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# Baptist News in Brief

## Mills to Quit Georgetown Presidency by School Year's Close

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

Trustees of Georgetown College have accepted the resignation of school president Robert L. Mills, 60.

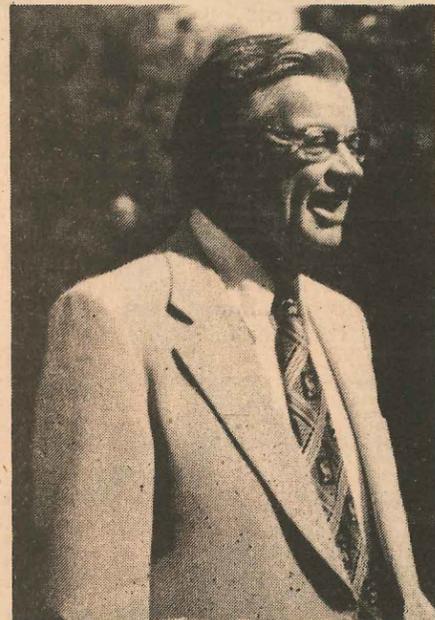
Mills asked that he be permitted to step aside from his 18½-year tenure as chief executive officer of the Baptist senior coeducational institution "no later than the end of the current academic year."

The board has requested that he consider assuming a new post of chancellor when a successor is employed. Mills would then devote the bulk of his energy to fund raising activities.

A search committee, named by the trustees, is already at work seeking a successor. The committee includes trustees, faculty and a student.

Ted Gilbert of Lexington, a Baptist layman employed as a research administrator by the University of Kentucky, is chairman of the search committee.

Other trustee members include: Richard Bridges, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Randy Fox, president, Commonwealth Fire and Casualty Insurance Co., Louisville; Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; and Ted Sisk Jr., pastor,



Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. The committee also includes Mrs. Margaret Greynolds, chairman, Department of Communication Arts; Horace Hambrick, chairman, Department of

History; and Dell Jagers, Prestonsburg, a junior at the school.

In relinquishing his post Mills told a reporter he believed it was "time for new leadership that would stimulate the college." He expressed a desire for the school to advance as it approaches its sesquicentennial next year.

During Mills' tenure student housing has been significantly improved. Giddings and Anderson halls, John L. Hill Chapel and Alumni Gymnasium have been renovated. New facilities include Lee E. Cralle Student Center, George Matt Asher Jr. Science Center, Walter B. Smith Law Library and Martin Music Teaching Laboratory.

Enrolment, presently 990 students, was 1086 when Mills arrived. It reached a peak of 1488 a decade ago but has declined since, a problem experienced by numerous private colleges.

Mills is a native of Erlanger. After serving as dean of admissions and registrar at the University of Kentucky he moved to the University of Texas where he was chairman of the Department of Educational Administration. He went to Georgetown from that position in May 1959.

## Double Exposure

A Royal Ambassador does his part in supporting the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. This scene will be reenacted in thousands of Southern Baptist churches next month. Meanwhile, RA's throughout the convention are gearing up to celebrate Royal Ambassador Week Nov. 6-12, an annual emphasis. Royal Ambassadors teaches boys about missions and instills its value in them. As a result, a love for missions developed while an RA often lasts a boy a lifetime. Some eventually dedicate their lives to full time service. Pray for your RA's and their leaders in your church.



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## 50 Job Types Available

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has compiled a preliminary list of more than 50 opportunities for volunteer service on foreign mission fields through the newly created Mission Service Corps.

The range of job requests is varied. Possibilities include service as a pastor, professor, houseparent, businessman, Sunday school consultant, printer, teacher, mechanic and others.

## 1st Volunteers On Way

The first Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Mission Service Corps couple has been approved.

Elgin and Jean Lee of Doniphan, Mo. will serve River Heights Baptist Church, Menomonie, Wis. through an anonymous gift which will provide their support for two years.

Mission Service Corps (MSC)—a plan for enlisting and utilizing Southern Baptist volunteers in full time mission work for a period of one or two years, was adopted by the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

## Aging Seminar Nov. 15

An educational seminar for senior citizens will be conducted Tuesday, Nov. 15, 8:30-12 noon in the sanctuary of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church. The free of charge seminar is

for the general public. Gov. Julian Carroll will deliver the keynote address and will be joined by experts on social security, legislation, consumer problems and other concerns of senior adults.

## Annuitants Meet Nov. 15

Kentucky Baptist annuitants will gather for their annual KBC luncheon meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at Florence's Ramada Inn.

H. C. Chiles of Louisville will preside. B. J. Chenault of Dallas will represent the Annuity Board.

Byrd Ison, Kentucky Baptists' Annuity Department director, asks that advance reservations be made with his office at Box 43433, Middletown 40243.

## Bold Mission Thrust: The Spirit is Catching On

South District Helps Pa.-S.J. . . .

South District Association has formed a mission link with a new district association in the Pennsylvania-South Jersey state Baptist convention. The mission project was approved in the annual meeting of the association upon the recommendation of a committee which visited several pioneer areas before deciding which to recommend.

Mike Moynahan, South District moderator and chairman of the committee making the recommendation, says it is an exciting Bold Mission Thrust project for churches of the association.

Some of the mission activities will include mission volunteer teams of skilled workers to help in building projects, youth groups to help in such things as census taking, vacation Bible schools and revivals and groups of workers from one church or several churches to do anything needed to be done to start and help new churches in the area. The activities will be coordinated through the missions committee and the associational missionary, Sam Smock.

Moynahan says the committee had difficulty choosing which area to recommend because of so many needy places. The committee visited two areas in West Virginia as well as the Pennsylvania area before making its recommendation.

The committee secured information from all pioneer Baptist states east of the Mississippi and Moynahan says he would be glad to share this information with other associations or churches considering such a Bold Mission project.

The association in Pennsylvania with which South District will be linked is so new that it has not even been given a name. The new association is being formed of churches and missions now included in the Greater Pittsburgh Association.

. . . As W. Va. Looks to Green Valley

Green Valley Baptist Association has voted to participate in a Bold Mission project in West Virginia, in cooperation with the West Virginia Baptist Convention and Home Mission Board. It is to be a church-starting program in four counties with a combined population of 60,810 of which 45,732 are unsaved.

Jon Caudle, formerly a Missouri pastor and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, felt led to move to Grafton, W. Va., to spearhead Baptist work in these four counties.

"God laid West Virginia on his heart," according to R. G. Shelton, Green Valley missionary. "When he has developed a mission far enough a mission pastor will take over and Caudle will move on to another new area."

Green Valley became involved as the result of a challenge by Floyd Tidsworth, West Virginia director of missions. He wrote that they had the counties, the missionary and they needed \$6,000 to put Caudle on the field.

"Our pastors and people enthusiastically responded to this challenge," said Shelton. "We have studied about missions a long time—finally many of us are going to be missionaries."

"I'm sure we already have enough volunteers for Caudle to use this summer in any need he may have," he continued. "Many of our people are eager to go at their own expense."

"Blessing is a two-way street. When we give of ourselves we get a blessing in return. Green Valley Baptists have a new spirit. We are going to boldly do something for our Lord and our fellow man," Shelton concluded.

Green Valley Brotherhood and WMU organizations have accepted this project as their own for the coming year, according to reports.

# Daley Observations

## Robert Mills, a Christian Gentleman

Robert Mills is an educator, a college administrator, a denominational leader and many other things. But above all he is a Christian gentleman. He stands tall any way you view him and his true stature comes through in his decision to step aside as president of Georgetown College.

He says he feels the move is for the good of the college and that fresh leadership is needed. Many of his admirers would argue with him on that point but he is a man who acts on his convictions and always puts his personal welfare second.



His 18½ years at the helm have been some of, if not, the very best years Georgetown College has ever known. The additions in buildings has changed the whole appearance of the campus and made it something to be proud of instead of something for which to apologize.

His success in eliciting funds from foundations, alumni and friends has been very significant. Hopefully he will agree to take the post of chancellor offered him by the trustees and

continue this effective ministry for Georgetown.

Bob Mills has been far more than a college president. He has been deeply involved in all Kentucky Baptist life. He has almost always attended Kentucky Baptist Con-

vention executive board meetings, the annual conventions and other major denominational meetings. He did an outstanding job as chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. He is a churchman par excellence.

But above all Bob Mills is a soul of compassion and love. Here Mrs. Mills has to be included. Wherever death, sickness or other tragedies have overtaken others, Bob and Millie have been among the first to be found offering comfort and support.

Serving as president of a Baptist college is the most difficult of all Baptist ministries. He is almost constantly faced with inadequate funds, with strong competition for students, with demands for lowering moral standards for students, with dissident faculty members and with too many other problems to list. To stay with it 18½ years is a credit to Bob Mills.

The president's chair at Georgetown has been a hot seat through the years. History reveals more Georgetown presidents have left under fire and without honor and appreciation than have gone out of office with dignity and charm. Considering this it may be well Bob Mills is stepping out of the president's shoes while he still is greatly beloved and appreciated as a Christian gentleman.

His successor will have big shoes to fill literally, professionally and spiritually. Let us therefore pray earnestly for the search committee for another Georgetown College president.

## Autumnal Glory in Red River Gorge

In October each year the Master Artist paints an Appalachian scene no human's brush can match. On each side of the valleys through which the Mountain Parkway winds its eastern way the rising slopes appear as multicolor clouds reaching from earth to heaven.

Far from the main roads and the crowds of Sunday sightseers solitude can be found along the walls of the Red River gorge. The foliage in late October along the gorge is a galaxy of colors which surpasses the wildest imagination and to drink of it is sheer ecstasy.

Seated against a tree on the canyon wall on a sunny Sunday afternoon the vibrations of unspoiled beauty set my soul to singing. Hundreds of feet below the shimmering waters of the Red River move merrily along their way. Summer's spent leaves ride the rippling crests to their unknown graves.

The canyon silence is broken only by faraway voices, falling leaves and a persistent mosquito. Under feet are winter's blanket for wild flowers and acorns for furry inhabitants of the forests. A groundhog on the opposite wall of the gorge registers his objections to a trespasser with eerie sounding clucks.

The colors of the autumn leaves defy description.

Each tree is a burning bush out of which God speaks to all who have hearts to hear. One by one the red, brown, gold, yellow and green leaves give way reluctantly to the autumn breezes and fall gently to their eternal rest. Only the pines and cedars resist the ripening splendor as they brace for soon-to-come winter winds and snow.

How did it all come about? What mind could conceive and what hand could make such natural grandeur and glory? Only an all powerful and all loving creator could account for such an awesome and inspiring sight.

To the scientist autumn foliage is a matter of chemistry of colors. To the poet it's a matter of the divine chemist. But in October in the Red River gorge a scientist could scarcely resist becoming a poet.

But leave it to some thoughtless and ungrateful human to spoil the divine painting. At my feet is an empty soft drink can to which every surrounding twig and leaf seems to be saying, "Unwelcome."

What a day! A ride through the heart of the Bluegrass to the mountains, worship with God's choice children in Stanton and solitude in the Red River gorge. This is heaven on earth.

## Today's Students Provide Optimism

Those who wonder if there will be dedicated Christian leaders in the next generation of adults need go no further than college campuses. Better still they should have experienced the 1977 Kentucky Baptist Student Convention.

Young people by the hundreds poured into Louisville for the annual event and overflowed meeting facilities. And few if any took it for a lark but rather laid in a full supply of knowledge and inspiration.

One involved in such an event can but be swept up with enthusiasm and optimism. There will be preachers for pulpits, missionaries for mission fields, Sunday school teachers and dedicated Christians for all walks of life.

Kentucky Baptist student work is blessed with able leadership all the way from Don Blaylock, our state director, to the last campus Baptist student minister or director. Keen minds and strong convictions are required to work with sharp college students today and that's exactly what we have in our campus ministers.

When the final accounting is made we will probably reap as much or more from our investment in student work as in any work we do. Let us thank God for the response of students today and let us undergird those who lead in this ministry with more and more financial support and prayer.

## Baptist Forum

### A BAD DREAM

I have had a vision! I saw a brand new hospital with all the latest equipment installed. It was beautiful! Everyone rejoiced, "We have a hospital for our sick."

The doctors quit visiting the sick in their homes. They said, "You will have to be brought to the hospital." So they were brought to the hospital.

But, a short time later a new hospital was built because the first one was filled. Now having two hospitals there arose a competition between these two hospitals. A rivalry among the doctors began. So a group got together and built a third hospital. Then the competition really got keen.

They, all three hospitals, built new emergency departments, got ambulances, the doctors would be at the emergency entrance to administer first aid and the nurses were there, also. All three hospitals were out finding the sick. They were hauling them in. In fact, they became so busy getting the sick to the hospital and personnel was so involved that there were no doctors or nurses to care for the patients they had received.

So after a while the bed patients died, their folks came, paid the bills and took the bodies away.

But the staff kept pushing for more patients.

This story ends with this word. We

have as Baptists heard, "Go make disciples and baptize them . . ." but the rest we have left to a department with one in charge. The teaching and training is of little importance.

Name withheld by request

### MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

I'm writing in response to your article on page 4 in the Oct. 12 issue of Western Recorder.

The article "What is Right?" deals with an issue of our government. I don't feel you should use a Christian paper to campaign for a political matter.

I believe fully in separation of the church and state. I think the paper should be used for Christian issues and let each Christian decide for himself on political issues. Thank you.

Michael Gaddis  
Florence

### WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE?

On Nov. 18, 1903 the Republic of Panama granted the U. S. "complete sovereignty of the proposed canal in perpetuity, to the entire exclusion of any sovereignty, rights, power and authority on the part of Panama," thanks to the Hay-Bunau, Varilla Treaty and Teddy Roosevelt, who wanted no ambiguous language in anything. We did not lease or rent the

canal but bought and built it, paying dearly in loss of lives from malaria, plus \$10 million and \$250,000 yearly, which we voluntarily increased to \$2 million. In 1921 we paid Columbia \$25 million since Panama had acquired independence from her. America has gone far beyond the second mile. The least Panama should do is to live up to her part of the bargain.

Much protest over the treaties is because leftist nations are not famous for keeping them, and also because we are to pay 50 to 70 millions yearly under the new terms. In addition, we are to "lend" many, many more millions to the Panamanians right away. (You know we have such a magnificent surplus!!!) Their badly sagging economy must be bolstered at once. Reliable published reports say one of our two top negotiators in the deal stands to lose heavily unless this is done, for certain investments of his are involved in the Panamanian economy.

If America ever "took" any land unfairly it was from the Indians, in countless instances. Are we going to return America to them, Alaska to Russia and Louisiana to France? Three Senators who visited Panama recently and many Americans living there for decades strongly warn against ratifying the treaties.

Mrs. Edgar R. May  
Langley

day?" his wife prodded. "Today," the preacher retorted, "I got hold of a button."

Someone observed that the bishop's answer to the young minister's question about what to preach on is still apropos: "Preach about God and about twenty minutes." Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church, has added, "A sermon need not be eternal to be immortal."

Recently Herschel H. Hobbs, for many years pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, prepared an article on sermon length,

For many years, the story goes, a pastor delivered his sermons week by week for exactly twenty minutes. He wore no watch, and there was no clock in the sanctuary. Yet his delivery required precisely twenty minutes—no more, no less.

At last the inevitable happened. One Sunday, twenty minutes came and went, and the pastor continued preaching. Thirty, forty minutes elapsed, and on he went. Eventually, after more than an hour, the pastor closed his message, prompted perhaps by the scowls and yawns from his congregation.

On the way home, his wife asked, "How on earth did you happen to preach for more than an hour today?" Until then he had not told even her the secret of his twenty-minute sermons. He decided it was time to do so.

"As I walk to the pulpit each Sunday," he said, "I slip my hand in my pocket for a mint, which I put in my mouth as I begin to preach. The mint dissolves in exactly twenty minutes. When it dissolves, I always conclude the sermon."

"And what happened to-

done it. To my surprise, the people say that I am preaching more gospel now than ever before. And the congregation loves it! When I get up to preach I get right into the message. Twenty minutes later I am giving the invitation. Without the pressure of time, we receive the new members and have the benediction shortly before noon. Radio listeners have exclaimed how good it is to get the entire service!

"Does someone say it is impossible to preach a good sermon in twenty minutes? Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was much shorter.

small churches, generally from the Southeast. Here are typical reactions.

"In my opinion it would be better to preach a twenty-minute, well-prepared, spiritually-empowered sermon than to ramble for thirty or forty minutes."—Harper Shannon, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.

"I never preach over thirty minutes, and most of the time I stay within twenty-five minutes. I find that when my preparation is poor, my sermons are longer, because I keep trying to find what I really want to say."—J. Titus Aldridge, Eutaw Baptist Church, Eutaw, Alabama.

"I prefer the thirty-minute sermon. I have been preaching for forty-six years, and I found it just as easy to listen to Dr. (George W.) Truett or Dr. R. G. Lee preach for one hour as other men twenty or thirty minutes. I still believe it is not the length of the sermon but the content and the delivery that matters."—Homer G. Lindsay, Sr., First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

"It all depends on whether or not you teach in your sermon. If all you do is exhort, then twenty minutes is enough. But if you teach, it cannot be done in that length of time. I choose to teach."—W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

"When I came to Marietta in 1965, I came to the conclusion that if I was a little more diligent in my study and preparation, I could adequately present the sermon within the limit of twenty to twenty-five minutes. This I have done for the past few years and find it acceptable to the congregation."—Earl Stallings,

## How Long Should A Preacher Preach?

Jim Cox

which appeared in a state paper. In part it said:

"As I was recuperating from a heart attack, Dr. W. R. White supplied our pulpit most of the time. He came to my home for a visit. We were talking about the pressure on a preacher's heart while preaching. He quoted an authority to the effect that the pressure on one's heart during a thirty-minute sermon is equal to that of a fifteen-mile walk.

"In my mind I agreed that when I returned to the pulpit I was going to preach twenty-minute sermons. Since returning . . . I have

Just to test this twenty-minute idea, I read aloud with proper pauses and emphasis Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. How long did it take? Thirteen minutes! Allowing for our finiteness as over against his infinity, give yourself seven minutes more.

"I wish I had learned this lesson forty-three years ago. And my members through the years wish so, too!"

To get reactions to his idea, this writer sent copies of the Hobbs article to more than a dozen Southern Baptist pastors. They were pastors of large, medium, and

First Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia.

At least one respondent's answer was in contrast to the majority of those expressing an opinion on this subject. Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina, wrote:

"I do not plan to preach twenty-minute sermons. Sometimes my sermons are about twenty-two minutes, but usually they are more like twenty-six to twenty-eight minutes. Keeping the attention of a congregation is not related to time alone," Dr. Sherman explained.

"An attractive personality, the capacity to illustrate, the insertion of breathing places for the congregation, the use of the light touch—these are factors that determine the concentration of the audience as well as the length. A drab man will be drab whether he preaches for fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, or thirty minutes," he concluded.

Observe the differences between this answer and remarks made by John David Laida: "I have been preaching twenty-two-minute sermons for the past twenty years and plan to continue for the next twenty years. I discovered early in my ministry that with careful preparation and right timing, the subject matter could be adequately covered in this time."

Dr. Laida, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee, goes on to say, "Ours is an evangelistic church, and we have additions every Sunday. But we still finish on time. There are a few, very few, times a year when, because of the nature of the subject, I preach for thirty to thirty-five minutes. I usually explain this to our people and

they understand. However, we arrange to dismiss on time even then. When we are honest about this and do exactly as we say we are going to do, they come back for more."

In conclusion, Dr. Laida adds, "I have said all this knowing full well that there may be times when the Spirit of God continues his work in a service despite our careful planning to the contrary! When this happens, no one would want to stifle the leading of the Holy Spirit. I believe most people sense when this is genuine. When we try to force the Spirit, we run into difficulty, and we should expect that."

H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville's First Baptist Church, indicated that the shorter the sermon, the more difficult it is to prepare it—a fact expressed by several respondents. Said Dr. Paschall, "It may be well to keep in mind that the professor spends nearly an hour in a lecture. Should he be asked to do it in twenty minutes, or could he do it in twenty minutes? There are some themes that cannot be treated adequately in twenty minutes. But the objectives in most sermons can be achieved in twenty or not more than twenty-five minutes. As a rule, I do not preach a twenty-minute sermon; but I have tried it, and I feel good about it."

Bob Norman, pastor of Nashville's Belmont Heights Baptist Church, declared, "In most recent days I have discovered that my people are demanding less and less of everything else and more preaching! Dinsdale T. Young's approach, I feel, expresses my conviction regardless of the length of the sermon—The Constituent

Elements of Popular Preaching: perpetually biblical, essentially evangelical, uniformly experimental, eminently reverential, and fervently enthusiastic."

It is Lewis E. Rhodes of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, who offers a truly innovative approach to the question, "How long should the preacher preach?" In part, his answer reads:

"Television has probably reduced the interest span of a monologue, which lends support to the twenty-minute sermon. I have been working toward shorter sermons for some time. It is misleading, however, for one to believe a twenty-minute sermon will be better. I believe the shorter sermon will be more difficult to prepare only for the preachers who did not have twenty minutes' worth in their thirty minutes' length.

"There is a better suggestion from my standpoint than the twenty-minute sermon," Dr. Rhodes suggests. "Reduce the number of sermons each week. I have known no preachers who could prepare one hundred to one hundred and fifty even fairly good sermons a year. If more people now like twenty-minute sermons than thirty, more have always liked one a week more than three or two. Since there is no biblical foundation for sermon length or number of sermons people should hear or preach, let's favor and recognize the one-sermon-a-week church and preacher. More gospel can be preached once a week than will be heard or heeded. Sunday evenings could be used for task force planning and reporting and for whatever 75 to 90 percent are now doing. Wednesday could be used for the love

feast and casual fellowship."

Although Dr. Rhodes' suggestion would be too strong for many churches, it has merit and probably would be acceptable to some congregations.

"How long should the preacher preach?" One apparently has only to ask the nearest preacher for an answer. Of course, if the question is put to two men, you may expect two different answers.

"I believe that you cannot lay down and hard and fast rules for everybody," Dr. Lindsay states. "For most of us, I doubt the wisdom of holding forth for more than thirty minutes," he adds.

Dr. Thompson surmises, "While having something to say is primary, learning to stop when one has finished is almost equally important."

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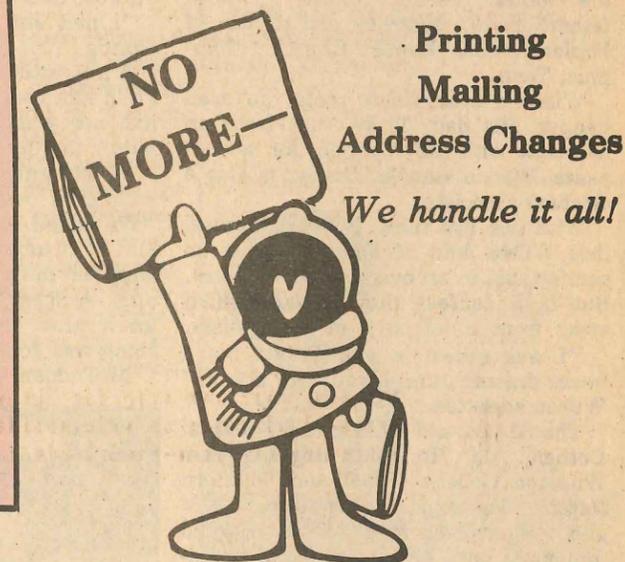
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## Messengers On Wheels

"I would hate what I'm doing if I didn't believe in it."

That statement better than any other sums up Jim Wilson's view of his ministry as an evangelist.

Wilson and associate Larry McFadden, the man in charge of the music, recently conducted crusades in Ashland, Louisville and Radcliff. Hundreds of public decisions were made during these weeks giving evidence of the effectiveness of this team using Orlando, Fla. as home base.

"I believe the Lord is interested in numbers," Wilson reflected. "Numbers represent people. The greatest ministry anyone can have is to make disciples."

Both Wilson and McFadden have their evangelistic pedigrees.

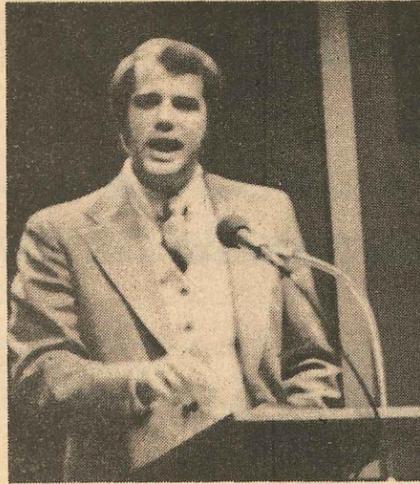
The 31-year-old McFadden is a native South Carolinian, the son of J. N. McFadden, currently minister of music and education at Fairview Baptist Church, Greer, S. C. He is married to the former Teresa Kearney, whose father, E. J. Kearney, is pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Wilson's evangelistic roots run even deeper. His dad, T. W., has been an associate with Billy Graham for several years. Wilson's uncle, Grady, is also a Graham associate.

With ties like these it seems natural that Wilson and McFadden would be comfortable in an evangelistic ministry. But both confess they initially shied away from a ministry in evangelism.

"I was raised in evangelism but I never dreamed that I would go into it," Wilson admitted.

The 33-year-old Wilson is a native of Dothan, Ala. He holds degrees from Wheaton College (1966) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1970) and was involved in more conventional ministries until he formed his evangelistic association in 1972. Prior to that he was minister of youth at Louisville's Beth Haven Baptist Church (when that church was in the Southern Baptist



Jim Wilson

Convention), pastored Hill Grove church in Guston for two years and then moved to Orlando where he was for two years assistant pastor at First Baptist Church under the tutelage of Henry A. Parker.

McFadden, music minister at several churches prior to teaming with Wilson in 1976, was at North Central Baptist Church, Gainesville, at the time.

"I met Jim shortly after I came to Florida," he recalled. "He asked if I was interested in evangelistic work and I told him I was set against it because I did not want to be away from my family that much."

"I struggled, prayed and wrestled with it for over a year," he continued. "We talked over the phone many times and in October 1975 I spent a weekend with Jim in Orlando. We stayed up to 3 a.m. each night talking and praying. I knew after that weekend that something was going to happen."

McFadden teamed with Wilson in



Larry McFadden

*What's it like to be successful evangelists? God-called but tiring, two of them say.*

May 1976 and since that time they have conducted area and church crusades along with prison ministries, rallies and conferences.

"We are convinced that we need to go where the people are," Wilson stated. "We want to have as broad an evangelistic base as possible."

It's in this going to the people that the primary problem for Wilson and McFadden arises.

"We spent 30 weeks on the road during the past year," McFadden observed. "Some of that time during the summer our families traveled with us, but any way you look at it that's a lot of time away from home. You really get tired of going all over the country."

Next year looks to be even busier for this young team. Their schedule, which is already full, calls for 10 area-wide crusades, four prison crusades, 13 revivals and an overseas crusade with scheduled stops in Taipei, the Philippines, Hong Kong and India.

Even though the schedule is demanding, no commitment is made or invitation refused until it is discussed and prayed over by both men.

"Everything we do on our schedule is greatly influenced by our family situation," McFadden noted. (Wilson and his wife, Joey, have three daughters; the McFaddens have a daughter and a son).

Wilson and McFadden complement each other well. Each service is meticulously planned from the opening song to the closing invitation and so is the counseling session which follows for those making public commitments.

"We are put in so many different situations," McFadden observed, "we have to deliver the goods. And believe me, in our work you have to be prayed up 'cause you don't know what will happen next."

Most of the happenings for this team have been good ones. Their ministry is expanding and people are responding to the gospel as never before. In this both Wilson and McFadden are able to see the reason for their success.

Perhaps McFadden best summarizes the reason these two men work so well together: "We believe God led us together to do a specific ministry."

by Nick Nixon, Staff Writer

## Mountains to the Mississippi

### Owensboro Church Helps Mountain Ministry Grow

It's a long way from Owensboro to Confluence but some Christians with a vision have made the journey not once but twice and great things have happened as a result.

A group from Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, made two trips to Confluence to minister in this remote area of Leslie County in eastern Kentucky. Thirteen youngsters accepted Christ as a result of these two trips.

According to Walter A. Campbell, pastor of Hyden Baptist Church, there's still a lot of work to be done in the Confluence area but the workers from Owensboro have laid a good foundation on which to build.

### Shelp Gets Texas Post

Earl E. Shelp was recently named administrative assistant and teaching fellow in theology and medical ethics at the Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center, Houston.

Shelp, a Louisville native, holds degrees from the University of Louisville and Southern Seminary.

### Survey Results Available

The Church Music Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention recently surveyed churches on salaries and benefits for full time ministers of music in the state, including those serving in combination positions. Copies of the survey results are available from the Church Music Department.

### Louisville Area Women Form New Organization

Wives of pastors, state board, seminary and association staff members and women who minister in Long Run Baptist Association recently organized.

Mrs. T. L. McSwain was elected president. Other officers: Mrs. G. Allen West, vice president; Mrs. Eugene Enlow, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lewis Drummond, program chairman; Mrs. Don Coleman, publicity chairman; Mrs.

A. B. Colvin, hospitality and friendship chairman.

### ACHA Taps Dennis Hall

Dennis A. Hall, executive vice president at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, recently was accepted into membership by the American College of Hospital Administrators.

## Personnel Changes

### Casey Moves to London

James E. Casey Jr. has been called as pastor of Swiss Colony Baptist Church, London. Casey moves to London from the pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, New Whiteland, Ind.

Casey pastored several churches in Kentucky before going to Indiana in 1970. He holds degrees from Georgetown College and Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. He is married to the former Oleta Lancaster of Maysville and they have four children.

Paul Whitler Jr., Western Recorder business manager, has been interim pastor at Swiss Colony.

### Lancaster Adds Rutledge For Music and Youth

Bill Rutledge began serving as minister of music and youth at Lancaster Baptist Church Oct. 1. Rutledge, a graduate of Southern Seminary, came to Lancaster from a similar position at First Baptist Church, North Vernon, Ind.



Rutledge

William G. Humphrey is the Lancaster pastor.

### Brooks Calls Marston

Bruce S. Marston has been called as pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Marston, a native Kentuckian, is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has previously served pastorates in Owen and Carroll counties. Marston is married to the former Janice Gibson and the couple has one daughter.

### Princeton Names Pastor

Bill R. Tichenor became pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, in September. Tichenor was pastor at Scottsville Baptist Church for 11 years prior to his move to Princeton.

### Harris is Albany Pastor

Ernest Harris is the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Albany. A native of Winchester, Harris comes to the Clinton County pastorate from the pastorate of Oxford (Ohio) Baptist Church.

Harris is a graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Seminary and has also pastored Macedonia Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling.

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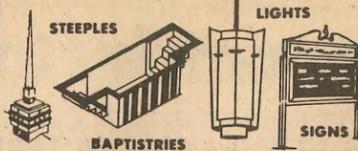
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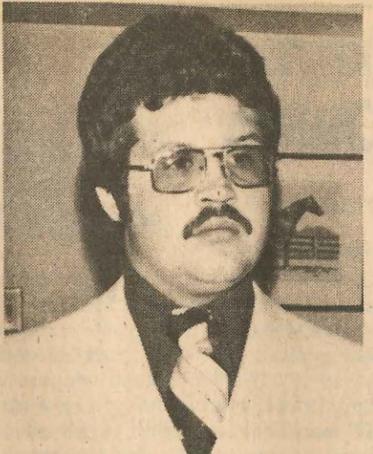
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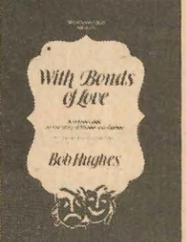
  
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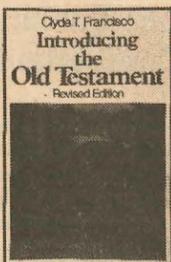
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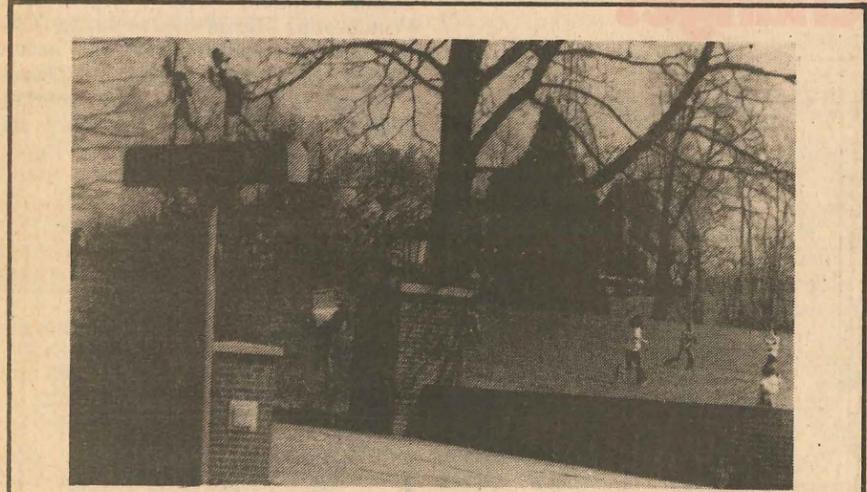
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## KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHILD CARE PROGRAM



## Christian Education

### New Professor Named At Cumberland College

Ronny Mims Zorn recently accepted the position of assistant professor of religion and Hebrew at Cumberland College. Zorn earned his B.A. at the University of South Carolina and the M.Div. at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has completed the course requirement for his Ph.D. at the Louisville seminary where he was employed as instructor of Old Testament language.

### Midwestern Enrolment Up

Enrolment for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary reached an all time high of 395 students in the regular degree program, a 10% increase over the same period last fall.

In light of the fall enrolment seminary officials expect Midwestern to experience its sixth consecutive year of record cumulative enrolment in 1977-78.

### Francisco Named Lecturer

Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, was selected as speaker for the Derward W. Deere Lectures Oct. 25-28 at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Francisco, a native of Virginia and

former visiting professor at Golden Gate, spoke on the general theme "Toward Old Testament Hermeneutics."

Francisco has been at Southern Seminary since 1944.

### 48 Kentuckians at SWBTS

A record setting student enrolment of 3475, including 48 Kentuckians, has added to a 12-year trend of increasing enrolments at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This year's enrolment is an 8½ percent increase over last year. SWBTS has experienced a record high enrolment every fall semester since 1966.

### Campbellville Invites You

Campbellville College's missions emphasis week Oct. 31-Nov. 4 focuses on Southern Baptists' Bold Missions Thrust.

Speakers for 9 a.m. chapel services and other events include Mike Robinson, assistant director, Department of Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; W. Bryant Hicks, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions, Southern Seminary; James McKinley, furloughing missionary from Bangladesh; and Billy Kruschwitz, Louisville, Foreign Mission Board area representative.

The public is invited to attend.

## Frank Owen

MEETIN' TIME



The last of Kentucky's 80 annual association meetings occurred Oct. 26. Now we look to our great statewide meeting with the church at Florence Nov. 15-17. Thanks to good cooperation among our associations. Convention staff members are sent to all of the above meetings. Thus far I personally have spoken to 77 annual meetings during my tenure in office.

Baptist life observes a great many "eatin' meetin's." Staff members need strong stomachs to travel and eat so much. Often these food spreads still are served up on the beds of farm wagons pulled up into the church yards. This nostalgic custom blesses all of us townspeople with agricultural background. I suppose that is the reason so many of our annual meetings are held in the rural churches. Convention employes, jokingly, but affectionately, speak of the "potato salad circuit."

But back to our Kentucky Baptist Convention. Don't miss it. Is your motel reservation firm? A huge crowd will gather from our 2200 churches with 700,000 members.

Our churches are asked to observe carefully our constitutional requirements with regard to the sending of official messengers. The credentials committee and registrars will be bound by limits outlined in the following table:

100 members or less	- 2 messengers
101- 300 members	- 3 messengers
301- 500 members	- 4 messengers
501- 700 members	- 5 messengers
701- 900 members	- 6 messengers
901-1100 members	- 7 messengers
1101-1300 members	- 8 messengers
1301-1500 members	- 9 messengers
1501-1700 or more	- 10 messengers
No church above 10 messengers.	

Everyone is welcome to attend the sessions, but only official messengers have floor and voting privileges.

See you in Florence for three great days, plus the important satellite meetings like the Pastor's Conference, Ministers of Education, Ministers of Music, alumni luncheons, breakfasts and all the back slapping and story swapping in foyers and lobbies. "Meetin' time."

## Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for November 13, 1977

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

### Active Christian Compassion

Luke 16:19-31

In this story Christ contrasted two men who represented the opposite extremes of society.

Contrasted in Life

Geographically these two men were close, but in circumstances they were far apart. One was rich; the other poor. One was elegantly dressed; the other poorly clad. One fared sumptuously every day; the other fed on scraps. One was socially prominent and influential; the other moved about in beggarly isolation. The rich man lived in luxury; the other lived in poverty.

Christ did not condemn the rich man because he was wealthy. Neither did he praise the beggar because of his poverty. The rich man was covetous and left God out of his life. Lazarus was extremely poor and suffered greatly, but there is no indication that he was bitter in spirit.

Contrasted in Death

When these two men experienced death, just as there were differences in their circumstances and lives, there was a difference in their deaths.

There is no reference to the funeral of Lazarus. It is entirely possible that his body was dumped to be devoured by scavenger dogs. At any rate, his suffering was ended.

Quite likely the rich man had an impressive funeral. His burial was such an outstanding event that Christ mentioned it. What a pity this man of distinction had lived such a misspent life!

Life and Work Series

### Limiting the Help Jesus Offers

John 5:2-15

Christ went to Jerusalem when a feast of the Jews was to be held, fully intending to meet the needs of many in attendance, even though some whom he would help would not express their gratitude to him and others would criticize him for doing good.

The Pool

In Jerusalem was a pool called Bethesda, meaning "the house of mercy." When the waters bubbled up intermittently they were reputed to contain elements of a medicinal nature. The impression was widespread that the healing virtues of the disturbed waters were applicable only to the one who got down into the pool first.

The Patients

Around this pool five porches had been erected for the comfort of those who were waiting for a cure.

Among those who thronged the porches was a man who suffered a disabling infirmity for 38 years. For at least half a lifetime he had waited for a blessing. It appears his infirmity had been caused by dissipation. Perhaps in his youth he had indulged in some sin which had left him in this condition. He suffered the twofold agony of being unable to reach the pool in time and of seeing others, far less needy than he, snatch the boon of healing from before his very eyes. He had waited in vain for so long that he was almost in the grip of utter despair.

Contrasted in Eternity

When Lazarus died he was carried immediately to paradise where he found Abraham. The disembodied state is a blessing for the believer and suffering for the unbeliever. Both men lived beyond the grave. They were not annihilated or blotted out.

The rich man recognized Abraham though he had never seen him before. So, it is a certainty that man has the power of recognition after death. And the rich man saw Lazarus "afar off." The rich man's prayer for mercy was too late. Any cry for God's help made beyond the grave is too late. On earth this man had been given time and opportunities for mercy but had ignored them all. He deliberately chose to go to the place of torment but after his arrival there began to think of others. He did not want his brothers to join him and requested Abraham to send Lazarus to urge them to be saved while they had the opportunity. Abraham's answer meant they had the Old Testament and could read it. If they would not believe what was written there they would not believe a man who had risen from the grave.

Salvation takes place this side of the grave only. No change can take place after death. When they die the saved to a place of eternal happiness and the unsaved to a place of punishment. Man's only hope is his response to the overtures of God's grace in this life if he is to spend eternity in heaven.

The Physician

As Christ, the great physician, walked along in the midst of the afflicted, he was unrecognized and unwelcomed. Christ singled out this poor man and asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Christ did not intend to heal the man against his will.

When the man signified his willingness and desire to be healed Christ challenged his faith by saying, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

The Persecution

As soon as Christ healed this patient he glided away and concealed himself in the crowd. When the Jews saw the man carrying his pallet on the sabbath they objected, saying "It is the sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed." When the man told them his physician had commanded him to do so, they sought to discover whom he was, but failed because Christ had conveyed himself away.

The healed man went to the temple to thank God for the mercy which he had bestowed on him. There Christ met him and revealed himself as the savior and charged him against yielding to a temptation to indulge in his former sin again. Delighted at meeting his great benefactor again and anxious that Christ might have the glory, the healed man disclosed to the Jews that Christ was the one who had effected his cure. The Jews then persecuted the savior.



### New Music Facility Set for Cumberland

Ground was broken recently for the site of Cumberland College's new music building. The new facility, tentatively scheduled for completion in August 1978, will replace the structure destroyed by fire Feb. 23, 1967. Breaking the ground are [1] trustee Arthur Dale, Harlan and Cumberland president J. M. Boswell.

## Baptist News in Brief

### Anyone for Cards at KBC?

Messenger cards, that is!

They'll be available at registration at Florence Baptist Church for the state convention meeting Nov. 15-17.

There's a problem, however.

Some churches were "overrepresented" last year. Ten is the absolute maximum messengers from any one church. Some churches were represented by more than they were constitutionally permitted. An effort will be made to check the number this year.

Meanwhile, here are guidelines:

100 or less members of church - 2 messengers

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According to the constitution, messengers must also be from churches "in friendly cooperation with this convention;...sympathetic with its purposes and work; and...during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work."

If all of us follow these rules the cards should be stacked in no one's favor.

A good deal, right? Let's play!

### Revive Us Again!

Valley View Baptist Church, Louisville, hosts a national conference on revival Nov. 13-18 with daily sessions 10 a.m.-noon and 7-9 p.m. Sunday services are at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Speakers are Jack R. Taylor, president, Dimensions in Christian Living, San Antonio, Tex.; O. S. Hawkins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla.; and Bill Stafford, revivalist. Howell Upchurch is pastor.

### LBH to Help Marriages

Louisville Baptist Hospitals' pastoral counseling and consultation center is offering a marriage enrichment weekend for 10 "normally functioning" couples.

Purpose of the retreat Dec. 9-10 is to enable couples "to discover deeper love, intimacy and joy in marriage," according to R. Derle Underwood, the

counseling center's associate director. The event is scheduled at Cedar Ridge Presbyterian Camp, near Louisville.

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### Dominy Speaks to Alumni At Florence SWBTS Meet

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni attending the group's luncheon during the Kentucky Baptist Convention will hear Bert Dominy, assistant professor of theology.

Dominy will address the group Nov. 16 at noon at the Heritage House Restaurant, Florence.

Presiding will be C. Vernon Cole, director of the Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and current president of the seminary's Kentucky association.

Cole said tickets for the event would be available at the Church Training booth in the display area.



Dominy

### Even a President Needs Love

President Jimmy Carter put aside the cares of office the evening of Oct. 14 to join with members of the Couples Class of First Baptist Church, Washington, to which he and Mrs. Carter belong, at the class' 33rd annual banquet.

Speaking impromptu the President told more than 80 members at the dinner "You have made our lives normal lives. You have given us stability in a position that is inherently sometimes unstable. A President of our country can be an isolated person. You have taken us in and we are indebted to you. Thank you very much."

President and Mrs. Carter joined the Couples Class Jan. 23, 1977, the day they joined First Baptist Church.

The nation's chief executive was introduced by Fred M. Gregg Jr., teacher. "Mr. President and Mrs. Carter, I want to thank you for the sacrifice you have made to come out to be with us on such a (rainy) night as this," he said.

"You are the ones who sacrificed, and we are honored," Carter responded. "We look forward to each opportunity to share your influence and see your welcoming smiles and working with you. It adds a dimension to our lives."

Carter paid tribute to Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church.

"We have had some problems with our family as all families do. We have come to Dr. Trentham for advice. This has made us feel not as a President above others but as a President among others."

Carter set the tone for the evening upon his entrance with a pleasant "Hi, everybody" greeting. He then stopped by the tables and shook hands with those near the aisle and later stepped down from the head table with Mrs. Carter to stand by each table while a photographer took their pictures with class members sitting there. They also posed with those who served the dinner.