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Baptist News in Brief



Robert Herring [standing], pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham, shares findings from a small group conference with all participants in a west Kentucky pastors' fellowship meeting Oct. 1 at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly. With him are [l to r]: Floyd Sheeks, Providence; Harold Lassiter, Cadiz; A. W. Johnson; and Mrs. Forrest Sawyer, Middletown. Purpose of the fellowship was to let pastors talk shop among themselves and with 13 Kentucky Baptist Building personnel attending. KBC workers spoke in local churches Oct. 2.

CP Nears \$52 Million

The Southern Baptist Convention's 1976-77 fiscal year closed Sept. 30 with

\$51,940,459 in undesignated contributions to the national Cooperative Program unified budget.

Total giving for the year, including another \$42,445,624 in designated gifts, totaled \$94,386,083.

The \$51,940,459 exceeded last year's national Cooperative Program contributions by 11.16 percent.

Cauthens On Way Home

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was released from the Medical Center Hospital, Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 3. He had been hospitalized since suffering a heart attack Sept. 18.

The Cauthens were expected to be in Huntsville until Oct. 10 or 11 before returning home to Richmond.

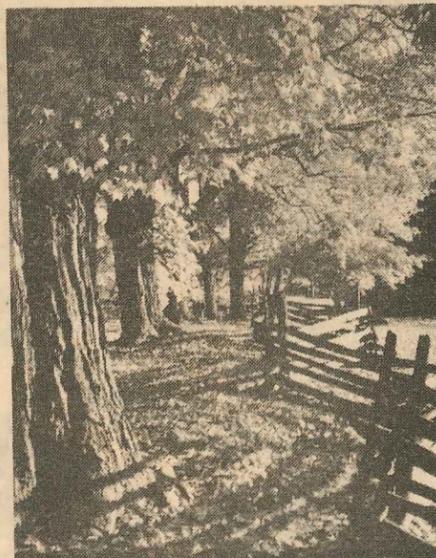
Cauthen, who collapsed while speaking at a televised Sunday morning worship service Sept. 18, is expected to make a full recovery. His doctors have advised him not to resume responsibilities for two months nor accept any engagements before January.

Observe COOPERATIVE PROGRAM Month

Double Exposure

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

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BSSB's Bible Teaching Launched with Personnel

Professional and supervisory personnel for the Baptist Sunday School Board's recently formed Bible Teaching Division have been announced by Robert G. Fulbright, director. All are currently board employees. Named to date:

Preschool-Children's Group—Mrs. Muriel Blackwell, manager; Fred Heifner, supervisor, children's VBS, Bible Book curriculum and children's worship; Leon Castle, supervisor, children's foundation curriculum; Elsie Rives, supervisor, children's program section.

Youth-Adult Group—Max Caldwell, manager; Forrest Moorehead, supervisor, youth Convention Uniform Series, Bible Book curriculum; Franklin Farmer, supervisor, youth Life and Work, VBS curriculum; Myrte Veach, supervisor, youth program section; Earl Waldrup, supervisor, adult Convention Uniform Series, Bible Book curriculum section; Ernest Hollaway, supervisor, adult Life and Work Series, VBS.

Administration Group—Don Trotter, manager; Jim Fitch, supervisor, growth section; Ernest Adams, supervisor, program promotion section; Eugene Chamberlain, supervisor, special ministries section; Harold Marsh, supervisor, projects promotion section.

Management Services Group—Billie Pate, acting manager; Mavis Allen, program design and planning coordinator; Gene Wright, field services coordinator; Bob Dean, curriculum development coordinator; Eldon Boone, associational unit coordinator; James Chatham, consultant, associational work.

Georgia & N. Y. Together

The executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention approved a recommendation that the convention adopt a "sister state relationship" with New York Baptists.

Subject to approval of the annual convention in November the executive committee endorsed a proposal to help the New York convention and its churches and associations in every possible way. It responded to a request by New York executive secretary



Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission members put aside budget considerations, recommendations and resolutions recently to join hands in a circle of prayer at their meeting in Nashville. They prayed for the work of the moral and social concerns agency and for personal needs of members and staff.

Jack P. Lowndes, a native Georgian and former Georgia pastor, who had the support of Georgia executive secretary Searcy S. Garrison. The New York convention is one of the newer and smaller of the 33 state conventions covering Southern Baptist work in 50 states.

In Texas, Super Scrub!

Editors of three Texas religious newsweeklies temporarily laid aside their theological differences in Dallas to urge a speedy death for "Soap," ABC Television's new sex-oriented comedy series.

Presnell H. Wood of the Baptist Standard, Spurgeon M. Dunn III of The Texas Methodist and Steve Landrean of The Texas Catholic issued a statement predicting other similar "spin-offs" and "Soap imitations" should the show prove to be a success.

They asked their subscribers—more than 800,000 weekly in combined circulation—to refuse to watch such programs, to write letters to sponsors and boycott their products and to write letters of protest to local stations.

Prompt action is imperative, they said, to curb "an obvious trend toward . . . programs which exploit sexual themes."

More Bucks for Privates?

Forty-three U. S. Senators are sponsoring a massive tax credit bill to aid private school education from the elementary grades through college at a loss to the U. S. treasury of \$4.7 billion

from the 1980 U. S. budget.

The Tuition Tax Credit Act of 1977 is an attempt to bail out of financial trouble the 14,000 private grammar schools, 3700 private high schools and 1500 private colleges and universities. Hearings on the proposal have been promised for January 1978 by the Senate Finance Committee, 12 of whose 18 members are cosponsors of the new bill.

The plan would provide 50 percent of tuition payments up to \$500 for an income tax credit for a taxpayer for each student for whom he pays private school tuition.

Neither Kentucky Senator is among the 43 sponsors of the bill.

Editor-Researcher Named

William M. Tillman Jr. joined the SBC Christian Life Commission as director of research and editorial services.

A native Oklahoman, he has completed residence work for the Ph.D. degree at Southwestern Seminary. He will edit the commission's printed materials, maintain a research program in Christian ethics and edit "Light," the agency's occasional publication.

Land of Enchantment Calls

Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is accepting applications for employment on its 1978 summer staff at Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535.

Applicants must be 17-75 years of age, have completed high school before next summer and be physically able to work at an elevation of 7500 feet.

Glorieta is operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Homecoming with God's People

Whatever the world thinks or says the happiest people on earth are the Lord's people. And so the really "happy times" are those spent with God's children. For ministers and denominational workers these happy times are those spent with churches and church people.

After an especially exhilarating experience with a group of God's choice children earlier this year I sincerely observed that were there no hereafter and heaven the Christian experience on earth would be more than worth its cost.

This was my feeling again following celebrating homecoming 1977 with the Madisonville First Baptist Church family Oct. 2. What a day! Everything was planned to perfection and went off as planned.



This is an annual custom for Madisonville First Baptists and it is a good one. Generally we associate homecomings and picnic dinners with country churches but all Baptist churches are really country churches—some are just larger than others. And pray God Baptists will never grow so sophisticated that they do not relish get-togethers like church homecomings.

Following the morning service dinner was spread and what a spread! You name anything delicious and it was there. But above all, old Kentucky ham was there—baked, boiled and fried and in abundance.

Surely the Lord forgives a Baptist preacher for over-indulgence on such occasions. If he doesn't, woe is me.

If anything excelled the food at Madisonville it was the hospitality. So far as I know Charlie Larkin, chairman of the deacons, never got around to eating. He was as busy waiting on others as a bird dog with two covies of quail scattered in the same thicket. Tommy Arnold, another deacon and famed merchandiser of old ham, sat beside me and passed up most of his own old ham for several helpings of dark butter beans cooked the old-fashioned way. Tommy will never adapt to city cooking.

Madisonville First is far from the oldest but not far from the strongest Baptist church in Kentucky. Its thrilling story is attractively and thoroughly recorded in an excellent history written last year by Patricia Brown Harris.

The church was constituted Jan. 26, 1870 without a meeting house and with only 32 persons, 21 of whom were women. The congregation used the Cumberland Presbyterian and Methodist buildings before building the first church house. Since then two other church houses have been built on two different sites. The present building was constructed in 1954 and was among the first of the elegant Baptist sanctuaries built in Kentucky in the modern era. A \$600,000 addition in 1975 makes the facilities among the finest in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Madisonville First has always been strongly committed to world outreach. Generous gifts through the Cooperative Program and special mission offerings have put many missionaries on home and foreign fields and the prayers of this congregation have undergirded all those in mission endeavors.

The story of Madisonville First is the story of pastors with vision and people with commitment. The pulpit has been graced by some of the greats on God's honor roll. Names like Hopewell (first pastor), Coleman, Gatlin, Kirtley, Staley, Summers, Tallant and Purdy appear on the list of pastors.

The church today reflects the lives and ministries of Harold and Virginia Purdy more than anyone else. The Purdys came to Madisonville in 1941 and stayed five years before going to First Baptist in Bowling Green and Belmont Heights in Nashville. They never got over Madisonville and so took it as the Lord's call when they were invited back in 1964. The progress of the church the last 13 years leaves no doubt. With the facilities, excellent staff members and the committed congregation the greatest days for Madisonville First should be just ahead.

And just to think this is but one of the strong Baptist congregations in Madisonville and Hopkins County. Coal is not the only booming business in western Kentucky.

What Is Right?

U. S. Senator Walter Huddleston from Kentucky deserves commendation for a courageous stand on the Panama Canal treaty. Press reports indicate Senator Huddleston is leaning in favor of the treaty pending further information and study.

Senator Huddleston has taken this position in spite of the indications that a large majority of his constituents are against the treaty. It takes a big man to do this, especially a man in public office, but it marks the difference between a statesman and a politician.

All Christians should be as open and as courageous as the senator. I have not discussed this issue with him and therefore I do not know whether Christian convictions

influence his position but I have an idea they do. He is a Methodist layman, the son of a Methodist preacher.

Huddleston might even agree with a fellow Methodist, William Eddy, who is now dean of Asbury College, the Methodist school at Wilmore, Ky. Eddy served as a missionary in Panama for 15 years and says of the Panama Canal treaty, "It's not a giveaway. We took it away. And we've perpetrated a grave injustice there a long time. Now, we have an opportunity to redress that injustice."

Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen has also voiced a strong stand for the treaty on Christian grounds. In a recent address to fellow Baptist leaders Allen said the gospel of Christ has a stake in the Panama Canal

treaty and that the decision of Congress on the treaty may have a significant impact on missions in the Third World.

Allen referred to the canal as a "symbol of colonial exploitation which cripples our witness as American Christians." He urged Southern Baptists to study the treaty carefully and challenged them to "ask the basic questions which sweep away the rhetoric of demagoguery—is it right, is it just, and in light of our world today, is it wise?"

Opponents of the treaty claim it does not adequately safeguard the defense and economic interests of the United States. Advocates of the treaty say such safeguards are

Guest Editorial

Keep After Soap

by Harry N. Hollis Jr.

Throughout the entire Soap affair the American Broadcasting Company has been dishonest with the American people. They promised Soap would be a morality play; instead, they are broadcasting an immorality play. They promised that they would clean up Soap; instead, they are airing a sorry show which reeks with moral pollution. According to the manager of an affiliate station ABC sent out an erroneous sponsor list on the day before Soap was first to be shown. To maintain the illusion of Soap's success ABC has given at least one sponsor, Anacin, an advertising spot for which Anacin "did not have to pay one penny," to quote an executive of the advertising agency that handled Anacin's spot on Soap.

How much deception will ABC practice in order to try to maintain its ratings and its fantastic profits?

ABC-TV is counting on our apathy to get away with its immoral television programming. Of course, there are many other immoral shows on television but this should not deter us from fighting Soap because Soap has become a symbol. It is a symbol of the industry's determination to reject the public's wishes; and it is a symbol of the churches' determination not to allow a few people in the industry to continue to undermine our most precious values and ideals. If Soap dies, the war will not be won; but our message to the networks will be clear: The American people do not want "entertainment" based on sexual immorality any more than we want "entertainment" based on violence.

What can we now do to send Soap to an early grave?

(1) Call the local ABC-TV affiliates and protest their showing of Soap's immorality unless the affiliate in your area has already joined the numerous affiliates who have rejected this trash. In that case, call the station to thank them. Since many stations are releasing to the press the number of phone calls they receive for and against Soap, calling is important. (2) Follow up your call to the local ABC-TV affiliate with a letter to the manager expressing your opposition. Stations are required to keep these letters as well as a record of the calls. (3) Write the sponsors. One executive of a company that advertised on Soap told the Christian Life Commission, "We are going to count our letters to see how the people feel." Sponsors for the third episode were:

included in the treaty. Most of us are not informed enough to participate responsibly in this debate and will have to take the word of those we most believe in. As for me I believe President Carter and former President Ford who favor the treaty are as informed and as loyal to America as any opponents of the treaty.

As a Christian I must prayerfully seek God's help in deciding what is right and saying so. And I cannot but believe what is right in God's sight is right for America in the long run.

American Honda Motor Company, 100 West Alondra, Gardena, CA 90247, Bill Pulskamp, Advertising Manager;

Bic Pen Corporation, Wiley Street, Milford, CT 06460, R. P. Adler, President;

British Leyland Motors, 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, NJ 07605, G. W. Whitehead, President;

International Playtex Corporation, 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019, Joel Smilow, President;

Preference by L'Oreal, Cosmair, Inc., 530 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036, Jean Caste, President;

Presto Fry Baby, Presto Industries, Eau Claire, WI 54701, LaVerne Soper, President.

The American people who allow ABC-TV to use the public airwaves deserve better treatment. The people deserve honesty, not misleading propaganda. The people have a right to expect creativity, not immorality. The people want responsibility from ABC so that the freedoms of the first amendment which make our society work will not be jeopardized by unbridled license.

The television industry seems to be throwing its fantastic financial strength into this struggle to break the back of the moral protests of the churches. We shall not grow weary in well doing.

Letters to advertisers are having the desired effect. The list of sponsors which have backed out of commercial participation in Soap includes 10 of the 11 originally scheduled advertisers which withdrew before the show even aired: American Motors, Datsun, Kayser-Roth Hosiery, Lever Brothers, Miller Brewing, Pfizer, Revlon, Timex, Volkswagen and Warner-Lambert. American Home Products withdrew from the first episode but did advertise on the second week. Other companies which have decided not to schedule further advertising on Soap are Vlastic Foods, Mem Company, Max Factor, Jovan and Presto, five of the first three week's 13 advertisers.

No effort of this kind by moral forces to influence television programming has been so effective. Let's keep up the pressure. —Editor

Christian Education

Seminary Vocal Ensemble Sings Its Way to Hawaii

The Southern Seminary vocal ensemble is singing its heart out! The 26-member group has been invited to lead music workshops and to assist in the state evangelism concert in Hawaii in January.

While the Hawaii Baptist Convention will provide for expenses once the group arrives the ensemble must raise approximately \$10,000 for transportation to the islands.

A series of concerts has been planned for the Louisville area, according to Phillip Landgrave, the group's director and professor of church music at the seminary. One purpose of the concerts is to receive financial support for the Hawaii music mission.

The concert schedule includes: Beechland Baptist, Oct. 20; Shively Baptist, Oct. 21; Baptist Tabernacle, Oct. 28; Lyndon Baptist, Oct. 29; Highview Baptist, Nov. 3; and Beechmont Baptist, Nov. 10.



Mrs. Wallace Sanders of Louisville recently donated a number of records of Kentucky Southern College to Southern Seminary's Boyce Library. With her are [l to r]: Glen Stassen, associate professor of Christian ethics and a former faculty member at Kentucky Southern; Mrs. Sanders; librarian Ronald Deering; and president Duke K. McCall.

Georgetown Professors Awarded Research Grants

Two Georgetown College professors have been awarded grants for scientific study by the Southern Regional Education Board for Natural Scientists.

Thomas Seay, associate professor of biological sciences, has been awarded a grant to use the facilities at the National Library of Medicine at Bethesda, Md.

Stephen Dyer, instructor of mathematics and physics, will gather vector cardiogram information at a Washington, D. C. veterans' hospital.

Georgetown was the only college or university in the state to have more than one faculty member named among this year's grant recipients.

Murray State Graduate Teaching in Honolulu

Miss Ruth Ann Mills, Guston, Ky., began teaching junior and senior high school music at Hawaii Baptist Academy, Honolulu, in August 1977. Miss Mills is a 1975 graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Ky.

Greek—A Gift from God



"I am fascinated by Greek," admits Ruth Ann Foster, who finished the three-year program of theological study at Clear Creek Baptist School. Miss Foster completed the program with the highest academic standing of any female enrolled.

"It's a gift of God," she commented. "I don't have to study hard to understand Greek. It just comes naturally."

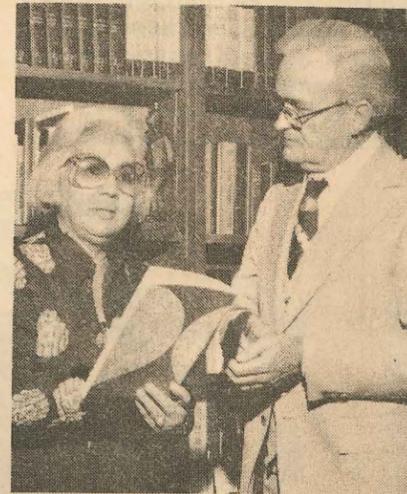
Professor Earl Clark, her Greek teacher, reveals that "she is an exceptional student. Her test papers were the best I have seen."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Ashland, Miss Foster plans to attend Southwestern Seminary after graduation in May.



Wesley Hanson [right], pastor of Hartford Baptist Church, presents a \$1000 check to Southern Seminary professor Clyde Francisco for the seminary's \$10 million endowment and capital funds campaign. Francisco was with the Hartford congregation for a week-end of teaching and preaching from Romans.

Missions & Ministries



Rosargentina Pinel, Honduran consul general, San Antonio, Tex., speaks with Charles W. Bryan, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, during her recent visit to the board's home office in Richmond, Va.

New Missionary Serving At Hellier Baptist Center

Beverly Smothers, Rutherford, Tenn., has been appointed missionary by the Home Mission Board to serve in Hellier, Ky. She will be director of Marrowbone Baptist Center for the Home Mission Board Department of Christian Social Ministries and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



A native of Dyer, Tenn., Miss Smothers is a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Fulkersons Appointed At Jefferson Street

Bill and Carol Fulkerson have been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve the

Department of Christian Social Ministries.

Fulkerson, a native of McPherson, Kan., will serve as pastor-director of Jefferson Street Chapel. He has served pastorates in Illinois and Kentucky. He received a doctor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Fulkerson, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, is currently employed at the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Missionary 'Up to Neck' in Honduras Work

by Nancy McGough

No one told Kent Weir that he would be crossing rivers that reached to his neck or that he would be walking in marsh and mud for two and a half hours at a time when he was chosen as a summer missionary to Honduras. But even if he had known he still would have gone.

Appointed by the summer missions committee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Weir caught the vision of missionary work when he served in Honduras this past summer. The third-year theology student from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, said he is now open to serving as a missionary when he finishes school.

"You know, when a person thinks about being a missionary, they think about giving up snow skiing, a vehicle to drive, shows or restaurants. They think it's really suffering for God. "But, when you get into the situation," he added, "you realize the things you have given up have been replaced by something greater. People are eager to learn about what it means to be a Christian."

While in Honduras, that tiny country near the Panama Canal, he worked in vacation Bible schools and served as the evangelist for a number of villages.

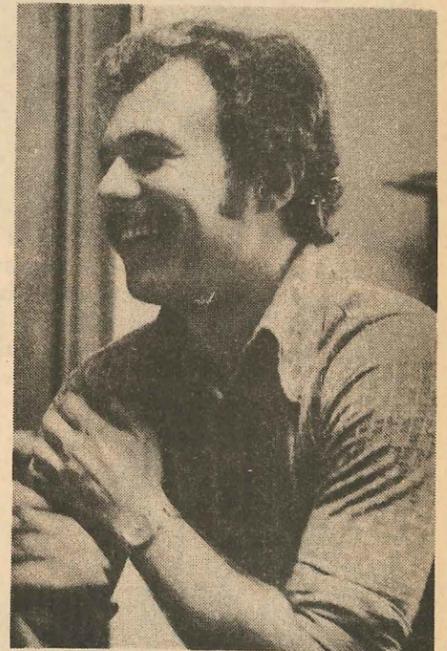
Just before one of his preaching visits to a village he was told he and his interpreter would be traveling by horses. But when they didn't receive the horses, they set out on foot.

"We had to walk for two and a half hours through marsh and mud. Most of the time water was flowing into the tops of our boots. It was hot—95 to 100 degrees. We traveled across one river

Prayer for Peace Day Set

The Baptist World Alliance is urging some 30 million Baptists around the world to observe a first annual Day of Prayer for Peace Sunday, Oct. 23.

The BWA council resolution expressed support for "lasting peace, disarmament and just relations among all nations" and called war "an un-Christian way of seeking to settle international problems and disputes."



in a dugout canoe, and had to cross two other rivers on foot—one was up to our necks.

"When we arrived at the village, we were soaking wet and exhausted," he added.

When they reached their destination someone rang the church bell. Just before he began to preach, "I felt the exhaustion just lifted from me."

Events didn't always leave him enthusiastic and refreshed, he admitted.

"Often I'd want to say, 'Lord, why am I here? Get me out of here.' But I knew the Lord had put me there, and that it was going to be a fruitful time."



Academic vice president Robert Clark [left] and advancement vice president, J. Alvin Hardy [right], with R. Kirby Godsey, dean of Mercer University [Macon, Ga.], the guest speaker at the Campbellsville College faculty and staff workshop at Barren River State Park.

Churches Launch Bold Mission Thrust in October

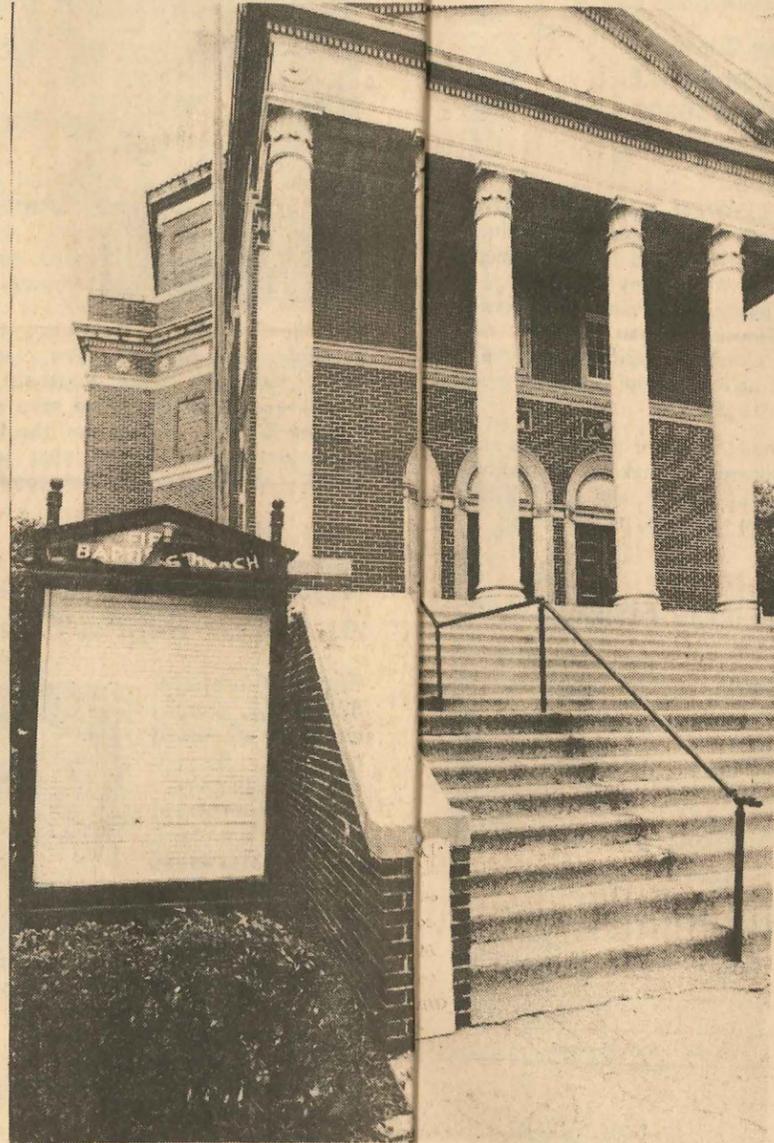
BOLD MISSION THRUST, launched Oct. 2 in all churches, already has found its place within the mission efforts of Southern Baptists in the United States. During the past year of awareness and program testing key cities have been named, counties without a strong witness have been identified and needs have been pinpointed for special efforts in evangelizing and congregationalizing.



THE BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH of Napierville, Ill., started one year ago as part of Bold Mission Thrust, has become a symbol of the efforts to evangelize and congregationalize all persons. Pastor Frank Radcliff, left on front row, poses with the congregation of more than 350 on the Sunday they entered their new building. The church baptized 61 during their first year.



MONO COUNTY, skirting the Nevada-California border, has been entered during the past year as one of the more than 600 counties without an effective evangelistic witness. Missionaries Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, shown at right, talk with a resident of Bridgeport where they have started Bible study. Pearson has a ministry in the jail and has offered his services as chaplain to a Marine camp. He also is leading in a resort ministry to camp grounds.



CHURCHES IN CRISIS in transigregation faces. They share tional communities, another target imposing facilities with an all-for BMT, need help just to continuck congregation—Providence—as their ministries. The shattered sig effort to reach the changing of First Baptist Church of Baltimore community. reflects the crisis this diminishing



BALTIMORE, A PILOT PROJECT IN BMT, has been named as one of the 20 key cities for special, concentrated efforts. The association has made BMT the core of its program, seeking as Baptists to capture the new spirit that is rebuilding Baltimore. Here Lee Street Baptist Church holds its Sunday evening worship services on Federal Hill overlooking downtown and the rebuilt inner harbor.

CULTURAL AND LIFESTYLE GROUPS compose a target of BMT—layers of persons of various cultural, sociological, religious and lifestyle groups bypassed by the churches. Here a worker at the Baptist Center Daycare in El Paso, Texas works with the children of multi-ethnic families.



Bold Mission Thrust is a national mission strategy sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and your Baptist State Convention.



Mountains to the Mississippi



Mrs. Opal DeWitt is presented a diamond pendant by Campbellsville Baptist Church pastor J. Chester Badgett upon retirement after more than 27 years of service as church secretary. The gift came from grateful church members.

Governor Honors Dever

Robert G. Dever, pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church, Louisville, recently attended the first Governor's Volunteer Activist Awards Luncheon at the executive mansion, Frankfort. Dever was invited to the luncheon because of his involvement with Metro United Way of Greater Louisville. Dever serves as vice president of the board of directors and chairman of the Community Services Division of this organization.

Nursing School Gets Gift

Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing has received a grant of over \$42,000 from the Helene Fuld Health Foundation, Trenton, N. J. The monies will be used to purchase audiovisual equipment, teaching models, library books and equipment and furnishings for dormitory rooms.

BYW Sets Retreat

"Free . . . to Be . . . to Do" is the theme for retreat for young adults planned by Kentucky WMU Oct. 14-15 at Cedarmore. BYW members, their husbands and other mission-minded young adults will be participating.

Program personalities include Jim and Betty McKinley, missionaries in Bangladesh; Kay Rogers, journeyman to Taiwan; Sylvia Morris, summer missionary in Maryland; and Bill and

Debbie Miller, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. Joan Posey and Barbara Walker, WMU field education students, will also take part.

Robards in Brazil Effort

Warren Robards, pastor of Lewisport Baptist Church, recently returned with 12 other pastors and laymen from an evangelistic mission to Brazil. Over 500 professions of faith were reported during these services.

Evangelists Bill Penly and Lowell Leistner arranged the tour in cooperation with Southern Baptist missionary Boyd O'Neal.

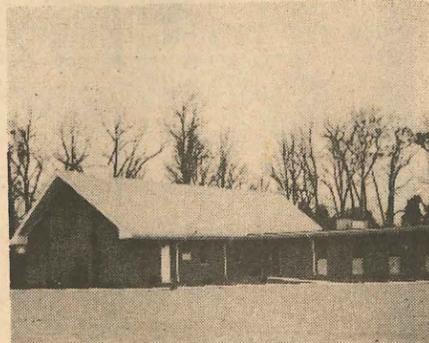
Music Teachers to Meet

Mrs. Bruce V. Hartsell, well known in Kentucky Baptist music circles, will preside at the annual convention of the Kentucky Music Teachers' Association on Shelby campus of University of Louisville, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. KMTA is composed of college, seminary and private teachers in various fields of music.

Mrs. Hartsell is a former member of the music faculty of Campbell College and Mars Hill College in North Carolina and Southern Seminary School of Music.



Mrs. Hartsell



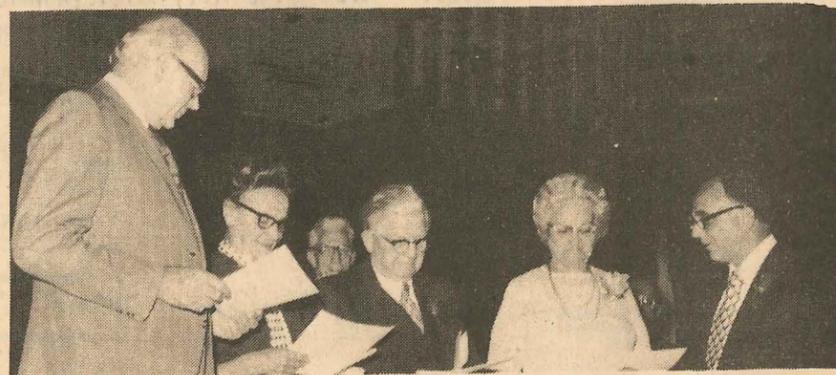
Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, near Cadiz in Little River Association, recently held a note burning marking payment in full on the eight-year-old sanctuary shown above. Several improvements have also been made to the building interior. Hal Shipley is the pastor.

Head Article Featured In Christianity Today

Christianity Today, a leading evangelical magazine, recently published an article by K. Maynard Head, director of public relations at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

The article, "Why Not Write a Newspaper Column," tells of the distribution of a human interest column written by Head which appears in 240 newspapers in 18 states.

Head is a graduate of Clear Creek and Cumberland College. He is married to the former Joyce Earls and they have two children.



Special recognition was given to former staff members of Northern Kentucky Convalescent Center and Assembly at the annual meeting of Northern Kentucky Association. Associational executive secretary George Jones [r] presents plaques to [l-r]: Roy Sayers, Mrs. Leo Drake, Leo Drake and Mrs. Lula Carnes.

Salem Church Marks 150

Salem Baptist Church near Pembroke celebrated 150 years of ministry with special services including homecoming.

Salem was organized in the home of Benjamin Radford Mar. 7, 1827 with 12 members. The first small building was replaced in 1852 by the present building. The present parsonage was constructed in 1883. Sunday school rooms were added in 1955 and 1972. The building was completed in 1973 with the erection of a white steeple.

Salem is among the six oldest churches in Christian County and has been served by some of the best known

pastors in Kentucky Baptist history. Former pastors returning for the occasion were J. R. Craig, Jack Sanford, T. C. Meador and Earl Mitchell. Salem is without a pastor at this time. Mike Rose is serving as minister of music and youth.

Pastor Celebrates 25th

Westside Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, celebrated the 25th anniversary of pastor Carl J. Wainscott in September. The celebration was in the form of a "This is Your Life" program.

Wainscott is a native of Kentucky and served several Kentucky pastorates before going to Westside in 1952.

Guests for the day were members of the Wainscott family. These include his mother, three daughters, one sister and three brothers. One brother, Harold, is pastor of Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, and another, Harry Lee, is pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Also attending was George W. Redding, Wainscott's Bible instructor at Georgetown College.

Church members praised the pastor's wife also. The couple was presented several gifts by the congregation.

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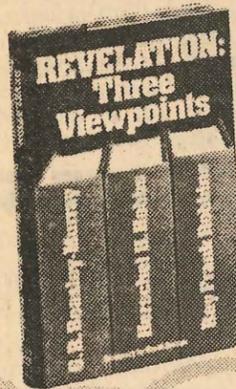
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Deaths

Mrs. Vesta Rutledge, wife of Arthur B. Rutledge, emeritus executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died Oct. 3 in Gainesville, Ga., from a massive stroke suffered two weeks earlier. Services were Oct. 6 at Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

Kelly D. Trosper, long time minister in eastern Kentucky, died recently in Harlan following a long illness. Trosper became a pastor in 1946 and led churches in Coxton and Loyall, Ky., and LaFollette, Tenn. until ill health forced his retirement in 1963. At the time of his death he was a member of First Baptist Church, Loyall.

Frank Owen



CONGREGATIONAL INTEGRITY

He sat in my office and spoke with a sad heart. "I will become eligible for retirement in a very few years. I have a vacancy or two in my staff and seem unable to recruit the help that the work needs. I think I am seeing that able auxiliary ministers don't want to commit themselves to a man whose star will soon set, or to a church that isn't apt to 'boom' at the end of my service. I am beginning to feel guilty of keeping the church from better success under a new leader. Maybe I should take an adjusted (reduced) early retirement to clear the way for a new, young pastor. He might bring greater progress. What do you think?"

I answered, "On the other hand, maybe your calling is to stay right there and give your noble church (or at least its most discerning Christians) a chance to demonstrate its faithfulness to the pastor who has been so faithful to them. While the church is not likely to boom during your final years, it isn't likely to die either. It takes a long time for a church to die, even after it looks dead."

His case so closely paralleled other church-pastoral situations that I could not resist going on: "You speak of resigning 'for the good of the church.' What about the good of God's prophet, and the institution of prophecy that goes all the way back to Samuel and his school of the prophets? God loves the prophet, too, as well as the church. If too many noble ministers are 'dumped' before their eligible retirement, our young men could become afraid to enter a ministry that promises to end in a reduced retirement that is already too small.

"No," I said, "don't resign. Allow your good church to demonstrate its congregational Christian integrity."

"More important than the momentary success that congregations sometimes wrongly assume that a pastoral change would bring is that we prove our Christianity to be valid. Ministers are no older than other men at 58 or 62 who continue to practice medicine, law or run businesses long past such age."

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for October 23, 1977

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

Discovering True Security

Luke 12:13-31

Since most people devote much time and energy to the acquisition of material possessions, it is good to learn Christ's evaluation of their priority in our lives.

The Picture — 12:13-15

While Christ was teaching his disciples truths as to how they should live, he was interrupted by a man who was displeased with the division of his father's estate. This man asked Christ to plead with his brother for a more equitable division of the inheritance. Christ refused to grant his request because it was not his mission to be a judge or arbitrator in civil affairs. He took the opportunity to warn the man against covetousness. He taught that acquiring earthly goods should never be the goal of a man's life for it is "being" and not "having" that really counts.

The Parable — 12:16-22

The rich man in the parable illustrated the wrong way to earn a living. According to the standards of the world he was not a bad man. He was engaged in farming, an honorable vocation. He worked hard at his chosen task and did not waste time in idleness expecting the government to support him.

There are characteristics of this industrious farmer that interest us and merit our consideration.

1. **His Fancies.** He fancied life to be for accumulation. He was shrewd and economical. He knew how to select soil and seed and to take advantage of shower and

sunshine. His ground was plentiful and his barns full to overflowing. His energies were expended in getting and keeping, rather than sharing with others.

He fancied life to be a thing of ease. This is not realistic. Man needs a worthy challenge. The rich man was thinking in terms of future years when, ironically, he was almost at the end of the way.

Was he a success? No! While he made a fortune, he missed the real purpose of life. He considered himself a success but God considered him a fool.

2. **His Follies.** The rich man centered his attention on material possessions and placed property above purpose, cash above character, wealth above wisdom and time above eternity. He ignored the needs of others. How much better his life would have been if only he had lived for others instead of living for personal gain.

He left God out of his life. He lived as if he never expected to die. Wise in preparing for the possible, he was foolish in neglecting to prepare for the inevitable. Those who follow his example and fail to prepare for eternity are fools.

The Preventative — 12:23-31

Man's chief concern should be doing God's will. To center our thoughts upon things which pass away causes distraction and produces anxiety. Let us seek the things of abiding value and rest in the assurance that God will not withhold any good thing from the children who obey him.

Life and Work Series

Bringing Joy and Judgment

John 2:1-8, 11, 13-16

Christ and five disciples, John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathaniel, left the Jordan district and went to Cana in Galilee, a village some five miles from Nazareth. A wedding feast had been in progress for some time when they arrived and they accepted an invitation to attend.

There was not enough wine provided for the occasion. Discerning that this would cause embarrassment, Mary told Christ, "They do not have any wine." Her words were an appeal for help. When emergencies arise people frequently call upon the Lord for help.

Since his life was regulated by the will of God, Christ did not adjust the situation at that moment. Christ reminded Mary that since his public ministry had begun his orders were to come from his heavenly Father rather than his earthly mother. Christ made it clear that he would not use his miraculous powers merely for the advantage of others, but he would use them for the glory of God.

Mary accepted Christ's gentle rebuke and left the matter entirely in his hands. She proved her faith in him by saying to the servants, "Whatever he saith unto you,

do it." The obedience advised by Mary was prompt and personal. If we do what Christ commands he will supply our needs.

Christ commanded the servants to fill the waterpots with water and "they filled them up to the brim." Christ changed the water into wine. When the host tasted it he was astonished and accused the servants of keeping the best until the last.

Our Lord can do much more through Christians if there hearts are filled "up to the brim" with complete surrender and sacrificial service.

Christ then went from Capernaum to Jerusalem to attend the Passover, the annual seven day religious festival of the Jews. He was shocked at what was taking place in the temple courtyard. Filled with indignation Christ proceeded to cleanse the temple of its desecrators. He poured out the changers' money, upset the tables and ordered the defilers to remove the animals and doves. Recognizing his divine authority the crowd fled. People are never justified in turning a house of God into a mercantile establishment or a place of money making.

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