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## Police Chaplain Barnes . . .

*always there when he's needed*

Amid the shock and confusion following a police recruit's shooting of a fellow police officer in Oklahoma City someone summoned the department's new chaplain, Dalton Barnes.

Barnes arrived at the police training center to find the young recruit had a "lot of doubts about what he had done, about whether he'd ever be accepted by the officers. He wasn't sure if he wanted to continue police training—or if he could continue."

Barnes reassured him he was still a part of the team.

In those early hours, and in the counseling sessions that followed, "Rev. Barnes helped salvage that young man," said Neil Griffith, police captain and director of recruit training.

Barnes has become an integral part of the police force. When introducing Barnes, one policeman said to another, "This is Chaplain Barnes, have you met him? He's on our side."

The full time police chaplaincy program is new to Oklahoma City. Barnes is one of the no more than 50 full time chaplains in U. S. police departments. The majority of departments did not even have volunteer chaplains until the 1960s.

Barnes, 48, a retired army chaplain, felt police work would be the best place in civilian life to use his experience in the stress and pressures of military combat. With small grants from the Home Mission Board and Oklahoma Baptist Convention, Capital association allocated enough funds to put Barnes on salary.

Barnes began his work in the fall of 1975 by making pre-shift line-ups, a time when patrol officers assemble for instructions and roll call. To learn more about the force he twice weekly rode in squad cars with officers from different sections or areas of work.

Even in the earliest days he found these rides—in which officers were randomly selected—often turned into counseling situations.

"We'd be riding along," Barnes said, "and all of a sudden the officer would say, 'You know, Chaplain, there's something I've been meaning to talk to you about'."

Barnes does not consider himself an apologist for the police, but he does say he has discovered police are much more diverse in background and personality traits and have a "higher sense of calling for public service than he expected."

Barnes' other major responsibility is hospital visitation. With his flexible self-set hours he visits more frequently and easier than officers working odd shifts with regular hours.

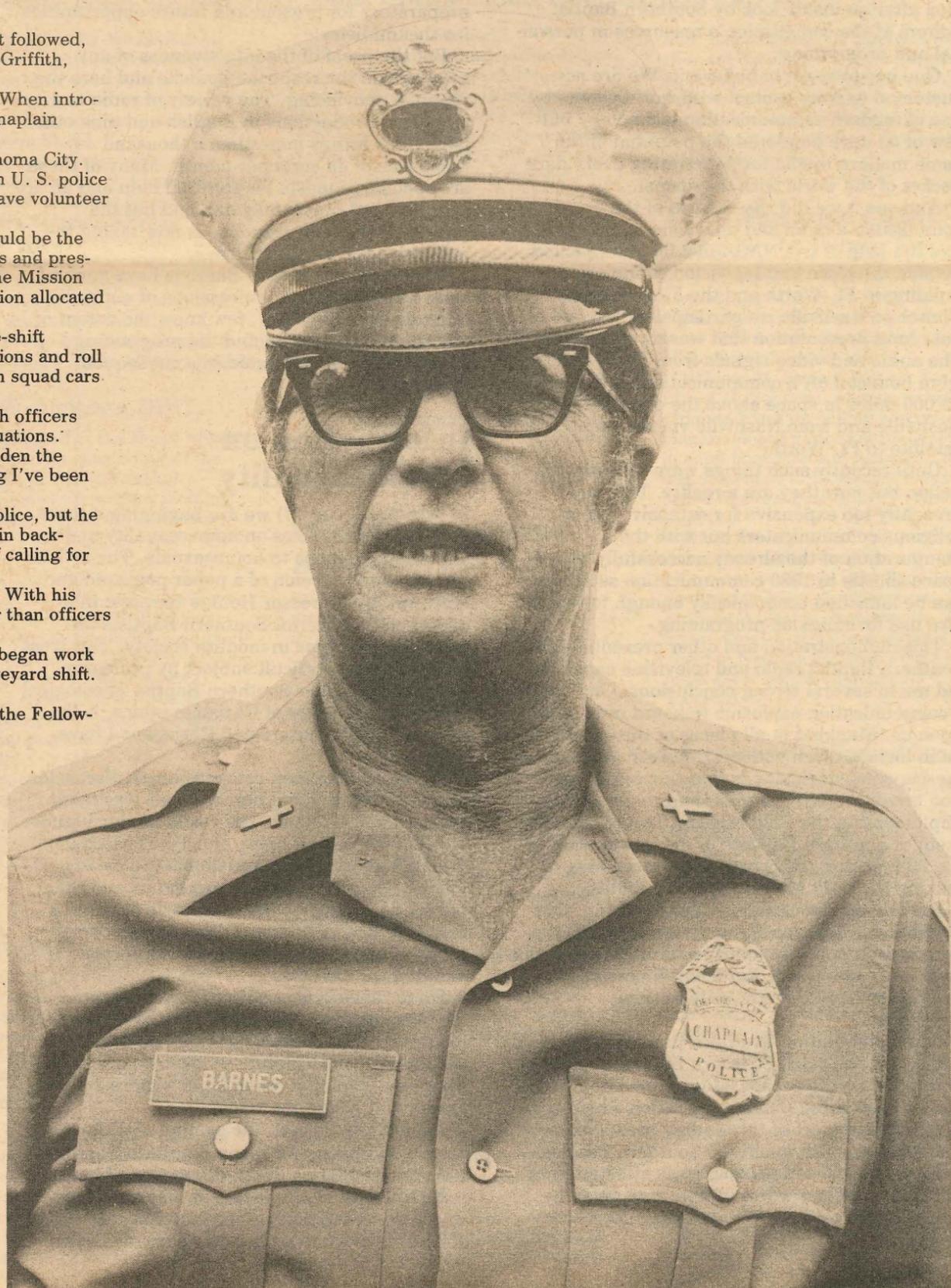
Often Barnes' hours are long. One recent afternoon he began work early, only to be asked that he ride with an officer on graveyard shift. An uneventful patrol ended at 6 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. Barnes had a speaking engagement with the Fellowship of Police Officers' Wives, a Christian organization supportive of his work. He got home, finally, at 3 p.m., about 24 hours after going "on duty." The line officers appreciate Barnes' hard work and willing attitude.

"I don't think just any man of the cloth could be as readily accepted as Rev. Barnes," commented Griffith. "He doesn't go around the department trying to convert people; he doesn't go down with the men and say, 'I'm Rev. Barnes; I am a man of the cloth. God can help you'."

He's just always there when he's needed.

by Everett Hullum



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

### An Effectual Door For Southern Baptists

One of the most exciting and impressive efforts of evangelistic outreach by Southern Baptists today is that of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. This is my solid conclusion after an inside look by Southern Baptist editors at the commission's resources in personnel and programing.

One has to see it to believe it. We are accustomed to daily contact with world events by use of modern communication technology but few of us have pondered the potential of the same modern media for penetrating every dark pocket of the world with the gospel.

And see it we did. By the use of the commission's radio and television equipment and the help of two NASA mobile units parked outside the radio and television commission building in Ft. Worth and the First Baptist Church in Nashville we participated in a two hour long presentation that was awe inspiring. The audio and video signals from Ft. Worth were bounced off a communication satellite 22,000 miles in space above the equator to Nashville and from Nashville via the same satellite to Ft. Worth.

Until recently such things were only science fiction but now they are a reality. They are presently too expensive for extensive use by religious communicators but with the inauguration of the already successfully tested space shuttle in 1980 communication satellites can be launched economically enough for extensive use for religious programing.

This demonstration and other presentations of Southern Baptist radio and television capability led me to several strong conclusions. One is that a communication explosion unheard of is right upon us. Mankind in all places of this earth will be in instant touch with one another. Another inescapable conclusion is that this communication breakthrough has unlimited potential for implementing the Bold Mission Thrust commitment of Southern Baptists in the last quarter of the 20th century. It provides the possibility of making the Bold Mission dream a reality.

And we can be certain of another thing. Our Radio and Television Commission staff has the imagination and the expertise to fully exploit this awaiting opportunity. Sufficient financial resources seem to be the only missing ingredient.

In one generation Southern Baptists have seen a one man (no staff) Southern Baptist beginning in religious radio broadcasting grow into a radio and television programing operation which commands the respect of the leading media experts in the nation. The quality of Southern Baptist radio and television production is attested to by millions of dollars worth of free time given by national networks and local stations for programs.

The impressive facilities in Ft. Worth and the high respect for this ministry are a tribute to the dreams and doggedness of Paul Stevens. When regular channels of denominational funds could not help, three million dollars were raised outside regular channels for the building facilities. By now another almost three million dollars have gone into equipment. But all this is only preparatory for present and future opportunities for this ministry.

But the proof of the effectiveness of any project is in the response it elicits and here the report is convincing. The variety of radio and television productions in English and nine other languages brings more than a thousand responses of all sorts per month. Many of these are specific requests for spiritual help and all are carefully and prayerfully handled but the growing volume of response is now taxing the staff assigned to this ministry.

While many Southern Baptists have general knowledge and good impressions of our radio and television ministry, few know the extent of and the philosophy behind the programing today. This will be treated in a subsequent editorial.

### Information on Homosexuality

In this issue (page 7) we are beginning a three part series of articles on homosexuality and a Christian response to homosexuals. The articles are an edited version of a paper prepared and delivered by professor Henlee Barnette in a recent conference for Southern Baptists on Christian lifestyles in modern society. This treatment of a very difficult subject by professor Barnette, a former Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor of Christian ethics, is the most helpful for interested Christians I have seen.

Until recently even compassionate discussion of homosexuality and homosexuals was taboo among most Baptists. The result is much ignorance on the part of many of us. But we cannot ignore homosexuality and homosexuals any longer. Their presence all around us and their bid for acceptance of their lifestyle demand a response from Christians. Any fair response must be based on valid empirical information and biblical insights.

Some readers may object to such material in the Western Recorder and they may choose not to read it. That is their right but we think it is appropriate and helpful. At least we are in good company. Paul and other Bible writers did not ignore and dodge the issue.

Even Anita Bryant, the symbol of ultimate beauty and purity for many Southern Baptists, has ventured into a depth discussion of homosexuality and, of all places, in Playboy Magazine (I don't buy this publication but tear sheets of Anita's treatment showed up on my desk).

## Baptist Forum

### Holocaust and a Baptist Editor

The recent television series, Holocaust, left questions in the minds of many viewers as to how the Christian people of Germany could have been party to such horrible deeds—and how the allies could have been so slow to help the victims of the Nazis.

There was, in fact, a great deal of anti-Jewish feeling in our own nation during the 1930's. Even Baptists were not immune from such sentiments.

In 1934 the Baptist World Congress met in Berlin, Germany and several Southern Baptist leaders returned to report that the situation in Germany with regard to persecution of the Jews "was not one-tenth as bad (as) we had been led to believe." The impression given by the Germans and accepted by not a few Baptists was that the Jews had brought the problems on themselves.

Kentucky Baptists can take pride that, in the face of such reports, Victor I. Masters, editor of the Western Recorder, spoke out boldly on the issue.

He first printed two articles by Jacob Gartenhaus, a Jewish convert to Christianity who was employed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Gartenhaus had just returned from Germany where he had spent several weeks observing the situation from a Jewish perspective. Masters decried the "horror and inequity of it all," emphasizing that "wholesale persecution" of the Jews "is in actual operation" in Germany.

Masters followed these articles with an editorial entitled "The Wickedness of Persecuting the Jews." He lamented "Germany's persecution of this people, which it is now carrying out with a determined hand," and the "long bitterness and utter hate with which Russia has persecuted the Jews." He warned that "no nation has ever persecuted the Jews without paying a fearful penalty."

The editor also had some printed words for Baptists: "Baptists claim that they have never persecuted others, though themselves often were persecuted. Their doctrine of soul liberty, so far as they have lived up to it, justifies the claim. It behooves Baptists, if possible, more than other Christians, to fight to the death against the persecution of Jews and for good will to them on the basis of clean and honest dealings."

Of all the Baptist state editors, Masters seemed most concerned with the plight of the Jews in Germany. His insights, prophetic in his day, still have relevance in ours.

Jack Birdwhistle, Pastor  
Drakesboro Baptist Church

### Opposes Hate Spreaders

C. R. Daley is evidently of the modern school of thought.

Keep passive Christians then nobody will notice us and we won't have to fight for our space. That idea is full of holes. All Anita Bryant has the guts to try for is what we spinelessly let be taken away from our children.

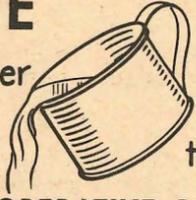
What can we expect of a school which sanctioned Russian KBG ministers to come in and spread their poison in several classes.

Daley should be exercising his criticisms against hate spreaders such as Nazis, Communists and the Ku Klux Klan.

Whose side is he on anyway?

Mrs. Thomas (Nancy) Raque  
Louisville

GIVE  
the Water of Life  
through  
The COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



# Baptist News in Brief

## Boyce Bible School Expands to Illinois

In what has been called a strategic move in the Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' program to spread the gospel to everyone in the world by the year 2000), Illinois Baptists and the board of overseers of Boyce Bible School have voted to establish an off-campus Boyce Center in Springfield.

Boyce Bible School is a diploma granting theological training program for ministers without college degrees

## Church Bill Passes

Lobby disclosures legislation which includes churches has passed the U. S. House of Representatives by a vote of 259-140.

The vote came after five hours of debate and numerous attempts to amend the bill. The measure also survived an effort to send it back to the judiciary committee.

As reported by the judiciary committee the bill would require any organization which engages in lobbying in the U. S. Congress and meets certain requirements of time and money expended to report such activities to the comptroller general.

Reports would have to include total expenditures for lobbying activities, identity of lobbyists and a description of the issues on which the organization lobbied. Churches and their agencies are included in the reporting requirements of the bill if they seek to influence legislation and pass the threshold of expenditures set out in the bill.

Amendments added in the final day of debate generally softened the requirements except for a stipulation that reporting organizations would have to report actual lobbying activities performed on the floor or in adjoining rooms of the House or Senate.

Changes made in the bill during earlier debate strengthened the reporting requirements by requiring disclosure of grassroots solicitation and contributions of over \$3000 by any organization or individual during a year.

The bill had been opposed by an informal coalition of religious and civil liberties groups. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the U. S. Catholic Conference, the United Methodist Church and the American Civil Liberties Union, among others, had worked against its passage. Several other proposals for regulating the disclosure of lobbying activities are pending in the Senate.

## SBC Contributions Still Climbing Higher

National Southern Baptist Convention receipts total \$33,108,261 in Cooperative Program budget contributions and \$68,982,905 in total contributions after the first seven months of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Contributions are running slightly ahead of what's needed to meet the 1977-78 operating and capital needs budget of \$55.08 million but are only running at 89.5 percent of the budget when the \$8.32 million Bold Advance challenge goal for unmet missions needs is included.

April's undesignated Cooperative Program receipts were up 10.31 percent

sponsored by Southern Seminary.

David Byrd, director of Boyce Bible School, called Illinois a "strategic state" in Bold Mission Thrust and said the Boyce Center "will offer much needed theological training to the many bi-vocational pastors and others in Illinois whom God has called in this time of bold advance."

The center will begin operation in the fall with faculty composed primarily of part time instructors who will continue to serve in local churches and denominational posts.

In addition to its campus adjacent to Southern Seminary, there are presently Boyce School Centers in Little Rock, Ark., and Columbus, Ohio. Each is sponsored and supported by its state Baptist convention.

## Lay Revival Help On the Way from Brotherhood Commission and HMB

A joint program of lay-led revival assistance, particularly for Southern Baptist churches with no baptisms in 1977, has been announced by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board.

The program calls for enlisting, training and involving Southern Baptist laymen to help churches plan and conduct revivals, bringing together fragmented efforts into a unified thrust.

The Brotherhood Commission will provide the materials, state Brotherhood departments will lead in laymen enlistment and state Evangelism departments and the mass evangelism department of the Home Mission Board

## HMB Welcomes SBC

Directors and staff of the Home Mission Board will host an open house at the board offices during the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting.

The reception honoring home missionaries will be Wed., June 14, from 2 to 5 p.m.

A yellow and white canopy, pink lemonade, homemade cookies and ice cream cones will greet SBC visitors behind the seven-story brick headquarters. Although the building will be open to messengers all week, William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, and members of the board of directors will be there to welcome visitors only on Wednesday.

Buses running to hotels in north Atlanta from the Congress Center every few minutes will stop at the Home Mission Board building, about three miles from downtown, on Wednesday afternoon.

over the same period last year and designated gifts were up 35.52 percent. Total contributions, made up of undesignated contributions for world mission needs of SBC agencies and another \$35,874,644 in designated receipts, are up 11.79 percent over the same period last year.

During April Cooperative Program contributions totaled \$4,838,855, or 10.31 percent ahead of April 1977, and total gifts amounted to \$9,557,478, or 21.46 percent ahead of last April. The total gifts included \$4,718,623 in designated gifts, a 35.52 percent increase over last April.



Pastors from the Baptist Union of Scotland studied methods to improve their ministries and to aid the growth of their denomination during their month long visit to the Sunday School Board.

will provide the training.

The program emphasizes the enlistment and use of church directors trained specifically for helping a church plan for a lay-led revival and for involving visiting laymen effectively in the effort. The directors will be available to travel throughout that state assisting churches.

To qualify as a church director a layman must take training and participate in a lay-led revival in a Southern Baptist church.

Forty-six directors from 13 states have already been trained for this program by home missions specialists at regional training institutes.

Leaders of lay groups who had independently helped churches gave advice.

The commission has published two guides which describe how to plan and conduct lay-led revivals. Entitled "Lay-Led Revival Director's Guide"

## Wood Supports Israel At Anniversary Rally

Israel's right to exist without harassment or terrorist attacks was upheld at a rally celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of that nation by a Baptist spokesman.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told a crowd of about 500, "We must view with grave alarm any continued terrorist attacks on Israel and any efforts to harass the government of Israel or to deny Israel's right to defensible borders so essential to its nationhood and national survival."

Wood also attacked proposals to create a Palestinian state within the present borders of Israel.

A representative of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops joined speakers from several Jewish organizations to affirm continued American support of Israel. The rally, held at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, was sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, the coordinating organization for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches of American Judaism.

Participants in the rally later attended a reception at the White House to meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel, who is on a speaking tour of the United States in connection with Israel's 30th anniversary.

and "Lay-Led Revival Church Guide," they are distributed by the commission and state Brotherhood departments. Persons interested in lay-led revival should write their state Brotherhood department and ask for a free brochure, "Lay-Led Revival."

## U. S. Supreme Court Says No to Porno Review

Over the vigorous dissents of three justices, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to review the convictions of three Atlanta men for violating portions of the state obscenity law.

William M. Sewell, Warren Teal and Ernest H. Robinson were convicted in separate cases for selling obscene magazines and various sexual devices in adult book stores in Atlanta. Each was sentenced to 12 months in jail and levied fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Six of the Supreme Court justices announced without comment that the high court would not schedule the cases for oral argument, leaving three, Justices William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Potter Stewart who voted to hear the appeals. Four justices must agree before an appeal is accepted.

## Ministers' Wives Conf. Features Texas Author

Marge Caldwell, Houston, will be the featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference in Atlanta's Omni Hotel at 12:30 p.m., June 13.

The Southern Baptist Convention holds its annual meeting June 13-15 at Georgia World Congress Center, next door to the Omni.

Mrs. Caldwell, an author, lecturer and teacher of professional charm and modeling, has a Houston radio show and is a marriage counselor. She teaches Sunday school at Houston's First Baptist Church.

Mrs. George Busbee, the Georgia governor's wife, will greet guests.

Advance reservations (\$7.50 each) may be made before June 1 by sending a check to The Ministers' Wives Conference SBC, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta 30306. Tickets may be picked up at the ministers' wives booth at the SBC on Monday, June 12.

# Christian Education

## Commercial Puts Couple Through Seminary

by Nancy McGough

Appearing in a television commercial is not the usual way students work their way through seminary.

But for John and Patty Brantley, a one-minute on-the-spot commercial made by Sears has helped them do just that.

The Georgia natives were interviewed while shopping in a Sears store in Atlanta, Ga., two years ago, and their "spot" has since been shown around the country. Checks sent to them each time their commercial is used have helped them get through two years at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where Brantley is a theology student.

The young couple had been married just five months when they went to Sears in March 1976 to make a payment on a sewing machine. They were riding an escalator when a woman stopped them at the top and asked them if they generally shop at Sears.

When they told her they did, she asked them to speak to her supervisor. They learned he was part of an adver-

tising team making television commercials.

"We were filmed that afternoon, they paid us \$20, and we signed some release papers. We didn't expect to hear anything else. We just thought it was a fun experience, and we went out to dinner with the money we made."

Two months later they received a phone call telling them their film had been chosen to appear on television. Soon they began receiving checks in the mail and the money helped them move to Southern Seminary that fall.

The Brantleys say they are grateful for their unique experience and feel "God definitely had a hand in it." They have tithed their earnings "because we want to give back part of what God has given us," Brantley added.

They have continued to work themselves, she as an executive secretary and he as a part time minister of teacher training at Rockford Baptist Church, Shively.

Besides the financial help Brantley noted another benefit of the commercial is the people they've met through it.

"I've gotten to know a lot of people who've stopped me and said, 'Haven't I seen you on TV?'"



Patty, John Brantley

### First Trustees Emeritus

A businessman, physician and pastor have been named the first trustees emeritus of the Georgetown College board of trustees.

Kenneth McCracken, Ft. Wright; Clyde Sparks, Ashland; and O. W. Yates, Lexington, have been recognized by the board for their years of service to Georgetown College and for their continuing interest in the life of the institution.

McCracken, a former vice president for finance of Procter and Gamble, is a 1926 graduate of Georgetown College. He served Procter and Gamble in a number of executive positions in this country as well as in Canada and Manila before his retirement in 1968.

Sparks graduated from Georgetown in 1924, earned the M.D. and completed his surgical residency at the University of Louisville. Except for five years in the Navy, Sparks' entire practice has been spent serving the Ashland area.

A 1914 graduate of Wake Forest University, O. W. Yates has been a Baptist pastor and teacher for more than 68 years. After earning a master's and doctorate from Southern Seminary, Louisville, he completed another doctorate at Peabody College.

Besides his pastorates, Yates served as dean and college president.



Martin

Coates



Lester

Yarborough

**Baxter Avenue Helps "Neighbors"**  
Baxter Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, is a small church with big ideas.

When they heard their neighbor—Southern Seminary—needed 10 million dollars to maintain its quality of education, they said "we want to help."

The 76 active members solicited themselves in April by matching individual contributions with money from the church treasury.

The gift was made in honor of Frank Stagg, now senior professor of New Testament at the seminary. He was the church's first pastor when he was a student in 1937. Baxter Avenue was started as a mission that year by Highland Baptist Church.

"Because of the close ties between the seminary and our church, we want to do our part," said Larry Ballard, pastor.

"We are a small church. We can't do a lot of things, but we can do something."

### Martin Speaks to Clear Creek

Gerald Martin, president of Hannibal La Grange College, Hannibal, Mo., will be commencement speaker for graduation exercises for Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. A native of Atlanta, he studied at Emory University, Atlanta, Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He served as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Certificates and/or degrees will be received by 78 persons during exercises held at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

### Coates to Admissions

James Coates, associate professor of psychology at Campbellsville College, was named director of admissions at the college.

A native of Silver Grove, Ky., Coates graduated from Georgetown College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Coates pastored churches in Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.

John Rohrer will continue as associate director of admissions as well as head basketball coach.

### Youth Ministers' Retreat

Scheduled for May 18-20 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, the first Youth Ministers' Retreat will focus on two areas of youth ministry.

Larry Yarborough, youth consultant with the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, will lead sessions on "Developing A Youth Ministry."

Andrew Lester, associate professor of psychology of Religion at Southern Seminary, will focus on understanding and counseling youth.

The cost is \$34. Reservations should be made with Cedarmore, Rt. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003 (502-747-8911). It will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday and end with lunch on Saturday.

### Owen, Hubbard at Campbellsville

Franklin Owen, executive-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will deliver the baccalaureate address for Campbellsville College graduation exercises May 13 at 8 p.m.

A native of Marble Hill, Mo., Owen holds the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College.

A past president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Owen has been active in the convention for 20 years in Kentucky; as well as serving in the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has held pastorates in Georgia, Missouri, Alabama and Kentucky.

Congressman Carroll Hubbard, first district U. S. Representative of Kentucky, will deliver the 1978 commencement address May 14 at 3 p.m. CDT.

A native of Mayfield he is a graduate of Georgetown College and the University of Louisville School of Law.

Hubbard is married to the former Joyce Hall and they have two daughters. A former member of the state executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, he is a deacon and moderator for First Baptist Church, Mayfield.

Both exercises will be held in the Campbellsville Baptist Church.

### Three Elected to Seminary Faculty

Three new members of the faculty of Southern Seminary will begin teaching duties in the fall. William P. Tuck, Kathryn Chapman and R. Michael Harton were elected to the faculty at the recent meeting of the seminary board of trustees.

Tuck, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., was elected associate professor of Christian preaching in the seminary's school of theology. Tuck, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of the University of Richmond; Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and received the Th.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Emily Campbell, have two children.

Chapman, director of children's work at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., will be assistant professor of childhood education and director of the Seminary Child Care Center. A native of Georgia, Chapman is a graduate of Georgia College and received the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary. She holds a doctor of education degree from St. Louis University.

Harton, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be an assistant professor of religious education. A native of Kentucky, Harton is a graduate of Murray State University and received the M.R.E. degree from Southern Seminary. He and his wife, the former Margaret Raylene Melton, have three children.

### Callaway to Administration

Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Old Testament archaeology at Southern Seminary, has been named director of the graduate studies program. He replaces Page Kelley who has chosen to return to full time teaching as professor of Old Testament interpretation.

As director Callaway will administer the seminary's Th.M. and Ph.D. programs in theology.

# Missions & Ministries

## Ky. WMU Releases Film



Kentucky WMU announces the release of a new filmstrip entitled "Come Along to Cedar Crest." Nancy K. Ferrell, producer of the filmstrip for WMU, stated that its objective is to call attention to the purpose of mission camping. Kentucky WMU, through the Eliza Broadus Offering, supports eight week-long summer camps for GAs and Acteens. This camping program is designed to provide an opportunity for young girls to learn about and become committed to missions. The filmstrip profiles a visit to the location and a vision of the missionary emphasis provided by the purpose and spirit of Cedar Crest. "Come along to Cedar Crest" is being made available through associational missionary offices and the state WMU office free of charge. The filmstrip runs approximately eight minutes and is accompanied by a cassette recording and printed script.

## Associational Emphasis Week on the Way

May 22-28, 1978 has been set aside for Associational Emphasis Week in the Southern Baptist Convention. With this new emphasis and a new season of prayer, our prayer circle comes to full completion. In September is Week of Prayer for State Missions, December, Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, March, Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and now a time to pray for missions at the local associational level.

"The association is the oldest of Baptist institutions beyond the local church. For more than a century in America it was Baptists' only denominational institution, followed in turn by the organization of general and state conventions." These are the words of Allen W. Graves, who has recently written a book entitled "Principles of Administration for a Baptist Association."

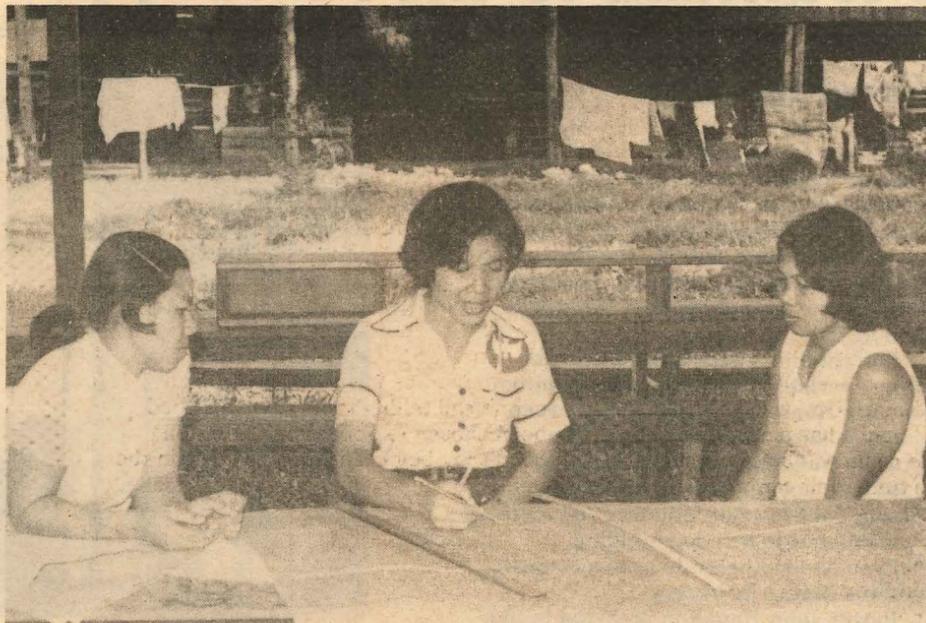
The association is geographically the Baptist unit closest to the churches and exists to help the churches accomplish their task. We live in a new day and age for the association.

"The association is the only major

channel through which the majority of Southern Baptists see the denomination at close range and in which they participate directly." These are the words of William G. Tanner, executive director of the Home Mission Board. The association provides opportunities for large and small churches to work side by side. It demonstrates we both need each other. It provides opportunities for the smaller churches to learn from larger ones. It creates a good relationship where the larger churches are able to provide leadership in helping strengthen smaller churches.

This special Week of Prayer will emphasize the need and necessity of local involvement at the associational level. It also calls attention to the validity of this organization and challenges churches and church leaders to study carefully the mission opportunities available within the local associational framework.

There are 80 associations in the Kentucky Baptist Convention with 48 directors of missions serving in these associations.



Amphorn Muanphet (center) teaches a sewing class as part of the friendship ministry from Thonburi Church, Bangkok, Thailand. Baptists in Bangkok have formulated an urban strategy to reach nonChristians in the city which includes contacting and developing personal relationships to show that Christians care about others. This sewing class is one contact point. The design on Muanphet's left shoulder is the logo for Bangkok's Urban Strategy. It serves as her identification in the community where she teaches.

## Bangkok Christians Reaching Their Own

Bangkok Christians are learning how to be bold in their outreach and witness.

Faced with increased interest in Christianity and a shortage of career missionaries, the Bangkok Urban Strategy team has been working on plans to use Bangkok Christians to reach the unsaved in that city.

By the end of 1978 the team of five Southern Baptist missionaries wants to increase the number of churches currently in the strategy program from four to seven; increase team workers from 60 to 100, and expand the number of new believers from seven to 100.

Study groups spend weeks learning how to witness, develop leaders, study the Bible and encourage new Christians.

Some key concepts in the strategy include going to the lost rather than

waiting for them to come for answers and focusing on a specific neighborhood and contacting the lost in their neighborhood setting. Effort also will be made to shape community opinion so new Christians will not be ostracized and to relate individually to nonChristians out of love rather than out of a sense of religious duty.

How do they train for this? By using another key concept—learning through doing. Each week team members go to assigned communities and make or follow up on contacts. They hope their persistent visibility will show nonChristians that they really care about them and their credibility and ultimately the church's credibility will be established.

The final concept is one of transfer. The team hopes that the strategy will be passed on by new Christians.

## First Mission Service Corps Volunteers Ready, Willing and Able for Austrian Work



James and Marie McKinnon of Albuquerque, N. M., talk with J. D. Hughey (l), the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, as they complete plans for Mission Service Corps work in Austria.

At 49, James McKinnon of Albuquerque is a success in the insurance field. A chartered life underwriter, he now has more than \$65 million in insurance in force.

Yet he and his wife Marie are leaving all this to go to Austria as Southern Baptists' first Mission Service Corps volunteers for Europe.

The couple expects to spend the next one to two years assisting Southern Baptist representatives William and Sally Wagner, who recently established a new church in Innsbruck, Austria.

They first worked with the New Mexico couple when Wagner was pastor of Hermosa Drive Baptist Church in Albuquerque.

Since the Wagners were appointed as student workers and fraternal representatives to Austria in 1965, the McKinnons have visited them several times. When McKinnon heard of the new plan to use 5000 volunteers he met with J. D. Hughey, FMB's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

Their plans came to fulfillment at the board's April meeting in Ft. Worth where the McKinnons were introduced

to board members as new volunteers for the corps.

In Austria, McKinnon hopes to assist in development of the new work through a witness to members of the business and banking community.

He also will teach Bible classes and Marie will teach Sunday school and give instruction in various crafts, utilizing a hobby that has developed through the years.

Although his work will center in Innsbruck, McKinnon hopes his business and insurance experience can be used in other areas of Baptist work in Europe if it is needed.

The McKinnons, who will pay all their own expenses during their service overseas, will leave the firm in the hands of son Doug, 25, and daughter Deryl, 23. Both are graduates of Baylor University.

McKinnon also sees himself as a "talent scout" who can interest other Baptists in joining them in assisting missionaries through the Mission Service Corps.

"This is what we've been looking for," he explains. He thinks it may be what others like him are seeking, too.

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## Mountains to the Mississippi

### Congregations

#### 175 Years for Nolynn

Nolynn Baptist Church near Hodgenville celebrated 175 years of ministry on Apr. 23. The church started as an arm of Severns Valley Church, the first Baptist church constituted in Kentucky, but became an independent congregation in 1803.

The church is named for Benjamin Lynn, a widely known preacher-hunter in early Kentucky. It still occupies the same location where it began. The present building was constructed in 1895, replacing a burned building dating back to 1830. The first structure was thought to be a log building. Nolynn has mothered four new congregations during its history.

Pastor John Hamilton presided in the anniversary service and former pastor Barry Dennis delivered the anniversary sermon. Severns Valley associational director Allen Baugh brought greetings and Mrs. Barry Dennis sang a song composed by Bevin Thornsberry and herself for the occasion.

The service was attended by many former members, some from as far away as Texas. A reception for members and guests followed the service.



Pastor Hamilton (left) and former pastor Dennis stand in front of an ancient monument in the Nolynn cemetery on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the church.

#### Highland's ArtSpring—Pilgrim's Progress

Each year the month of May at Highland Baptist Church is devoted to a celebration of the gospel through the arts. ArtSpring 1978 will be a month to emphasize Christian progress in honor of the 300th anniversary of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, its importance to Baptists and the litera-

ture of the Western World.

Each Sunday and Wednesday service in May is centered around this theme with special sermons, music and other presentations.

ArtSpring committee members include: Pat Ramsey, JoAnn Baker, Michael Randell, Shirley Whittaker, Wade Hall, Mary Ann Childers, David Webb, Bruce Miller, Herb Sennett, Denise Ridge and Tish Gardner.

The pastor of Highland Baptist Church is Donald J. Burke.

#### Mama's Kitchen Window

A Kentucky author, Alice J. Kinder, has written a book on her Kentucky mountain mother's religious faith. The theme of the book is Christianity in everyday incidents among one's neighbors. The book is entitled, *Mama's Kitchen Window*, and can be obtained for \$2.25 by writing Alice J. Kinder, Route 6, Box 666, Pikeville, KY 41501.

#### Nutt Humors Broadcasters

Grady Nutt, Baptist preacher-comedian, was the speaker at a dinner given by Baptists for Kentucky broadcasters at their semi-annual convention in Louisville recently. The dinner was sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the Kentucky Baptist Convention in appreciation for the many free broadcasting hours given Baptist radio and television programs by Kentucky stations.



The congregation of the Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church broke ground Apr. 2 for a new structure not to exceed \$700,000 in total cost. The facilities will include a worship center with seating capacity of approximately 700 people, office complex, music rehearsal suite, fellowship hall and kitchen and paved parking spaces for 150 cars. Pictured (l-r) are John Truitt, building committee chairman; C. Gilbert Tucker, pastor; and James C. Ware, senior trustee-attorney.

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# Homosexuality: Some Empirical Perspectives

FIRST IN A SERIES

From the Apostle Paul to the present homosexual expression of sex behavior has been condemned by the Christian church. Currently it has become one of the most explosive and emotional issues confronting the Christian conscience. With the emergence and rapid growth of the gay liberation movement and the gay churches in the last decade, homophiles have come "out of the closets" all across the country. They are pressuring the traditional or straight churches to rethink and revise their traditional anti-homosexual theology so as not only to sanction homosexual behavior but to receive homosexuals into full fellowship of the churches with the right to ordination and same sex marriage.

Confronted with these challenges, what should be the response of the Christian and the churches? Providing an adequate answer to this question requires of the Christian some knowledge of homosexuality and biblical revelation. The issue requires rigorous thinking for so little is known about the homosexual as a person and even less about the cause or causes of his or her condition.

Homosexuality is a term derived from the Greek word *homos* meaning one and the same. It is defined generally as sexual attraction between persons, male or female, of the same sex. Homosexuality is the overt act. This definition of homosexuality is inadequate because it does not distinguish between the degrees and types of homosexuality.

Among the categories of homosexuality are: (1) transient which occurs in the preadolescent period and may stem from curiosity or experimentation; (2) substitutive or situational homosexuality where there is an absence of the opposite sex such as during periods of prison confinement; (3) pseudo-homosexuality in which the person has either a conscious or unconscious impulse toward homosexual behavior but does not overtly act on it; (4) episodic homosexuality in which the person engages in both homosexual and heterosexual activities; and (5) exclusive homosexuality in which the person consistently engages in homosexual activity.

Homosexuality is a complex phenomenon with multiple causation. More than 65 etiological factors have been reported in male homosexuality alone. Among the major theories of causation are: (1) constitutional or biological/genetic or hormonal factors, (2) Freud's view of underlying castration anxiety and unresolved Oedipal situations; and (3) the pathogenic family which is the most prevalent theory today. It is held that a parental constellation of a detached, hostile father and a possessive, dominating, over-protective and "demascuizing" mother is the most significant factor in the production of the homosexual. But the fact that many heterosexuals have similar backgrounds and do not go on to be homosexuals suggests that this theory is inadequate in and of itself. The fact is that homosexuality is multi-determined by biological, psychodynamic, socio-cultural and situational factors.

At birth, Freud observes, human beings have the capacity for both heterosexual and homosexual orientation. There is really no inborn tendency toward either sexual life style. Homosexuality develops later in life as the sexual drive is conditioned by one's environment.

Is homosexuality an illness? Psychiatrist Edmund Bergler, after 30 years of treating homosexuals, concludes that "they are sick people." He thinks it is a neurotic disease.

Martin Hoffman, who represents the position of many students of homosexuality, declares in itself homosexuality does not necessarily indicate mental illness. Psychiatric studies, he observes, are based on samples that are not necessarily representative of the homophile community. Hence, he concludes: "Homosexuals seen in psychiatric treatment are no more representative of homosexuals in the general population than are Jews seen in psychiatric treatment representative of all Jews."

There does appear to be a higher incidence of neurotic personality disorder among homosexuals than among heterosexuals. But given a society like ours in which being a homosexual is to be subjected

to ridicule, contempt, rejection and punishment by the state, it would be a miracle if most homophile persons did not suffer emotional and mental illness. Yet many homosexuals function honorably and responsibly, often in positions of highest trust and live well-adjusted lives except for their sexual preferences.

Homosexuality is the most common sexual deviation and occurs in most countries and among all socio-economic classes. In 1948, Alfred Kinsey, et al, reported that no less than 37 percent of the male population had some homosexual experience between adolescence and old age. But these figures are faulty because they include individuals with only one homosexual experience. Kinsey states that about 4 percent of all white males are exclusively homosexual throughout their lives. Female incidence of homosexual experience was reported as less than half that for males.

Irving Bieber estimates that there are two million homosexuals in America. Lewis Williams concludes they make up the nation's second largest minority group.

It is impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy the number of homophiles in America.

Can homosexuality be "cured"? Gay liberationists are angered and irritated at the suggestion of prevention let alone cure or change. Almost all students of the problem agree that unless the homosexual really wants to change very little can be done toward effecting change.

For centuries the homosexual has been the subject of harassment, discrimination, persecution and punishment by the state. Penalties in the United States range from one year to life in prison in some states. In 31 states sex between consenting adults of the same sex is a crime.

by Henlee Barnette

## Sunday School Lessons *H. C. Chiles*

Lessons for May 21, 1978

International Series

### Gentile Conversion Acknowledged

Acts 11:1-18

God selected Peter to open the door of salvation to the Gentiles, but he was so bound by Jewish traditions he needed God's dealing with him before he was prepared to evangelize them.

The Vision — Acts 11:1-6

Peter had a special vision in which he beheld a sheet let down from heaven, containing animals, creeping things and fowls. The purpose of the vision was to convince Peter the Gentiles were as admissible to the privileges of Christianity as the Hebrews.

Awakening, Peter was in doubt as to the meaning of the vision. The Holy Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore and get thee down and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." Then Peter understood. He accompanied them to the house of Cornelius, where many were awaiting his arrival. He told them of his former prejudices and added, "God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean."

The Voice — Acts 11:7-10

Upon hearing the Gentiles received the word of God the prejudices of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were stirred. It is hardly conceivable

such glorious tidings gave rise to dissatisfaction. When Peter returned to Jerusalem to explain there was a complaint that he visited and ate with the uncircumcised.

Peter made it clear he had learned the purpose of his vision was to bring about right relationships manward.

When the divine command came to Peter, "Arise, Peter, slay and eat," it aroused a protest in him. Having been a loyal Jew, the command was repulsive and abhorrent to him.

In response to God's command the apostle protested, "Not so, Lord." What a strange combination of words! In them is an odd jumble of self-will and reverence. Whoever says, "Not so," meaning in no wise, should not say, "Lord." If Christ is Lord, we obey when he commands.

The Victory — Acts 11:11-18

Appreciating the perplexity of the leaders in the church at Jerusalem, Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. Had he consulted his personal inclinations and prejudices, he certainly would not have gone to Cornelius, but he was controlled by the will of God. When the Jewish leaders heard Peter's explanation, they had no further complaint.

Life and Work Series

### Abraham—A Pilgrim of Faith

Genesis 12:1-7, 10; 13:3-4

It will be profitable for us to study the inner life and outward conduct of this great character upon whom the Holy Spirit conferred one of the greatest tributes ever given to man, namely, "the friend of God." Nearly 14 chapters of Genesis are devoted to his life and work.

The Plea — Genesis 12:1

While Abraham was living quietly in Ur, a summons came from God for him to leave his native country and go into the land which God had chosen for him.

The Promises — Genesis 12:2-3

With that call from God came seven-fold promise. God pledged to make of Abraham a great nation, to bless him and make his name great, to make him a world-wide blessing, to bless those who blessed Abraham and to curse any who cursed him and through him to bless all.

The Pilgrimage — Genesis 12:4-7

In response to the call, Abraham went without asking questions, not knowing where nor what the future held in store. But he did know with whom he was going and for what purpose. Abraham firmly believed God would provide for him. However, he permitted natural ties to interfere with his obedience and wasted about five years in Haran.

Having learned the folly of compromise and procrastination, Abraham resumed his pilgrimage which brought him into a realm of danger (v. 6); also into the presence of God (v. 7). He built an altar and "called upon the name of the Lord."

The Proof — Genesis 13:3-4

Due to the famine in the land, Abraham sojourned in Egypt. When he experienced a tragic lapse in his faith, God took the situation in hand and saw to it the divine purpose was not thwarted.

## Frank Owen

### High Born

"High born" was a somewhat common saying when I was a boy. It was used in speaking of people who seemed more blessed with life's benefits and privileges because of their circumstance of birth, their parentage, their time and place advantage of who they were.

Children who were born in wealthy homes or with good social standing were "high born." People who came from clean, orderly, well-kept neighborhoods were "high born." Likewise, children of intellectual parentage whose intellect had been encouraged by their environment as they grew.

Allow us to mention here some people who truly are "high born" and should be grateful for same: He or she is "high born" whose parents, however poor, were people of tall character with moral values of lasting truth. He is "high born" whose circumstance of life has taught him the necessity above all to so live as to gain and keep the respect of the man who looks back at him from the mirror when he shaves every morning. He whose life setting let him learn this early was of privileged birth and rearing.

"High born" indeed is the man or woman whose parents brought him up in a way of life that taught him to know God. Such a person will never be without a father. To know God through Christ is to never be without a saviour and master to guide one's life. No possible intellect or material wealth can equal this in value ("the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" [Prov. 9:10]).

There is a dimension of high birth that exceeds them all with which no level of privilege of any other sort is worthy of comparison. Jesus taught Nicodemus about it when he said, "you must be born again." This is the birth of the spirit. It is being born of God, born from above to a life that transcends this world in quality and value and outlasts this world. One is thus born by faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour and such an one indeed is "high born" to life eternal.

# Doris Wood . . .

## Crossing Racial Barriers through Bold Missions



Doris Wood helps youngsters in a black Baptist church memorize scripture verses during one of the Bible classes she began on her own in the 1960's.

In Parkin, Ark., a town virtually untouched by the civil rights movement of the 1960's, black faces beam through a church doorway on Monday morning.

White patent leather shoes and Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes crackle with expectancy.

Everyone—from ages 3 to 17—has eyes on Doris Wood, a white woman who has come to lead a Bible school for black kids in an area where, as one white pastor put it, "blacks and whites are two separate churches; they don't cross that much."

Yet with no backing from church or friends, Mrs. Wood began organizing neighborhood Bible schools in the early '60s and still carries the burden of organizing and teaching.

Like other Southern Baptists across the United States, Doris Wood responded when she saw a need.

She got a head start on Bold Mission Thrust, which is challenging other Baptists to do missions.

Mrs. Wood's personal ministries of Bible schools and teaching reading to non-readers fit into one of the four target areas of Bold Mission Thrust—cultural and life-style groups. The other target areas include key cities, key counties and churches in transitional communities.

Through volunteers like Mrs. Wood, Southern Baptists will be able to stretch the 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions far beyond the \$13,000,000 goal.

But to succeed, like Doris Wood, they must respond.

In talking to black kids that came to the grocery store she and her husband ran, Mrs. Wood realized the children didn't receive the same Bible training youngsters in her own church did and decided to do something about it.

Starting the Bible schools she now feels was "part of God's overall plan" that includes literacy work. Mrs. Wood became a volunteer after "17 wilderness-wandering years," during which she went to church every Sunday but didn't become involved.

"Then one day some people in my church asked if I would chaperone five girls to Ridgecrest. I said I would."

There she attended a conference on literacy missions. Since, Mrs. Wood has held literacy workshops in several states, training teachers and teaching individuals to read.

This summer she led 10 Bible schools; winter-time she taught literacy. Next summer she plans Backyard Bible Clubs and VBS's.

Robert Tucker, missions director for the Tri-Counties Baptist Association, calls it dedication. "Most white churches are afraid to do anything for blacks because they're afraid they'll come to their churches. So Doris does it singlehandedly."

Mrs. Wood receives about \$60 from the association for teaching materials; ice cream and hotdogs she and her husband furnish.

"The most beautiful thing that ever happened to me was during a literacy lesson. A man stopped reading and said, 'Miz Wood, your helping me reminds me of Jesus.'"

"And I said, 'Oh, no, don't say that.'"

"And he said, 'But I really mean it. Because Jesus really helped people.'"

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