit, followed by another seven days in regular hospital care, before being released. After three days in a Huntsville home, it was anticipated that he could return to his home in Richmond. Mrs. Cauthen flew to Huntsville Sept. 18 to be with her husband.

vacation speaker in 1975. He spoke again in 1976 after Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, speaker for 20 years, retired.

"We received so much favorable mail from listeners about the quality of Dr. Pollard's sermons and the sincerity of his presentations that the commission's board of trustees selected him to speak for a full year," said Stevens.

"We've changed the 'Baptist Hour' format a little to make it less a structured worship service and more of a worship experience," said Stevens. "The show will include interviews with people talking to Dr. Pollard about a variety of experiences dealing with the sermon theme."

Hospital Puts Moratorium On Sex-Change Operation

A five-member surgical team which performs sex-change operations at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City has agreed to a moratorium on the operation following a request by Joe L. Ingram, executive director-treasurer of Oklahoma Baptists.

Although the moratorium remains in effect the hospital's governing board, elected by the state Baptist Convention, voted 11-5 and the executive committee of the medical staff voted 12-2 to continue the operations.

Information that some 50 sex change operations have been performed at the hospital during the past two years recently became public knowledge through news stories.

The procedures can change people born with a physical anatomy of one sex, yet identified psychologically and emotionally with the other sex. The procedure, according to reports, is normally used to change males-to-females, although female-to-male conversions are also performed.

Baptist Hour Facelifted

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has given its oldest program—"The Baptist Hour"—a facelift.

The new "Baptist Hour" is not so much a sermon as a discussion. It doesn't have a preacher per se, but a host—Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. It uses upbeat religiously-oriented music that is "exciting and bright," a commission spokesman said.

"We have made some changes but we haven't watered down the message," said Paul M. Stevens, commission president. "We're just presenting the program more in the style that today's radio listeners have come to expect from professional producers."

Pollard was "Baptist Hour" summer

CLC Award to Pinson

The SBC Christian Life Commission gave its 1977 distinguished service award to William M. Pinson Jr., new president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Pinson was pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., before going to Golden Gate.

Owen Cooper on TV

Owen Cooper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be featured on the ABC-TV "Directions" program Oct. 2, 1-1:30 p.m. EDT.

ABC correspondent Herbert Kaplow hosts the conversation with Cooper, retired Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist.

13-cent Stamps, Boycott Of Sponsors' Wares May Remove What Soap Can't

At the request of editors of state Baptist newspapers the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, has compiled a list of advertisers and addresses for the first and second episodes of "Soap."

"Soap" is a sex-oriented ABC-TV series which debuted Sept. 13.

Those wishing to write the network may address: Mr. James E. Duffy, President, ABC-TV, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

Sponsors of the initial show were: Mr. John Miles, Vice President, Lee Filter Division, 191 Talmadge Rd., Edison, NJ 08817

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Daley Observations

Some Qualifications for the Next Executive Secretary

The one chosen to succeed Dr. Porter Routh as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee must have unique qualifications because of unique responsibilities. This person will not preside over large staffs and programs as do executives of the mission boards, the Sunday School Board and other large denominational agencies. He actually has little formal input into denominational programs and policies but rather works to implement policies adopted by the convention.

In the eyes of this observer the following are some of the qualifications for the person filling this office. Of course it is granted others may not share the same views as to the qualifications needed for the executive secretary and they should express their ideas.



It is assumed the person will first of all be a genuine Christian committed to the Baptist understanding of the mission Christ assigned to his disciples.

He must be a proven leader with enough experience to warrant the confidence of fellow Baptists. This place doesn't call for some young popular pastor with what is called charisma and with special power in the pulpit. He doesn't even have to be a preacher and an unordained man would have

some advantages. Fellows with wide following from appearances on the evangelism conference circuit or pastors' conference and convention assignments should not head the list of prospects.

Firmness but not aggressiveness is needed for this office. The executive secretary must not be pushed around but he had better not try to throw his weight around unless he wants to be thrown out. A high-handed administrator determined to get his way would throw the whole convention into immediate turmoil. This is a job for one exercising a low key profile.

The executive secretary must understand and practice

Baptist ecclesiology and polity. If he regards the Executive Committee as a kind of board of directors through which all agencies have to relate to the convention, he would precipitate revolt and probably a split in the convention. He must recognize the agencies as independent of the Executive Committee with their own assignments and direct responsibility to the convention. Actually he would do well to encourage agencies to go directly to the convention with some matters for which they now want Executive Committee endorsement before going to the convention.

Fairness and absolute partiality are indispensable qualifications for the executive secretary. If he has his own ideas of priorities such as foreign missions or theological education, he cannot afford to voice them. Neutrality is not often a virtue for a Baptist but it is in this case. In relating to the convention agencies he must show no partiality. This is especially so in the case of the smaller agencies which already tend to feel slighted.

The executive secretary should have the common touch. His main responsibility will not be to preach or make addresses but he has considerable exposure in convention sessions and how he comes through to grass roots Baptists is important. Any indication of high mindedness or arrogance would be disastrous.

Such are the qualifications for the next executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Do we have prospects embodying these qualifications? Yes, not in perfect form but to the extent God could use with prayer support of Southern Baptists.

Here's one final caution. In this selection there must not be even the slightest appearance of denominational politics or cronyism. And it's no place with which to honor someone because there's more sweat than honor in this job. The office has huge dimensions and so must the man who fills it.

If anyone among us feels he is fully qualified and deserves this office, let him make it known. This is a good way to narrow down the list of prospects.

Soap Lives Up to Dirty Expectations

The first episode of Soap has been seen by television viewers and the second episode will have been televised by the time this review is published.

Soap is the most controversial TV show in recent years. After previewing some of its episodes, many responsible persons criticized it and called upon the network to cancel its showing and for advertisers to withdraw sponsorship. Eleven sponsors did just that.

A mail campaign to local ABC outlets caused some stations not to run Soap. All in all there has been more efforts to expose the dirt in Soap than in any other television series.

All the publicity probably gave the first episode a much larger audience than it would have otherwise had. I was in

that audience and could not help feeling some let-down. It was definitely second or third rate entertainment by any standard. If it depends upon quality of performance, it won't last many weeks.

But its attraction was never supposed to be in quality of acting but in exploiting sexual immorality. Here it succeeded though the first two episodes were "cleaned up" by the network as a result of protests. Actually the show was but a notch or two lower than "Maude" and some of the other sleazy and sexually suggestive shows on television.

But even in the "cleaned up" version Soap made a strong bid for "X" rating. In the first episode there were two scenes of sexual advances by wives, one scene of bed-

side post sex dressing and conversation and a closing scene of a daughter following her mother to bed with the same illicit sex partner. That's not a bad effort to be "Mr. Dirtiest" for a little more than 20 minutes actual showing.

The ABC network and its outlets should be hounded until Soap is "No-Soap." The network is counting on initial criticism to subside so that Soap can proceed on its merry way to dirtier and dirtier episodes.

So far ABC has been hurt most by the loss of sponsors. Actually this is the only way to get at those who care nothing about moral protests as long as the money comes in. And so the products of Soap sponsors should be boycotted and the sponsors told why.

On page three of this issue is a list with addresses of

the sponsors of the first two episodes of Soap. It is desperately important that these sponsors receive thousands of protests and notices of boycotts of their products. If these companies withdraw their sponsorship of Soap as 11 others already have, the program will be dead and ABC will have to take notice. The two lists contain only 10 different companies. Surely the effort to clean up television programming is worth ten 13 cent stamps and a few minutes of our time.

The recent efforts of church groups, especially Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics, to reach and influence the radio and television networks are the most successful in many years. If we do not capitalize on this momentum, we are surrendering to these merchandizers of filth.

Special Report

Bold Mission Thrust Plan Approved

Taking a step unprecedented in the history of inter-agency cooperation, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee approved a master plan in Nashville to coordinate the denomination's ambitious goal of proclaiming the message of Christ to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

Basing its plan on Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) actions instructing it to coordinate the long-range plan, the Executive Committee approved formation of a 55-member Bold Mission Thrust leadership group to work with the Executive Committee to accomplish the coordination and promotion of Bold Mission Thrust.

The entire plan—including support for the SBC's Cooperative Program giving and the newly formed Mission Service Corps—will operate under the banner of Bold Mission Thrust. That designation, previously applied to the SBC Home Mission Board's part of the overall Bold Mission emphasis, caught the imagination of Southern Baptist state and national leadership. It had become a generally used term.

The Executive Committee approved appropriations of up to \$30,000 to help with general coordination and promotion expense for the leadership group and a leadership group steering com-

mittee, which was also approved.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Executive Committee, will serve as staff coordinator for the leadership group. Executive Committee chairman W. Ches Smith, a Tifton, Ga., pastor, will chair the Bold Mission Thrust leadership group.

Smith also chairs the committee developing Mission Service Corps, the program which seeks to put 5000 volunteer missionaries on the home and foreign mission fields for one to two years of service by 1982. The Executive Committee officially approved Mission Service Corps guidelines at the same time it approved the Bold Mission Thrust leadership group. Specific details for Mission Service Corps implementation are expected by mid October.

Neither the Executive Committee nor the leadership group, comprising a wide range of SBC agency and state convention representatives, will take over the role of any SBC agency.

The Executive Committee's Bold Mission Thrust action also envisions a church emphasis plan to help churches lead members to active Bold Mission Thrust involvement increasing their commitment to missions and enlarging their support of missions.

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Mountains to the Mississippi



Forks of Dix River Baptist Church near Lancaster recently celebrated its 195th anniversary with special services. Highlighting the occasion was the dedication of a highway marker noting the historical significance of the church, one of Kentucky's oldest. Shown standing near the marker are: [l-r] Dick Cantor, James McCane, Vernon Montgomery, Jim Edgington and pastor Bobby Brooks.



Groundbreaking services were conducted Aug. 28 by Living Hope Baptist Church on a 10-acre site in southeast Bowling Green. The new congregation came out of Forest Park Baptist Church and is meeting in rented downtown Bowling Green property.

In the top picture Living Hope Baptist leaders turned the first shovel of dirt. In the bottom picture gathered around the shovel are Baptists and other religious leaders of Bowling Green including the pastor of a nearby Roman Catholic congregation.

The special service was under the direction of Roy Boatwright who is serving as interim pastor of the new church. Speaker for the occasion was Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley.



Educators Elect Cromer

William R. Cromer Jr., associate professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was chosen president-elect of Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association at its annual meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C. Mary Culpepper, who serves at Gateway Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., was elected president.

Jackson Attends Meeting

David C. Jackson, Frankfort, recently attended his first meeting as a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Jackson is a graduate of Georgetown College, Eastern Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. The Kentucky native will serve as a trustee until 1980.

Revivals

14 Conversions Reported

Donaldson Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, conducted a revival Aug. 1-7. L. C. Gray, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Russellville, was evangelist and Kenneth W. Phelps led the music. There were 14 professions of faith and a great number of rededications. H. G. Sullivan is pastor.

Deaths

Vernon N. Simpson Dies

Vernon N. Simpson, 68, died in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Aug. 30. He was a graduate of Georgetown College and had held pastorates in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Mrs. Wilcox Passes

Mrs. Charles Wilcox died unexpectedly Sept. 9. Memorial services were held at First Baptist Church, Hazard, Sept. 12. Charles Wilcox for some time has served as chaplain of Appalachian Hospital, Hazard.

Ordinations

Two Deacons Chosen

Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained two newly-elected deacons. Those set aside in services Aug. 21 were John Collier and Mike Lisle. Other newly-elected deacons are Ralph Clifford and Alan Jolly.

Parkway Ordains Wallace

James C. Wallace was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 14 in services at Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington.

Wallace, a graduate of Baylor University, will serve for the next year on the staff of Victoria (Canada) Baptist Chapel. After that he plans to enter Southern Seminary.

Wallace is married to the former Barton Brantley of Montgomery, Ala. His father, John T. Wallace Jr., is pastor at Parkway.

Beulah Hill Taps Glass

Wayne Glass was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 4 by Beulah Hill Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association. Glass was ordained at the request of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, which he will pastor.

Cowin Ordained at Clifton

Robin H. Cowin was ordained to the gospel ministry by Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, July 31. Cowin, a student at Southern Seminary, is associate pastor and minister of youth at Clifton.

New Life Honors Meeks

John Meeks was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 14 in services at New Life Baptist Church, Waddy. Meeks is a Louisville bank official and prominent Baptist layman.

He previously served as interim pastor of the New Life Baptist congregation and is now available for supply work, revivals and interim pastorates. He can be contacted at 7412 King William Court, Louisville, Ky. 40214.

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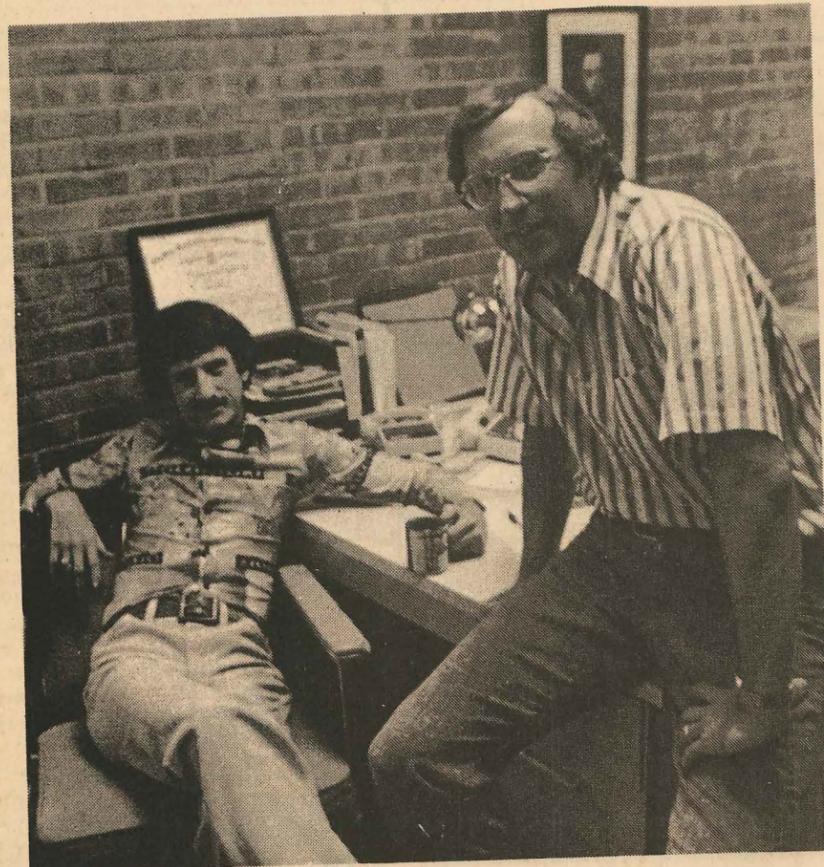
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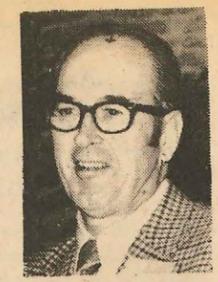


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KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHILD CARE PROGRAM



Frank Owen



REVERSED ENVIRONMENT

I was utterly surprised when the Kentucky Department of Revenue ruled that our convention sales tax exemption should be revoked. Then, I was pleased after our plea before the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals to see a verdict in our favor.

I could hardly believe my eyes later when I read that the Department of Revenue has appealed the case to fight us again in circuit court. Whence cometh such determination to discriminate against the mission offerings of the more than 2200 churches in our convention, whose funds come straight from their offering plates to our center of operations and from thence to all the charitable, educational and religious agencies and programs that we support in 89 countries around this world?

I observe in this appeal a reversal of attitude in our land toward the churches. America, at every government level, has traditionally appreciated the moral value of religious contribution to the nation's moral strength. We have believed that a country is safe whose moral fibre is strong and that religious soil grows a moral crop. We have believed in separation of church and state, but we have equally believed in religious freedom and have maintained a favorable climate for religious and moral endeavor. Some tax authorities now have caught us Baptists on a technicality in our system of church polity which emphasized the local congregation as "church" rather than our state organization.

In the past when tax regulations collided with church freedom the tendency has always been for authorities to lean back from whatever religious denomination was threatened. There appears, now, to be a reversal of the previous friendly environment of the churches toward a possible atmosphere of hostility. This has to be viewed with great concern, not only by Baptists, but by all Christians and bona fide religious groups. Our case, if lost, would crack the door for taxes to get at the church treasuries of all denominations. "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

Sunday School Lessons

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

Hearing and Doing

Luke 6:43-49

The nature of the fruit borne by a tree is determined by the nature of the tree. Each tree reproduces itself—a peach tree bears peaches and a fig tree bears figs. Likewise, people reveal their true character in the fruit they bear. Christ said: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." An unregenerate heart is an evil tree which produces nothing except evil works of the flesh. In some cases an imitation of good fruit may be produced but never the real thing.

Every life bears fruit revealing the heart's condition. What the lips say and the hands do are accurate manifestations of the heart. Just as fruit reveals the mother tree, so a person's life reveals his spiritual condition. Men are not saved by works, but works are certainly an evidence of one's salvation. The only way to have a harmonious inward and outward life is for Christ to dwell in the heart.

Referring to one as a Christian does not make him one. Calling the 13th floor in a building the 14th to allay the fears of superstitious people does not make it the 14th floor. One can prove he is a Christian by what he is, what he believes, thinks, says, does and produces. The measure of one's Christian faith will be known by his conduct and by the extent of his devotion. A person may be thought of in one of three classes: those who advertise and deliver the goods, those who advertise but do not deliver the goods,

and those who neither advertise nor deliver the goods. If Christ is truly Lord, then obey him and produce the fruits of a Christian. If you are going to bear Christian fruit then live in the spiritual environment of prayer, worship and Bible study.

Christ taught that building a life is like building a house. He reminded each reader that he is a life builder. Each has a choice of foundations, but the foundation will be tested. The building will stand if one has built his life in obedience to the expressed will of Christ.

Luke 8:19-21

Mary, the mother of Jesus, along with her younger sons, his half-brothers, arrived on the scene. However, they were not able to reach Jesus because of the immense crowd that had assembled. Thinking that he was on the verge of a breakdown because of overwork, they were anxious to take him back to Nazareth hoping he might get some much needed rest.

Upon being told that his family was in the area and seeking an audience with him, without any thought or intention of disrespect Christ declared that they could no longer exercise authority over him. He was going to do the perfect will of his heavenly Father.

Our response to the teachings of Christ as recorded in the word of God determines our happiness and our usefulness in life.

Life and Work Series

A Pattern for Witnesses

A witness is a person who tells what he has seen, heard or experienced. It is the privilege of each one who knows Christ as Saviour to tell others about him. If one does not tell others about Christ it is a certainty that the Lord means little to him.

John 1:19-23

John the Baptist was one of the world's greatest characters. Of him Christ said: "Among those that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11:11).

John the Baptist had been commissioned by God to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah and to bear his testimony for him. When he preached in the wilderness of Judea great crowds assembled to hear him. Some suggested that he was the predicted Christ. A deputation was sent to interview him to ascertain whom he claimed to be. When this deputation asked him if he were the Messiah, Elijah, or the prophet who had been promised, quickly he declared that he was none of these. He replied that he was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," dedicated to the glorious task of delivering God's message to human hearts.

John 1:29-37

Christ had submitted to baptism by John the Baptist which was the culminating point in the ministry of the forerunner,

and had been subjected to the temptations of Satan. Now he returned to the place near the Jordan River where John was preaching and baptizing his converts. John the Baptist pointed to Christ and said, "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," which was the first public designation of Christ. He could have pointed to Christ as the great moral example, the founder of a higher form of life or the great teacher of holiness and love. However, he proclaimed him as one who had come into the world to be the great sacrifice for sin. Christ deals with the individual soul by bearing the penalty for its sin and carrying away its guilt. Only the Lamb of God can take away sin.

Aware of his unworthiness to administer baptism to Christ, John expressed his reluctance to do so. Upon the insistence of Christ, John baptized him proving his willingness to comply with Jesus' will. Immediately after the saviour was lifted from the water he received the audible approval of God the Father in the words: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The next day was truly a red-letter one for the two disciples of John the Baptist when he directed their attention to Christ as the long-expected Messiah. In response to Christ's invitation, these men accompanied him to his abode and became his ardent disciples.

Personnel Changes

Columbia Pastor Resigns

Jerry D. Oakley has resigned as pastor of Columbia Baptist Church after four years in order to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn.

Oakley is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before going to Columbia he was pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro. Oakley is presently serving on the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board and is chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the Board. He is also president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Hisel New Sidney Head

James M. Hisel has been called as pastor of Sidney Missionary Baptist Church in Pike County. A graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Hisel previously pastored Mt. Olivet Baptist Church also in Pike County.



Hisel

Frankfort Calls Hurt

Billy Hurt has resigned as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

Dexter Chooses Anderson

W. Max Anderson has been called as pastor of Dexter Baptist Church, Blood River Association. Earlier Anderson was pastor of the Mount Haven congregation in Graves County.

McConnell Takes Mission Post in Christian County

Ralph T. McConnell, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, has accepted the appointment as director of missions for Christian County Association. He suc-

ceeds J. D. Herndon who retired Aug. 1.

McConnell has pastored at Concord for over two years. Prior to that time he was director for 12 years at Glendale Children's Home.

McConnell, a Princeton native, is a graduate of Murray State University and Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Ruth Lane of Sturgis and they have three children.

Three Ministers Added To Shively Heights Staff

Several staff additions have been made at Louisville's Shively Heights Baptist Church.

Wallace O. Britton recently became minister of education, coming to Shively Heights from a similar position at First Baptist Church, Ashland. Britton is an Arkansas native and a graduate of Southern Seminary.

The new minister of music is Hugh Livingston. He is currently a student at Southern Seminary and his previous experience includes church music positions at four churches in the Knoxville, Tenn., area, including First Baptist Church, Alcoa.

Johnny W. Taylor is the new minister of youth. The Alabama native has previously served as minister of youth at Clarksdale (Miss.) Baptist Church. He is also a Southern Seminary student.

Providence Calls Pastor

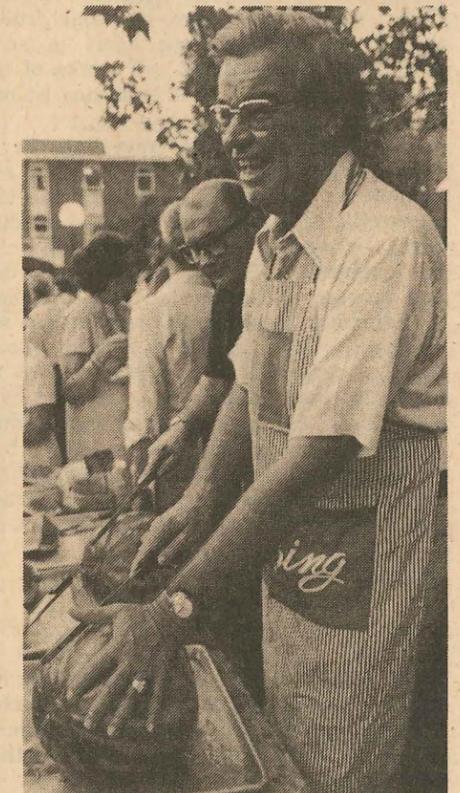
Thomas G. Woodson has resigned as pastor of Elkhorn City Baptist Church to take the pastorate at First Baptist Church, Providence, effective Oct. 16. Woodson replaces W. W. Johnson who has been interim pastor since January.

Assumes Education Post

Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville has called Nolen Rollins to serve as minister of education effective Sept. 11.

Rollins moves to the Louisville church from Black Oak Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., where he served as minister of education.

Christian Education



Georgetown College president Robert L. Mills and history department head Horace Hambrick handle the cutting chores at a recent watermelon feast held for returning students.

Music Institute Slated

Six top musicians will participate in Southern Seminary's 17th annual church music institute Oct. 24-28.

Those on the program are: Don Hinshaw, president of Hinshaw Music, Inc.; Wilma Jensen, Indiana University; Jack L. Lyall, Mississippi College; Ronald A. Nelson, Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.; Robert Stevenson, UCLA; and Jay Wilkey, Southern Seminary.