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## Kentucky Journeyman

When Karen Smallwood graduated from college in 1974 she never expected to teach in a one room schoolhouse.

Nor did she expect to fill the roles of principal, guidance counselor, teacher and janitor, all at the same time. But as a Southern Baptist journeyman in Mati, Philippines, she's doing all that and more.

A native of Elizabethtown, Ky., Karen grew up in Round Top Baptist Church, which was formerly a one room school.

Her one room school is in the backyard of a missionary's home. From 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Karen teaches four youngsters—each one at a different grade level. That means she prepares more than 28 lessons each school day.

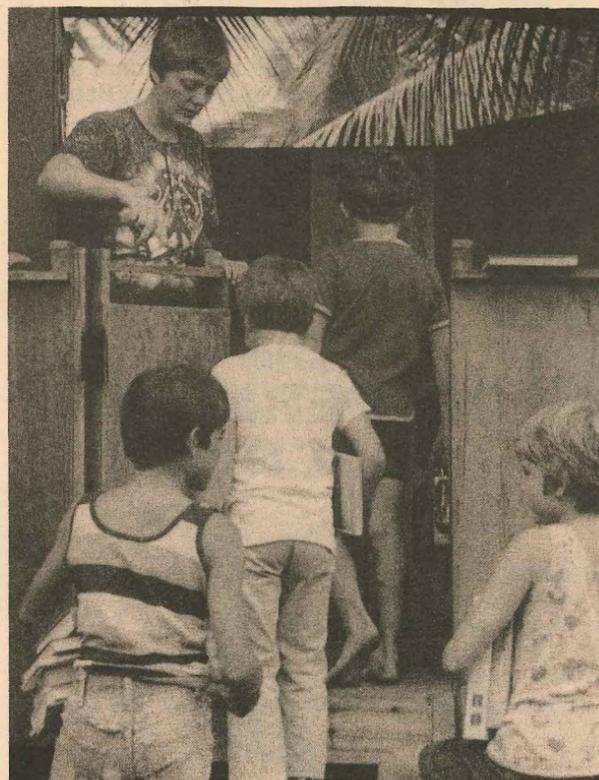
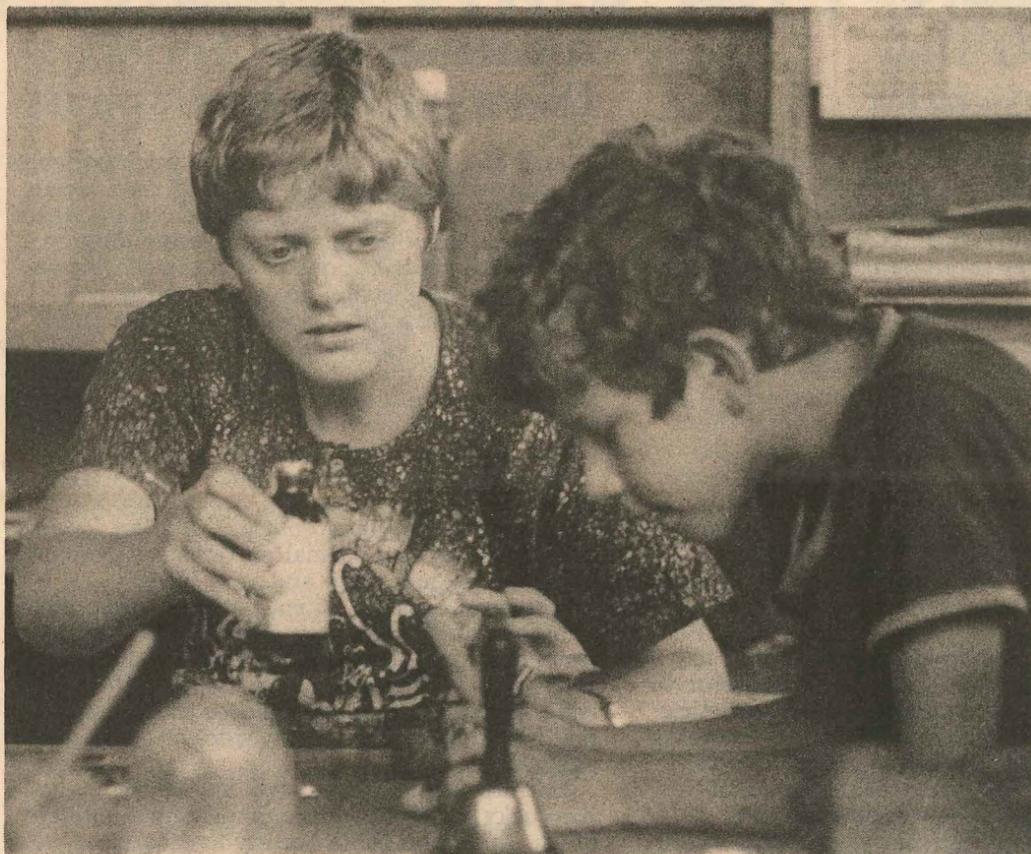
With so much different material to present each morning her afternoons are filled with lesson plans and reading.

But Karen finds time for other activities, too. She teaches a Bible club at Mati High School and a Girls in Action group. Each week she participates in a youth Bible study. Weekends are often spent visiting rural churches.

For someone who grew up far away from the ocean, living in a sea coast town is a new experience. Using a gas lantern during frequent power failures, cooking outside on a homemade stove, using a charcoal iron, pumping water by hand and hand-washing all her clothes have become an accepted part of Karen's daily life.

Karen, who began her two-year stint as a journeyman in July 1976, says she's found time to learn about herself and become a stronger Christian.

"In a new culture and a new setting," she says, "I've learned to see with clearer eyes."



Photos and Text by Trudy Crittendon

Ernestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

## Daley Observations

### Madalyn O'Hair Is Not Antichrist

In the minds of many sincere people Madalyn O'Hair is the leading candidate for the antichrist of this generation. She qualifies for most any sinister title available but hardly deserves the credit given her for some things that have and are happening.

To many her name is synonymous with the removal of prayer and Bible reading from public schools. She was identified with the court suit that resulted in ruling out prescribed prayer and Bible reading in public schools but what the Supreme Court justices did should hardly be credited to Mrs. O'Hair. The ruling was based on the first amendment of the United States Constitution and not on the diabolical cleverness of Mrs. O'Hair. A court suit instigated by another church-state separatist such as a Baptist or a Jew would have resulted in the same decision.

Mrs. O'Hair is also credited with trying to get the Federal Communications Commission to take radio and television religious broadcasting off the air. This is totally false. She had nothing to do with the petition filed by someone else. The petition did not request the removal of religious broadcasting but asked that the remaining F.M. channels not all be assigned to religious broadcasters who were applying for them at a rate which would soon exhaust the supply.

This petition was disposed of many months ago but the erroneous report of Mrs. O'Hair's sponsorship and the false notion of the intent of the petition persists. Pastors and church leaders who do not unreservedly join the petition parade to the Federal Communications Commission are still being beat over the head by uninformed zealots. By now literally millions of dollars have been spent in trying to refute Mrs. O'Hair for something she never did. One wonders if some diabolical force is not at work not only in Mrs. O'Hair but also in this campaign that makes so many good people appear uninformed and unteachable.

In the meantime Mrs. O'Hair continues her obnoxious efforts. Now she is trying to force the United States to remove the phrase, "In God We Trust," from all coins and currency. She will have her day in court and she might even win though it is doubtful. A similar suit in 1968 got nowhere and Mrs. O'Hair is not likely to fare better. The suit will likely drag on for years.

Those who want to express themselves against Mrs. O'Hair's position are certainly entitled and encouraged to do so but the United States government is able and prepared to defend its coinage policies.

Prayer and compassion for Mrs. O'Hair are more appropriate on the part of Christians than hate and malignancy. Above all, don't confuse her with the antichrist. The antichrist will be far more attractive and persuasive.

### American Bible Society Deserves Baptist Support

Contributions from Southern Baptist churches to the American Bible Society in 1977 were down almost \$25,000 from 1976. There is no apparent reason for this decline and it is lamentable in light of the contributions of this organization to the worldwide distribution of the scriptures.

The American Bible Society produces and distributes the Bible and portions of the Bible by the millions in many languages and dialects. All these are distributed at or below costs and in many instances provided without charge. No doctrinal interpretation accompanies the text.

Southern Baptists are served in many ways by the American Bible Society. Scripture portions are provided for many Southern Baptist foreign mission fields and special portions are prepared for associational, state and area Bible distribution projects. A special translation of the Southern Baptist January Bible study book is produced each year by the American Bible Society. It is difficult to conceive that the American Bible Society could be more helpful to Southern Baptists even if it were one of our own agencies.

Edward Cunningham, well known by Kentucky Baptists, is a regional representative of the American Bible Society and he is contributing greatly to the mutually beneficial relations between the society and Southern Baptists. Arthur Borden, secretary of church relations for the society, has also become a familiar and helpful friend of Southern Baptist leaders.

Rarely on this page is any organization other than the church recommended for the contributions of Baptists. The American Bible Society is one of these exceptions and even in this instance the gifts can be made through the church which is the best way.

## The COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



### Is People Centered

## Baptist Forum

### A Plea for Ridgecrest Rooms

Some of the state papers recently carried a news release from Nashville encouraging persons holding confirmed summer reservations at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference Centers, but who will be unable to attend, to make cancellations as soon as possible. I would like to make a personal plea in this behalf. We have a small group from our church who have definite plans to attend one of the Sunday School weeks at Ridgecrest, but we are on a waiting list for accommodations. We may not know until thirty days or less prior to the conference date that we can actually attend.

Some churches make reservations for a block of rooms then try to fill them. I hope churches that are holding rooms that will probably not be used will release them so we can get our confirmed reservations and continue with our plans.

Doug Green  
FBC, Selma, Ala.

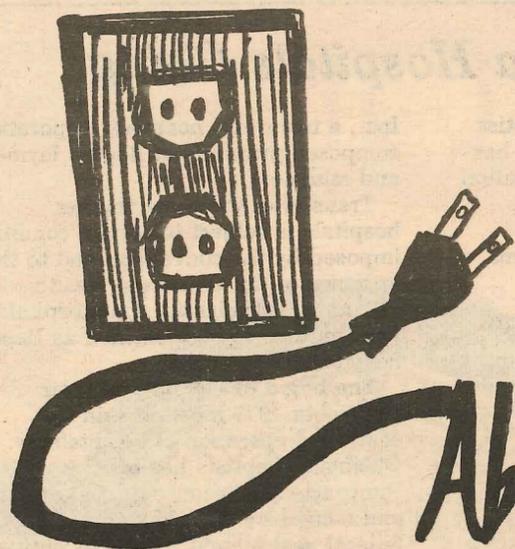
### What Revival Means to Me

I am a 26 year old Christian. I have been a Christian for about two years. One of the things that plague young Christians are the ups and downs of their young faith. So, throughout the first two years of my new Christian faith I prayed frequently for revival.

One night while I was saying my nightly prayers I came to the point where I was asking the Lord for revival in my life. It seemed as though the Lord stopped me right on the spot and asked me, "Stan, how exactly would you define revival?" I began in my own mind to think of what revival meant to me. It meant a closer relationship to God, more love, faith and hope in my life. At that point the Lord seemed to stop me again. Another question popped into my mind, "Stan, how do you think you could attain these things?" I again began to think of how I could have a closer walk with the Lord which would also increase my love, faith and hope. Let's see, I could read my Bible more and get involved in a more systematic Bible study, I could have a better prayer life by spending more time in prayer. I could become more available to my church for work. I could be a better witness in my life. Again the Lord stopped me and said, "Stan, you're just like that preacher you heard on the radio the other day, the one that was riding down the highway and passed the house of another preacher of a different faith." His car was sitting out front and the preacher could see he needed tires badly on his car, so he prayed and asked the Lord to send him some new tires. The Lord told him, "You're praying for tires for this preacher and you have the money to buy him new tires yourself. Go back to his house and offer to buy him some new tires."

The Lord told me, "Stan, you're just like that preacher was, you have the means and ability to achieve all those things you're asking me for. First you must study your Bible, you must spend more time in prayer, you must make yourself more available for your church, and you must try to become a good witness when you have the opportunity. When you are trying to achieve these things revival will come."

Stanley Durrett  
Louisville



## About Euthanasia: DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Euthanasia is a term derived from the Greek words "Eu," good, and "thanatos," death, and means literally "good death." Simply put, it usually refers to a "deliberate easing into death" of a person afflicted with a painful and incurable disease or injury.

Euthanasia has long troubled the consciences of the physician and the public. It has become a critical ethical issue with the development of new technologies for prolonging life. Does a patient have the right to reject mechanical means such as the respirator which may prolong life a few more painful weeks or months? Does such a patient have the moral right to choose the time and manner of death? These and other questions confront the Christian conscience in relation to euthanasia.

Euthanasia or the "good death" may be achieved by direct or indirect means. Direct euthanasia is a deliberate action to shorten or to end the life of the terminally ill person—for example, injecting air into the veins of a patient with cancer. Indirect euthanasia may be accomplished: (1) by stopping treatments that prolong the patient's life such as "pulling the plug" that keeps a life-supporting system operating; (2) by withholding all treatment; and (3) by giving the patient increasing doses of pain-relieving drugs until enough toxicity is built up to cause death.

Thousands of Americans have written to the Euthanasia Educational Fund in New York for copies of "A Living Will." The Living Will is a brief testament by the patient addressed to family, physician, lawyer, clergyman and medical facility in whose care the patient may happen to be and to any individual who may become responsible for the patient's health, welfare or affairs during an illness in which there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

The statement is to be signed in the presence of two witnesses and copies given to four or five other persons such as a doctor and to those most likely to be concerned "if the time comes when you can no longer take part in decisions for your own future." The Living Will, however, has no legal weight and will not stand up in court.

In 1976 California passed the nation's first right-to-die legislation. It is called the Natural Death Act. The directive to the doctor applies only to the terminally ill patient in terms of the measures in the bill.

Bills are pending in other states for right-to-die legislation. Among these are Hawaii and Montana. Switzerland is perhaps the only country which has legalized euthanasia on terminally ill persons.

Arguments are presented for and against euthanasia. Some of the points debated pro and con are as follows:

Con: Euthanasia is murder.

Pro: But murder is unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.

Con: It violates the injunction, "Thou shalt not kill."

Pro: But the commandment means "no murder." Those who justify an unjustifiable war and capital punishment cannot condemn euthanasia on this ground.

Con: God must decide who shall live and who shall die.

Pro: If this is true then it is also wrong to seek to prolong life.

Con: Suffering is a part of the divine plan and the terminally ill person should live through the pain until the end.

Pro: The Bible teaches "Be merciful" and ending the life of an incurably suffering patient is an act of mercy.

Con: The sanctity of life forbids euthanasia.

Pro: The notion that life is absolutely sacred is not Christian. Some things are more valuable than life itself. Christian martyrs knew this. Life is not the highest good; the quality of life is more important than mere physical existence.

Con: One should do everything to save a life no matter the cost.

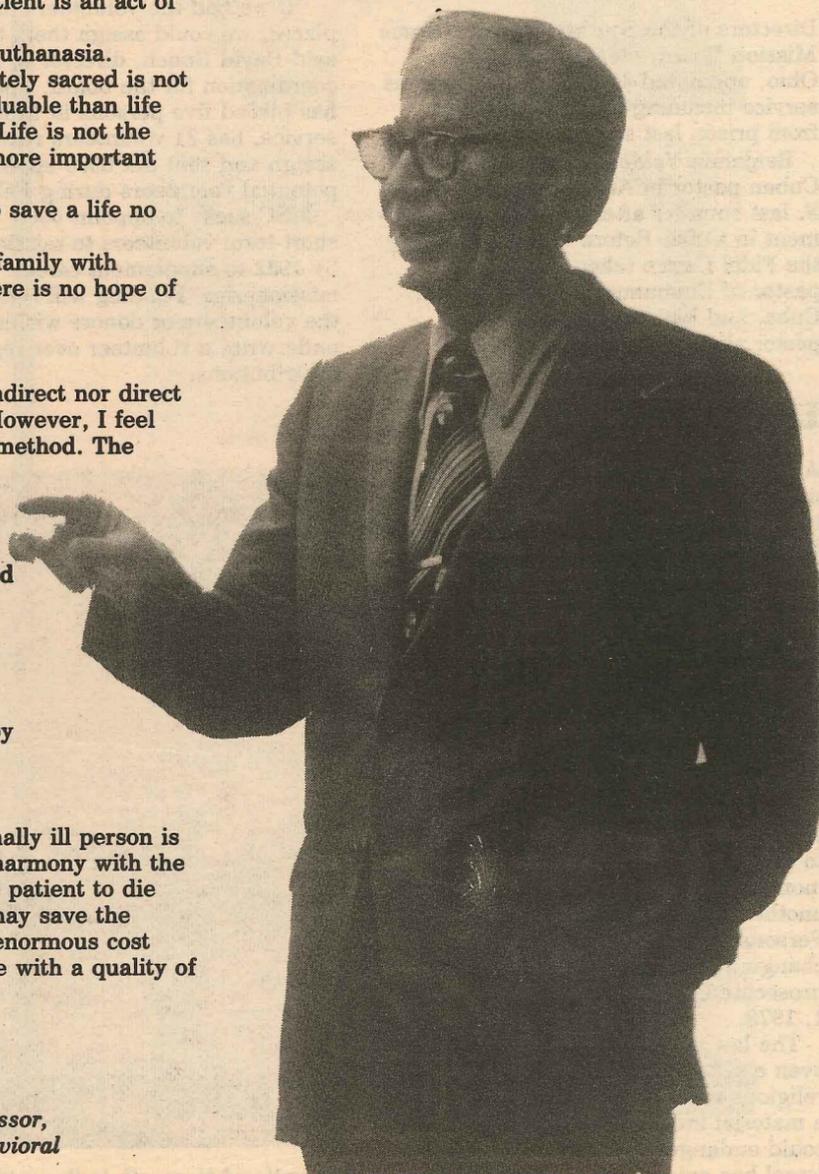
Pro: It is not right to bankrupt a family with hospital and medical costs when there is no hope of the recovery of the patient.

And so the debate goes on.

My own position is that neither indirect nor direct euthanasia should be absolutized. However, I feel more comfortable with the indirect method. The patient's wish that treatment be withdrawn should be honored. It is true that the conscious patient may make the decision impulsively or under extreme pain. But a safeguard can be established by requiring a time lag between the patient's decision and the withdrawal of treatment for a change of mind. If the patient is unconscious or in a coma, the decision could be made by the family in consultation with a team of doctors, nurses and a clergyman.

Indirect euthanasia for the terminally ill person is morally defensible because it is in harmony with the Christian ethic of love. It allows the patient to die with a measure of dignity. Also it may save the family from bankruptcy due to the enormous cost involved in keeping the patient alive with a quality of life which is intolerable.

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## SBC Pre-Registration Ends May 6

May 6 is the deadline to pre-register as "messengers" to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Pre-registrants may receive an SBC "Book of Reports," official messenger badge and official computer card ballots for SBC business sessions by sending a filled out pre-registration form and a check for \$2.50, made out to SBC Executive Committee, to SBC Pre-Registration, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37217. Additional family members may register for \$1, provided only one "Book of Reports" is desired.

In protection of the SBC voting

process, lost badges and ballots will not be replaced. Additional copies of "Book of Reports" may be purchased.

Pre-registration forms are available from the offices of state Baptist executive secretaries or from the March 1978 issue of the "Baptist Program" magazine, published by the Executive Committee. Each person must fill out a separate pre-registration form and have it signed by the moderator or clerk of the church which elected that person.

One additional messenger, up to the limit of 10, is allowed for each 250 members in the church or for each \$250 paid by the church to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

## Atlanta Hotels Filling

Hotel and motel rooms in downtown Atlanta are filling quickly for the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

SBC sessions will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, June 13-15, with a number of satellite meetings scheduled to begin June 11 and another set for June 16.

The Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau said 6972 hotel/motel rooms within the central city of Atlanta have been committed for SBC use. As of Mar. 15, 4057 of those rooms were taken.

## Prisoner Appointed

Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, meeting in Dayton, Ohio, appointed 43 persons to missions service including a pastor released from prison last summer.

Benjamin Valdes, who will serve as a Cuban pastor in Atlanta, entered the U. S. last summer after 12 years imprisonment in Cuba. Before his arrest during the Fidel Castro takeover, he was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cuba, and had served as a Cuban pastor since 1953.

## Law to Trap Christians?

A Baptist agency representing nine major Baptist bodies in North America took steps to protest a new law in Israel which restricts Christian missionaries and makes conversion to Christianity more difficult.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told the committee in semi-annual session the hardships which face Christian missionaries in Israel since the passage of the law by the Knesset (parliament) late last year.

The law makes it a criminal offense, punishable by up to five years in jail, to give money or something worth money with the intention of tempting another person to change his religion. Persons accepting bribes in return for changing their religion also will be prosecuted. The law takes effect Apr. 1, 1978.

The law is so broad that some fear even a gift of a Bible, rosary or religious medal could be considered as a material inducement to conversion. It could endanger the traditional support Israel has enjoyed from evangelical Christians.

## Baptists Lead ABS Gifts

With 1977 gifts totaling \$251,908, Southern Baptists contributed 16.3 percent of the denominational gifts received by the American Bible Society.

The total for Southern Baptists, who have led in contributions for 12 of the past 13 years, was \$23,722 less than they gave in 1976.

## 1100 MSC Slots Open

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board identified 1100 places of home missions service for volunteers for the newly formed Mission Service Corps.

"If we had the volunteers for those places, we could assign them today," said David Bunch, director of MSC coordination for the board. The board has placed five persons in MSC service, has 31 volunteers ready to assign and sent out 6000 applications to potential volunteers during February.

MSC seeks to appoint 5000 short-term volunteers to mission fields by 1982 to supplement career missionaries. Funding will come from the volunteers or donors wishing to underwrite a volunteer over regular contributions.

## More Oklahoma Hospitals Going

The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has started action to divest the convention of ownership of hospitals at Enid, Grove and Miami, Okla., and to transfer ownership to the Oklahoma Health Care Corporation.

Divestiture action is already underway to turn over the Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City to Baptist Medical Center of Oklahoma

Inc., a nonprofit, nonstock corporation composed primarily of Baptist laymen and ministers.

Transfer of the three smaller hospitals is subject to certain conditions imposed by the convention and to the approval of the Oklahoma Health Planning Commission. The hospitals will continue to be identified as Baptist hospitals.

The board of directors in their December 1977 meeting said that continued operation of hospitals by Oklahoma Baptists has become "impractical" because of continuing and increasing encroachments "by the federal government and other entities" on the convention's ability to exercise operational control over the hospitals.

## Ga. Trustees Upheld

The Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee adopted a strong statement reaffirming trustee government of Georgia Baptist schools and refused to require professors to sign articles of faith similar to those Southern Baptist Convention seminary professors must sign.

The executive committee reaffirmed its long standing policy that "convention-elected trustees are the responsible group to make policy for employment of personnel and policy for magnification of state convention adopted objectives of the colleges."

## Missionary Helps Teens

A Southern Baptist missionary and area teenagers are headed for an April showdown on the constitutionality of Bible clubs in high schools.

Byron Lutz, an inner-city missionary in Buffalo, is fighting on behalf of students who attend this teen center for permission to establish voluntary Bible clubs in three Buffalo high schools.

According to a report in the April issue of Home Missions magazine, Lutz and the students were denied their petition in January. Should New York's highest court uphold that denial, Lutz and the group's attorney, Michael J. Brown, promise to carry the suit to the U. S. Supreme Court, which has never ruled on voluntary religious exercise in schools, according to Brown.

## Paper Staffer Quits

John Whitman, managing editor of the Illinois Baptist, state Baptist newspaper, resigned to become vice president of Data Master Graphics, a printing and business forms broker and distributor, with home offices in Naperville, Ill. Whitman will direct the firm's Springfield office.

He came to the Illinois Baptist in 1969 as associate editor, and was promoted to managing editor in 1975.

## Need Bookkeeping Help?

Southern Baptist churches and institutions that need help with bookkeeping and tax-related matters can now get assistance through the Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference, according to Barry Allen, general chairman of the conference, and KBC business manager.

The assistance would be available for local churches, institutions or Baptist schools that do not have full time business administrators and could provide advice on such matters as accounting, record keeping, taxation, stewardship and financial planning, Allen explained.



The city of Nazareth is the setting for the Dec. 10., 1978 "Baptist Hour" sermon. Frank Pollard [l], host: Claude Cox

[r], producer; and Kirk Teegarden, engineer, record the sermon.

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Ramona Mercer, Missionary to Japan  
Concert—Beverly Terrell

#### Wednesday Afternoon—

Panel—Helen Sinclair, Mrs. George Ferguson, Sydney Portis  
Speaker: Barry Allen

#### Wednesday Evening—

Speaker: Carolyn Weatherford  
Centennial film premiere "Bridge Builders"  
Centennial Reception (honoring past and present staff and missionaries) (Autograph Party)

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Speaker: Anne Davis  
Speaker: Carolyn Weatherford

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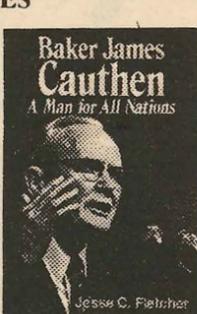
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## Congregations

**Little Bethel Expands Child Care**  
New facilities were dedicated Mar. 8 for the western region office of the Kentucky Baptist child care program in Madisonville. The facilities are part of an addition by the association to the Little Bethel Associational building.

In addition to child care's two new offices, the association also added a guest room, providing overnight lodging for visiting ministers.

Robert Miller serves as western region coordinator for child care and Hughlan P. Ritchie is director of missions for Little Bethel.

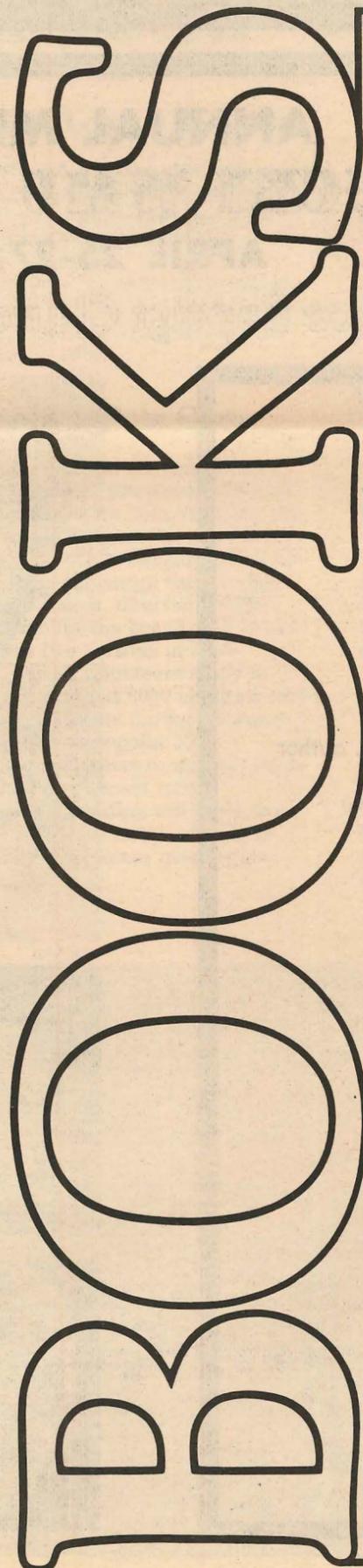
**Kentuckians Hold Jamaican Crusade**  
Ten Western Kentucky pastors participated in an evangelistic crusade in Jamaica, West Indies Feb. 27-Mar. 6. The group was led by Calvin Wilkins, Elm Grove Church, Blood River Association.

Others in the group included: Wayne Carter, West Fork, Murray; Don Cotton, Calvary, Elkton; Eugene Meadows, Bethel, Gilbertsville; Lloyd Perrin, New Hope, Cadia; Don Phelps, New Zion, Benton; Charlie Simmons, Pilot Oak, Water Valley; William Taylor, Cherry Corner, Murray; Bill Whittaker, First, Murray; Tommy Whilite, Locust Grove, Cadiz.

## Personnel

**Bogges Takes FBC Ministry**  
John E. Bogges has resigned as minister of music and youth of Crestwood Baptist Church in Frankfort to accept a similar ministry with First Baptist Church, Central City. Bogges began his work Mar. 27.

**Woodland Calls Sacra as Pastor**  
Ernest Sacra has been called as pastor of the Woodland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington. Sacra and his wife, Chris, are natives of Lexington and have two children. He attended Boyce Bible School, Louisville.



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## Sunday School Lessons

### The Church Meets Trouble

Acts 5:17-29

The way a church meets and handles trouble is a good indication of its real character and strength.

Daily the apostles performed miracles in the presence of the people. Some admired these men. Others were exasperated. The high priest and Sadducees were filled with jealousy. Unwilling to permit the apostles to continue their ministry, they seized and imprisoned them.

"But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison door and brought them forth," without the keepers of the prison knowing what had been done. Men cannot keep in prison those whom the Lord wants liberated. The angel then commissioned the apostles to return to the temple and resume the proclamation of Christ to all who would listen.

When the Sanhedrin assembled for the trial, officers were sent to get the prisoners. When the officers arrived they discovered the prisoners had escaped.

Imagine the perplexity of the robed court members when they learned the apostles were teaching in the court of the temple. They had the

officers take the apostles into custody again and imprison them, but "without violence for they feared the people."

When brought before the Council, the high priest charged them with disobeying the order. He asked, "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? Behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." Whether he made this admission consciously or unconsciously it was very damaging. The authority of the Jewish leaders was superseded by that of the humble apostles and that was a contributing factor to their jealousy.

Peter and the others explained they were not in the world primarily to obey men but rather to obey God. Convinced God was with them, the apostles refused to be frightened by threats, stripes, imprisonments, or death. When a Christian is obedient to God he will be opposed by the world but he will be cared for and empowered by the almighty God. What more can one ask?

### Man in Relationship

Gen. 2:7-9,15,18-25

Man was not produced by a process but was created by a divine act. Man had the God-like faculties of intellect, emotion and will. The creator breathed into man's nostrils "the breath of life," and imparted to him that which made him capable of having fellowship with him.

God prepared an abode for Adam and placed him in perfect surroundings in the Garden of Eden. Since man is so constituted, by divine design and purpose, he needs active employment, it is not surprising God gave Adam very congenial employment. God also gave him the privilege of having direct fellowship with him.

Knowing Adam needed companionship—someone to share his joys and purposes,

reciprocate his feelings and assist him in his enterprises, God created "an help meet for him." God put Adam to sleep, took one of his ribs and made Eve and presented her to him for his wife.

God gave to them the ability to propagate life, not to create it. It was in accordance with the divine purpose man and woman should be joined in holy matrimony, bear children and rear them in admonition of the Lord.

When husband and wife are united in Christian marriage, joys are multiplied, cares are divided, burdens are subtracted and much happiness is added. Becoming one flesh involves a complete identification of one personality with the other in interests and pursuits, under the direction and supervision of God.



## Frank Owen

### Hats Off to the Countryside Preacher

Mrs. Owen made a statement as we drove by the churches on our way to a Sunday preaching appointment. "These countryside preachers and their flocks are keeping America religious."

Let no one underestimate the tremendous importance of the rural ministry. Our society has become increasingly urban but it is still true that people who live closer to the soil, closer to God's good earth and the nature that he has made (instead of the brick and mortar and steel that man has constructed) are people who tend to be more conscious of God and his presence and therefore more religious in the percentage of them that are regularly at worship and in Christian service.

It is also still true that a great portion of the population, generally, including the cities, consists of people who got their start in the rural or small town situation. They started out in life more consciously dependent upon God: the seasons, the rains, the sunshine that the crops require. Again, I say, nature—God's nature.

When young people move into the city life many, many of them carry the above religious background and influence with them and greatly leaven the lump of the environment in which they settle for their life's work and influence. They become a great part of "the salt of the earth" that saves the society of which they become a part. Like Simon of Cyrene they come "out of the country" and carry the cross in the city. They are like the 10 righteous men who might have saved Sodom.

Hats off to the churches, the pastors, the leaders and the people in rural Christian work. They have perhaps the best chance to demonstrate and keep Christian communities and thus preserve and propagate such demonstration and example for the world. May their lights continue to shine and to further seed our great population centers with gospel ways wherever they migrate and spread their Christian lives and witness.

## WMU Confronts World Needs

Participants in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will "think on" a variety of world needs and individual responses to those needs when they gather in the Atlanta Civic Center, June 11-12.

The WMU meeting is one of a number of pre and post convention sessions surrounding the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Under the theme, "Think on These Things," the auxiliary will devote Sunday, June 11, to confronting the world needs which precipitated the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goal. Monday sessions will focus on ways individuals may respond to those needs.

## Carter, Catholics Clash

President Jimmy Carter's administration and the Roman Catholic hierarchy clashed over the constitutionality of federal income tax credits for tuition paid to private and parochial elementary and secondary schools.

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell declared that such aids to parochial education, as provided by the Moynihan-Packwood-Roth proposal, are unconstitutional.

Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, disputed the attorney general's view. "The attorney general's opinion is neither binding nor universally shared... Mr. Bell's voice is only one among many and no more persuasive than any other."

This conflict of views is one of a series of events in the war between the Carter administration, the public school advocates and the private and parochial school forces. While President Carter is pledged to "constitutional" aid to private and parochial education, he and his spokesmen have expressed in strong terms that tuition tax credits are both unconstitutional and unwise public policy.

## Recorder Extends Trial Plan

Thirty-four Kentucky Baptist churches recently joined Western Recorder's 60-day free trial plan.

The plan permits any church not presently receiving the Recorder to do so on a complimentary basis. After two months the church is requested to vote whether to continue sending it to its interested families at five cents per week or discontinue it without charge.

Churches just added to the trial list, and their pastors, include:

Cayce, Fulton, R. H. Sullivan; Owen Chapel, Kirksey, Billy Gallimore; South Marshall, Benton, Billy Henson; Corinth, Buffalo; Sharpsburg.

Morehead, Howard Reuter; Old Poplar Creek, Barbourville, Marvis G. Pridemore; New Hope Missionary, Mayfield; Lawndale, Henderson, Franklin Wright; Big Muddy, Morgantown, Elmer Burden; New Liberty, Morgantown, E. Doyle Dockery; Second Blackwater, McKee, George Williamson; New Ebenezer, Hopkinsville, Kinnith R. Morris; Stephensport, Harned, Raleigh Shelton; Cave Springs, Albany, James H. Meade; Mt. Pisgah, Boaz, George F. Fournier; Spring Street, Mt. Sterling, Stephen McSwain; Sand Hill, Benton, Tommy Mathis.

Also, Rosedale, Owensboro, Joe W. Tate; Station Island, Toletis Vincent; Immanuel, Owensboro, Clarence Clark; David's Chapel, Hickman, J. T. Neely; South First Street, Wingo, Alfred Taylor; First, Oak Grove, Fred B. Hill; Richardson Mission, Richardson, W. R. Teems Jr.; New Hope, Orlando; Pond, Kings Mountain, Billy R. Jackson; West Grove Missionary, Hopkinsville, Chester McGehee; Sugar Creek, Princeton, J. R. Bruce; Creswell, Marion, Jerry Thurman; Mt. Carmel, Fulton, Harville Petty; Apollo Heights Mission, Owensboro, Harold Rose; Hillcrest, Lexington, Donald B. White; Clark's River, Symsonia, Leamon Blalock; First, Russell, Jim S. McKenzie.

## BSSB Begins Special Ministries

A special ministries section was organized recently at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to provide for Bible teaching needs of the mentally retarded, deaf, blind and language groups.

Eugene Chamberlain, supervisor of the new section, said, "Less than one percent of all retarded persons and their families in the United States are touched by a church or denomination."

Nearly 2000 Southern Baptist churches provide for the mentally retarded, which involves approximately 10,000 families.

Braille materials are presently distributed free of charge by the section to 1800 adults and almost 500 youth. Recent statistics indicate 80,000 Americans receive public assistance because of vision impairment.

About 630 Southern Baptist churches are engaged in work with the deaf, Chamberlain said, but some do not work with both children and adults.

*Sunday School Lesson Simplified* and *Simplified Bible Study* are produced by the special ministries section for deaf persons, plus a resource kit for work with children.

Chamberlain said a Spanish translation of *Sunday School Adults* entitled *El Interprete*, will be released within the next year. Future plans call for distribution of basic materials concerning establishing Sunday Schools in more languages.

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