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Above, Jim Queen spends a lot of time walking streets and visiting the people who live in Uptown. Right, Queen, a former college quarterback, works with young people on the concrete playgrounds which lie within the shadow of elegant lakefront condominiums.



Uptown: Forgotten Corner

Judy Touchton

Uptown is a little ghetto of misery in Chicago.

Two miles long by a mile wide, Uptown is home for 144,000 people. It is referred to as "the dumping ground of Chicago . . . a last stop place for the poor, the elderly, the skid row denizens."

It sits within a brickbat's throw of the elegant lakefront highrises, contrasting poverty and hopelessness with splendor and economic might; falling down tenements and concrete playgrounds with yachts and "Keep Out" signs.

Amid the desperation of Uptown, Jim Queen, a Southern Baptist home missionary, lives and ministers in Jesus' name.

"Chicago is a big metropolitan area," Queen says. "Uptown is a forgotten little corner."

Uptown is symbolic of many inner city ghettos across the nation. These communities—called communities in transition—are one of the four target areas of Bold Mission Thrust, the Home Mission Board's program to reach the nation for Christ by the end of the decade.

Jim Queen's approach to ministering in Uptown has been to walk the streets, sharing with and loving the people, telling them of the worth God sees in them. Then, he attempts to tie them to Uptown Baptist Chapel, a small congregation which meets in a tenement apartment.

"Our biggest problem is that we don't have enough workers," he says. "Uptown is bigger than the whole city of Selma, Ala., yet only one Southern Baptist missionary works here."

While he avoids "give away programs," Queen spends much of his time ministering and building a people and a church. "We are trying to build a church in a total way. We do something nobody else does . . . we visit in the homes regularly and steadily.

"So far as I can see, nobody is ministering in Uptown. It needs help. Somebody needs to love this little piece of land."

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

Miss Bryant Deserves No Support

It's difficult to oppose Anita Bryant and it's unthinkable to oppose Bible reading and prayer but Miss Bryant's latest crusade for Bible reading and prayer in public schools is completely out of place. No doubt her motives are sincere but what she advocates is unnecessary and inappropriate and therefore does not deserve the support she is seeking.

Miss Bryant is appealing for prayer and for financial contributions to help her in a campaign to restore Bible reading and prayer to public schools. She says, "If one woman can take prayer out of the schools, one woman can put it back again," and so she is appealing for contributions from \$10 to \$50 to undergird her crusade. She also is enlisting members for a National Prayer Chain and is sending a personally autographed prayer chain membership card to those responding.

Apparently Miss Bryant has become quite heady after her successful campaign in Miami to bar homosexuals from teaching in public schools. Many of us supported her in that crusade but must abandon her in this one.

Miss Bryant fails to understand or has been grossly misinformed about Bible reading and prayer in public schools. She uses false conclusions in her appeal for support. She starts her appeal with this question, "What do you say when your child comes home from school and asks, 'Why is it against the law to pray?'" The answer is obvious. You simply say it is not against the law to pray. You explain that it is unconstitutional for public officials including school teachers to sponsor worship in public schools but one can pray anywhere and anytime he or she chooses to do so.

But this is not the answer Miss Bryant wants. She, like millions of others, has misunderstood the Supreme Court decision. It does not ban prayer or Bible reading in schools by individuals. It does prohibit prescribed prayer and Bible reading on the basis that the constitution forbids the state from sponsoring religion of any kind.

Miss Bryant announces the dreadful news, "God has been banned from our children." How naive can she be? God is not banned from anyone except one who chooses to shut him out. And no power on earth can stop a child in school from praying to God before school, during school or after school.

Miss Bryant wants help in putting voluntary prayer back in the schools. She needs no such help because voluntary prayer has never been banned from schools. What she wants is officially sponsored religious services in public schools with pupils participating on a voluntary

basis. The voluntary participation poses no problem but the official sponsoring or endorsing is unconstitutional. Baptists, of all people, should appreciate this safeguard of separation of church and state and by no means should encourage Miss Bryant in her misguided efforts. (CRD)



D. Chester Sparks

Chester Sparks Lived Redemptively

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Gen. 5:24). This description of an unusual man in early history also characterizes the life and ministry of D. Chester Sparks, the beloved preacher and educator who died Mar. 29. His memory will be revered as long as the mountains stand and his influence will reach as far as flow the waters of Goose Creek, Red Bird and Bullskin which join at Oneida to make the South Fork of the Kentucky River.

A preacher and a pastor at heart, he came to his highest effectiveness as president of Oneida, the Kentucky Baptist boarding high school located in the heart of Appalachia. He conducted a quality academic school but remained a preacher and a pastor. He preached in chapel once a week and served the pastor role with thousands of boys and girls.

Chester Sparks was much like the Lord in his attitude toward humanity. No sinner was ever counted out or considered beyond the reach of God's grace. The harder the heart, the more compassion and the more proclamation of the grace of God. No wonder his preaching was so effective.

In every boy and girl, no matter how dim the outlook, Chester Sparks saw a respectable and upright man and woman. Reared in an orphan's home after his father was ambushed, he never turned down an opportunity to be the father and the counselor of young people many on whom others had already given up. His success rate was amazingly high.

His life can be summed up in these words: "He lived redemptively."

One of the fruits of such a life is those who catch the same spirit and spend their time the same way. One who was so sparked is Barkley Moore, who now leads Oneida in the Sparks' tradition. (CRD)

A Proven Plan

Sunday, Apr. 16 is Cooperative Program Day and all Baptist churches should use the occasion to thank God for this plan. It was given us by Baptist leaders 50 years ago and has served extremely well. We make no claim that it was dropped out of heaven by God upon Southern Baptists nor that it dates back to the New Testament churches. We do thank God for using it among Southern Baptists so effectively.

Its appeal to Baptists and its phenomenal success have surpassed any expectations of its originators 50 years ago. There are human Reasons for its appeal to people in the pew. Among these are:

- It is a voluntary plan. It has never been coerced upon anyone nor has it been made a sacred cow to be worshipped. It depends upon its own merits for its appeal.
- It puts priority upon mission outreach. Baptists are mission minded and the great bulk of Cooperative Program gifts has always been expended on missions.
- It is fair. The division formula provides support for some valuable Baptist agencies which otherwise would find difficulty existing.
- It has been administered with integrity. Southern Baptists decide themselves how it will be spent and denominational leaders have handled it in a way to inspire confidence and credibility. (CRD)

Baptist Forum

Many good, talented, willing workers who are looking for opportunities to share Christ come to Dauphin Island on vacation each year. (Dauphin Island is four miles out in the Gulf of Mexico, thirty miles south of Mobile, Ala.) Many come to our Sunday services but this is too late for them to share their talents fully with us. To utilize the diverse gifts that come our way each year, to reach the multitude of lost people and to offer joy and mountain top experiences to the passing Christian, we have established a beach mission.

We need help! Pastors, student ministers, musicians, music groups, puppet groups or anyone who would like to help are offered this challenge.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37, 38). Come lend us a hand. Contact Floyd Spears, P.O. Box 156, Dauphin Island, Ala. 36528 or call 205-861-5124.

Floyd Spears

Baptist Forum

Baptists, Get Moving!

I have been a Baptist pastor in western Kentucky for the past 15 years. I have preached to the churches I have served the importance of tithing, giving, stewardship and sacrifice that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be preached to the whole world. We have entered the Bold Mission Thrust with the purpose of preaching the gospel to all the world by the year 2000. If we are to do this I believe there are some commitments and changes that need to be made.

(1) I believe the Great Commission was given to the first Baptist church Jesus organized and empowered. I believe God will hold Baptist people responsible for the Great Commission. There are many new religious organizations in our community that the Lord had nothing to do with. The Lord will hold the church he organized and commissioned to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. I noticed in the Mar. 15 issue of WR on the front page the words "The Nations Largest Protestant Denomination." There is not one Baptist church in this country that is a Protestant church. We did not come out of the Protestant Reformation, then why are we referred to as Protestant? Jesus organized one church and commissioned it to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. That is the Great Commission and it is a Baptist mission.

(2) We must believe the infallible word of God. When was it that we began to see so many declines in Southern Baptist life? It was when some in our ranks began to teach and preach liberalism. God will show Southern Baptists how miserably we can fail until we all start believing that the Holy Bible is inspired of God. There was a time when nearly every Baptist believed in the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth of Christ, Heaven, Hell and the judgment, but today liberalism and atheism have crept into our religious institutions and even into the churches. God will withhold his power until we get back to believing and teaching these great doctrinal truths.

(3) I believe that Baptists should preach in Baptist churches. We live in a time when Baptist churches are letting every denomination preach in their church. One preaches one thing and another something else, and this confuses the already confused members until they don't know what to believe.

The philosophy of today is "try to get along with everybody except the Lord and his word." If we plan to evangelize the world by the year 2000 we better get on the Lord's side and on the Bible's side, and by so doing, have the Lord on our side.

I believe that the people in my church and many others like it would sacrifice and try to double their efforts to make Christ known around the world if only we would be Baptist, and do what God commissioned Baptists to do.

C. C. Brasher Jr., Pastor
Briensburg Baptist Church
Benton, Ky.

An X-Rated State Paper?

I wish to make a modest proposal to the editorial staff of the Western Recorder, namely that there should be two editions of the WR. The first should be for non-Christians and those young in faith; the second, an x-rated edition for hardened Christians. The essential difference in the two editions would be the Baptist Forum would appear only in the x-rated edition.

I have concluded that non-Christians and baby Christians might be adversely affected by a constant diet of backbiting and in-fighting which we grown-up Christians have learned to love. They probably would not be biblically literate enough to enjoy the use of scripture to club one's opponent nor could they appreciate fully the skill of tying various verses together out of context so they can be used to prove any point under the sun. They wouldn't even enjoy the game of "who can make the outlandish claims for the scriptures and our denomination?"

I feel that it is our duty to protect our prospects and babes in Christ from these treasured pastimes lest they in their innocence begin to quote the good book at us saying, "Christ said, 'By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another' and 'If any man says that he loves God and

hates his brother, he is a liar.'" I think that you can see how uncomfortable, perhaps even untenable, our position might become.

As Baptists we have the right and privilege, nay the duty to denounce, condemn, castigate and malign each other in Christian love. Therefore, in accordance with the Baptist doctrine of self-preservation, we ought to protect ourselves from the prying eyes of those who cannot fully appreciate these expressions of Christian concern.

Please do not talk to me about our using the Forum as a place to reach out to one another, to promote understanding, to share visions and testimonies or to exhort one another to greater service. I have considered all of these things and believe my two edition proposal is the only plausible solution.

Now that I've had my little say we can get down to weightier matters such as "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" and "Who baptized John the Baptist and who signed his ordination certificate?"

Peter Ambrose
Frankfort

Alley Case Hurts Missions

We read your article, "Board Takes No Action on Alley." The statements of this man had already been brought to our attention by some people in our Bible study. We were unable at the time to answer their questions regarding how a man like this could have headed the religious department.

We are volunteers in Vermont trying to begin new Southern Baptist work. We have met a lot of opposition to Southern Baptists but when we were beginning to make progress, this incident with Alley was brought up. New Englanders reading or hearing about such an outrageous statement from a man in his position back away from Southern Baptist work of any kind.

If steps are not taken to keep Alley from being reinstated, much of the work and progress made by Southern Baptists in the north will be lost.

This situation is being watched from near and far and will have serious results in the pioneer area.

Oliver and Dona Lusk
Christian Service Corp.
Rutland, Vt.

Sex Life of Jesus

Concerning the obscene film and book of the sex life of Jesus, we were made aware of this by reading it in the Feb. 22 issue of WR. We think this is one of the most ungodly thoughts any one has come up with yet.

We find in the Bible that Jesus was a perfect man without blemish who knew no sin. Where else do we need to go to find out about Jesus Christ? There is no other place to go but the Bible. We pray that this man will never find anyone to produce this film of sin.

We at Bethany Baptist Church trust in the Lord that all other churches will also speak out against this as we have done.

Bethany Baptist Church read and approved this letter in business meeting on Wednesday night Mar. 8, 1978 by a unanimous vote of the church. One copy is to be sent to Grove Press, 196 West Houston, New York, N. Y. 10014.

Moderator Jesse L. Ladd
Clerk Boyce Ramey
Cadiz, Ky.

See Your Missionaries at Work

Each year many Baptists come to Nassau for vacations, and I'm sure some of these are Kentuckians. I would like to invite those who are here on Sundays to worship at Central Baptist Church.

Our church was organized by Southern Baptist missionaries in 1957 and has been served by missionary pastors for most of these years. My wife and I are serving as associate missionaries with the Foreign Mission Board and my major responsibility is working with Central Church.

We would be pleased to have visitors come and see

some of their mission work first-hand. If they will call 4-2147, 4-2873 or 3-2064 by 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, we will have someone pick them up at their hotel or cruise ship. Those who might have transportation will find our church just off Prince Charles on Jean Street in Gleniston Gardens. There is a Central Baptist Church sign on Prince Charles. We are across the street from the Bahamas Southern Baptist Mission and Bible Institute. Our address is P.O. Box 5616, Nassau, Bahamas.

J. R. Covington
Nassau, Bahamas

Exclude Wayward in Love

The history of the mixed multitude repeats itself.

Southern Baptists have 13,000,000 members, 5000 missionaries and we contribute \$300 million annually to missions. What a glorious thrill!

But an awful chill cools that thrill. There is a decline in baptisms and also in S. S. enrollment as well as in WMS membership and Brotherhood work. Of several possibilities, one major cause is the mixed multitude. Visible activities have been magnified above invisible worship (II Cor. 4:18; John 4:24). Members can be received without divine power but they can not be converted without it. Many are not counselled before baptism or instructed afterward. Hence, some drop out.

In one church of 500 a man absent for five years was nominated to be a deacon. This church practically disregarded the four wonderful Training Union "drop out" lessons. Another church with 85 drop outs adopted the suggested program of discipline. It learned one of its drop outs had joined two other churches and had been excluded from both. But his name was still on the original roll.

God desires a separated people—not a mixed multitude. While some consider discipline outdated, it is still unquestionably taught in the scriptures. (i.e. II Thess. 3:6). Explaining the tares parable, Jesus plainly said the field is the world (not the church!). Wayward members who will not repent when counselled in a spirit of brotherly love should be excluded. Not in a "Kick 'em out" attitude, but with a vision of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem.

Clifton F. Bridges
Crossville, Tn.

Los Angeles, No; BMT, Yes

Please let me suggest an idea and a conviction I have had for some time.

We are told by the Home Mission Board that there are some 600 counties in the far west and northwest sections of our country where there is no evangelical witness—no Baptist church. The executive secretaries of the pioneer states have indicated there are many great cities and not enough churches or workers or money to do the job needed any time in the near future.

Why not do something BOLD! Why not recommend to the next Southern Baptist Convention that we cancel the convention in 1981 and ask our churches to spend the millions of dollars they would spend to send their pastors and church staff to the Southern Baptist Convention to send them into these needy areas for two weeks to establish new churches and to confront the people with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Add to this group the staff of every state convention and every Southern Baptist Convention agency and we could really do something about this need.

We could vote a two-year budget in the 1980 Convention and assign to the Executive Committee any convention needs that would arise in 1981.

This is bold, big and challenging! It could be done if we dared! It would give Bold Mission Thrust the push forward it needs.

There will be a lot of reasons some will give not to do it. But think what it would mean to the work of our Lord if this host of workers went into these areas to do this in our home land. The Home Mission Board and state conventions could coordinate it. The Brotherhood and the WMU could recruit lay persons to join in.

Let's do it—for Jesus' sake!

George E. Bagley
Montgomery, Ala.

Baptist News in Brief

Seminary Trustees OK New Campus Plan Exceeding \$8 Million Over 11 Years

The board of trustees of Southern Seminary, meeting in annual session on the campus in Louisville, adopted in principle a new campus master plan for improvements totaling more than \$8 million over the next 11-year period.

The board also promoted Arthur L. Walker to vice president for student affairs, promoted seven professors, granted tenure to two and approved an annual budget of \$6 million for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

The master plan, which proposes the creation of a "pedestrian core" in the

center of the campus excluding auto traffic, calls for immediate renovation of the Carver Building, built in 1940 to house the Woman's Missionary Union Training School. Renovating of classes in Norton Hall and providing 200 additional parking spaces are included.

Long range proposals are a new student center, enlargement of the School of Church Music building (Cooke Hall) and parking and landscaping improvements.

Walker, dean of student affairs since 1976, is a native of Birmingham, Ala.

and a former administrator and professor at Samford University.

Promoted to full professor were Lucien Coleman, religious education; William R. Cromer, religious education; Lewis A. Drummond, evangelism; and Marvin E. Tate, Old Testament. Promoted to associate professor were C. Anne Davis, social work education; Wade Rowatt, psychology of religion; and Frank Tupper, Christian theology. Rowatt and Tupper were also granted academic

tenures.

The trustees honored Eric S. Rust, senior professor of Christian philosophy, who is retiring after 25 years.

Elected as officers were Joseph E. Stopher, Louisville, reelected chairman; T. T. Crabtree, Springfield, Mo., first vice chairman and chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Edward Byrd, Florence, S. C., second vice chairman; and Cleve Her III, Louisville, reelected secretary.

Carter Visits Baptist Heads of State

President Jimmy Carter's visit with the heads of state of Nigeria and Liberia, both of whom are Baptists, points up the prominence of Baptists in these two West African nations, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official believes.

John E. Mills, the board's area secretary for West Africa, said the visit of Carter, an active Southern Baptist, will give Baptists in West Africa a "new sense of pride and a new sense of prominence."

The president, who stopped in Nigeria and Liberia on the final swing of his seven-day tour of South America and Africa, attended church April 2 with the Nigerian head of state, Olusegun Obasanjo, at the First Baptist

Church in Lagos.

Southern Baptist work in Nigeria dates back to 1850. At the end of 1977, the Nigerian Baptist Convention reported 780 churches, 1,620 mission points and a membership of 200,000. That makes it one of the 10 leading Baptist populations in the world, according to Baptist World Alliance figures.

In Liberia, Carter met with President William R. Tolbert Jr., who also is a Baptist pastor, president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Education Convention and a former president of the Baptist World Alliance. The Liberian convention has 160 churches, 34 mission points and a membership of 30,000.

Skip 1981 Convention?

Southern Baptists should skip their 1981 annual convention, scheduled for June 9-11 in Los Angeles, says George Bagley executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama State Convention.

Bagley said in an open letter to state Baptist newspaper editors that the "millions of dollars" spent on a convention could better be used establishing churches in the far west and northwest as part of Bold Mission Thrust.

He wants to use the money normally

spent sending pastors and church staff to the convention to send them and staff members of "every state convention and every Southern Baptist Convention agency" into "needy areas for two weeks to establish new churches and to confront the people with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Bagley would have voters at the 1980 convention adopt a two-year budget and assign to the SBC Executive Committee responsibility to handle needs that would arise in 1981.

Mo. to Show Us How?

A form of a tuition tax relief bill that is struggling at the national level and that has been called "unconstitutional" by Attorney General Griffin Bell has been passed by the Missouri State Senate.

The Missouri Senate version of a parochial aid bill would allow up to a \$500 tax deduction to parents of parochial and private school children for tuition and other expenses. The national version, introduced by U. S. Senators Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N. Y. would allow up to a \$500 tax credit.

The bill's sponsor, Democratic majority leader John Schneider of St. Louis, said, "What we are debating here is a concept. If families choose to send the children to private schools, which may be religious, this bill says we are not going to tax them for it."

Evangelism Seminar Set

The Evangelism departments of the Home Mission Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention will conduct a seminar on "Growing and Evangelistic Church," May 22-24 at Cedarmore.

The seminar will reveal a strategy whereby churches of every size can develop an evangelistic program. This strategy has been taught at the National Evangelism Training Center in Atlanta for a number of years. The Kentucky Department of Evangelism is cooperating to make this available to

CP Gifts Gain 15%

National Southern Baptist Convention receipts total \$18,269,406 in Cooperative Program budget contributions and \$59,425,427 in total contributions after the first six months of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Total contributions include the Cooperative Program figure, made up of undesignated contributions for world mission needs of SBC agencies, and another \$31,156,021 in designated contributions.

The Cooperative Program figure is

running 9.34 percent ahead of the same period last year, and the total contributions show a 10.38 percent increase.

During March, the sixth month of the fiscal year, Cooperative Program contributions totaled \$4,740,260, or 15.26 percent ahead of March, 1977, and total gifts amounted to \$11,743,402, or 15.20 percent ahead of last March. The total gifts included \$7,003,142 in designated gifts, a 15.16 percent increase over last March.

MKs Meet President But Don't Believe It!

President Jimmy Carter's five-hour visit to Liberia included an unscheduled stop at the Southern Baptist MK (missionary kids) Hostel in Congotown.

Six Southern Baptist missionaries had been part of the greeting party at the airport as the Carters arrived Apr. 3. As the Carters and William R. Tolbert Jr., president of Liberia, proceeded down the receiving line, the missionaries mentioned the Mission Service Corps, a project for volunteers overseas suggested last year by Carter. They asked the two presidents to look for a banner the MKs had prepared as the motorcade passed the hostel on its way to the executive mansion.

The MKs were waiting with a huge sign on a van parked in front of the MK hostel, or dormitory. Seeing the sign which read, "Your Southern Baptist Missionary Kids Say Hi, Y'all," the presidents and their wives all waved.

In the glow of recognition, the MKs changed the banner to read "Bye" instead of "Hi" as the motorcade returned to the airport. They were surprised when the presidential limousine stopped in front of the MKs. Jimmy, Rosalynn and Amy Carter and William and Victoria Tolbert got out.

They exchanged greetings, handshakes, hugs and a kiss or two. The press took pictures. After about five minutes they said goodbye, and the motorcade proceeded to the airport.

The MKs spent the rest of the day saying, "I don't believe it."

A Florida Bondito?

Cease and desist orders have been issued by the state of Florida against three organizations to stop the sale of religious securities.

The Michigan Baptist Foundation, a Florida corporation with offices in Ft. Myers; University Prep, Inc., of Orlando; and the Oxford Foundation of Leesburg sold bonds under an exemption from Florida security registration and disclosure laws

accorded religious and non-profit groups without disclosing required data to investors, according to a report in Religious News Service.

Two civil suits also were filed against the Michigan Baptist Foundation, accociated with the American Baptist Church, claiming it had issued an estimated \$9.1 million in bonds to finance construction of a retirement center in west Florida.

ATLANTA BONANZA

The impressive Atlanta skyline in the background [foreground] at 1350 Spring St., N.W., which includes the Baptist Home Mission Board many SBC visitors are expected to tour this June.



What's Happening On Peachtree Street U.S.A.?

Southern Baptist "saints" go marching in to the capital of Georgia June 11-16 and will probably leave an imprint on the city which Atlantans have not witnessed since Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's visit 114 years earlier.

Preliminary meetings, including the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Religious Education Association, Church Music Conference and Woman's Missionary Union annual session are all scheduled simultaneously around town Sunday and Monday of that week.

The 121st annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention gets underway Tuesday morning, June 13, in the Georgia World Congress Center. Under the banner "Bold Mission Thrust—If it is to be, it's up to me!" the three-day convention will draw in excess of 16,000 messengers (officially elected representatives) from churches in every state.

Another 10,000-plus will visit the convention, sitting in on some sessions and taking in some of the Peach State's major attractions (Cyclorama, Six Flags Over Georgia, Stone Mountain, Kingdoms Three, Atlanta Braves, Underground Atlanta, Theater of the Stars, and more). To be sure, Southern Baptists won't be lacking for something to do.

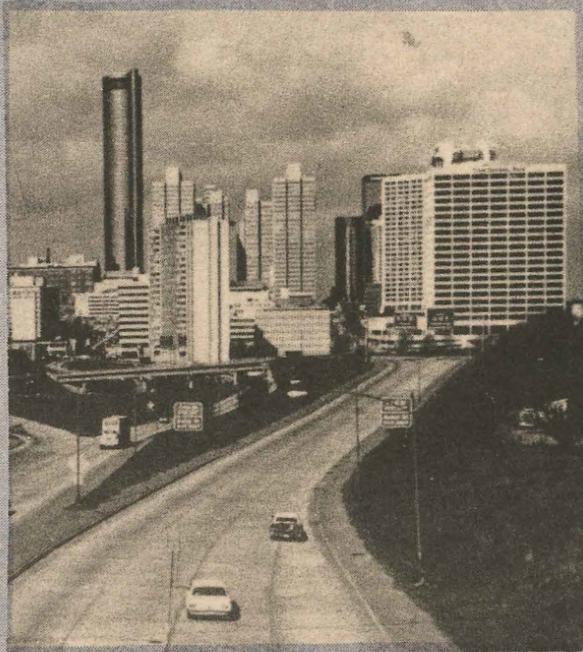
Topping it all off, there's an added bonus for those attending this year's convention. The Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, will host a National Conference of Baptist Men Friday, June 16, the day following the SBC's conclusion, at the Omni coliseum. President Jimmy Carter is expected to be principal speaker for that event.

Western Recorder will keep Kentuckians abreast of the action with reports from its on-the-scene news staff. The four-page pull out and keep section you hold in your hand is an important part of preliminary coverage as it includes all major convention agendas already released.

A related article, "SBC on a Shoestring," in the April issue of The Baptist Program magazine, suggests many ways for the average Baptist to cut his travel costs to the convention this year, and is worth scanning.

The Bluegrass State should be well represented when those "saints" go marching down Peachtree Street this June. It promises to be a sight that would have dazzled even old Sherman's eyes!

ATLANTA BONANZA



Atlanta's skyline looking east to west. The Atlanta Center, Ltd. complex is shown to right.



Atlanta's Grant Park features the Cyclorama, a 400 ft. painting in the round of the Battle of Atlanta, 1864.

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Georgia World Congress Center Sunday Evening, June 11

- 8:25 Welcome—Bailey Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
 8:30 Music—Roswell Street Baptist Church, Choir, Marietta, Ga.
 6:55 Congregational Singing (Commitment Medley)—Aubie McSwain, minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
 7:00 Message—Fred W. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit
 7:30 Testimony—David Ring, evangelist, Liberty, Mo.
 7:45 Solo—Richard Bradford, minister of music, FBC, Albuquerque
 7:50 Offertory—The Witnesses, First Southern Baptist Church
 8:00 Address—Anita Bryant, Miami
 8:30 Solo—D'Arcy Hodges, music evangelist, Oklahoma City
 8:35 Message—John Bisagno, pastor, FBC, Houston
 9:15 Benediction—Sandra (Mrs. Bailey) Smith, Del City, Okla.

Monday Morning, June 12

- 9:15 Hymn
 9:20 Prayer—Morris Chapman, pastor, FBC, Albuquerque
 9:25 Music—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York
 9:30 Message—Don Moore, pastor, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas
 9:55 Music—The Centurymen
 10:00 Message—Billy Weber, pastor, Northway Baptist Church, Dallas
 10:25 Music—The Centurymen
 10:30 Message—Jim Henry, pastor, FBC, Orlando
 10:55 Offering
 11:00 Music—The Griffin Family, music evangelists, Rusk, Tex.
 11:05 Message—Sam Cathey, evangelist, Owassa, Okla.
 11:30 Solo—James Wright, music evangelist, Nashville
 11:35 Message—Fred W. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit
 12:05 Benediction—Bill Lewis, pastor, North Main Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

Monday Afternoon, June 12

- 1:45 Music—The Oklahoma City Junior Symphony and The Witnesses, Del City, Okla.
 1:55 Congregational Singing (Name of Jesus Medley)—Aubie McSwain
 2:00 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
 2:25 Solo—Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
 2:30 Message—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, FBC, Euless, Tex.
 2:55 Congregational Singing (Cross Medley)—Aubie McSwain
 3:00 Election of Officers
 3:10 Offertory—The Revolution, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City
 3:20 Message—Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, SBC FMB, Richmond
 3:45 Music—The Bernard Family, music evangelists, Houston
 3:50 Broadman Press presentation of book, "Real Evangelism"—Joe Johnson, BSSB, Nashville
 3:55 Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas
 4:30 Benediction—Rod Masteller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jenks, Okla.

Monday Evening, June 12

- 6:30 Song and Testimony—Wanda Jackson and Wendell Goodman, Del City, Okla.
 7:00 Congregational Singing (Return of Christ Medley)—Aubie McSwain
 7:05 Scripture and Prayer—Robert Harris, Del City
 7:10 Message—Tom Eliff, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa
 7:40 Award Winning Sermons presentation—James C. Barry, Nashville
 7:45 Solo—John McKay, music director, James Robinson Evangelistic Assoc., Hurst, Tex.
 7:50 Testimony—Marolyn Ford, Huttig, Ark.
 8:10 Offering and Congregational Singing (Grace Medley)—Aubie McSwain
 8:15 Music—Chancel Choir, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Aubie McSwain
 8:50 Message—James Robinson, evangelist, Hurst, Tex.
 9:35 Benediction—O. S. Hawkins, pastor, Ada, Okla.

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Atlanta Civic Center

Sunday Afternoon and Evening

- Praise: "I Love Thee"—Congregation
 The Centurymen in Concert, Buryl Red, New York
 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"—Congregation
 Worship: Helen E. Falls, professor of missions, New Orleans Seminary
 Prayer: Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville
 Feature: Discovery—Beverly Hammack, assistant director, Department of Christian Social Ministries, SBC HMB, Atlanta
 —Dan B. Martin, editor, news services, HMB, Atlanta
 —William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, SBC FMB, Richmond
 —Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, FMB, Richmond
 Commitment: Prayertime led by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., president, WMU, auxiliary to SBC
 Praise: "Joy to the World"—Congregation

Monday Morning, June 12, 9:30 a.m.

- Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans
 Praise: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"—Congregation
 Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, lecturer, Houston
 Response of Career Missionaries
 —Mrs. A. J. Silva, home missionary, Atlanta
 —Fayiz Sakmini, home missionary, Smyrna, Ga.
 —Crea Ridenour, foreign missionary, Colombia
 —Other missionaries (to be announced)

- Prayer: James H. Landes, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas
 Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"—Congregation
 Promotion Feature: Teach Missions—B. R. Yarborough, pastor, and Mrs. Edwin Howard, WMU director, First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.
 Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel
 Praise: "Jesus is All the World to Me"—Congregation
 Special Music
 Address: "By His Grace"—Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, author, wife, mother, lecturer, Cincinnati
 Prayer: Dorothy Pryor, executive secretary-treasurer, Georgia WMU, Atlanta

Monday Afternoon, June 12, 2:00 p.m.

- Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans
 Praise: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"—Congregation
 Business: Election of Officers
 Promotion Feature: Baptist Women Year in the Church—Mrs. Robert Calvert, homemaker and writer, Piedmont, Ala.
 Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston
 Response of Short-Term Volunteers
 —Dr. and Mrs. Lee N. Allen and Leland and Leslie Allen, Birmingham
 —Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miner, Birmingham
 —Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lee, Mencomonie, Wisc.
 —Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, Pittsburg

- Prayer: Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, SBC WMU and now consultant, SBC FMB, Richmond
 Special Music
 Address: "The Response to World Hunger"—John R. Cheyne, associate coordinator, hunger relief and disaster response, FMB, Richmond
 Prayer: Mrs. Kathryn Grant, Beltsville, Md., executive director, District of Columbia WMU

Monday Evening, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

- Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans
 Praise: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"—Congregation
 "O Zion Haste"—Congregation
 Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham
 Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston
 Response of Church WMU Leaders
 —Mrs. Joyce Irons, Colfax, West Va.
 —Miss Toni Berry, Pensacola, Fla.
 —Mrs. John Isaacs, Tallahassee, Fla.
 —Mrs. Harold Burrell, Metter, Ga.
 —Mrs. Eva Marie Dyke, Springfield, Va.
 Prayer: Mrs. Robert Fling, promotion associate in new areas, SBC WMU, Birmingham
 Praise: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"—Congregation
 Feature: Response of Women Working Together—Mrs. John W. Williams, Kansas City, Mo., president, North American Baptist Women's Union
 Special Music
 Challenge Address: "Response to Bold Mission"—Grady C. Cothen, president, BSSB, Nashville
 Benediction: Jimmy R. Allen, president, SBC, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio

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Sunday Afternoon, June 11

2:00-5:00 Registration and exhibits open

Sunday Evening, June 11

- 7:00 Music—Roy Lee Williams, leader, church services director, Union Baptist Association, Houston
William M. Carmichael, pianist, adult consultant, Church Training Department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville
- 7:10 Scripture and Prayer
- 7:15 Welcome—Searcy Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer, Georgia Baptists
- 7:30 Let's Just Praise the Lord—A Testimony of Religious Education in Our Church—Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor, Frances Hendricks, education director for Church Training, and Guinell Freeman, education director for Sunday School, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- 7:50 Special Music
- 7:55 My Dream for Discipleship Development—Roy Edgemon, secretary, Church Training Department, Nashville
Reception—hosted by Atlanta Religious Education Association

Monday Morning, June 12

- 8:50 Music—Roy Lee Williams, Houston, and William Carmichael, Jacksonville
- 9:00 Let's Just Praise the Lord—A Testimony of Religious Education in Our Church—Adrian Rogers, pastor, and Elmer F. Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
- 9:20 Caring for One Another as Religious Educators—C. Winfield Rich, minister of administration and education, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville

- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Special Music
- 10:20 Caring for New Religious Education People—Russell H. Dilday, president-elect, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth
- 10:45 Special Presentation—Broadman Press
- 11:00 Caring for Families of Religious Educators—J. Allan Petersen, president, Family Concern, Inc., Wheaton, Ill.
- 12:15 Luncheon, Lawrence R. Klempnauer, Fort Worth, presiding
- 1:00 Music—The Centurymen
- 1:30 Let's Just Praise the Lord—A Testimony of Religious Education in our Church—John Bisagno, pastor, and Harry Piland, former minister of education, First Baptist Church, Houston
- 1:55 A Church Reaching Out Through Mission Strategy—William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, HMB, Atlanta
- 2:30 Adjourn

Monday Evening, June 12

- 6:45 Music—Roy Lee Williams, Houston, and William M. Carmichael, Jacksonville
- 7:00 Let's Just Praise the Lord—A Testimony of Religious Education in Our Church—Billy Crosby, pastor, and John Griffin, minister of education, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport
- 7:20 A Church Reaching Out Through Vistas of Leadership Development—Reggie McDonough, secretary, Church Administration Department, SSB, BSSB, Nashville
- 7:55 Business Session
Committee Reports (Findings, Nominating)
Financial Report
Miscellaneous Report
- 8:25 Special Music
- 8:30 A Church Reaching Out Through Bible Study—Harry Piland, secretary, Sunday School Department, Nashville



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Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Sunday Evening, June 11

- 7:30 Presiding—James McKinney, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Coordinator—Wade Davis, Atlanta, Ga.
Call to Order
Welcome—Jack Gantt, minister of music, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta
Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, minister of music and organist, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta
Mini-Concert—Older Children's Choir, Central Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.
Mini-Concert—Youth Choirs, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
Mini-Concert—Senior High Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church, Valdosta, Ga.
Mini-Concert—Church Choir, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
Congregational Worship
Mini-Concert—Church Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
Mini-Concert—Church Choir, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta
Premiere of anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference: Psalm 8, written by Robert H. Young, school of music, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and performed by church choir, Wieuca Road Baptist Church
- 9:30 Reception for the conference, hosted by the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference

Monday Morning, June 12

- 8:45 Presiding—A. L. "Pete" Butler, Ada, Okla.
Coordinator—D. Neil Darnell, Wichita Falls, Tex.
Welcome—James Davidson, president, Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference
Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta
- 9:00 Mini-Concert—Youth Handbell Choirs, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
- 9:15 President's Address—James McKinney, Ft. Worth, Tex., "The Church Musician's Dilemma"
- 9:25 Mini-Concert—The Mississippi Singing Churchmen, directed by Dan C. Hall, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.
- 9:45 Business Session
Introduction of New Vice-Presidents
Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships

- 10:00 Exhibit Break
- 10:30 Presiding—Max Lyall, Mill Valley, Calif.
Coordinator—Ronnie Smith, Campbellsville, Ky.
Mini-Concert—Church Choir, Peachtree City (Ga.) Baptist Church
- 10:50 Address—"The Primacy of Worship," J. Dan Cooper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.
- 11:00 Divisional Meetings
Local Church Division—A. L. Butler, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program—Panel Discussion on "The Minister of Music—His Professional and Personal Priorities, Today and Tomorrow," Thad Roberts, moderator
Denominational Division—Allen Brown, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program—Symposium on "How Denominational Members Can Be More Effectively Involved in the SBCMC," Allen Brown, convener
Education Division—Max Lyall, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program—"Rhythmic Style in Renaissance and Baroque Choral Music," John Haberlen, Georgia State University, Atlanta
- 12:00 Lunch

Monday Afternoon, June 12

- 1:30 Presiding—Allen Brown, Richmond, Va.
Coordinator—Jack Carter, Norfolk, Va.
Composers Concert—honoring Southern Baptist Convention Composers residing east of the Mississippi River
The Sons of Jubal, directed by Paul McCommon, secretary, Department of Church Music, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta
The Jubalheirs, directed by Wade Davis, associate, Department of Church Music, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta
- 2:00 Congregational Worship: Worship Leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta
- 2:10 Address—"The Role of Women in the Ministry," John Claypool, pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.
Address—"The Problems of Women in Church Leadership Positions," Gladys Lewis, writer and speaker, Midwest City, Okla.
- 2:40 Mini-Concert—Church Choir, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Clarkesville, Ga.

- 3:00 Exhibit Break
- 3:30 Mini-Concert—Youth Choir, Green Acres Baptist Church, Athens, Ga.
- 4:00 Interest Sessions—General Theme: "What's New?"
1) "What's New in the Music Education of Children?"—Terry Kirkland, children's music editor and recording specialist, Church Music Department, BSSB, Nashville, Tenn.
2) "What's New in Missions?"—Ralph West, process coordinator, Mission Service Corps, Atlanta; William R. O'Brien, secretary, Department of Denominational Coordination, FMB, Richmond, Va.
3) "What's New in Music Drama and Multi-Media?"—Everett Robertson, Church Recreation Department, BSSB, Nashville
4) "What's New in Service Materials for Organists?"—Mrs. Eugene Martin, organist, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta
5) "What's New in Service Materials for Pianists?"—Ron Boud, assistant professor of piano, Southern Seminary, Louisville
6) "What's New in Sound Systems and Auditorium Acoustics?"—Elton Sparrow, vice-president, broadcast engineering, Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth
7) "What's New in Techniques for Teaching Avant Garde Choral Music to Your Choir?"—A. Joseph King, associate professor of church music education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth

Monday Evening, June 12

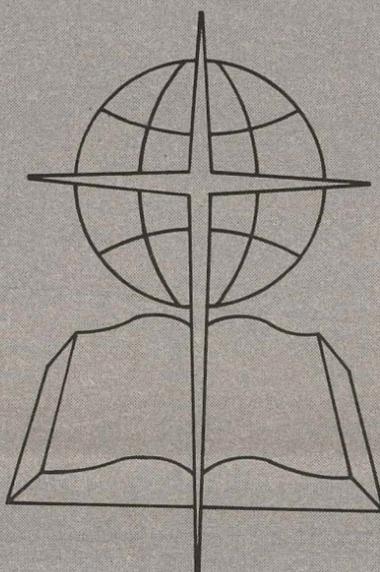
- 7:30 Presiding—James McKinney, president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference
Coordinator—Jack Gantt, Atlanta
Presentation of New Council Members
Congregational Worship: Worship Leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta
Mini-Concert—Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga.
Mini-Recital—Albert L. Travis, organ, associate professor of organ, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth
Mini-Recital—Mona Goff Bond, contralto, artist in residence, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Congregational Worship
Mini-Concert—The Centurymen
Mini-Concert—The Atlanta Boys Choir
Benediction—Thad Roberts, Houston, Tex.

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Tuesday Morning, June 13

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs, Paul McCommon and Wade Davis, Atlanta
- 9:30 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Paul McCommon
Scripture
Prayer
- 9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville
Report of Committee on Order of Business—Marian Grant, Raleigh, N. C., chairman
- 9:55 Welcome—George Busbee, Governor of Georgia
- 10:05 Response
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:30 Congregational Singing, Paul McCommon
- 10:35 Music—Lanny Allen, San Antonio
- 10:40 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio
- 11:10 Report of Executive Committee (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville
- 11:40 Business:
Introduction of Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30 Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon, June 13

- 2:00 Music For Inspiration—Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga., Hildegard Stanley, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Charles Muller, Columbia, S. C.
Scripture
Prayer
- 2:45 Election of Officers
- 2:55 Reports:
Executive Committee (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville
- 3:35 Home Mission Board—William G. Tanner, Atlanta
- 3:55 Sunday School Board—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville
- 4:15 Education Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville
- 4:25 Business:
Introduction of Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business
- 4:45 Benediction

Tuesday Evening, June 13

- 7:00 Music For Inspiration—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, N. Y. City
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville
- 7:35 Scripture
Prayer
- 7:45 Business:
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 8:05 “My Church in Bold Mission Thrust”
—The Centurymen, Buryl Red
—Jeannette Clift George, Houston
—William G. Tanner, Atlanta
—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville
“If it is to be, it's up to me!”
- 9:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, Morning, June 14

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Singing Churchmen and Women of S. C., Thomas H. Westmoreland, Columbia, S. C.
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—James C. McKinney, Ft. Worth
Scripture
Prayer
- 9:45 Election of Officers
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:15 Reports:
Committee on Committees
- 10:20 Committee on Boards
- 10:25 Foreign Mission Board—Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond
- 10:45 Annuity Board—Darold Morgan, Dallas
- 10:55 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, Nashville
- 11:05 Woman's Missionary Union—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham
- 11:15 Congregational Singing—James C. McKinney
- 11:20 Music—William R. O'Brien, Richmond
- 11:25 Annual Convention Sermon—Jesse C. Fletcher, Abilene, Tex.
- 11:55 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction

**No Sessions Wednesday Afternoon
Open For Other Events**

Wednesday Evening, June 14

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration—Union Baptist Church, Atlanta, Mrs. Emma McCall, director
- 6:55 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville
- 7:05 Scripture
Prayer
- 7:15 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
- 7:30 “My Life in Bold Mission Thrust”
—Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, La.
—Missionaries
—Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond
“If it is to be, it's up to me!”
- 9:00 Adjourn

Thursday Morning, June 15

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Louisiana College Choir, Pineville, Arnold Epley, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—John V. Glover Jr.
Scripture
Prayer
- 9:45 Reports:
Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Ft. Worth
- 10:00 Six SBC Seminaries—Landrum Leavell II, New Orleans
- 10:15 Stewardship Commission—A. R. Fagan, Nashville
- 10:25 Music—Joseph Blanton, Raleigh, N. C.
- 10:30 “The Power of Television, a Status Report”—Media presentation with well-known TV personalities (to be announced)
“Morality in Television—A Plan for Action”—Harry N. Hollis Jr., Nashville
- 11:00 Reports:
Historical Commission—Lynn May, Nashville
- 11:10 Southern Baptist Foundation—Hollis E. Johnson, Nashville
- 11:20 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville
- 11:25 Brotherhood Commission—Glendon McCullough, Memphis
- 11:35 Committee on Baptist State Papers—H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, chairman
- 11:45 Business:
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction

Thursday Afternoon, June 15

- 1:30 Music For Inspiration—Parade of Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Richard Barrett, Bremen, Ga.
Scripture
Prayer
- 2:45 Reports:
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—James E. Wood Jr., Washington, D. C.
- 2:55 Baptist World Alliance—Robert E. Denny, Washington, D. C.
- 3:05 Denominational Calendar—William T. Branon, Glendale, Ariz.
- 3:10 Music—Cynthia Clawson, Nashville
- 3:15 “America's Need for Spiritual Awakening”—Martin Luther King Sr., Atlanta
- 3:45 Prayer Service for Spiritual Awakening—Forrest Feezor, Shelby, N. C.

Thursday Evening, June 15

- 7:00 Music For Inspiration—Massed Men's Choir, Paul McCommon, Atlanta
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville
- 7:35 Scripture
Prayer
- 7:45 “My Family in Bold Mission Thrust”
D. Elton Trueblood, Earham, Pa., “The Family in Crisis”
—Ken Medema, Upper Montclair, N. Y.
—Angela Cofer, Baton Rouge
—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio
“If it is to be, it's up to me!”
- 9:30 Adjourn

Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Arlis Harris to Camp Ground

Camp Ground Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has called Arlis Harris as pastor. Harris served Weaver Baptist Church for five years previously.

Poplar Springs Taps Adams

Ronnie Adams has resigned the pastorate of Blandville Baptist Church, West Union Association, to accept the Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Immanuel, Paducah Calls Cubine

William P. Cubine, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Paris, has been called to the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, effective May 7.

A native Louisvillian, Cubine is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He recently completed requirements for the D.Min. degree at Lexington Theological Seminary.

Cubine's earlier pastorates in the state include Jamestown and Burlington Baptist churches. He is a trustee of Georgetown College.

Mrs. Cubine is the former Mary McMakin of LaGrange. The Cubines are parents of Mark, 20, Vanderbilt University student, and Susan, 16, student at Bourbon County High School.



Cubine

Oldham

Ordinations

Sing Oldham New Minister

Sing Oldham was ordained to the ministry Feb. 25 by Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green. His father, Roger Oldham, brought the ordination message and his uncle, Richard Oldham, led the interrogation. Byron Simmons, Southern Seminary student, brought the charge to the preacher and the church.

Sing has been called to Emmanuel Baptist Church, Forest City, Ark. He is a graduate of Iroquois High School, Louisville, and Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He is presently a first year student at Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Memphis.

St. Matthews Breaks Ground

Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church has broken ground on a \$1 million addition and approved renovation of present educational space.

When completed, a three-story educational structure and a two-story Christian activities building will be provided on the church's north side. In addition, at some future date the church plans to construct a new 1500-seat auditorium on its present property.

Five houses owned by the church fronting on Nanz Ave. were demolished to provide space for the two new wings.

Ground-breaking services Mar. 19 also included a note burning ceremony signifying debt retirement on all of the church's present facilities and properties.



Together we build. Turning the first spade of dirt for St. Matthews Baptist Church's construction project are [l-r] Larry Melillo, architect; A. B. Harmon, building committee chairman; J. Altus Newell, pastor; and Jim Struck, contractor's representative.

Congregations

Bethel, Logan Host Seminary

Southern Seminary Day will be observed in several churches of Bethel and Logan Baptist associations Sunday, Apr. 30. Faculty and student ministers will preach in churches in Russellville, Elkton, Auburn, Lewisburg, Adairville, Trenton, Guthrie and Clifty.

Eugene Fleming Re-elected Officer

The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville, has re-elected Eugene Fleming, pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklin, its secretary. Officers and committee chairmen constitute the commission's executive committee.

Deaths

L. E. Whitlow, 97, died Feb. 5. Memorial services were conducted at Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church Feb. 7 with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park. A well known Kentucky Baptist preacher, Whitlow served several central Kentucky pastorates, including Muldraugh Hill, near Lebanon; Palestine and Mt. Gilboa near Campbellsville; and Bethlehem, near Springfield.

Mrs. Shirley Bradley Raglin died Mar. 31 in Harlan where her husband serves as a black Baptist pastor. Mrs. Raglin was widely known for her performance as a soloist with the Harlan Boys' Choir and she and her husband contributed greatly to racial understanding in the community. Funeral services were conducted at Harlan Baptist Church Apr. 4 with Harlan Baptist Church pastor Richard DeBell and G. M. Smith officiating.

J. J. Bowman, former Kentucky pastor, died in Lynchburg, Va., in February. Bowman was a native of Bowling Green, a graduate of the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor at Auburn and at Cadiz before moving to Virginia where he served pastorates until his retirement.

First Baptist Church, Mayfield, passed a resolution on the life of Marshall H. McNeely, longtime member of the church who "demonstrated an unusual devotion in faithfulness and service." McNeely died Feb. 10 after 32 years of service in the church as a teacher, mission worker, Brotherhood leader, church visitor and deacon.

Fulton Baptists Will Mark 100 Years Sunday

by Mary Hughes Burrow

First Baptist Church, Fulton, will celebrate the observance of its 100th anniversary Sunday, Apr. 16.

According to J. David Clapp, pastor, his hope on this occasion is "not that we might dwell upon either our past glories or failures; but rather that we might learn from them and press toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus."

A backward glance at these 100 years verifies the stability of this church. It has grown steadily from a handful of devoted Baptists to 923 members today. Forty-five people assembled in Fulton to organize a Baptist church in August 1877. The group constituted a church in January 1878. C. H. Hobbs, an associational missionary, and J. N. Hall played important roles in organizing the church. Hall, a forensic speaker and in demand as a defender of Baptist doctrine, became the first pastor.

In 1903 M. E. Dodd began a productive four-year ministry in Fulton. C. H. Warren was pastor 1919-34. Woodrow Fuller later led the church over a 5½-year period of growth. Now director of

the Missions Division, Florida Baptist Convention, Fuller will return Sunday to deliver the centennial sermon.

John David Laida was a strong pastor-administrator for eight years during the 50's, presiding over a period of unusual progress. James W. Best's eight-year pastorate developed him as a powerful pulpiteer. J. David Clapp is presently in his third year as pastor. During this time 128 members have been added.

The church assumed a mission in 1946 which was later constituted as South Fulton Baptist Church. Many members have also entered full time Christian service, including Warren Clapp, the late Joe Clapp Jr., Billy Taylor, H. L. Hardy Jr., Festus Robertson, Max Cannon, Mrs. Sara Jo Wright, Nina Worley, Mrs. Mary Grant DeMyer Goode, Ray Jackson and Bill Crouch.

All former pastors, members and friends have been invited to the centennial celebration, including morning and evening services and dinner at noon.

Sulphur Fork New Site For Land 'o Goshen

Constitution services for Goshen Baptist Church were held March 26 at St. Francis School on Hwy. 40 in north Oldham County. The new congregation was sponsored by Harrods Creek Baptist Church.

Baptists in the area began meeting May 1, 1977 and a property owner in the area has indicated a gift of property for construction of church facilities. In the constitution service 54 letters were granted by Harrods Creek Baptist Church to the new congregation. The service was presided over by Fred Grissom who has been serving as pastor of the chapel. The constituting sermon and the charge of the church

were delivered by Roy S. Thomas III, the pastor of Harrods Creek. Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary Franklin Owen brought greetings from the state convention.

Others participating were A. W. Walker, director of missions, Sulphur Fork Baptist Association; Douglas Olive, pastor, DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange; and Judge Wendell Moore, member of the Sulphur Fork Association missions committee.

The new congregation will use facilities of St. Francis School for the time being.

Christian Education

SBTS Staffers Receive Grants

Seven administrative staff members of Southern Seminary are among 23 nationwide recipients of study grants presented by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Grants will provide the recipients study leaves, conference participation or observation of administrative practices in other institutions.

Recipients are Eddie Ashmore, director of data processing; C. Richard Broome, treasurer; Darrel Bennett, assistant treasurer; Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs; Alicia (Tish) Gardner, supervisor of office services; T. J. McGlothlin, director of administrative services; and Gilbert Sanders, housekeeping supervisor.

Campbellsvillians Drink Coffee

Campbellsville College will host a coffee Apr. 15, 8-11 a.m. during the meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association at the Galt House in Louisville. Alumni and friends are invited to attend.

Georgetown Reelects Paul Parks

Paul Parks, Bowling Green, has been reelected chairman of the board of trustees at Georgetown College.

T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, was elected vice chairman and James Boyd, Lawrenceburg, was reelected secretary of the board.

The 36-member board is elected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Callaway Named Biblical Lit. V.P.

Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Old Testament archaeology at Southern Seminary was recently elected vice president of the Southeast Region Society of Biblical Literature, meeting

in Columbia, S. C.

The organization is made up of college, university and seminary professors involved with biblical religion.

As vice president Callaway will plan the program of the group's 1979 meeting in Atlanta.

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NOBTS Names New Registrar

Bart Neal, minister of music at Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, will succeed George Herndon as New Orleans Seminary registrar.

Neal is a candidate for the Doctor of Education degree.

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Acts 8:4-8, 14-25

After Stephen's martyrdom, the enemies of Christians in Jerusalem launched a fierce campaign to exterminate them. God permitted this so Christians would scatter and his Word would spread. It is obvious if his message were to be delivered, his messengers had to be scattered. Many times persecution has promoted the very thing it sought to destroy.

Among those scattered was Philip, the deacon, who fled and found refuge in the rather large city of Samaria. Here many citizens were given to excesses of idolatry and immorality. Philip was the first foreign missionary. Philip magnified the crucified, buried and risen Christ and the people responded. Many were saved and baptized.

In contrast with Philip, who represented possession, was Simon, a magician, who represented profession. The former was genuine but the latter was a counterfeit. Simon preyed on the credulity of all and received a rather lucrative income through his practice of magic. Simon did not hesitate to claim personal greatness and many did not deny his claim.

Simon was fascinated by Philip's preaching and miracles. Coveting the power Philip exercised, Simon decided it would be advantageous to him to make a profession of religion, be baptized and

become a member of the church.

Apostles in Jerusalem were informed about the achievements of the dispersed disciples. They were told Samaritans had been saved. Questioning the sincerity of these professions of faith they sent Peter and John to investigate the work, to give the converts additional instruction and to closely knit the bonds between younger and older Christians. Peter and John prayed and laid their hands upon the believers and the Holy Spirit was received by them. The breaking down of the "wall of partition" between Jerusalem and Samaria was acknowledged by the apostles in going there and in the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Imagining the Holy Spirit could be obtained with money, Simon offered to purchase it, hoping to gain popularity and additional revenue.

Indignant because of the attempt of Simon Magus to buy the power of God, Peter condemned Simon for his wickedness in wanting to exploit Christianity for personal gain. He urged him to repent of his sin and pray for forgiveness. His sinfulness never registered with Simon but he did ask Peter to pray he might escape punishment for saying and doing what he had. He was fearful but not penitent.

Life and Work Series

The Roots of Sin

Genesis 4:1-11, 15

The birth of a child is always an exciting event and one can imagine it was especially so when the first ever born came. To his parents his coming was a greater miracle than that of their own existence.

This boy was named "Cain," signifying a "possession" of great value. When their second son was born he was given the name "Abel," meaning "not lasting," prophetic of the brevity of his life.

These brothers were quite different in personalities and occupations. Abel chose the work of a shepherd, an honorable vocation during the early centuries. Cain chose a more active occupation and became a tiller of the soil.

Cain brought an offering from "the fruit of the grounds," in recognition of the fact that God was his Creator and was therefore worthy of his homage. Abel brought from "the firstlings of his flock," seeing his need for a covering of sin. Cain's thank-offering was a plea for forgiveness

but it was bloodless. Abel's sin-offering was one of blood and life.

When God rejected Cain's offering and accepted Abel's, Cain was offended.

Cain led his brother into a field where others would not see and killed Abel. This was premeditated killing. Cain proved he was under the control of Satan.

God observed and said, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain replied, "I know not." Thus Cain's sin of murder was followed by that of lying to God. The blood of Abel, soaking the ground where he had fallen, was even then crying out to God for justice.

God's judgment thrust Cain from his home and made him a vagabond and he was never able to get away from the cry of his brother's blood. Instead of receiving forgiveness, Cain complained his punishment was more than he could bear, but that complaint did not help him in the least.



Frank Owen

Too Negative Is Destructive

Sports columnist Billy Reed criticized New York Times writer Dave Anderson's inaccurate and dreadfully brutal statements about the University of Kentucky basketball team, fans and coach Hall. Reed's treatment of Anderson was not only much kinder than Anderson gave Kentucky people but equally better than Anderson deserved.

Every trade has its particular occupational hazards and pitfalls to be avoided. It is true of my own profession and I have miscued too many times to speak of any other except with fear and trembling. I do observe, though, that journalism (and other media) lives with a special danger of becoming so negative as to be destructive.

Journalists and commentators often must play the role of critic and it is a public service. However, unguarded negative criticism so easily becomes principally destructive. Such was the case with some amazingly irresponsible statements made by the above New York writer.

Political journalism, with notable exceptions (like James Reston, for instance) has seemed destructively negative for too many recent years—like from Lyndon Johnson to Jimmy Carter (inclusive). Many of us believe it has helped spread cynicism in our country.

I often watch a Washington weekly TV panel of noted political news personalities. From the very start of President Carter's term most of the panel seemed entirely negative toward everything he said, or did, or didn't do. This was before there was any record to complain about and, of course, now there is. Does too much negative criticism destroy public confidence and thus defeat an administration unnecessarily? Is this sometimes the goal? Isn't it bad for the common weal? Is this realized by people of so great influence?

Positive criticism needs its space in the political realm, as well as the negative, so that in balance it can be constructive, not destructive.

Now, someone will take off on pitfalls that clergymen need to avoid, and I have already pled guilty.

Calendar

Cooperative Program Day Sunday, Apr. 16 emphasizes the Cooperative Program theme, "Bold Believers in Giving Through a Growing Commitment." The denominational calendar calls for Baptist Doctrine Study Apr. 17-21.



It's a single mans dream—being one of 10 men in a dormitory with 110 women. And for 10 students at Southern Seminary the dream has come true. A drop in the need for women's space at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing along with spiraling enrolment at Southern Seminary necessitated the situation. Living space is divided with women living on the top two floors. Both share a

Kentuckians Named Visiting Profs

Anne H. Smith, Louisville, and Danny E. Flanagan, Campbellsville, have been named visiting professors this summer at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Smith, director of younger youth ministry, music and education at Green Acres Baptist Church in Louisville, will teach "Ministry With Children" during July term. Flanagan, campus minister at Campbellsville College, will teach "Child Welfare and the Church."

Flanagan is a former caseworker and assistant to the secretary of the Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

Mrs. Smith has written for Baptist periodicals on children's ministry and has led conferences at Ridgecrest, Glorieta and for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Writer's Conference Planned

A writers' conference planned for Apr. 28-29 at Louisville's Southern Seminary will feature several editors from the Sunday School Board, Nashville. They include Muriel Blackwell, manager, preschool children's group; Leon Castle, design editor, children's materials; Sylvia Waldrop, editor, preschool materials; and Louie Wilkenson, editor, adult materials. Lucien Coleman, seminary professor, will also lead a session.

Registration fee is \$5. For further information contact Lucien Coleman, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206.

kitchen and television room. Karen Montell, radiology student, Tompkinsville, said, "They're like brothers." Sharon Curran, Louisville, found the seminarians helpful when her father was in the hospital this winter. They helped her dig her car out of snow and offered to take her to visit him when roads were too bad to drive herself. Here students participate in a Bible study. (Story by Nancy McCough)

The workshop is organized by the Christian Writer's Guild.

GGBTS Program Accredited

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Association Officers Elected

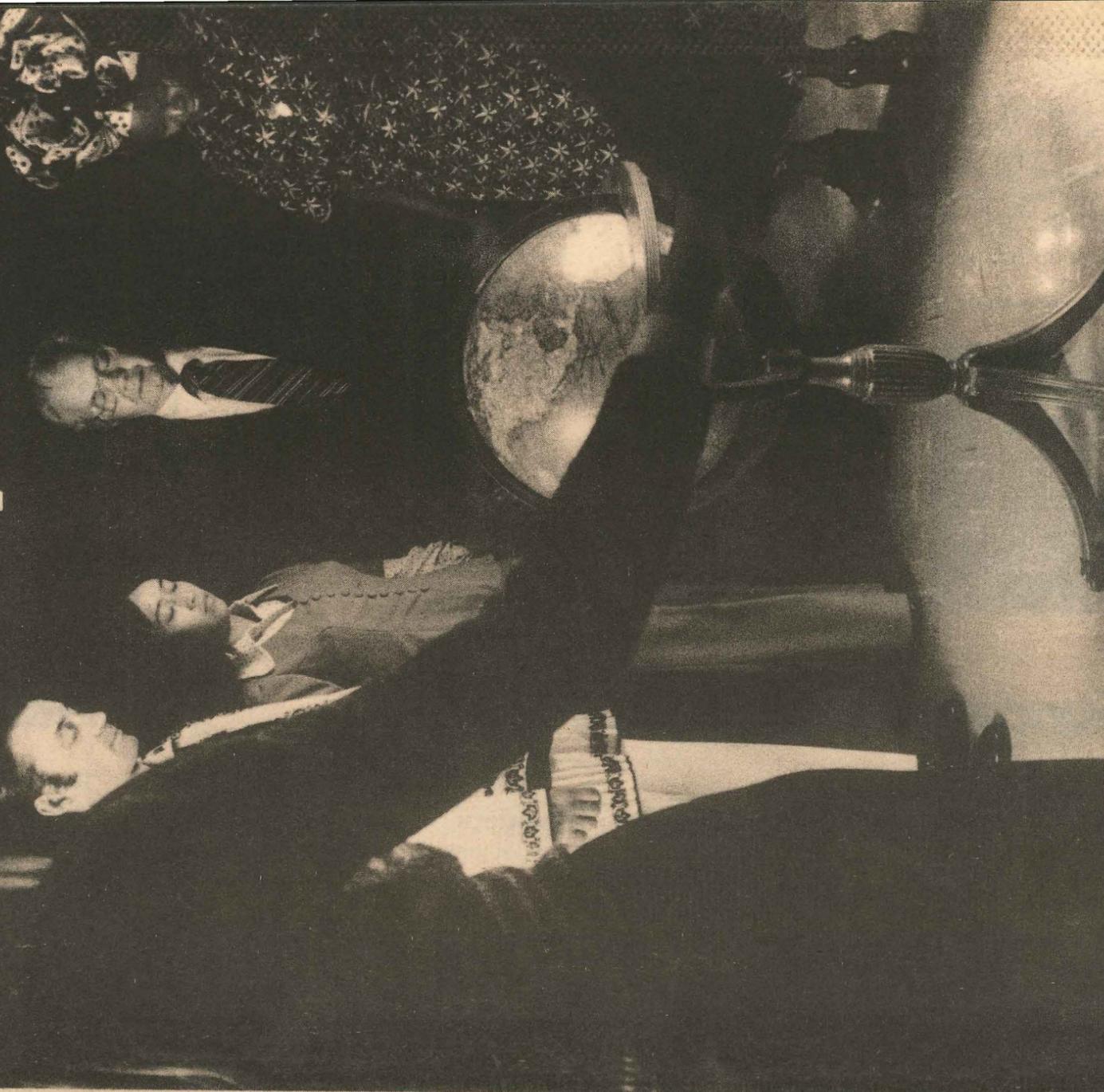
Mrs. John E. Drake of Georgetown was elected president of the Georgetown College Woman's Association for 1978-80.

Also elected were Mrs. W. Wayne Johnson, first vice-president; Mrs. Armel Dempsey, second vice-president; Mrs. Louis Polsgrove, recording secretary; and Mrs. John Blackburn, corresponding secretary.

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Georgetown Increases

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