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Baptist News in Brief

Jesse C. Fletcher, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., since May 1975, has resigned effective Nov. 1 to become president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Prior to his Knoxville pastorate he was director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's mission support division for six years and on the board staff for 15 years.



Timothy A. Hedquist, 35, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Nashville, has been elected director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, effective Nov. 1. He succeeds Billy D. Malesovas, who will become chief accountant for Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas. Hedquist, a native of Oakland, Calif., has directed educational and business affairs for several churches.

Kentuckian Appointed

The Foreign Mission Board has appointed 24 missionaries, adopted a 1978 budget of \$63,414,637 and established procedures for the new Mission Service Corps. Thurmon E. Bryant, missionary to Brazil, was elected secretary for eastern South America.

Linda Dillworth of Kentucky was

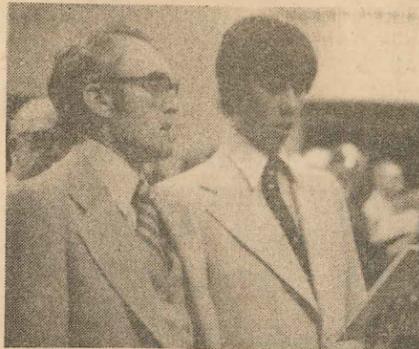
Kentucky Baptist men, meeting Oct. 6-7 at Danville First Church, elected [l to r, below]: Charles Baird, Adairville, president; Norman Doane, Crittenden, first vice president; G. T. Cowan, Winchester, recording secretary. New regional directors are: George Patmore, Marion; William Jones, Beaver Dam; John Foe, Bowling Green; Harold Hanks, Lawrenceburg; James Coates, Campbellsville; Curtis Phipps, Georgetown; C. A. Easterling, Leatherwood; Bailey Sadler, Ashland.



among the 24 new missionaries. She will serve in the Philippines.

By unanimous standing vote the board asked Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, to continue serving through 1978. Cauthen will be 68 Dec. 20. He is recuperating from a heart attack suffered in Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 18.

Cauthen flew to Richmond Oct. 10 and was admitted to a hospital for tests but was expected to be released to his home for recuperation after a few days.



Shown at the Baptist Men Convention in Danville are Liberty Association director of missions Louis Shepherd and son, Sam Young Shepherd, an RA, was page at the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention and spoke at the Baptist men meeting.

Wives Meet at Florence

Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the young single adult department of First Baptist Church, Florence.

Sponsored by the state Woman's Missionary Union, the event features dessert followed by a conference led by Mrs. Charles Miller, Marietta, Ga. She is a writer for Royal Service, WMU publication, and active in First Baptist Church of her city. For six years she has been director of the English School, an international ministry of her church. She is a wife and mother.

All ladies attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention are invited and reservations are not required.

Annuity Board Holds Line

No premium increases are planned in 1978 in the Southern Baptist Annuity Board's church medical insurance and church disability insurance plans.

The Dallas-based agency's senior medical program will also experience a premium decrease in 1978, dropped from monthly rates of \$15.98 per person to \$12.75.

WMU Sets Staff Changes

Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, has announced several personnel changes.

Grace Marquez of Birmingham was named editorial department director. She has served as editor of Spanish WMU materials published by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in cooperation with WMU.

Lane Powell, also of Birmingham, is new editor of Royal Service. She has been a freelance public relations consultant and writer for 10 years.

Oneta Gentry, who has edited Accent, the WMU monthly for girls in grades 7-12, has transferred to edit general administration materials for WMU. She will edit Dimension, the flagship magazine for WMU leaders and church staff.

Pam Brown will assume the Accent editorship. Mrs. Brown, of Jasper, Ala., has been a junior high school English teacher for five years.

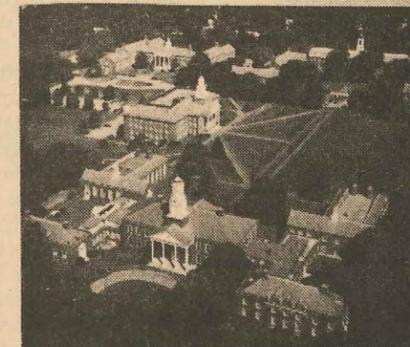
Jimmye Winter will become Mission

Friends/Girls in Action consultant for WMU. Mrs. Winter came to WMU from Arlington, Tex., where she was director of childhood education for First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Helen Fling has assumed the position of WMU promotion associate in new areas. She was appointed by the Home Mission Board but is directed by WMU in developing WMU work in newer Southern Baptist state conventions. She will also initiate a ministry to pastors' wives.

Greater Louisville

South Central Bell Telephone Directory October 1977



When more than 400,000 Louisville area residents received their new South Central Bell telephone directory they were greeted by a color cover photo of the campus of Southern Seminary. The directory includes a tribute to the seminary on page 30 in the yellow pages.

Cole Resigns Editorship

James F. Cole, editor of the Baptist Message, Alexandria, La., for 20 years, has resigned effective Dec. 1 to become executive director of the Baylor University Alumni Association, Waco, Tex. He will assume his new position Jan. 1.

Cole is immediate past president of the Baylor Alumni Association and former president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Baptist Message board of trustees was scheduled to meet Oct. 17 to name a committee to seek Cole's successor as editor.

'Mass Exodus' Planned At Least Four Times

Five January Bible Study preview conferences are slated under auspices of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department, Middletown.

Youth, children and preschool leaders will attend Nov. 19, 1-4 p.m., at Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. Leaders, all from Louisville, include Mary Johnson, preschool; Anne Smith, children; and Wanda Carpenter, youth.

Four adult previews of the book of "Exodus" are planned, as follows, with conference leaders named:

Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Campbellsville College—Victor Eldridge, vice principal, Baptist Theological College, New South Wales, Australia

Nov. 11-12, 6 p.m. Friday-12 noon Saturday, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly—H. C. Chiles, Sunday school lesson writer, Western Recorder

Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Boones Creek Assembly—C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder

Nov. 21-22, 12:30 p.m. Monday-12 noon Tuesday, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly—Page Kelley, professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary.

Now, Teen Missionaries!

High school-age girls can try their hand at real missionary work in a new program to be launched in November by Woman's Missionary Union.

Called Acteens Activators, the plan provides opportunity for Acteens members, age 15 or older, to serve in mission situations alongside home missionaries on short-term missions projects.

An Activator applicant must be available for at least a week's assignment. There must be one adult sponsor for every five girls. Girls must be thoroughly trained in Bible study, mission action and direct evangelism, and in skills required for the assigned task. They must also participate in the follow-up program required by their state.

Acteens, as groups or individuals, will apply for the volunteer project to their state WMU office.

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Individual, \$3.68 (tax included); Foreign, \$3.75; Church Budget, \$2.50. All except church accounts payable in advance. Church accounts must have tax exemption number.

Double Exposure

In Lexington a nurse shows her affection for her work as she tenderly cares for this baby, one of the first to be born in Central Baptist Hospital's expanded maternity and newborn nursery unit. Dedicated last May, these facilities provide family-centered obstetrical care. Private labor rooms allow fathers to accompany mothers through labor and delivery. Rooms are provided for sibling visitation of mothers, and in another area fathers and mothers of newborn children are served a candle-light dinner. It's all a part of Central's unique emphasis upon the family and it may be a trend-setter.



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World Hunger Concerns Kentucky Baptists

In the last three years a new dimension has been added to the world mission thrust of Baptists. This thrust is in the area of meeting basic physical needs of hunger and homeless peoples all over the world. While Southern Baptist mission outreach has always had concern for physical suffering, most of our efforts and resources until recent years have been devoted to meeting spiritual needs.

In 1974 Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board spent less than \$300,000 for world relief. In 1976 more than \$1,600,000 was spent for the same purpose, an increase of more than 500%.

How did this come about? It came about because we were made more aware of the critical needs that exist in the world. Baptists always respond to needs when they are made aware of them and this makes trustworthy communication an imperative for Southern Baptists.



Poverty, starvation, disease and suffering from natural calamities have always been with us but only modern news media have brought them into our homes. By way of satellite television we now sit in our warm homes and watch people in other parts of the world live and die without ever having even a shack to call home. While looking into the faces of starving fellow humans we eat our sumptuous dinners with more than enough leftovers to feed the more than 400 people in the world who die of starvation in the time it takes to eat dinner.

This new awareness and concern for suffering humanity did not come about so much through efforts of denominational leaders as through lay people whose concern and compassion spread like a fire. In fact, Baptist young people in gatherings like Baptist student conventions were the first to call our attention to this need by covenanting to skip one meal a week and to donate the cost to world hunger.

Baptist churches and conventions responded enthusiastically. The Foreign Mission Board agreed to be the channel for these contributions without even taking from the funds the cost of getting the money to the needy places in the world. Last year the Foreign Mission Board sent almost \$1,600,000 to 33 countries to help relieve suffering.

The confidence and the giving of Baptists to this need have been enhanced by the participation of the Foreign Mission Board and Southern Baptist missionaries. Missionaries on the field use or control the use of every dollar spent for relief.

Foreign Mission Board members representing all areas of the Southern Baptist Convention appropriate these funds after considering specific needs sent in by missionaries on the fields. An emergency fund is kept on hand for response to catastrophes like the 1975 flood in Bangladesh and the 1976 earthquake in Guatemala.

Contributions from Kentucky Baptists to world relief through offices in the Baptist Building amounted to almost \$50,000 during the last year. These gifts could be sent directly to the Foreign Mission Board by individuals or by churches but they are more easily and accurately recorded when sent through the Kentucky Baptist Convention offices in Middletown.

It Never Happened

In 20 years of editing Western Recorder no false report has persisted as long as the one linking Madalyn Murray O'Hair with a petition asking curtailment of assignment of FM educational channels to religious groups and churches.

Two editorials have appeared in the last two years in an effort to put this false report to rest but hardly a week passes that at least one call doesn't come from some pastor who is being urged to have a petition circulated and sent to the Federal Communication Commission. We are glad to help correct this false report but we regret it has persisted so strongly after nearly three years.

In one more effort to help those faced with this report, here are the words shared recently by editor Edgar Cooper with Florida Baptists:

"The Federal Communications Commission is still getting heaps of letters asking them to keep atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair from her allegedly 'devious scheme' of trying to eliminate religion from America's airwaves.

"The amazing thing is that O'Hair is not guilty. She

never did file a petition with the FCC to prevent religious broadcasters from preaching over the radio. Somehow the false accusation got started because of a petition filed by others in 1974 asking the FCC to curtail further assignments of FM educational frequencies to religious radio stations. It was not intended as an attempt to prohibit religious programming in America, even though some interpreted it as such. Apparently the opposition in the process of fighting the petition ignorantly dragged the famed Mrs. O'Hair into the scene. And now even though the story of her supposed involvement has been labeled false many times, petitions continue to circulate and letters keep pouring in.

"It is surprising but at least five million letters have been sent to the FCC, at the rate of 8,000 per day, to combat a nonexistent petition! Richard E. Wiley, FCC chairman, says 'the costs of postage alone . . . could be used to meet other pressing church-related needs.' It was estimated three months ago that about \$600,000 in postage had been spent to send the letters of protest."

Guest Editorial

Sobering Data for Budget Committees

by Jack Harwell, Editor
The Christian Index [Georgia]

We know full well that "things are rough all over" economically. But we still beg Georgia Baptist church budget committees to make some fair and generous adjustments in staff salaries and benefits as you plan 1978 budgets.

Inflation has hit all of us more radically than we often realize; church staff personnel are no exception. Look at some official U. S. government figures for the past five years. Since 1972, average price of a one-family home in America has risen 57 percent; fuel and utilities went up 65 percent, property taxes jumped 63 percent and mortgage payments escalated 74 percent.

Another startling official statistic: a person (including a church staff member) who made \$10,000 in 1967 would have to make \$21,870 in 1978 to simply match the same

buying power he had in 1967. Hear this: One of the nation's experts on church affairs recently wrote that a ministers' housing allowance of \$4,000 in 1972 should be \$6,500 in 1977 and \$7,500 in 1978.

Again: The government says it cost eight cents per mile to operate an automobile in 1950; in 1976 it cost 20.1 cents per mile. A self-employed minister paid \$499 for Social Security taxes in 1968; in 1978 he may pay as much as \$1,400.

What do these sobering statistics say about your church staff and their compensations? Are you truly rewarding them as God's servants deserve and inflationary facts dictate? Do your fringe benefits for your church personnel meet their true needs? If not, don't be afraid to make the motion to improve all your church staff remunerations to what God's employees deserve.

Baptist Forum

SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS

Your editorial regarding David Berkowitz raises some questions for all of us who give counsel to human beings.

Your editorial implies that the acts of murder determine Berkowitz to not be a Christian even though having professed to be. At first notice that sounds to be a fair assumption. I find myself a little troubled with that assumption being a little premature.

Psychiatrists are arguing that Berkowitz is mentally sick. There is a thin line where sin ends and sickness begins. The line has yet to be determined in his case.

Your editorial can raise some unpermissible conclusions:

1. A Christian does not commit murder?
2. If Berkowitz is a murderer because he is sick and not a Christian because he murdered — then a sick person cannot be a Christian?
3. A church can establish relationships, a questionnaire, or program that will prevent a sound

Christian from ever becoming mentally disturbed?

The concept of churches taking measures to insure ultimate commitment and weeding out of any insincerity is usually straightened with a statement of "Look how dedicated Communism is by following such procedures."

Well, who wants a church modeled after Communism? I like Jesus' way of asking men to follow him with the risk that a Judas just might come to the final crossroad and decide for faithfulness.

A plan of membership purging by a Florida church is often used to support legalistic membership pruning. The tabernacle plan in pharisaical, legalistic, and contrary to the way scripture presents the church.

A lot of brow beating is dealt to Baptist churches being "too easy" to join. We sure need to take every precaution to strengthen the fellowship. I don't have a proven plan. I don't know of anyone who does. I know this—being paranoid about the price of an uncommitted member is not the answer.

There is great danger in a view that

"there is a relatively fool-proof procedure" by which we can eliminate the embarrassment of a church member who becomes mentally ill and makes national headlines as a killer. I think such editorials as yours are based on embarrassment to explain how David Berkowitz can be "one of ours?"

Well, I worry about the loss of what has made the work of Baptists to be the powerful movement for Christ that it is. We have been powerful because we have never fully adopted the world's way of judging people. We have not fully given into the cries of people for us to purge our membership and perform with rules of legalism. We have been powerful because we have, to some degree, viewed people and operated institutions with God's view of taking risks in faith. We must always be willing to major on standing with people who commit themselves to Jesus regardless of our skepticism.

The strength and effectiveness of the church has not and will not depend on trust and risks looking to God for the outcome.

Ralph W. Hodge,
Louisville

These Served Scottish Church, 135 . . .

When a seminary couple recently went to Peterhead, Scotland to work at the town's Baptist church, they learned the church was the "youngest" in the area—just 135 years old.

It didn't take Bryant and Anne Wright long to discover things moved at a slower pace in Peterhead, where they were assigned as summer missionaries appointed by Southern Seminary.

Bryant, a theology student from Atlanta, Ga., and his wife, Anne, from Columbia, S. C., have many memories of the weeks they spent in that northern fishing town this summer. (Bryant's home church is Second-Pence de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and Anne's is North Trenholm Baptist Church, Columbia).

The couple learned of the seriousness with which the Scottish people take their commitment to Christ and their affiliation with a Baptist church in a country where about 85 percent of the citizens belong to the Church of Scot-

land.

"The average member is more committed and knows more about his faith than the average Southern Baptist. In Scotland you can't just walk down the aisle to join the church. You meet with the pastor and then with a couple of the deacons, and the church talks it over and votes. It takes about two or three months," he says.

Bryant notes the Scottish Baptists rarely baptize converts or accept them into the church until they're at least 16 or 17 because they do not believe a person should be considered a church member until he or she can actively participate and contribute to the life of the church.

Because becoming a Baptist takes so much time and commitment Bryant notes church attendance is incredibly high by U. S. standards.

Although the spirit of the members warmed the couple, the weather did not.



"We lived in a 13 by 6-foot trailer. It didn't have any heat, a bathroom or lights. I was so cold I slept with a toboggan on, and we could see our breath at night."

But at the same time they were 'roughing it' they found the experience to be a source of added enthusiasm for Christian ministry.

"We learned to depend on prayer in a stronger way while we were in Scotland," Bryant says.

Seminary Features by Nancy McGough

Some people say ministers receive extra blessings.

Jack and Frankie Elliott have found the saying to be a true one—at least they think so. When Frankie went to the hospital to have the couple's first child in late August, she had two instead of one.



Jack is a second-year religious education student at Southern Seminary and is also interim pastor at Gasburg Baptist Church, Mooresville, Ind. He is with his family Friday night through Tuesday morning, and then he comes to the seminary for four days of classes.

The couple learned they were going to have twins just a month before they were born. It was a shock at first.

"I was all excited about it and on the way home after having the tests I told Frankie, 'It's great. It's a blessing.' I thought I had her calmed down, and then a mile down the road she said, 'Not one, but two!' But I realized I was going to be at school most of the time, and almost all of the burden was going to be on her," Jack recalls.

The shock has worn off now, they say, and they are enjoying having two healthy daughters. They are staying with Jack's parents in Indianapolis, Ind. Frankie is from Flint, Mich.

The girls, Erin Lee and Megan Lindsay, need more of everything, Frankie notes.

"I bought five dozen (60) diapers and that lasts about two or three days. I also bought 20 bottles, which last a day and a night," she adds. But with two babies around, there's no need to argue over "who gets to hold the baby," she laughs.

The Elliott's church has been overjoyed with the new additions. The Sunday after they were born the church gave them a love offering, and has showered them with gifts and attention.

"It's like having a hundred grandparents," Jack says.

"Life has definitely changed. Our priorities have changed—we don't go out and eat or go to a movie now that we have two babies," but, Jack adds, "We wouldn't trade them for anything. Each one has her own special personality."

FAMILY PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS

During Cooperative Program Month in October

Families praying together greatly strengthen a ministering church and its support of missions through the Cooperative Program.

Use this guide as a family prayer reminder. Read aloud the prayer suggestions for each day of the week at mealtime or whenever your family is together that day. Ask family members to mention other matters of prayer. Pray together for the people and ministries suggested below and by your family members.

Sunday, October 23—FAMILY

Support of Christian ministries begins with the individual and the family. Discuss the ministries your church is already involved in. Name other areas in which you could be of service. Decide how your family can best minister where you are. Remember the importance of the financial support which you can provide. Pray—that each family member will better understand the need for his individual support and will commit himself anew to the task of sharing Jesus Christ with the world both personally and financially.

Monday, October 24—CHURCH

Jesus established the church to be his ministering agent here on earth. Church staff members and elected church leaders bear a heavy responsibility as they seek to understand God's will in leading the church to perform ministries. Your church budget reflects the church's commitment to these ministries. Pray—for your church staff members by name; for the elected leaders in your church; for the church members to be faithful in support of church ministries.

Tuesday, October 25—ASSOCIATION

Mission activities beyond the local church begin with the association. This fellowship of churches strengthens the ministries of all and enables each to share proportionately in personal and financial support. Pray—for your associational director of missions and other staff members by name; for the elected associational leadership; for your church to invision the bold mission thrust that would be possible through an increase in personal and financial support.

Wednesday, October 26—STATE

Your state convention is one of thirty-three state Baptist conventions. Its ministries are supported through the Cooperative Program. As your church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program, you are having a daily part in all of the ministries within your state convention. Think about it! Every day you share in training leaders in Sunday School work, Church Training ministries, evangelism, missions, and countless other mission areas. Pray—for your state executive secretary and the other leaders in your state Baptist convention office; for the ministries being performed; for those within your state who are being ministered to through your Cooperative Program support and prayer support.

Thursday, October 27—YOUTH

Ministering to students is another area of work supported through the Cooperative Program in your state convention. This is true both on the campuses of our Baptist colleges and through Baptist Student Unions on other campuses. The lives of countless young people may be guided into areas of Christian service during these formative years through this ministry. Pray—for these and other ministries supported through your Cooperative Program gifts to your state convention; for the churches in your state to increase financial support.

Friday, October 28—HOME

Our thirty-three state conventions join together to form the Southern Baptist Convention. Again this enables us to reach out together as we could not possibly do alone. The ministries of our Home Mission Board are supported through your Cooperative Program gifts. One of our approximately 2,300 home missionaries is Curtis Ballard who lives in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and works among the Indians. Pray—for the leadership of our Home Mission Board; for the Ballard family and our other home missionaries.

Saturday, October 29—FOREIGN

Bert and Violet Cockburn are two of our missionaries in Madrid, Spain. The Cockburns represent 2,500 missionaries appointed overseas by our Foreign Mission Board. We support their ministries as we vote each year to increase the percentage of our church budget for Cooperative Program causes. Pray—for Bert and Violet Cockburn and our other foreign missionaries; for those to whom we are ministering; for the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board.

Sunday, October 30—COMMITMENT

Today is Church Commitment Day for increased Cooperative Program support through the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches will be making a specific commitment to the financial support of missions around the world through the church budget. Missions, Christian education, leadership training, evangelism, and countless other ministries in your own church, association, state convention, and throughout the world depend upon your prayers and financial support. Pray—that your church will catch a vision of bold thrust in mission support; for your church to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program.

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Church**

I Was an Unhappy Christian

I have been a Christian for many years but not a witnessing Christian. I should have been because personal witnessing had a great deal to do with my accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

A Personal Testimony

I lived what I considered to be a dedicated Christian life for 30 years. I attended church regularly and never refused to accept any position the church asked me to take. I went out of my way to help those less fortunate than I and tried to train my children in the way they should go. In spite of these efforts I was still not as happy as I felt an obedient Christian should be and I wondered why.

had he commanded his apostles to do? To witness for him throughout the world, had he not?

No longer was there any doubt in my mind. Jesus expects every Christian to witness personally. When I realized this truth and heard that still, small voice asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" I promised I would answer "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8). God took my commitment literally. Since that time I have witnessed in five church fields other than my own.

Reaping Joys Untold

I have seen the Holy Spirit convict men and women, boys and girls of

Viewpoint

[and wondered WHY]

Until . . .

God revealed the answer to me in April 1972 when a group of laymen from Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, came to hold a weekend revival in our church. On Saturday afternoon I visited with one of these men on our church field. During that time I realized I had been failing to obey one of Jesus' most urgent commandments, the one found in Acts 1:8, ". . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me; both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Only the apostles were present when Jesus gave this commandment; consequently, I assumed he expected only ordained people to witness personally. Then I remembered the commandment as recorded in Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Again only the apostles were present, but I remembered what Jesus told them to teach the nations. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . ." And what

their sins. As a result, they invited Jesus to come into their hearts and forgive their sins. This he did. He also gave them the power to become the children of God.

I have been in churches where the presence of the Holy Spirit was so evident the entire congregation was revived. Many indifferent Christians presented their bodies as living sacrifices which they had come to understand was their reasonable service.

These spiritual experiences have been such blessings that I want every person to become the recipient of such joy!

Many people who claim to be Christians say, "I can't witness personally. I don't know what to say."

If a wealthy person left you a million dollars, would you have any trouble telling people about it?

We Christians should be more eager to tell others of Jesus' gifts. He has given us so much more than is possible for even the wealthiest person to give.

Life Eternal and Abundant

Jesus Christ has given all Christians eternal life. In John 6:47 he says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

Notice Jesus said "hath everlasting life." The minute you accept him as savior eternal life begins.

Not only does Jesus promise eternal

life, but also he promises obedient Christians abundant life. Paul said "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Jesus, while teaching his apostles, had this advice and promise for them, "Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat or what shall we drink or wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

"(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:31-33).

Jesus Christ assures obedient Christians that they will be given what people want most: an abundant life on this earth and an eternity in heaven.

Aren't you eager to tell others of the Giver?

by Moseley Cambron

Mountains to the Mississippi

Bailey Receives 18th Pin

Joseph C. Bailey recently received his 18th pin for perfect Sunday school attendance at Park City Baptist Church. Bailey, a freshman at Campbellsville College, made his first visit to Sunday school when he was six days old.



Bailey

This will be Williams' first work with the Foreign Mission Board.



Mrs. Jane Miller likes to attend Sunday school at Berea Baptist Church. In this photo Mrs. Miller is being presented a pin by Sunday school superintendent Bob McMahan. The pin marks Mrs. Miller's 32nd year of perfect attendance.

Williams Off to Ghana

William B. Williams, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, will serve on a two-man team in Ghana for nine days in February, 1978.

Deaths

Mrs. McDowell Passes

Mrs. E. A. McDowell died in Washington Grove, Md. She was the widow of E. A. McDowell, former New Testament professor at Southern and Southeastern seminaries. McDowell died in 1975 in Atlanta where he was associated with Mercer University and had served as minister of teaching at First Baptist Church.

Ralph Ave. Youth Killed

Douglas Edward Flynn, 15, was fatally wounded Oct. 6 as he stood in front of Louisville's Ralph Avenue Baptist Church. Flynn, active in several church youth ministries, was preparing to go on a church visitation project. He died when someone in a passing car fired two shots into a group of people who had just come from the church. A suspect has been apprehended.

CHRISTIANITY AND BUSINESS — COMPATIBLE?

for answers attend the . . .
SPIRITUAL GROWTH CONFERENCE
 October, 27, 28 and 29
 Atlanta, Georgia



Cecil B. Day, Sr., Founder and Chairman of the Board of Days Inns of America, Inc., cordially invites you to attend a two and one half day Spiritual Growth Conference in Atlanta, October 27-29.

The purpose of the Conference is to provide spiritual enrichment seminars to the lay Christian business persons and their families at a budget cost.

The Conference program includes outstanding speakers and seminar leaders such as: Dr. John Haggai, Founder and President of Haggai Institute with training sessions for Third World leaders in Singapore and author of "How To Win Over Worry;" Bobby Richardson, former second baseman for the New York Yankees; Sketch Erickson; Dr. Phil Stover; Fred Roach, and other outstanding business people.

Topics which will be covered in the Conference program are: Who's Tampering With the Soul of the Teenager? Husband/Wife Relationships, Witnessing in Business and Christian Ethics in the Market Place. Excellent musical entertainment will also be featured.

Don't miss this great conference. Come share in the solutions to the problems encountered in the business world.

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Our Baptist Heritage



Does Anybody Here Know John Taylor?

by Terry Lester

Sitting peacefully atop a hill overlooking the meandering waters of Elkhorn Creek is the tombstone of John Taylor. Located on the A. W. Macklin farm near Frankfort the weather-beaten gray stone marker inscribed "Rev. John Taylor" stands quietly sheltered by the saplings and shrubs that have almost reduced his resting place to total obscurity.

Yet, John Taylor lives on.

Born in Virginia, Taylor came to Kentucky as a pioneer preacher in 1779. He found the settlers busy building and fighting Indians, too busy to listen to his preaching, so he returned to Virginia to serve as pastor

of a church until 1783. But the call of the wilderness was still beckoning Taylor to Kentucky and, in 1783, he packed up his bags and his new-found wife and made the 600-mile journey to Kentucky by boat.

On arriving in Beargrass, Ky. Taylor quickly became active in organizing Baptist churches throughout the area. The life of a pioneer preacher was often harsh. Taylor cleared his own land, worked his farm and preached whenever and wherever he could—usually without pay.

In 1784, Taylor continued to leave his imprint upon history when he preached the first revival in Kentucky at Clear

Creek where he also served as pastor.

Taylor moved again in 1816, this time coming to Frankfort as the interim pastor of First Baptist Church. Concluding that he wasn't "cut out to be a city preacher," he moved to the Forks of Elkhorn, near Frankfort, in 1817. In 1818 he helped organize Buck Run Church. He wouldn't accept the office of pastor but agreed to preach for the church once a month. While refusing the title he still performed all the duties of pastor. In fact, he continued to preach once a month at Buck Run for 10 years.

Taylor proved to be a man of strong conviction and his life was often clouded by controversy. One of the strangest of these was Taylor's stong opposition to home and foreign missions. While a pioneer missionary himself he wrote his *Thoughts on Missions* in opposition to the mission movement. Much speculation is given as to why Taylor so strongly opposed missions; nevertheless, he was one of the leading advocates of the "No Effort" controversy which rocked the whole convention.

At the ripe old age of 78 Taylor joined in a full-fledged fight against Alexander Campbell and the Campbellites. He even wrote a book, *Campbellism Exposed*. While at Buck Run he also published a *History of Ten Baptist Churches* (1827.)

In 1835 Taylor was laid to rest, his preaching done, his work ended. Later he was joined by his wife, his son, his daughter, and other family members, one by one taking their places in the little family cemetery.

More than 140 years have passed since Taylor's body was laid to rest. Rabbits and squirrels and a few curious people are the only visitors to the little cemetery shrouded in lush, green undergrowth. Perhaps, someday, it will cease to be remembered altogether.

But come Sunday morning, when the old church bell is rung at Buck Run Church, and the echo of its sound can be heard atop a nearby hill overlooking the meandering Elkhorn Creek, John Taylor lives.

Terry Lester is assistant pastor at Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort.

A Few Fowl[er] Lines . . .

by Nancy McGough

Most people know better than to call the First Baptist Church, Metropolis, Ill., and ask for "Brother Fowler," because the question would come, "Which one?"

Bill G. Fowler and Roy A. Fowler are both serving the church. Roy was called as pastor six months ago from First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., and Bill was called as minister of music six weeks ago from Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, Ky.

The two aren't related, although they both went to Southern Seminary at the same time (Bill graduated in 1958 and Roy graduated in 1959). They didn't know one another, however, until about 12 years ago when Roy and his wife returned to her home church in Paducah, Ky., where Bill was then serving as minister of music.

They say the mix-ups in Metropolis thus far have been minimal.

Roy notes their names aren't a problem for the congregation, which avoids confusion by calling them "Brother Bill" and "Brother Roy."

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Schismatics and Heretics

by Duke K. McCall
President, Southern Baptist Seminary

For the first time since the Frank Norris era Southern Baptists are confronted with wolves in sheep's clothing.

When I became a Baptist pastor, Frank Norris, the mortal enemy of George Truett, would send one check to a Cooperative Program agency just large enough to qualify him as a messenger to the next Southern Baptist Convention.

He claimed to be a fundamentalist fighting Southern Baptist heretics. Actually, he was a schismatic trying to divide the Southern Baptist Convention. He had his own Baptist organization and provided his own Sunday school literature, etc.

On each Sunday morning Frank Norris sent an ugly telegram to George Truett hoping, thereby, to evoke bitterness in the heart of the great preacher as he approached the proclamation of the love of God. Southern Baptists never figured out what to do with Frank Norris, but they did get him identified as the enemy of the missionary, evangelistic purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After that, they let him make his speeches as a convention messenger but ignored him when it came time to vote.

The Southern Baptist Convention has a new Frank Norris movement going. It will be dangerous until the rank and file of Southern Baptists identify its spokesmen. Until they are identified and labeled as schismatic "independents" they will make disruptive motions on the floor of the convention; they will attack individual Southern Baptist leaders privately and publicly; they will claim to be the Bible-believing fundamentalists.

The Frank Norris publication was called, at one time, "The Searchlight." On the masthead of the paper was a picture of Frank Norris holding a spotlight on the devil. Schismatics always claim to be exposing the devil in our midst. However, a wise Southern Baptist interpreted that masthead as: Frank Norris holding a light for the devil to work by.

We Southern Baptists have plenty of problems. Some of them are organizational; some of them revolve around personalities which are either sick or sinful; some of them are theological and need calm debate under biblical authority.

Alas, these schismatics among us will not aid in solving any problems but will hold a light for the devil to work by.

The object of the devil's work is to divide Southern Baptists just as they propose to launch a Bold Mission to proclaim the gospel throughout the whole world.

It is hard to keep heretics in the Southern Baptist Convention. Our programs and organizations are so Bible-centered and evangelical that heretics tend to leave Southern Baptist churches.

But it is hard to get rid of a schismatic. He gets rich on Southern Baptist money contributed to his private causes. He finds a happy hunting ground in Southern Baptists who trust the Bible but have not studied it. He finds the genuine independence of every Baptist church and of every Baptist a cloak for his political maneuverings.

And he finds that Southern Baptist organizational structures, which invite everybody to cooperate in Christian proclamation and ministry, have no clinker removal system. The wheat and the tares grow together within the Southern Baptist Convention, and only God's judgment will separate them.

But you should try to know the difference lest you follow one of them to help the devil.

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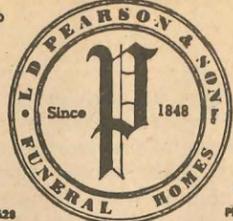
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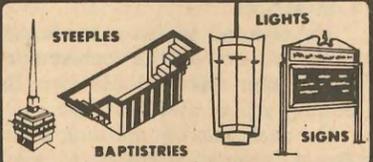
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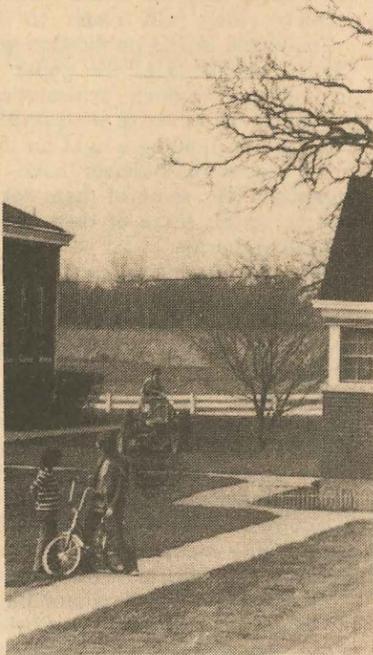
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by Bonita Sparrow

No TV Dinners for Paul!

If you've looked at the phenomenal growth of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and its variety of programs and wondered, "What's Paul Stevens going to cook up next?" we have an answer.

He'll be cooking up a roast on the rocks, a squash casserole or putting together a gourmet salad supreme so good you'll think you've died and gone to heaven.

As longtime president of the Radio and Television Commission, Stevens' abilities to sell Baptist programming in a secular industry are approached only by his prowess in the kitchen.

And his culinary skills will be recognized nationwide in November when he will be featured in the cooking section of "Southern Living" magazine.

"Southern Living" is available only by subscription. It goes regularly into the homes of 1.4 million subscribers. Its largest circulation is in Texas with Florida having the second largest group of readers.

And every one of those readers will not only learn about cooking Stevens style, they'll learn about the work of a religious denomination utilizing the airwaves of the world for the gospel.

The magazine's food writer, Marilyn Wyrick, and photographer were in Ft. Worth recently to photograph the Stevens family and collect Stevens' recipes. They stayed for lunch. Stevens cooked, and you couldn't have paid them to leave.

The very next day Jo Ann Vachule, the food editor of the local Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, interviewed Stevens.

She had already eaten lunch. She ate again. And, in print, another cooking expert praised his food.

"Everyone south of the Mason-Dixon Line fries okra coated with corn meal but probably no one fries it quite as good as Dr. Stevens," Mrs. Vachule said. She called his salad 'supreme' and ran the recipes in the newspaper.

The recipe for roast on the rocks is one that Stevens prepared and served to Julian Goodman when the then president of the National Broadcasting Company visited the Stevens home. Goodman is now chairman of NBC's board of directors.

ROAST ON THE ROCKS

6 cups flour
6 cups ice cream salt
4-6 pounds Pikes Peak roast
garlic, fresh pepper, NO SALT

Rub meat with garlic and pepper. Mix flour and salt together. Add just enough water to make into a heavy ball of dough. Push roast base down into the dough and work dough up around the rest of the roast, approximately one-half inch thick, all over the meat.

Seal top with water or milk. If dough tends to slide down, anchor with toothpicks. Cook at 325 degrees for 3 hours for medium rare. Remove from oven and leave in its case until ready to slice. Crack the crust, pull aside and discard. The roast will not have shrunk as much as a quarter of an inch.

GOURMET SALAD SUPREME

1 head romaine, broken into pieces
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
Onion rings, soaked in cold water
1/2 pint mayonnaise
1/2 pint sour cream or yogurt
14 ounces crumbled blue cheese

1/2 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon minced onion
1/2 teaspoon tarragon vinegar
Salt and pepper
3 1/2-ounce packages black walnuts,
toasted in butter

Combine romaine, mandarin oranges and onion rings. Combine remaining ingredients except nuts. Pour dressing over salad and toss lightly. Top with walnuts.

Frank Owen



THE CONCLUSIONS OF UNFAITH

The trend of our times seems away from faith, with a growing percentage of people who refute the conclusions of faith and a still greater percentage who are not sufficiently interested even to inform themselves concerning faith's conclusions. A great many signs indicate the growth of unfaith.

People of unfaith, denouncing the conclusions of faith, generally fail to realize that unfaith has its conclusions also. They insist that they have no conclusions and this is true in a sense. That is, they do not assume the obligation of reaching any conclusions. They simply negate the items of faith, leaving a void, replacing that which is refuted with nothing.

Yet, just as nature abhors a vacuum in the physical world and will fill it with something, so this void that the house of unfaith leaves fills up with conclusions that are obvious, that cannot be escaped, that go with the posture of unfaith. There are inevitable conclusions that knock at the door and call home the mind of him who denounces the conclusions of faith.

For example, the only alternative I can imagine to a created universe is a spontaneous one, made up of unmade matter that has occurred by coincidence and that evolves unguided, unpurposeful, toward no destiny or goal. Such would be an interminable squirrel-cage world, coming into being by happenstance and having no reason to be. The same conclusion would have to be applied to everything and everybody in existence.

Think on other conclusions with which we are left, when we choose unfaith. Do they make any sense to you?

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1 RSV).



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Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for October 30, 1977

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

Giving Your Best

God's will for men and the ways he deals with them are revealed in the scriptures. We learn that forgiveness of sin and salvation are available to all who repent of their sins and receive Christ as savior.

Luke 12:41-48

The faithful servant referred to believers in Israel who were faithful in ministering the Word of God to those who needed its message. The unfaithful referred to those absorbed in worldly affairs and unconcerned about the Word of God. The possibilities of stewardship were both fidelity and failure, the faithful and the unfaithful. In the east a steward had charge of all transactions pertaining to his master's estate. Each individual was responsible to God for the things he had put into his care. He was not only a steward of the possessions accumulated from his talents, but of things connected with the kingdom of God. Attached to every entrustment is responsibility. To whom much is entrusted, much is required. The servant who lives in reckless abandonment instead of being faithful in handling the affairs entrusted to him will be punished for his lack of faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Nothing is more certain that the return of our Lord. However, the time is uncertain. The servants of Christ are enjoined to be watchful lest they be taken unaware. Those

instructed in the Word of God are to work for him with perseverance. None are justified in being slack in service because his return has been delayed. The Lord stressed the importance of our being prepared for his return. Since we do not know when it will be, we are to wait, watch and work until he appears.

James 5:1-6

James addressed these verses to the godless, rich Jews of his day who unscrupulously robbed the poor and persecuted the Christians. What they called treasures James considered trash. He taught that those who take unfair advantage of people who cannot protect themselves are subject to God's judgment. The Lord notes all injustice and will deal justly with all.

James accused these men of hoarding riches through fraudulent acts. He also accused them of using their riches wrongfully and living in luxury and self-indulgence. They mistakenly thought they could get away with it because they were rich and influential. James reminded them under no circumstances would God let them get by with their wrongdoing. In verse six is the fourth charge against these wicked men. Not only had they obtained riches by fraud, hoarded and used them wrongfully, but they had ruthlessly slain the nonresisting righteous.

Life and Work Series

Calling to New Life

At Jerusalem, where Christ had gone to attend the Passover, an interesting conversation took place between a prominent sinner and the savior about the meaning, nature and necessity of birth from above.

John 3:1-15

The Inquirer—John 3:1
Nicodemus, the inquirer, was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. He was a man of culture, refinement and zeal for the law. He had an inquiring mind and a passion for the truth. He had position, power, prestige and prosperity, but there was a void in his heart. He knew that he had not learned the real secret of the best way of life, but he was convinced that Christ knew that secret, so he sought a personal interview with him.

The Inquiry—John 3:2-4

Under the cover of darkness Nicodemus made his way to Christ. He acknowledged that Christ was sent from God and that his miracles were evidence of the approval of God upon his ministry. Christ ignored his reference to the miracles and talked to him about the meaning, necessity and manner of the birth from above.

The Instruction—John 3:5-15

Christ taught Nicodemus that it is impossible to have

spiritual life without a birth from above. Christ told him unless one is born anew or from above he can never receive the kingdom of God.

One cannot be born of the spirit by any natural means. Neither is the new birth the reformation of the outward man. An individual can work out his reformation, but God alone can bring about the new birth. Honesty, decency, morality, generosity and upright citizenship are laudable, but they can never produce the birth from above.

In response to the inquiry of Nicodemus Christ presented the message of grace and love. He declared that his future death on the cross was necessary for the salvation of sinners and that all who will trust him as their savior will receive eternal life.

How can one know that he has experienced the birth from above? One may have and enjoy this knowledge by the testimony of the spirit of God (Rom. 8:16, I John 5:10), by his love for God's children (I John 3:14), by his victory over sin (I John 5:4), by a desire to please the Lord (I John 2:3), by a changed life (II Cor. 5:17) and by a passion for the salvation of those who are unsaved.

To each person who repents of his sin and believes on Christ as his savior the divine nature will be imparted.

This Preacher Carries a Loaded Gun!

by K. Maynard Head

Why would a minister become a deputy sheriff? Lewis Jennings, a staff member at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was asked that question when he was sworn into office at the Bell County Courthouse.

For several years, Jennings and his wife, Carolyn, worked with inmates at Chenoa Forestry Camp, a minimum security penal institution near Pineville.

Mrs. Jennings teaches cake decorating at the camp to inmates who continue their rehabilitation program through this and similar classes.

Jennings became interested in providing activities for the inmates while visiting the institution. He learned, however, that they could not leave the camp unless in the custody of an officer. Officers also had to be paid from county funds when escorting inmates.

The answer came when Bell County Judge Willie Hendrickson swore in Jennings as a deputy sheriff.

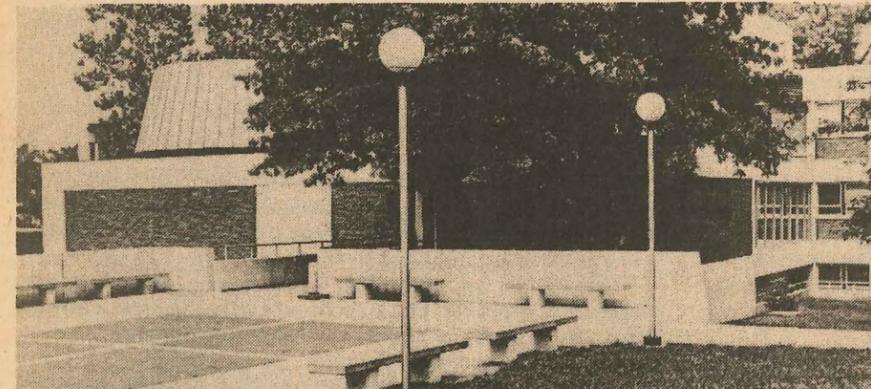
In order to fulfill requirements of the law Jennings carries a badge and handcuffs and although he has the privilege of carrying an armed weapon, he expects to rarely need one.

Jennings takes the men to church gatherings, civic clubs and other functions in the course of his work.

Natives of Newnan, Ga., the Jennings are parents of three children. In addition to a position in the printing operation at Clear Creek Jennings is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brodhead.

Lloyd Fletcher, Chenoa's new superintendent, recently came to direct the institution from a similar position at LaGrange State Reformatory. Fletcher supports the ministry of Jennings, feeling that it is part of a total rehabilitation program.

A former pastor of West Pineville Baptist Church, Jennings commented, "Paul the apostle said, 'I am become all things to . . . men in order to win them,' and I hope to bring hope and encouragement to the inmates at Chenoa through this action."



The George Matt Asher Jr. Science Center at Georgetown College, named for an alumnus, trustee and benefactor, will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 as part of homecoming. It includes class and seminar rooms, labs, lecture hall, green house and planetarium. Asher was a Pineville physician until his death in 1974.

Severns Cites Krusch

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, honored pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz on his 25th anniversary by establishing a student aid fund at Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

An initial \$500 contribution went toward a \$5000 endowment goal.

Kruschwitz has been an instructor at Boyce since its inception in 1974.

Campbellville Talks \$\$\$

Campbellville College has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the V. V. Cooke Foundation and a \$50,000 grant from the Brown Foundation. Both will be used for scholarships.

Campbellville president W. R. Davenport noted "the \$50,000 is the largest foundation grant we've ever received."

Christian Education

Hicks to Address Alumni

Alumni of Southern Seminary will hold their annual state alumni reunion at Draw Bridge Motor Inn, Ft. Mitchell, during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



Hicks was a missionary in the Philippines before joining the Louisville faculty in 1965.

The luncheon, at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 16, features Bryant Hicks, professor of Christian missions and world religions, as principal speaker. A graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southern Seminary,

Southern's Real Southern!

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which in 1950 became the first educational institution to offer degrees in the nation of Nigeria, will resume that practice in a newly-revised agreement with the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary at Ogbomosho.

From 1950-68 Southern awarded degrees in cooperation with the Nigerian school. Degree-granting shifted to the West African seminary in 1968.

The new action comes as a result of requests from the Nigerian seminary, Nigerian Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Everyman Coming Soon

The Everyman Players, known for their annual summer presentation of "The Book of Job" at Pine Mountain State Park, will perform "Romans by St. Paul" Thursday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in Alumni Chapel at Southern Seminary.

Admission is \$2 per person.