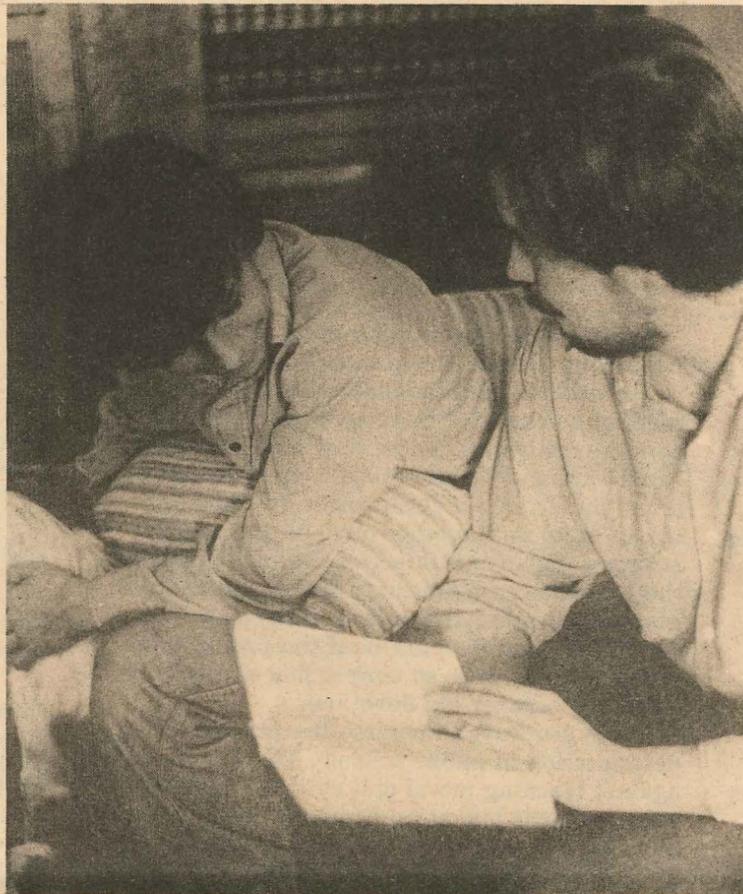


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Houseparent Doug Phillips [r] and Spring Meadows cottage resident.

Suzanne Darland

Christ in the Children's Homes

"Everyone here is involved in sowing," says houseparent Doug Phillips at Spring Meadows Children's Home. "We're just having the fun of seeing some reaping."

Reaping is going on at both Spring Meadows and Glen Dale children's homes. At Glen Dale, 16 young people accepted Christ during a fall revival at adjacent Gilead Baptist Church. One boy accepted Christ; four rededicated their lives; and many others have shown a renewed interest in church-related activities at Spring Meadows. Some in both homes are sharing their experiences and reading their Bibles. Others are promising to pray for friends who have problems.

Why this surge of interest in the things of Christ? Some would credit this winter's heavy snows. Houseparents and young people snowbound in their cottages spent more time together than usual. Sharing led to some serious questioning. Questioning led to decisions for Christ.

"Many kids who come here are turned off by religion," says Glen Dale staffer Mike Oliver. "It has to be a nurturing, flowing process. You can't come on hard sell."

Glen Dale housemother Marie Chapman agrees. "It's got to be a thing that just happens. It would be false if I pushed it." Her cottage houses high school juniors and seniors, and she laments that she doesn't have enough time with them before they leave the home. "It's the turnover. By the time I get to know

them they're gone."

At Spring Meadows, housemother Gail Gay says she also has this different approach. "We can't say we're going to pray before each meal, we just do it. Instead of saying we'll have prayer before devotions, we simply ask someone to pray." She says this way Christianity is not just another rule, but a spontaneous, loving act.

But some houseparents suggest that youth who come to the children's homes almost expect to hear the good news. They know the homes are Baptist-affiliated. They find out that some houseparents, especially at Spring Meadows, are seminary students. They expect a word, whether they accept it or reject it.

"Some of the guys in my cottage said they expected to hear about Christ when they came here," echoes houseparent Phillips. "They need a vocal witness. But it has to be sensitive."

"They understand that church and Christianity will be a part of their lives here," adds housemother Mary Jean Steinmetz. "And they expect more love and understanding from a Christian home than from a state home. I think they get it here."

It must do something. Glen Dale housemother Chapman relates that she asked one of her seniors what he would do on Sunday mornings if he didn't go to church. "I'd stay home the first Sunday and be really happy," he reported. "Next Sunday I'd still be home, but feeling a little guilty. And I'm sure that by the next Sunday I'd be back in church."

Houseparents agreed they tried to relate their witness to each child's situation. The Gays pick out scripture that speaks to parent/child relationships. The Phillips share with their older teens guidance about going out into the world on their own. They broke the ice with them by playing Christian rock records on the stereo. Houseparent Andy Creel, who has younger boys, says he concentrates on attitudes, relating to others and handling anger.

"We play role games. If discipline starts getting sticky, we switch. He plays me and I play him. How we expect to be responded to is related to the worth of the individual — which runs all through the four gospels.

"That's my primary witness. My boys would not sit down for Bible study. Their attention span is really short — 10 minutes is good."

Houseparent Creel, who became Spring Meadows' Christian education director in April, says his boys come from divergent religious backgrounds. Some have no concept of a personal faith at all. "With some of these kids that part has been neglected," he suggests. "That's a whole facet of their personality missing.

"Sometimes they'll come with questions — I'll sit down and answer them. Other times it's best to lead by example."

In a simple, straightforward way, Christ is being presented to young people at the children's homes campuses. And they're responding.

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

More Thoughts On Anita Bryant's Goals

As expected the April 12 editorial expressing a negative view toward Anita Bryant's campaign to restore Bible reading and prayer to public schools has drawn sharp criticism (see Baptist Forum). This was expected but some conclusions of readers were not anticipated and thus some further remarks may be appropriate.

The editorial was regarded by some as an attack upon Anita Bryant. It was not so intended. I admire this woman and personally supported her in her position on homosexuality in the Miami showdown. However, I try to separate personalities from issues and my position on an issue is not determined by who is for or against it.

I sincerely believe the Supreme Court was right in ruling out prescribed Bible reading and prayer in public schools. Teachers are paid with tax funds and Baptists have never believed in state sponsored or conducted worship exercises. Early Baptists in America fought valiantly against tax funds being used to promote one or all religions and the strong separation of church and state principle in the United States constitution is partially a result of the insistence of Baptists.

With or without the constitutional restrictions, keeping officially sponsored Bible reading and prayer out of public schools is wise and fair. Who is to decide what scriptures and prayers are to be used? To most of us who were reared in communities where only Christian religions existed, there was no problem. A passage from the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's prayer would always be appropriate. But many American communities are now pluralistic in religion and this complicates the matter. For example, Moslems attend public schools. They are as much Americans as Baptists are and they pay the same rate of taxes. Should they have to sit through Christian scripture reading and prayer? Should they not have the right to have the Koran, their scripture, read and to pray to Allah when our children pray to God? The same goes for Jews and other nonchristian groups.

What about teacher-led devotions in public schools in Utah where the only church in some communities is Mormon? How would Baptist parents react in a predominantly Mormon community where their children in public schools listened to the reading of the Book of Mormon and were taught Joseph Smith was a prophet? The only fair solution is to leave all religious exercises out of public schools.

To oppose Bible reading and prayer in public schools is to be accused by some of unconcern for moral and spiritual values and instruction in public schools. Not so! It is a fact that the academic and moral atmosphere in many public school rooms is deteriorating. This is deplorable and some way must be found to save our public schools from total collapse.

Some are naive enough to date the deterioration of the academic and moral atmosphere of public schools with the discontinuation of Bible reading and prayer. Granted these practices were a positive influence, their absence alone cannot account for the present predicament of many public school classrooms. To think so would be to ignore other obvious and much stronger negative influences like racial disorder, the breakdown of American family life and the growing permissiveness in American society. How wonderful it would be if the problems in public schools were so simple that all could be solved by teacher-led devotions.

There are ways to reverse the present trend of deterioration in public schools. There is no law against teaching moral and spiritual values in public schools and strong courses ought to be devised. The content of the Judeo-Christian ethic based on scripture can be taught in public schools.

More than that this standard can be exemplified in school administrators and teachers in and out of the classroom and this is a better educational technique than formal religious exercises. Morality and wholesome religion are more caught than taught. I came through public schools where the Bible was read every day, the Lord's prayer was repeated and preachers often led chapel services. Now as I reflect upon those days it's not the formal religious exercises that influenced me as much as the teachers and their personal standards.

Too many school officials and teachers today accept no responsibility for teaching morality and for being moral examples. They use the ban against Bible reading and prayer to shirk all moral responsibility. At the same time there remains many Godly, conscientious teachers in our public schools and they deserve a better environment in which to teach.

In a few classrooms Bible reading and prayer have been replaced by the teaching of atheism and materialism. This is illegal because atheism is religion. It is also inexcusable and after one warning such teachers should be dismissed.

From what I know about Anita Bryant's ideals she and I want the same kind of atmosphere in our public schools. We disagree in the way to bring it about.

Guest Editorial

The IRS Audit Game

Harold Wainscott, Pastor
Latonia Baptist Church, Covington

The above caption caught my eye as I flipped through an American magazine on a recent flight. The writer, Sidney Weinman, cautioned his readers not to panic if the auditor comes calling. Then he listed the average amounts deducted (according to the IRS) by

tax payers in various income brackets. The figures are startling to us who are familiar with and practice giving the tithe on our incomes. Here are the IRS averages:

Adjusted Gross Income	Taxes	Interest	Contributions	Medical Expense
\$9,000-10,000	\$ 873	\$ 1,164	\$ 382	\$ 833
10,000-15,000	1,068	1,274	405	570
15,000-20,000	1,446	1,540	469	506
20,000-25,000	1,793	1,679	534	439
25,000-30,000	2,215	1,849	683	300
30,000-50,000	2,971	2,369	930	499
50,000-100,000	5,264	3,940	2,007	687
\$100,000 up	13,002	10,445	10,538	1,058

The figures for average "Contributions" show Mr. Average American is nowhere approaching the tithe on his income. A case in point is our Gov. Julian Carroll's income tax report that was made public last week. His salary of \$35,000 plus \$18,000 for expenses, plus other income made a total of \$53,000. Adjustments brought the taxable income to \$23,000. This report was filed last Thursday and copies were handed out by his office, according to an AP news release in the Cincinnati Enquirer. What interested me most was his report of \$462 for contributions. That spoke to me a lot more forcibly about his faith than all his words in the coliseum at the Graham Crusade last fall.

If this is what we average Americans are doing to propagate our faith, we are only deceiving ourselves in expecting God to "knock out the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that we do not have room enough to receive" (Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:8-11). I know these are only averages (except in the Governor's case). Many of God's faithful are consistent tithers while others give nothing. I thank God for the faithful. I sometimes get concerned when I think what will happen when a generation of tithers die and inflation has continued to spiral. The 20% of our members who give 80% of our total income are to be commended. But a good portion of the 80% who do little or nothing had better be moving over to join that 20% group.

Baptist Forum

Witchcraft But Not Holy Ghost

I would like to express my disappointment on your article concerning Anita Bryant in the Western Recorder, Vol. 152, No. 15, Apr. 12, 1978.

I very much disagree with you in your statement that we should not encourage her in her efforts. As Christians we should support anyone who makes an effort to readmit Bible reading and prayer in our schools for the simple fact that God's word must be honored.

I find it hard to accept that in our society today witchcraft (used in the "religion" of Satan worship) can be taught in high schools and universities but Bible reading and prayer cannot be "prescribed" in our schools.

Baptists, as Bible believing Christians, should be supportive of Miss Anita Bryant.

Debra Hobgood
Bowling Green

Baptist Forum

Pie in the Eye

Your editorial in the April 12 issue of Western Recorder, "Miss Bryant Deserves No Support," is, in my estimation, untimely, irresponsible and unkind.

Particularly, I refer to the paragraph in which you say: "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."

Sir, you may abandon her if you please, but please don't attempt to speak for thousands who will not, and are still supporting her.

You speak well when you say there are millions who are confused about what the Supreme Court really did do in its famous ruling on Bible reading and prayer in public schools. This is more reason than ever to support Miss Bryant's effort to bring clarity to the ruling. In support of this statement I suggest that you read an article in the April 1978 issue of Home Missions Notebook, Vol. 49, No. 3, p. 9, titled, "Court Case Tests Bible Clubs in Schools."

It seems to me that anyone who has been willing to pay the price to stand on her convictions of righteousness as Miss Bryant has deserves better treatment than you gave her in your editorial. There are so few today who have demonstrated such courage that I feel we ought not to abandon her to those who

threaten, degrade and throw pies at her. I believe I had rather have pie in my face by such as these than mud in my face from a Baptist state paper.

Anita Bryant shall continue to have my support and prayers in spite of your editorial, or those who throw pies. I pray God will give us others like her who act upon their convictions regardless of the price rather than those who sit in the safety of their office and write editorials, or answer them.

W. Louis Walters
Louisville

A 'Closed' Matter?

For 26 years I've taught in seven counties in public schools in Kentucky (five years in Ohio). When the Supreme Court made the decision regarding Bible reading and prayer in the schools I think a survey would show that principals and teachers stopped daily Bible readings and prayer in the schools. If we go along with the statement that many say that the Supreme Court decision has been misunderstood, then who is ever going to say "O. K. now it's all right for teachers to read the Bible daily in the school room"?

Why is it not made clear to principals, teachers and the public that the Supreme Court decision does not ban prayer or Bible reading by teachers each morning (or daily) for the students to hear? Cause many teachers are not opening any doors for God by letting the Holy Spirit direct the readings. God's word will not return void. And it is being shut to the child in that it is not being opened.

Mary V. Bowlin
Corbin

There is misunderstanding about the Supreme Court's decision on Bible reading and prayer in public schools but those principals and teachers who stopped leading their pupils in prayer and Bible reading in schools understand the decision correctly.

It does ban officially conducted or sponsored Bible reading and prayer. It does not prohibit teachers or pupils from reading their Bibles or praying privately in school or anywhere else anytime. The main misunderstanding seems to be over the word "voluntary." Maybe the word "private" would better described what is not banned by the decision—Editor.

Miss Bryant is Worthy

Re: the editorial in the April 12 issue of Western Recorder "Miss Bryant Deserves No Support":

The editorial says that Miss Bryant has been "grossly misinformed" and that one can "pray anywhere and anytime they choose" and that only "proscribed" and "sponsored" prayer is illegal in our schools under the U. S. Supreme Court ruling. Unfortunately the rulings of the higher courts of our land have not borne out this contention.

According to the news media the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that voluntary prayer in our schools is illegal. And in Massachusetts a little girl in an elementary school started having a prayer time of her own. Some other pupils later joined her. There was nothing "proscribed" or "sponsored" and no "public officials including school teachers" involved. When this case came before that state Supreme Court it specifically stated in its decision that the prayers in question were entirely voluntary but that it was still illegal under the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

A lot of people have strong opinions about what the Supreme Court meant in its decision but the only ones that count are the ones handed down by the various courts. Apparently Miss Bryant has simply been reading the newspapers and is not at all "misinformed." Such a person deserves support.

Kermist A. Lovelace
White Plains

Baptist News in Brief

Kentucky BSU Commissions 43 College Students for Summer

Forty-three college students were commissioned as 1978 BSU summer missionaries during services at John L. Hill Chapel, Georgetown College, Apr. 8. This represents the largest number of summer missionaries ever appointed by the Kentucky Baptist Student Work Department.

Kentucky BSUers are raising \$28,500 to send these students to their places of service all over the world.

Those who will serve, their schools and places of service include: Lisa Bush, Northern, Maryland, coffeehouse ministry; Lois Curd, Morehead, Georgia, prison ministry; Dean French, U of L, Malaysia, youth work; Fred Hampton, Campbellsville, South Carolina, ministry to juveniles; Jeffrey Houghton,

Cumberland, West Virginia, revival team; Jerry Huffman, Cumberland, West Virginia, revival team; Gary Hughes, Western, Michigan, general missions; Timothy Johnston, Madisonville C. C., West Virginia, revival team; Donna Lanham, Oneida, Oklahoma City, sojourner; Mark Logsdon, Eastern, Minnesota-Wisconsin, general missions; John Martin, Eastern, California, inner city; David Meece, Somerset C. C., New York, special project; Jeffrey Minor, Oneida, Oklahoma City, sojourner; Paula Parks, Georgetown, Chile, secretary; Rebecca Powers, Campbellsville, New York, special project; Tanya Roberts, Cumberland, Michigan, inner city; Edwin Russell, Western, New York, special project; Kimberly Salyer, Camp-

bellsville, West Virginia, revival team; Ann Scroggin, Georgetown, Arizona, camp counseling; Susan Shelton, Murray, England, pianist; Sheila Simpson, Western, New England, general missions; Carole Smith, Murray, Kansas-Nebraska, special project; Patricia Somerville, Georgetown, Illinois, inner city; Rhojalia Tudor, Eastern, Louisiana, deaf ministry; Robin Warner, Morehead, New York, special project; Stephen White, Campbellsville, Colorado, resort; and Daryll Young, Morehead, Alaska, resort.

Three in-state teams, drama, creative ministry and music recreation, consisting of 16 members, have already been announced.

Now You Can Preach and Represent, Too

In its major church-state decision of the current term the U. S. Supreme Court ruled states may not forbid ministers from running for public office — based on the First Amendment's guarantee of "free exercise" of religion.

The legal suit which resulted in the high court's decision was originally brought in a Tennessee state court against Paul A. McDaniel, pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church, Chattanooga. He sought and won a seat in the state constitutional convention last year.

In the high court's unanimous judg-

ment Chief Justice Warren E. Burger declared the Tennessee prohibition against ministers ran afoul of the First Amendment in that it conditioned McDaniel's right to the free exercise of religion on the surrender of his right to seek public office. Quoting James Madison Burger said Tennessee was guilty of "punishing a religious profession with the privation of a civil right."

At least two Baptist groups had called on the court to make the decision it reached. Last October the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined nine other national groups asking the court to strike down the Tennessee ban. They were joined in December by the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Wives Meet in Atlanta

For \$7.50, you can eat lunch with the SBC Ministers' Wives June 13 at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta.

Reservations may be made by June 1 by sending checks to: The Ministers' Wives Conference, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Foreign Mission Board executive Baker James Cauthen [c], honored in his home town of Lufkin, Tex., is congratulated by Milton E. Cunningham [r], Houston, president, Baptist General Convention of Texas. Looking on is Charles S. McIlveene, pastor of Lufkin's First Baptist Church. The occasion marked 50 years since Cauthen entered church work.

Kentucky Bapt. No More

Kentucky Baptist Hospital, 810 Barret Ave., Louisville, changed its name to Highlands Baptist Hospital Apr. 17.

The new name identifies it more closely with the Highlands community

and the Highlands Medical Center with which it is affiliated. The hospital's board of directors also hopes this change will eliminate references to the "old" Baptist hospital frequently used since Baptist Hospital East began operations in Louisville in 1975.



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Missions

Ables, Glens to South America
New Southern Baptist foreign missionaries with Kentucky ties were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board meeting in Ft. Worth Apr. 11.

Jack M. Ables, pastor of Owensboro's Temple Baptist Church, and Mrs. Ables were appointed to Ecuador where Ables will be a general evangelist. A graduate of Southern Seminary, Able's earlier pastorates include Rowletts (Ky.) Baptist Church and Aetna Grove Baptist Church, Summersville. Mrs. Ables, the former Karen Johnston, has been a substitute teacher with the Hart County Board of Education, Munfordville.

They have three children.

Appointed to Venezuela also as a general evangelist were Rev. and Mrs. G. Michael Glenn of Ft. Worth.

A native Louisvillian, Mrs. Glenn is the former Rebecca Ratliff. She was born in Kentucky while her father completed a degree at Southern Seminary. Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ratliff, later served in Costa Rica, Honduras and Peru.

The Glens have one son.

Todds, Miss Whitler Journeymen
Three Kentucky young adults are among 106 approved for training as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen during the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in Ft. Worth.

Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who work overseas for two years in jobs alongside career missionaries. They will go to their respective fields after a six-week training period at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C. They will be commissioned for overseas service July 21 in Richmond, Va.

Kentucky journeymen are Donna Marie Todd, Bowling Green, assigned to Rhodesia; Linda Sue Todd, Bowling Green, North Brazil; and Rachel Ann Whitler, Middletown, Philippines.

Kentucky Missionaries on the Job
Mary Jo French, missionary to Peru, may be addressed at Apartado 572, Trujillo, Peru. A native of Warsaw, Ky., before appointment in 1973 Miss French was a commerce teacher and dean of girls at Oneida Institute.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Hardy Jr., missionaries to Chile, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Casilla 197, Antofagasta, Chile). He is a native of Fulton, Ky.; she is the former Ruby Brown of Madisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. McAtee, missionaries to Jordan, may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan. Mrs. McAtee is the former Lorraine Easley of Louisville. They were students at Southern Seminary before appointment in 1976.

Andersons to Portland Mission
William and Diane Anderson, who both graduate in May from Campbellsville College, have been appointed US-2 missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

They will live at an Indian Baptist mission in Portland, Ore., for two years where Anderson will pastor a small Indian congregation. He is currently president of the ministerial association at Campbellsville College.

Mountains to the Mississippi



Rosa Fiechter (r), Kentucky Baptist Women director, was at WMU, SBC, headquarters in Birmingham to begin plans for 1980-81 WMU curriculum and activities. With her is Lane Powell, editor of Royal Service.

Ex-Kentuckian Leads Lay Work
James W. Cecil, former Kentucky pastor, has been elected associate

consultant for laymen overseas by the Foreign Mission Board effective May 1. His primary responsibility will be coordination and participation of volunteers in overseas mission projects.



Cecil

Cecil and his wife, the former Katherine Gardner of Penrod,

Ky., were employed as missionary

associates in 1967. They have since served as missionaries in Hong Kong.

Prior to missionary service Cecil was pastor of Kosmosdale Baptist Church, Valley Station, Ky.; Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Sinai, Ky.; and churches in Indiana and Arizona.

Mrs. Cecil attended Nazareth College (now Spalding College), graduating from the nursing school at Louisville's St. Anthony Hospital. Cecil is a Southern Seminary alumnus.

They have two grown children.

Ordinations

Ken Jones to North Carolina
Kenneth R. Jones was ordained by Chapel Park Baptist Church, Louisville. A graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Jones has begun his ministry at LaGrange (N. C.) Baptist Church.

Cadiz Ordains James Gentry
James F. Gentry was ordained to the ministry Apr. 9 by Cadiz Baptist Church. He grew up in the Cadiz congregation and is a third year student at Western Kentucky University. He is also on the staff of First Church, Bowling Green, with pastoral responsibilities for Immanuel Baptist Mission, Bowling Green. Bill Belva is Cadiz pastor.

Deaths

Randel Finley, 48, Passes
Randel Ray Finley, 48, pastor of Hurricane Baptist Church, Cadiz, died Apr. 8 and services were held Apr. 10 at the church. Ordained in 1966 Finley was earlier pastor at Unity, Muberry, and Hebron, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Niceley Remembered Fondly
Rep. Edward Holloway introduced in the Kentucky General Assembly a resolution in honor and memory of Curtis L. Niceley who died recently. The resolution listed "his indomitable spirit, his boundless enthusiasm, his jovial good nature, his determination in the cause of right and his remarkable penchant for accomplishment" as hallmarks of Niceley.



Ables



Glenns



Andersons



Barry Allen [seated], business manager of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is serving as general chairman of the Southern Baptist Business Officers organization for 1978. Other officers include (l to r) Janet Craynon, Springfield, Ill.; Dean Willis, Dallas, Tex.; Don Gardner, Austin, Tex.; and Janie Neal of Dallas, Tex.

Personnel

Serves Kingdom in New House
Walter House is now pastor of Penile Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He came from Emmanuel Church near Scottsburg, Ind.

Donald Colyer Accepts Berea Church
Donald Colyer has accepted the pastorate of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Berea. A native of Kingston, Tenn., Colyer is married to the former Dwain Petersen. They are parents of two children, Donald Jr., 17, and Debra, 14. Colyer will receive the bachelor in theology degree in May from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Fern Creek Taps Michigander
Tom Blossam began his ministry Mar. 26 as pastor of Fern Creek Baptist Church. Blossam is a native of Seattle, a graduate of California Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary. He came to Fern Creek from Packard Road Baptist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., having earlier served pastorates in Seattle and in Texas.

Irene Cole Calls Loyall Pastor
Dean L. Pack began his ministry Apr. 16 at Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonburg. He had served First Baptist Church, Loyall. A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary, he is a native South Carolinian. He and his wife, Janice, have one daughter, Kara Michell.



Pack



Morgan



Cathy, David Rock

Temple Hill Adds Staffer
David W. Rock was called by Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association, as first full time minister of music, youth and outreach. A native of LaRue County, Rock will graduate in May from Campbellsville College with the bachelor of music degree in church music. His wife, Cathy, a native of Hart County, is also a Campbellsville student.

B. B. Steele Ludlow Staffer
B. B. Steele is now associate pastor/education at First Baptist Church, Ludlow. He was formerly minister of education at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, and Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville. He has pastored Woodland Baptist Church, Lexington. Jim W. Morrison is pastor at Ludlow.

Benton Calls Herschel Morgan
Herschel D. Morgan has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Benton. He came from Bathabara Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Morgan is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary and a candidate for the D.Min. degree at Southern. Mrs. Morgan is the former Sherry Graham of Owensboro. They have three children, Darrell, Todd and Leisha.



At right Jerry Kibbons (c), professor at Campbellsville College and president of Southwestern Seminary's Kentucky alumni, appears with Southwestern president Robert E. Naylor (l) and president-elect Russell H. Dilday Jr. Kibbons and others met on the Ft. Worth campus to plan state alumni activities.

Congregations

16 Accept Recorder Trial Plan
Sixteen additional churches have signed up for Western Recorder's experimental 60-day free trial program.

After receiving the paper for two months without charge, participating members of these churches will then decide whether to begin receiving the paper at the Recorder's church family rate of \$2.50 per year.

The 16 churches and their pastors: Pleasant Run, Manchester, Hubert Jordan; Pleasant Hill, Princeton, Ronald C. Wingo; New Barren Springs, Hopkinsville, Earl Mitchell; Springdale, Lexington, J. C. Offutt; Belmont, Ashland, Curtis J. McComis; Elizabeth Jarrell, Ashland, Bill Barbour; South Fork, Center, Rupert E. Kidd; Beech Grove, Center, Rupert E. Kidd; New Mt. Carmel, Murray, George White; First, Wheelwright, Frank Rowe; Chapel Hill, Mayfield, Howard Miller; New Salem, Hustonville, Ron Click; Pleasant Hill, Hopkinsville, Larry Baker; Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, William M. Marret; Pleasant Point, Manchester, Robert Wyatt; and Laurenceville, Corinth, James A. Sowder.

A Moonlight Confession?
Jim Cox, associate Western Recorder editor, is the author of an article in the May 1978 issue of The Student, a Christian collegiate magazine produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Cox's article is entitled, "Confessions of a Moonlight Writer."

Librarians Book a Bus
At the Kentucky Baptist Library Association's retreat at Park Mammoth these officers were elected:

Chester Igleheart, president; Mrs. Phyllis Fekete, vice president; James Reaves, secretary; Elsa Miller, historian; Clara McCartt and Mrs. Clarence Turner, committee members at large.

The group will charter a bus to Ridgecrest, N. C., for library conferences July 1-7. Persons interested in getting aboard may contact the KBC Church Training Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Louisville Writer Cited
Bruce Buursma, religion writer for the Louisville Courier-Journal, has been named "fellow" of the national Religious Public Relations Council. The Courier-Journal received an award of merit on the basis of religious reporting by Buursma.

Three Share SBTS Honors
Southern Seminary has named three persons to receive its coveted alumni of the year award June 14 at the seminary luncheon during the SBC in Atlanta.

Named were D. Swan Haworth, professor, School of Pastoral Care, N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; John Allen Moore, missionary to Thalwil, Switzerland; and Sarah Frances Anders, chairman, Department of Sociology, Louisiana College, Pineville.

Haworth was professor of psychology of religion at Southern from 1960-72.



Grady Nutt (r), Louisville Christian entertainer and humorist, appears during a recording session for radio's "MasterControl" with SBC Radio-TV Commission president Paul M. Stevens (l) and program producer Charles Yates. Nutt's interviews will be heard on 657 stations May 5, 12 and 19.

Missions & Ministries

At North Phoenix, God's in Big Business

James H. Cox

"God's in big business," the visitor to North Phoenix Baptist Church exclaimed.

"It makes me feel good to see him compete on such a grand scale in such a secular society."

The reference was to a congregation that did not exist before 1946. Today, with a membership of 8000, it frequently exceeds 3000 present for Sunday school. Space for another thousand is under construction and plans are on the drawing board to accommodate a future Sunday attendance of 10,000.

If you consider that Southern Baptists represent an extremely small minority of the total population of Phoenix, Ariz., and its environs, that congregation's steady achievements are nothing short of phenomenal.

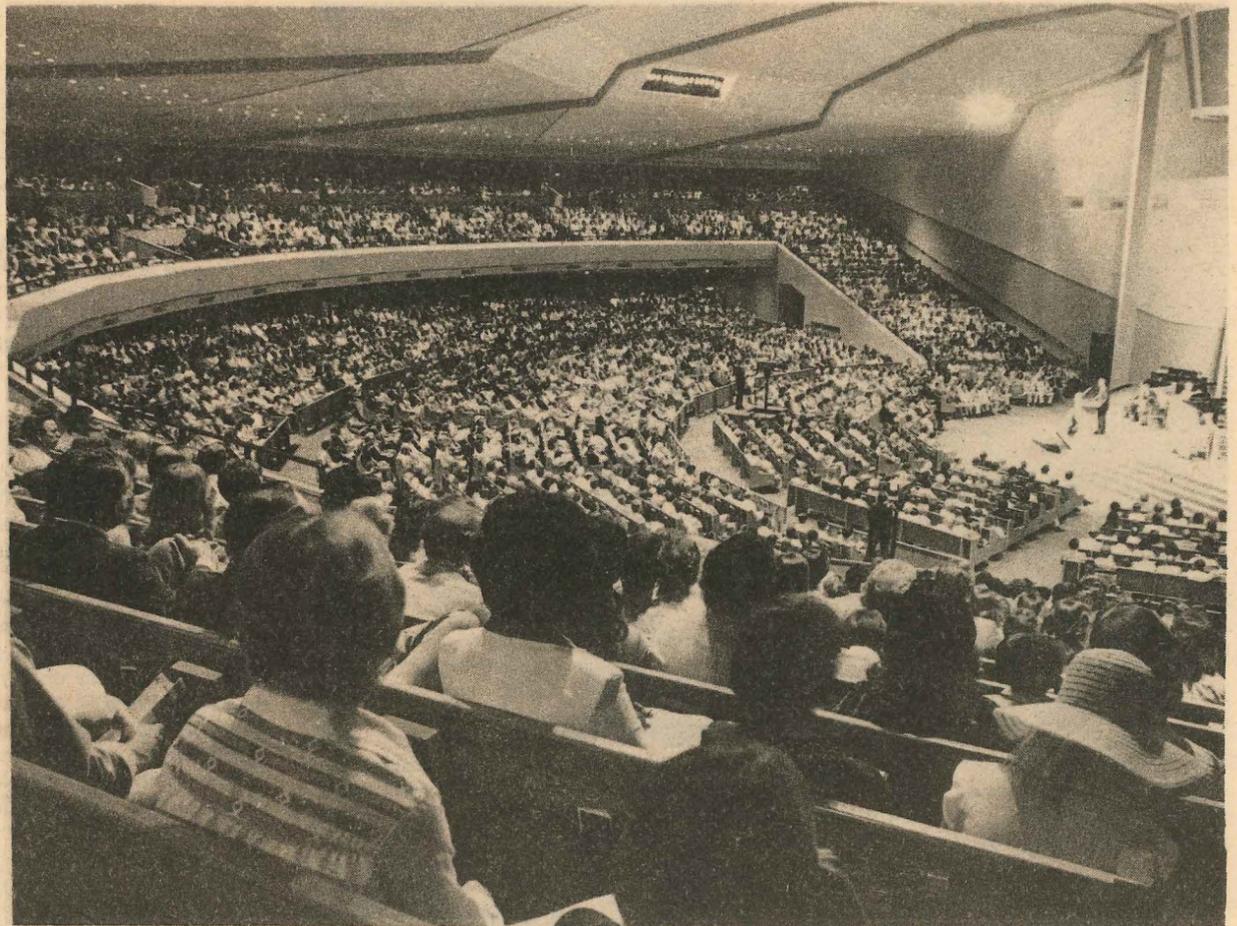
In a decade, under the pastoral leadership of Richard A. Jackson, the church's budget has jumped from \$130,000 in 1968 to \$2,339,000 this year. But that's only some of it, for another \$1,250,000 will be contributed this year toward building construction through a "Together We Build" program. Total anticipated gifts are approaching \$5 million annually.

How can this be?

Jackson explains, "Our program is basically simple and very Southern Baptist. We emphasize the Bible teaching ministry along with the preaching of the word and personal evangelism. We are constant and consistent, without much special emphasis. It seems across the years God has rewarded this kind of

This \$5.5 million 5300-seat worship center of North Phoenix Baptist Church is believed to be the largest evangelical worship facility in the U. S. Nearing completion are three educational buildings containing

145,000 square feet of space to serve more than 4000 persons simultaneously. The church paid \$2 million for 40 acres of land and eventually expects to provide parking for 2200 cars in addition to its buildings.



consistent effort."

An example of the consistency is the church's outreach program. According to associate pastor Donald L. Dyer, "Visitation is a priority activity and is never canceled or superseded." When Monday is a holiday outreach is moved to Tuesday.

Each Monday at 6 p.m. between 300-400 members spread out across metropolitan Phoenix sharing Christ along with information about their church's program and ministries. This regular involvement of hundreds in witnessing results in an average of 20 professions of faith every week and baptisms in all Sunday and Wednesday services.

The church does not take lightly its responsibility to visitors, prospects, the community, new converts and new members. A study shows that a year after baptism into the fellowship 95% of all new converts are actively involved. There are reasons for this:

1. Most of those baptized are adults and most are won to Christ in a one-to-one witnessing confrontation.

2. Every person making a decision is counseled by a staff member and then by a well trained deacon counselor immediately following his public decision.

3. Each person making a profession of faith *must* attend a baptismal conference before being baptized. This conference determines if the person has been saved, and acquaints him with the meaning and purpose of baptism, offering instruction on growth in

the Christian life.

4. On Monday evening following his decision he is visited by his Bible study age group to enroll him in Bible study participation.

5. Each person making a decision is assigned to a member of the ministerial staff. That staff member is required to visit in that home within a week to cultivate involvement in church life.

6. Each new member is asked to attend a one-Sunday new member orientation meeting the Sunday following his baptism or addition to the church by letter or statement. This meeting acquaints the new staff member with the history, vision, program and staff opportunities and financial program of his church.

7. A 30-week program of membership training is provided, covering church history, basic Christian doctrines, differing Baptist beliefs and practices and a comprehensive study of growth in the Christian life.

Today Southern Baptists are hearing much about bold missions. To accomplish the task of reaching every person in the world with the message of Christ in this century we have been told we must step out on faith and do something boldly.

North Phoenix Baptist Church has obviously found a way to do it. It's true that God is in "big business." But it will take bold measures to impress that on a society rapidly growing more secular every day.

What Can I Do Boldly?

In 1936 L. H. Dawson volunteered for foreign missions but was turned down because funds weren't available.

Now, 42 years later, Dawson has sent a check for \$1000 to help someone else serve as a foreign missionary even though he didn't have the chance.

When Dawson and his first wife Zelma volunteered for foreign missionary service the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board did not have the money to send additional missionaries. But Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary of the board at that time, explained to them that even though they couldn't go to Nigeria their interest in missions might lead them to accomplish more for missions at home than it

would have on the field.

The Dawsons accepted that challenge. He has been a pastor in Virginia and North Carolina, an associational missionary in North Carolina and a Navy chaplain and through it all preached our influence.

"I cannot give a true estimate of our missions for missions in the churches where we served, but we tried to hold up the world as the field," Dawson explains.

His first wife's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, and their daughter, Mary Hester Powell, were missionaries in Nigeria. Dawson, now 72, gave the money for use in Nigeria through the J. C. Powell memorial fund.

... Here's a man who found an answer to that

During the same week Dawson's check arrived another \$1000 check came from a missions volunteer who was turned down 15 years ago because of health problems.

The check came in a birthday card to Edna Frances Dawkins, who has worked with hundreds of candidates for missionary service in more than 30 years with the Foreign Mission Board. The message accompanying the money expressed "the sincere desire to help speed someone on his way to bear the message glorious."

What can you do for bold missions? The opportunities are all around and the field is the world.

Baptist News in Brief

Cleveland: We've Got a Long Way to Go

A charter bus load of Southern Baptists toured Cleveland to get a close look at a "key city" in Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptist plan to evangelize and congregationalize the nation and the world in this century.

About 40 representatives of 13 of the 28 Southern Baptist congregations in the Greater Cleveland Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board logged 100 miles in five hours.

Cleveland is one of several phase two Bold Mission Thrust cities selected by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as needing particular attention because of the high number of unevangelized persons and low number of Southern Baptist congregations.

The participants expressed amazement at the size — nearly 50 miles across from east to west — of the city as well as the squalid conditions of some communities.

Of the 24 ethnic groups in the metropolitan area of three million people Southern Baptists minister to five.

Of the 1420 churches in Cleveland and its suburbs Southern Baptists — in the area for just over 20 years — count 23 constituted churches and five other congregations, with a total membership of 5381. Other denominations, such as Lutherans and Brethren, have as many as 350 churches.

As part of the North Central States Mission Thrust the association plans to double Baptist churches in the area by 1990, according to John Tollison, director of associational missions.

The Arab chapel attempts to minister to an estimated 20,000 Arabs in the city. But without funding, the chapel will soon close its doors.

There's no Baptist ministry to the 100,000 Czechoslovakians in the city.

After the tour and recommendations for priority items of ministry Dale Cross, Bold Mission Thrust consultant for Cleveland from the Home Mission Board's evangelism staff, and associational members will meet to set goals and objectives.

Choice Chinese Here

A prominent author of Chinese Christian literature believes the cream of all Chinese Christians in the world is now living in the United States.

"If we can mobilize these Christians in America they will assert a great influence not only upon the churches back in Asia and China but will have an impact on the Christian movement in North America," says Samuel Y. C. Tang, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tang says mission work in China before communists took power in 1950 was oriented more toward social ministries than in building a strong church. "But after the communist takeover when they were forced out of mainland China to Hong Kong, Taiwan and other Southeast Asian countries, the missionaries began exerting more power toward training leadership in the Christian movement, and the church became very strong," he says.

"When I say that the cream of the Chinese Christians are in America," he explains, "it is because there are as many Chinese students at seminaries in America comparable to students in all the seminaries in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and Taiwan."

Rules for Resolutions

Larry Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark., has been appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions to report to the Southern

Baptist Convention at Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center June 13-15.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., who appointed Baker and a 10-person resolutions committee, urged SBC messengers submitting resolutions to:

(1) Submit them in advance in writing, if possible, to Baker (Box 906, Fayetteville, AR 72701); (2) check resolutions passed by previous conventions (in convention annuals); (3) consult with the resolutions committee before a resolution is submitted; (4) turn in a written copy of the resolution at the platform if it is made from the floor.

Leave the Driving to Us

Local arrangement planners for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in June will provide a shuttle bus system to and from major hotels to the Georgia World Congress Center and from major parking lots.

Tom Duvall, chairman of the Atlanta transportation committee, said four primary bus routes have been charted, serving 25 of Atlanta's largest hotels within inner-city Atlanta. Additional routes will be added if needed to serve more distant motels. Buses will run every three to eight minutes on a continuing basis. Fare will be 35 cents per person. Pickups will be made according to how messengers are booked at major hotels.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for May 7, 1978

International Series

Peter: Worker of Miracles

Acts 9:32-43

On his tour through the country Peter visited groups of believers to inspect and evaluate the work which others had done for the Lord. Peter supplemented the labors of those who had preceded him by preaching, teaching, healing and strengthening as best he could all who needed his ministry.

Upon his arrival in Lydda, about five miles from Joppa, Peter found Aeneas whose paralysis had made him bed-ridden for eight years and dependent on society. When he saw Aeneas' condition Peter was grieved deeply and decided to help him find deliverance. With faith in Christ's healing power, Peter said, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed." That is exactly what Aeneas had tried to do repeatedly, but he had failed in every attempt. As Aeneas tried to rise he felt the healing power of God flowing through his body and was able to do what he had been commanded. As a result of his supernatural healing many turned to God and believed on Christ as saviour.

In Joppa there lived a woman whose Aramaic name was Tabitha, but she was called Dorcas in Greek, or Gazelle. Gazelle was a popular name for women, suggesting beauty of form and feature, gentleness of character and gracefulness.

Peter entered the house and heard the wailing of the widows. He went into the room where Dorcas' body was lying and saw the tears of the mourners who showed him the garments she had made for them. Then he asked them to leave the room. When they had gone Peter knelt and prayed. Then turning to the corpse he said, "Tabitha, arise." Instantly she opened her eyes and sat up. As soon as she was delivered from death Peter took hold of her hand, which he would not have done while she was dead as that would have made him unclean according to the ritual of Judaism.

Those who had been mourning the death of Dorcas rejoiced that she had been raised from the dead. News of her resurrection made a tremendous impression on the people and many believed on Christ and were added to the church.

Life and Work Series

Hope for a Sinful World

Genesis 8:1, 11, 20-22; 9:12-15

To do the greatest good to the largest number of people it became necessary for God to destroy a generation of wicked people. To do this God sent a great flood upon the earth. From this flood Noah and his fellow passengers in the ark where God had fastened them were safe. Their safety was due to the ark, just as our safety lies in Christ.

In compliance with God's will Noah sent forth a dove. Unable to find a resting place, the dove returned. A week later Noah sent it forth again. When the dove returned with an olive leaf in its mouth Noah knew the waters were subsiding. When Noah sent it forth a third time seven days later and the dove did not return as before, he knew the land was no longer submerged and the day of deliverance was at hand.

At the proper time God commanded Noah to come forth from the ark bringing his family and

every living creature which he had taken into the ark with him. Without hesitation Noah promptly and fully obeyed God's command. Noah's first act was to erect an altar and offer sacrifices to God as an expression of his gratitude. After God accepted the burnt offerings, the Creator committed himself to ban a repetition of such a destructive flood.

When God made the unconditional promise to Noah that he would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood, he ratified his promise with the giving of the rainbow. After that each time Noah beheld a rainbow it reminded him he owed everything to God's grace. The rainbow was a gentle reminder of God's love for him and the members of his family and a reassurance of his gracious purpose to bless them. Moreover, the rainbow was meant to confirm Noah's faith and dispel his fears.

H. C. Chiles

Frank Owen

Democracy's Weakness

There is both strength and weakness in democracy. Hardly anything has strength without having a counter-weakness and vice versa. This is true of systems of government. The strength of democracy in granting the maximum of freedom of expression to its people carries a counterweakness; namely, to tolerate bad expression and the misuse of freedom.

True Baptists are dedicated to maximum and it takes democracy to carry this out. In order to do so we must endure some measure of imperfections in each other, both as to persons and institutions and organizations. Adolph Hitler called the democracies "stupid" because they are unable to act as quickly and decisively as dictatorships.

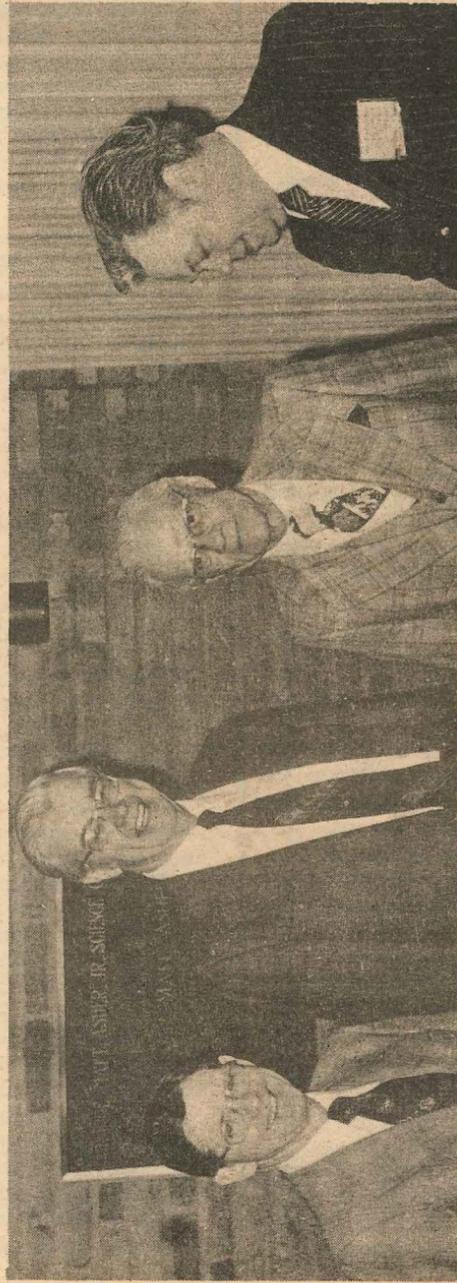
Democracy doesn't vest authority. It requires due consultation with the body. Sometimes this is less efficient. It takes time to distill the mind of the many. Hitler's word "stupid" was too strong but he was right in observing democracy's weakness. It does not risk any person or small group of persons with the total authority to chop off heads, or start and stop things, until the larger body, by slower process, can agree that such measures are needful.

It is distressing, occasionally, to hear Baptists criticize our institutions and agencies for not taking drastic actions against people or programs that they don't like. We need to realize that we don't have anyone carrying that kind of final authority.

Our people must be content with the slower processes of the democratic system. Such system always carries imperfections and yet must always be busy refining itself, purifying itself, ridding itself of faults and moss and barnacles that are ever recurring and demanding to be removed — but, by the process of the people's democracy, not by the power of immediate dictatorship.

Christian institutions must be dealt with and controlled in Christian ways that respect human dignity and individual rights. Righteousness achieved by dictatorial action is apt to lead to unrighteous abuse of power.

Christian Education



Presidents of the three Kentucky Baptist colleges met on the Georgetown College campus during trustee orientation program. Shown are (l-r) W. R. Davenport, Campbellville; Robert L. Mills, Georgetown; J. M.



Corts

Corts New VP at OBU

Paul R. Corts, an administrator at Western Kentucky University, has been named executive vice president at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Corts, 34, is currently associate dean for instruction in the office of the vice president for academic affairs in the Bowling Green school. He will join the OBU staff June 15.

Corts is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Cumberland Chooses New Coach

Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell has named Larry Wall as successor to Ken Trivette, moving to Morehead University as assistant coach, as head basketball coach.

Wall and his wife, Julie, will move to Cumberland from North Carolina where he has been coach at North Greenville Junior College for the last six seasons.

The couple has a two-year-old son.



Wall

Corts is married to the former Brona Faye Moorefield of Winston-Salem, N. C. The couple has four children.

Carson-Newman Inaugurates Maddox as President

Delegates from 130 colleges, universities and professional organizations as well as the Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions were represented at the inauguration of J. Cordell Maddox as the 20th president of Carson-Newman College. Prior to joining Carson-Newman Maddox was the eighth president of Anderson (S. C.) College. He is 46 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Maddox of LaGrange, Ga.

Maddox is a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary. The Ga. native has been active in church, civic and educational activities throughout his career.

Maddox is married to the former Brona Faye Moorefield of Winston-Salem, N. C. The couple has four children.

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