

## SBC messengers going 'home'

Jack U. Harwell

"Roots" could well be the program theme when the Southern Baptist Convention holds its 121st annual meeting in Atlanta June 13-15.

The 133-year-old SBC will be going "home" to the state where it was organized in 1845, to the state and city where many of its programs and agencies were birthed and the state from which many of the best-known leaders in SBC history originated.

In May of 1845 some 293 Baptists from across the south met at First Baptist Church in Augusta to form the Southern Baptist Convention which was to grow into a body with over 13 million members in all 50 states and missions in 90 countries or territories. William B. Johnson of South Carolina was first SBC president. He had been pastor in Savannah, Ga., earlier.

They created a Foreign Mission Board, with headquarters in Richmond, and a Domestic and Indian Mission Board, with offices in Marion, Ala.

After 37 years in Marion that agency, now the Home Mission Board, moved to Atlanta. In four years it will celebrate its 100th anniversary in Atlanta.

When the board moved to Atlanta it was in deep financial straits. A Georgian, John D. Stewart, was named president that year (1882) and he led the board for 10 years, working alongside Isaac T. Tichenor, the board's executive secretary, in one of the most noble periods of its growth history.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission was also born in Georgia in 1942 when the convention asked Samuel F. Lowe, pastor of Inman Park church in Atlanta, to become radio director.

From 1942-54 the Radio-TV Commission was housed in Atlanta, part of the time at Druid Hills church, then in a beautiful estate home which later became the educational building of Jackson Hill church. The commission moved to Ft. Worth in 1954 when Paul M. Stevens became executive director.

The oldest state Baptist paper in the SBC, The Christian Index, is also located in Atlanta. The Christian Index was launched in 1822 by Luther Rice, as part of his movement to rally Baptist mission support for Adoniram and Ann Judson in Burma. The first name was The Columbian Star, located in Washington, D. C. The Columbian Star was moved to Philadelphia in 1827 and the name changed to The Christian Index.

In 1833, Jesse Mercer, the "father" of the Georgia Baptist Convention, bought the paper and moved it to

Georgia. It has been the Georgia Baptist paper since. State papers in Alabama, Tennessee and Florida all began as departments of The Christian Index. At one time, the paper was called The Christian Index and Southwestern Baptist to show that it covered more than just one state.

Georgia Baptists also played a key role in launching Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta chaired the committee which recommended that the seminary be placed in North Carolina—much to the chagrin of Georgia Baptists, who wanted it in Atlanta.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board has also been beneficiary of many Georgia Baptist "roots." One of its earliest executive secretaries, Henry Allen Tupper, left the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Washington, Ga., to head the board in 1872. He served until 1893.

Tupper was succeeded by another Georgian, Robert Josiah Willingham, a University of Georgia graduate and a former pastor of First Baptist Church in Barnesville, Ga.

A Georgia Baptist layman, Guy W. Rutland Jr., was one of the prime builders of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California. He chaired the building committee for the campus in Mill Valley and served several terms as chairman of Golden Gate trustees.

The fabled Lottie Moon, for whom Southern Baptists named the world's largest annual mission offering, was a school teacher in Cartersville, Ga., just 45 miles north of Atlanta when she answered a call to foreign missions service in 1873.

The house in which Miss Moon lived in Cartersville

still stands today. First Baptist Church of Cartersville, where she was a member, has a Lottie Moon historical exhibit on display. Miss Moon died in Japan in 1912.

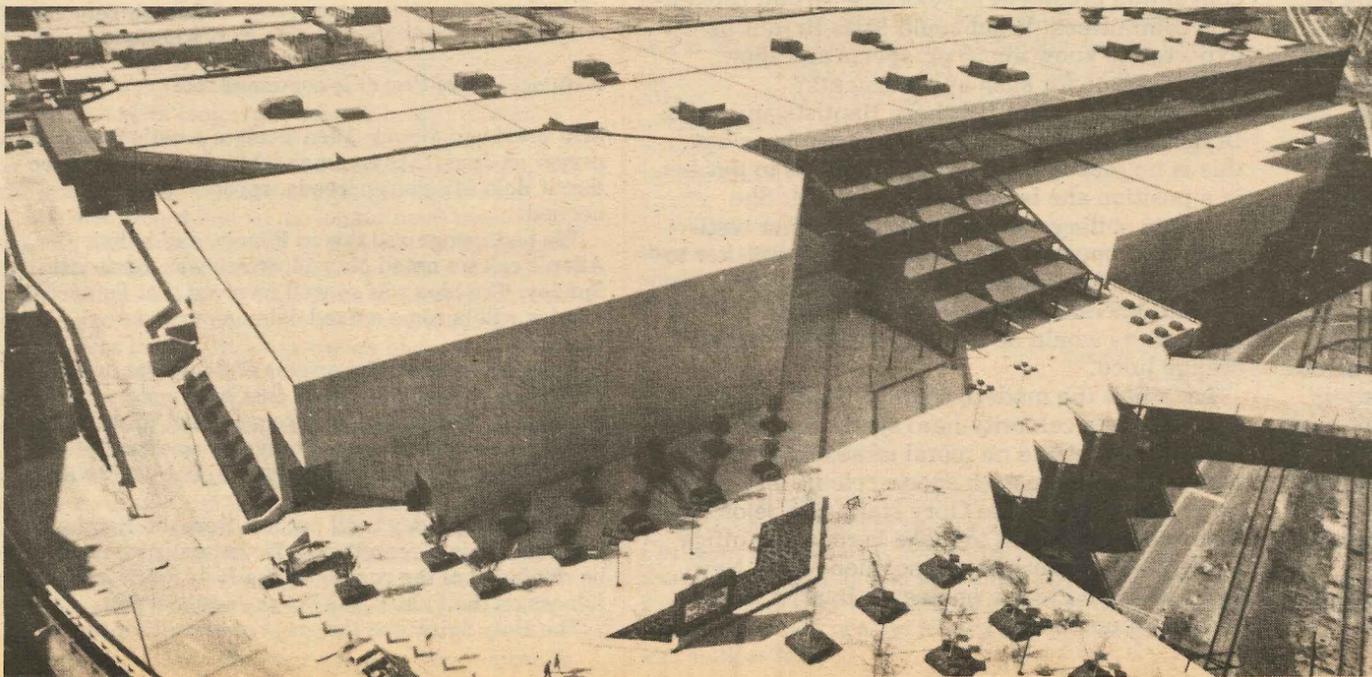
Five Georgians have been presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Patrick H. Mell of Athens served from 1863-71 and from 1880-87, longest presidency in SBC history. W. J. Northen, governor of Georgia, was SBC president from 1899-1901; E. C. Dargan, 1911-13; Lansing Burrows, 1914-16; and Louie D. Newton, 1948-49.

The Baptist Sunday School Board has had strong leadership and support from Georgia Baptists across the years. When it needed a new executive secretary in 1883, to succeed J. M. Frost, it turned to Theodore P. Bell, who served 13 years. Bell resigned in 1896 to buy The Christian Index and become its editor in Atlanta. The board turned to Georgia again and elected I. J. Van Ness, who had been T. P. Bell's partner in publishing The Christian Index, in 1917.

Through the fabled history of the Southern Baptist Convention, Georgians have held numerous other leadership posts. Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, is a native of Fayetteville, Ga.; Raymond Rigdon, director of the SBC Seminary Extension Department, Ft. Valley, Ga.; Chauncey R. Daley, editor of the Kentucky Baptist paper, Western Recorder, Newington, Ga.; Alvin Shackelford, editor of the Tennessee paper, The Baptist and Reflector, Carrollton, Ga.

In 1977, an unusual year of Georgia Baptist leaders in SBC ranks, no less than six Georgians were chairmen or presidents of SBC organizations.

## *Southern Baptist 'roots' probe deep into Georgia*



The Southern Baptist Convention will meet here in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta June 13-15.

*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

### Is Bible bootlegging right?

By definition smuggling is exporting or importing something secretly or unlawfully. We think of drugs, arms or even aliens as commodities for smuggling but rarely think of smuggling holy things. But holy smuggling is big business according to an article appearing in the April 23, 1978, issue of the Los Angeles Times.

The commodity of holy smuggling is the Bible and the object is to get Bibles into Communist countries where distribution of scripture is not allowed. According to this newspaper report there are 30 to 35 organizations engaged in smuggling Bibles and other literature into Communist countries. In the United States California seems to be the base for most of these organizations. Their income is from voluntary contributions and at least two of these based in Glendale are doing well with \$8.1 million and \$5.2 million annual takes.

Appeals for funds for clandestine distribution of scriptures are made by direct mail, in ads in religious publications and in other ways. Some appeals claim that "dedicated smugglers" can deliver a Bible across the borders of "atheistic Communism" for less than five dollars.

Stories of intrigue, mystery and secrecy are used to enhance appeals for contributions. In addition to purchasing Bibles the funds are supposedly used to provide equipment like automobiles and suitcases with secret compartments. The claim is that God sanctions and blesses such deception and illegal methods of Bible distribution.

Is this so? Surely God wants every person on earth to have access to the Bible. But this same God and this same Bible teaches us to be law abiding and to be honest. Does God condone dishonesty and illegal smuggling, even of the Bible?

It is doubtful. A moral end does not justify an immoral means to reach that end.

There are other ways to penetrate Communist lands with the gospel. Modern communication devices are accessible to most people in the world today. The air waves and television channels cannot be completely controlled by those unfriendly to Christianity nor will communication satellites be controlled by them.

There is a place for defying the law for conscience sake. Christians throughout history within non-Christian countries have found ways to communicate the gospel and even distribute Bibles. Some have paid with prison sentences or even death. But this is different from crusaders sitting in the comfort of their organizations' offices raising funds to equip secret compartment automobiles with which others hazard their lives in smuggling Bibles.

Even without the ethical considerations it is questionable to support such organizations which generally are controlled by one person or a group of persons and which is accountable

financially to no one but themselves.

It is noteworthy that the American Bible Society and other Bible societies over the world do not distribute scriptures by smuggling or any other clandestine methods. They know it is not practical, it is not legal and ethical and it stands to get confessing Christians in Communist countries into more trouble than they are already in.

We do well to share the Bible with all people on earth where it can be legally sent and pray that God will open doors that are closed now. We do well not to contribute to organizations dedicated to Bible bootlegging.

### Anita Bryant's good judgment

Anita Bryant shows better judgment in her initial response to a proposal that she be nominated for vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention than those proposing the nomination. She expressed reluctance to be nominated because of her lack of knowledge and experience in Southern Baptist denominational life. Hopefully her reluctance will prevail.

As sweet and sincere as she is, Miss Bryant would be out of place as a Southern Baptist Convention officer. The offices of the convention are for denominational service, not for bestowing honor or admiration.

The convention's constitution and bylaws put grave responsibilities upon the convention's vice presidents. The most serious is the vice presidents succeed to the presidency in the order of their selection should the president die or become disabled. Also presiding responsibilities of the president are generally shared with the vice presidents. Can you imagine Miss Bryant's presiding over Southern Baptist Convention sessions? Moreover the vice presidents join the convention president in selecting certain convention committees. What could Miss Bryant be expected to know about prospects and their qualifications for such appointments?

There is no doubt Southern Baptists and Miss Bryant are together on many moral issues but this is no reason for Southern Baptists to put her in a position she is not qualified to fill. She excels in selling orange juice, giving her testimony and opposing homosexuality. Leave her to her thing. She would be out-of-place as a convention vice president as her would-be nominators would be using their charm to sell orange juice.

Let's halt the modern trend of Southern Baptists toward a celebrity-hero syndrome. We'll do well to concentrate on moral issues instead of personifying them with sports celebrities, beauty queens and Grand Ole Opry stars. We rejoice in their testimonies but to make heroes and office holders out of them seems so alien to the New Testament and to the noblest in Baptist history and tradition.

## Baptist Forum

Spiritual has become a dirty word

Certainly spiritual is not a dirty word in the Bible. But somehow we have developed the idea to be spiritual is not good.

Let me put forward a couple of suggestions why spiritual has become a dirty word in our day. For one thing, the wrong people claim the word as their own. Generally they mean by "spiritual" people who speak in tongues or some similar experience. As a result many think of "spiritual" as applying to people who have withdrawn from the world, are impractical, and even dangerous.

The other suggestion plainly crouches at the door of all of us. Materialism is so deeply entrenched in present day society "spirituality" is unreal. Churches and most Christians, instead of looking to the Bible, have adopted the world's standards of value and ways of thinking.

For example, the average church in looking for a pastor doesn't even ask if he prays, reads the Bible and is growing spiritually. They want one who is personable, well dressed and well grounded in business principles. They are looking for exactly the same qualifications as a department store is concerned about in seeking someone to head up ladies' fashions.

How can we restore the good biblical spiritual to respectability? Col. 1:9ff and Gal. 6:1 tell us how.

To be spiritual is to possess wisdom and understanding. Wisdom, in addition to the ability to make right choices, is the quality of mind and spirit which enables one to see life's values correctly. Wisdom recognizes eternal values—God, heaven, love—as being more important than temporary and transient things.

To be spiritual is to know God in salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Really knowing God involves being born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. But notice—Col. 1:10 says; "increasing in the knowledge of God." Knowing God involves continuing growth as well as past conversion. One can spend a lifetime really knowing a fellow human being, as in a marriage or close friendship. If human personality contains such possibilities, how about the infinite God?

To be spiritual is to live a life God approves. Every unusual experience must prove itself in the fiery crucible of everyday living. Jesus went from his baptism to the desert to meet the devil in personal combat.

To be spiritual is to be redemptive in our relationship with others. Christians who fall by the wayside need our help given with love and extreme care. The day may come when we need somebody to pull us out of the ditch.

As a small child, I can remember Christian people complimenting other Christians in whom they had confidence by calling them "spiritual." May that day return.

George Thomason  
Kansas City, Mo.

### National Day of Prayer is commendable

SBC president Jimmy Allen's call to a national day of prayer on June 11 is commendable. It's a recognition that if Bold Mission succeeds, spiritual power is needed.

We had recognized this in Illinois, and before Allen's call we noted May 14, which was Pentecost Sunday. The idea was so well received that Pentecost Sunday will become a fixed date on our state calendar.

As we researched the origins of Pentecost on the Christian calendar, we found that by the second century, the early churches were placing primary stress on Easter, whereas Christmas was hardly noted. Next to Easter in importance, however, was Pentecost.

Pentecost Sunday is all but lost from the Baptist calendar. This is regrettable, for annually we need to be reminded of the coming of the Holy Spirit in fulness on the Pentecost after the resurrection.

The Holy Spirit was the great energizer for the

early apostles. The Holy Spirit must be the great energizer for Bold Mission, or else our denominational machinery and big budgets will be little more than sounding brass and clanging cymbals.

Thank you, Jimmy Carter, for reminding us of this!  
Bob Hastings  
Springfield, Ill.

## Surprised and shocked

I was surprised and shocked that you would print the article by Marion T. Duncan (WR, 5/3/78). If you do not believe in the gifts how can you believe in any of God's promises: These things will pass away but not until Jesus returns again and at that time we will be like him and then we will not need the gifts.

I have the gift of a prayer language and I praise God for this blessing.

How does Mr. Duncan explain John 14:12? It seems very plain to me.

Carolyn Flynn  
Pikeville

## Duncan's article "full of holes"

Re: "The Great Commission and Charismatic Gifts" by Marion T. Duncan.

I am not a "charismatic" nor have I ever been, understanding a charismatic to be one who speaks in tongues. My congregation probably finds me unintelligible at times but I won't blame that on the Holy Spirit. Mr. Duncan's article is so full of holes and leaves so much unsaid that I find it hard to believe he wrote it or that your responsible paper published it.

One wonders if he ever heard of glossolalia. I am aware that the noun "glossolalia" does not appear in the New Testament. However, "glossa" (tongue) appears often and "lalia" (speaking), thus the phrase "speaking in tongues." What Mr. Duncan does is to completely ignore the ways in which the term is used. He tells us it is used for foreign languages and according to Acts 2:8 and 11 that is true. What he does not tell us is that "glossa" refers to the physical organ of speech and also to an unintelligible utterance. (Acts 10:16; 19:6 and I Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1, 8; 14:1-27, 39.)

In light of the crowd reaction following the experience of Pentecost it is difficult not to suspect the presence of both foreign languages and strange utterances. Jerusalem was cosmopolitan during feast days and hearing foreign languages alone would not be sufficient cause to suppose the speakers were drunk.

Paul does say tongues will stop but where does it say this will happen when the church "matures"? I Cor. 13:10 says "when the perfect comes." The Christian church today is perfect because of what Christ has done for his bride. It was perfect as soon as the atonement was complete and in another sense it will not be perfect until the last soul is saved to complete God's plan.

In one paragraph he tells us Corinth was a crossroads and many languages were spoken there, then he says Greek was the language of the congregation and the people could understand nothing else. That's hard to believe in a pluralistic society like Corinth. Besides, "tongues" does not refer to Latin, Aramaic or other ancient languages here, it means ecstatic utterances. If there were 10 different language barriers there why would Paul limit the preaching of the gospel to two or three and let the rest perish?

It is also stated that we no longer need these gifts. Corinth did because it was so wicked—wow! Corinth has been multiplied 10,000 times across America and other nations today. A Corinthian would probably be astonished at the smorgasboard of evil available in many cities in this Christian nation of ours.

I do not understand why he has thrown healing in with these gifts, except for a general hostility toward charismatics. I Cor. 13:8 tells us prophecy and knowledge will be done away and tongues will cease but I find no reference to healing in that verse. Praise God for the hospitals and Christian physicians. Also there are some fine doctors who are not Christians and they do as well as the ability of man can do. You would have a hard time convincing many folks who have experienced miraculous healing that God doesn't do that anymore.

I have committed the same error as Mr. Duncan in

saving the great commission for last and least. If prophesy is to be done away along with knowledge what do we do with I Cor. 14:24-32? Perhaps the decline in baptisms and other vital signs of our churches is a reflection of the very conviction you have expressed. Could it be that there is powerless prophesying because some prophets believe their day is past?

The Holy Spirit is the master of this gift matter (I Cor. 12:11). If we expect to fulfill the commission of Christ we must do it in the power of the Spirit. Fuming over the "gifts" and distorting or ignoring the facts will only grieve and quench the Spirit. Let's walk in the Spirit and be filled with the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18). We cannot go wrong if we accept what the Lord has for us.

Biblical preaching is the key to orderly worship, effective evangelism and discipleship. Under his master the pastor must be a faithful keeper of the flock. If he fails to tell the good news of Christ to others, how can his flock be expected to do so? If he believes we have come of age and must not expect miracles from God the congregation is certainly not going to be enthusiastic about witnessing, prayer or missions.

Jerome F. Brown  
Lexington

## Gonna rip it up?

As I read the article "The Great Commission and Charismatic Gifts," my heartfelt concern went out to this writer and anyone else who apparently has decided to place God in a neat little package all tied up and labeled useless.

If we spent as much time seeking the Holy Spirit of God in all his fulness in our lives and ministries as we do trying to discredit him there would be no way to imagine the extent of how powerfully we could spread the glorious gospel to a world in such need of it.

Before Jesus went back to be with the father he left us a legacy to greatly enrich our lives while in this life, and as we are willing to sacrifice self he will fill us with himself through the Holy Spirit. In John 14:12 Jesus gives an explicit outline for the believer: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." In this there is not any reference to anything passing away, but being broadened and strengthened.

The gifts, all nine of them, are given "for good and profit," (A.B.) and there is documented fact of their usage in our day, no matter how well rooted and stable our church is today. If we will look at the societies we live in there may be the discovery that we need all of the equipment that is available to battle the "prince of this world."

Even when Jesus ministered in this work with the father's power there were people trying to disprove and discredit his authority (Lk. 11:14-15).

There are, and have been for centuries, people trying to destroy or belittle the infallibility and completeness of the word of God, and there will continue to be others. I only hope that the people who seek the truth of God in their lives will let these words speak to their hearts, "For by thy words thou shall be justified, and by thy words thou shall be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).

Fellow workers, let us unite in one spirit to further increase the harvest of the kingdom instead of wasting time in attempting to rip apart our fellowships and stand in the way of the work of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Ernest G. Sacra  
Lexington

## A Father's Day tribute

Christian fatherhood is ever the divine ideal!

Fortunate indeed are you if there is a fine, true Christian gentleman at home who is rejoicing with you in life's plaudits and standing by to shield you from life's blows. He neither expects nor asks for any reward save that of a life worthy of a bit of sacrifice and selfless love.

If you are the daughter of such a dad, you can and undoubtedly will frequently let him know of your loving appreciation.

If you are his fortunate son, standing upon his shoulders today, you can in a measure repay him by being his second chance to live. He wants you to be an even finer dad than he has proved to be.

If you are the cherished wife and companion of a noble husband and father, the indispensable guardian and guide of your home, assure him of your abiding love.

We honor ourselves by honoring with our lives Christian fatherhood at its best, our dads on Father's Day, June 18.

William Hall Preston

## An obscene evening

I would like to direct this letter to the Bethany Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky., and commend them for the stand they have taken on obscene films and books about the sex life of the son of God, Jesus Christ our lord.

However, I would like to ask this question of all church music directors and pastors:

Have you contributed to the opening of the door in America for obscenity such as this by allowing any portion of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR to be performed in your congregaion? Have you tested the Holy Spirit's approval of I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOVE HIM from this musical and felt the grief in your spirit that the song provokes because it, too, is so utterly wrong from the biblical standpoint in dealing with Mary Magdalene's relationship with our lord and master?

When I first heard my high school choir perform sections from this musical, tears of sorrow streamed down my face that Jesus would be so dishonored. Later, I was alone in my concern when this same group performed the music in many Baptist churches on tour concerts. My own church is guilty; but I stand alone, and misunderstood, for denouncing it.

It ruined my beautiful "Evening with Randall Veazey" recording from Ridgecrest Music Week 1973, when I learned that it contained a piano solo by a well known Kentucky pianist using music from SUPERSTAR. We cry wolf too late sometimes when we ourselves have invited obscene films and books to our doors through not being able to discern the difference between the sacred and the profane. I was in the Ridgecrest audience at music week 1973 when the above mentioned concert was performed and I am just as sad now as I was then when I think about it, even though the piano was beautiful during Mr. Veazey's intermission. I write this in all love, with a heavy heart.

Mrs. Wilma D. Boggs  
Loyall

## 'A bit of heaven'

During early May we had the privilege of visiting the Bahamas. On Sunday, May 7, we attended the First Baptist Church in Freeport. This is a Southern Baptist church and we were made to feel very much at home even though at the time the pastor, George L. Cumberbatch, and his congregation were not aware of our "kindred spirit."

The music director, Wendell Knowles, Charles Hepburn, organist, and Edwin Elliott, pianist, along with the choir, provided outstanding music for worship. When we stood and sang in unison the lovely hymn, "From Every Race, From Every Clime," it was indeed a very moving experience. As we mingled our voices with those of our black brothers and sisters in praise to him who died for all of us, we were not conscious of any color or national barriers.

We tasted a "bit of heaven" that day in the Bahama Islands and we look forward to that greater day when we can fellowship once again around his throne, as redeemed ones bought by his blood. We sincerely desire that as others come to our churches from foreign lands they will find the encouraging welcome which we received from these lovely Bahamians; and we wish to sincerely thank them for these special memories of their island.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sweat  
Owensboro

# Baptist News in Brief

## Board approves energy, TV, construction funding

The executive committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board has approved \$360,000 for a new radio and television Bible correspondence series, \$285,700 for construction at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and \$75,000 for a minicomputer energy management system.

The \$360,000 in reserve funds will be used for writing and editing 11 series programs and obtaining media time and writing curriculum support material to be offered free to viewers, according to Robert Fulbright, Bible teaching division director.

The series, a joint effort of the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, will premiere in October.

The \$285,700 appropriation will allow construction of a 10,000-square-foot auditorium at Ridgecrest.

Robert Turner, conference division director, said the auditorium is needed as Ridgecrest, and the other major SBC conference center, Glorieta in New Mexico, move into an expanded program for youth during the 1979 summer months.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 500 and will include five conference rooms accommodating 250 persons. The air-conditioned facility may be expanded to seat 700 through

use of folding doors which will connect the auditorium to the conference rooms.

Wayne Chastain, director of the management services division, said the minicomputer system is being purchased as part of the board's effort to conserve energy and reduce energy costs. He said the computer, based on studies, should save the Sunday School Board about \$40,000 annually.

## SBC pre-registers 4850

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has pre-registered more than 4850 "messengers" to the annual meeting of the SBC June 13-15.

Last year, the first of a two-year study of whether pre-registration would aid messengers, over 2,700 persons pre-registered.

After the convention is over, the Executive Committee will study the results and make a final decision on the future of pre-registration, according to Tim Hedquist, assistant to the executive secretary and director of financial planning.

If pre-registration continues, the Executive Committee will study ways to simplify and refine the system, Hedquist said, to facilitate the entire registration process. This year, pre-registration had about 10 percent error, he said. Many messengers either sent no money or the improper amount or omitted necessary information. Hedquist

said that indicates need for revision in the system.

Total registration for the Atlanta meeting is expected to exceed 16,000, with overall attendance likely to top 20,000. Last year in Kansas City, 16,271 persons registered. A record 18,637 registered at the 1976 convention in Norfolk.

## Turn conflict into energy

Married couples may convert conflict into a major source of energy for their marriage, a professor told participants in a conference for married young couples.

Conflict in marriage may be positive or negative, G. Wade Rowatt, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary, said at the conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

In resolving conflict, Rowatt said, couples should "forgive the person and fight the problem." He urged them to first get the problem out on the table, stay on the subject while trying to solve it and relate to one another as equals.

If the husband and wife cannot resolve the conflict, he said, they should seek a peacemaker, a fellow Christian and "let that person be the church for you."

Several speakers emphasized also that a healthier marriage will result from improved communication with one's spouse and with God.

## Women's consultation set

Baptist agencies participating in a special Consultation on Women in Church Related Vocations, Sept. 20-22, 1978, in Nashville are fast filling their quotas. However, planners have reserved space for Southern Baptists who want to participate in the event.

The consultation will gather a group of denominational leaders, including the leadership of 11 national Southern Baptist agencies sponsoring the three-day activity as a project approved by the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It will be held in the conference facilities of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Mrs. Catherine Allen of the Woman's Missionary Union is consultation chairperson.

Those who want to attend the consultation should contact Martha Jo Glazner, Conference on Women in Church Related Vocations, Baptist Sunday School Board, MSN 152, Nashville, TN 37234.

A \$50 registration fee covers advance reading materials, a dinner meeting and a book of findings.

Speakers and those attending the consultation will examine the present involvement of women in church related vocations, study the trends in this area and identify barriers to greater involvement.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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TWO SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS



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September

- 18 Mid-Continent, Mayfield; Central Baptist, Corbin; Irene Cole, Prestonsburg
- 19 Lewis Lane, Owensboro; Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville; F.B.C., Grayson
- 21 Hillvue Heights, Bowling Green; Bardstown Baptist, Bardstown; F.B.C., Carlisle
- 22 Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; F.B.C., Nicholasville; Erlanger Baptist, Erlanger

### CEDARMORE SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

August 14-19, 1978

Associational Leadership

August 14-15

Church Leadership

August 16-17; 18-19

- Preschool ..... Polly Dillard  
June Austin
- Children ..... Anne Smith
- Youth ..... Freddie Pike
- Single/Young Adults ..... Tom Huls
- Median/Senior
- Adults ..... James Rennell
- General Officer ..... John Durst  
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### JONATHAN CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

July 22, 1978

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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- Youth ..... David Haley
- Adult ..... James Rennell
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Hardin, Kentucky 42048



### 4 PASTOR/DIRECTOR WORKSHOPS

- June 9-10 ..... Finley Baptist Church, Henderson
- August 25-26 ..... Boyce Bible School, Louisville
- October 13-14 ..... Cumberland College, Williamsburg
- November 3-4 ..... Georgetown College, Georgetown

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## BIBLE STUDY

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Glen Dale employes retire

Two long time employes of Glen Dale (Ky.) Children's Home are retiring after a combined 35 years of service.

Mrs. Sadie Funk was a housemother at the home 19 years. She worked primarily with younger children, most recently serving as housemother for a cottage of 8- to 13-year-old girls.

Mrs. Corine Hornbuckle has worked with children at Glen Dale 16 years. The first four she worked in food services. The last 12 were as housemother.

Both women received silver trays at a staff luncheon in April. The Glen Dale Women's Auxiliary held an awards luncheon for them May 12.

Mrs. Funk will spend some time with her family in Florida. Mrs. Hornbuckle will remain on campus, working a few hours each week in the kitchen. Her husband, Harry, who has also been at Glen Dale 16 years, is director of maintenance.

## Congregations

**Glen Dale homecoming June 25**  
Homecoming activities for alumni and friends will be held at Glen Dale Children's Home June 25.

An alumni meeting has been set at 10 a.m. at Gilead Baptist Church. Following worship services at Gilead everyone is invited to lunch on the grounds at Glen Dale.

A softball game will highlight afternoon activities.

**125th anniversary for Aberdeen**  
Aberdeen Baptist Church, located in Ohio but affiliated with Bracken Association in Kentucky, will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, June 11. The church dates to 1853 and is the oldest Southern Baptist church in Ohio.

**Seniors gospel sing June 11**  
A senior citizens gospel sing will be held at the Kentucky Fair Grounds Sunday, June 11, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Happy Goodman Family, an Indian group and a black group from Virginia will be featured. Gov. Julian Carroll will be a guest.

**Hodge receives DMin degree**  
Ralph W. Hodge received the DMin degree in graduation exercises at Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. May 5.

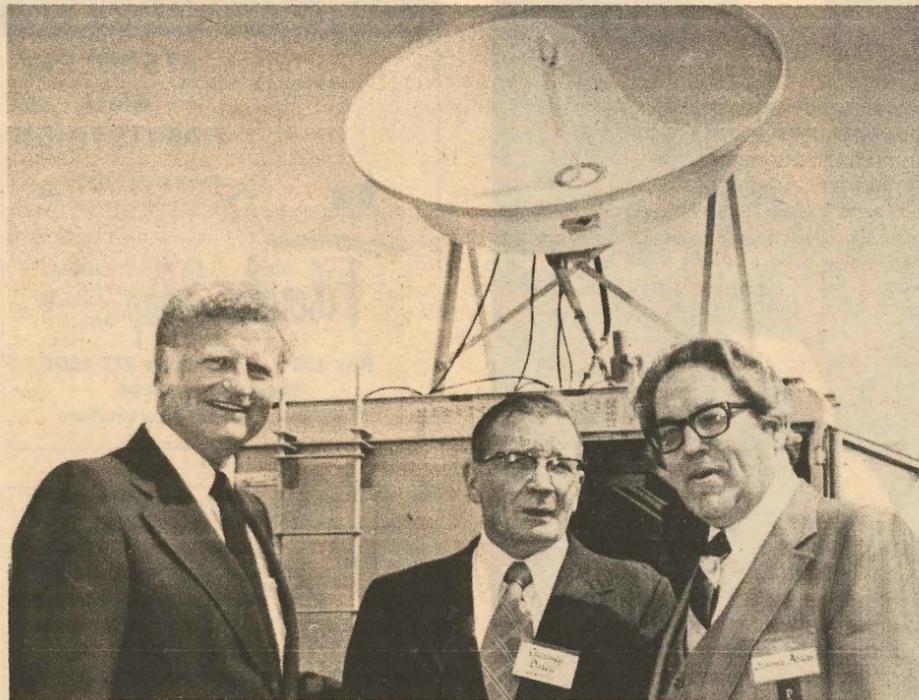
He is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church and holds degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Cumberland College.

**Construction for Rush Chapel**  
Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, approved a \$28,000 building program at one of its two missions, Rush (Ky.) Baptist Chapel. Four classrooms, a water system and additional parking facilities will be constructed.

The chapel was closed three years ago and Rose Hill adopted it as a mission point. The mission averages 80 in Sunday school and operates two buses.

Rose Hill is currently building a bridge and expanding parking facilities with 100 spaces on a newly purchased lot at its Winslow Road location. That project will cost more than \$20,000.

Phil Stephens is pastor at Rose Hill and Charles Stewart at Rush Chapel.



A satellite communication demonstration was one feature at an editors' briefing by the Radio and Television Commission recently. Pictured in front of the mobile unit making possible the demonstration are (l-r) commission president Paul Stevens; Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley; and SBC president Jimmy Allen.

## Deaths

**Clell Miller passes**  
Clell Miller, pastor of Little Cane Creek Baptist Church, Red River Association, for 18 years succumbed to a heart attack May 18. He served churches in Breathitt County and Powell County while also working as an employe of the L & N Railroad. Services were conducted for Miller May 20 at Little Cane Creek Church.

**Katherine DeMonbrun dies**  
Mrs. Katherine DeMonbrun, member of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, died April 24.

She taught a ladies class 16 years, was chairman of the kitchen committee more than 10 years and was a member of WMU 30 years.

She also visited and cared for the ill and shut-ins.

**Mrs. Fred Tucker dies**  
Mrs. Alice Tucker, 88, Louisville, died May 29 at Louisville's Norton Infirmary.

She was the widow of Fred Gentry Tucker, prominent Baptist minister. The Long Run Baptist Association recently held its Fred Tucker week of prayer for associational missions.

A native of Augusta County, Va., Mrs. Tucker came to Louisville in 1920 and was on the faculty of the old Baptist Missionary Women's Training School.

## Missions

**Renee Brown at Little Bethel**  
Renee Brown, a student at Evansville University, will serve as student summer missionary for Little Bethel Association.

**Mission teams getting ready**  
Three Baptist student summer missions teams are preparing for an eight-week tour across Kentucky, beginning mid-June. The three teams are Son Burst, Son Share and Son Celebration.

Members of Son Burst are Janet Lynne Hanson, Hartford; Patty Leide,

Ft. Mitchell; Phillip Moore, St. Bernard, Ohio; Edwin Pavy, Louisville; Douglas Lambdin, Middlesboro; and coordinator Tom Smoot, University of Louisville.

Members of Son Share are Pam Conley, Paintsville; Ken Miller, Louisville; Alecia Reynolds, Catlettsburg; Tamara Siewart, Vine Grove; John Stutz, Kettering, Ohio; and coordinator Clay Mulford, eastern area associate.

Members of Son Celebration include Lisa Hamby, Owensboro; Mark Harrison, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Kathy Brookshire, Taylorsville; Brenda Simmons, Brandenburg; Terry Salyer, Oil Springs; Cory Mills, Whitesville; and coordinator Dale Adkins, Eastern Kentucky University.

**Red Smith to serve summer**  
Rod Smith, a Southern Seminary student, will serve as summer youth minister at Park Avenue Baptist Church, Little Bethel Baptist Association, this summer.

## Personnel

**Taylor accepts Whitesburg call**  
Johnny W. Taylor accepted the call as minister of youth and education, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, effective Aug. 13. Bill Mackey is pastor.

Taylor will complete requirements for the MRE degree from Southern Seminary in June. He is presently minister of youth, Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Newton, Miss., and Mississippi College, Clinton. Taylor is married to Laurie K. Taylor, former Western Recorder journalism intern.

**Cornelius accepts FBC, Hazard**  
Jeffrey Cornelius assumed the position of minister of music and education at the First Baptist Church, Hazard, May 14. A native of Hannibal, Mo., Cornelius received the MCM degree from South Seminary, Louisville, in 1976.

He served as minister of music at Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, and as minister of music and

youth at Rocky Hill Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He was also engaged in the music ministry for the Protestant Chaplain's Fund at Ft. Knox, Ky.

**Bass accepts Perryville**  
Chuck Bass accepted the pastorate of Perryville Baptist Church. Bass comes from Florence, Ala., where he served as associate pastor of Highland Baptist Church. He formerly served Central Baptist Church of Winchester, Ky. Bass, a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, is married to Beverly Terrill of Danville. He will begin his duties on June 18.

**Adams resigns Cane Creek**  
Wallace Adams Jr. resigned the pastorate of Cane Creek Baptist Church.

**Gray to Weaver Baptist**  
Thomas F. Gray is the new pastor of Weaver Baptist Church.

**Walters accepts Crane Creek**  
George Walters accepted the pastorate of Crane Creek Baptist Church.

**Pensol to West London Church**  
Harvey M. Pensol, Mt. Vernon, Ky., has accepted a call to West London Baptist Church.

He has served as associational coordinator for Rockcastle Association and is former pastor of North Side Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon.

## Ordinations

**Bethlehem ordains Garland**  
Daniel J. Garland IV was ordained by Bethlehem Baptist Church May 21. Garland is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Batavia, Ohio. He will receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He holds an engineering degree from the University of Kentucky.

Garland is married to the former Charlene Stevens of Louisville.

**Three ordained at Olaton**  
Olaton Baptist Church of Ohio County Baptist Association ordained David C. Duncan to the ministry and Jessie Payton and Tony Chinn as deacons May 21.

Duncan is pastor at Olaton.



J. E. Darter (l) and Gilbert Shely, both members of Harrodsburg Baptist Church and both retired preachers, were honored by the congregation and friends. Though retired, they have remained active by preaching and serving as interim pastors in Mercer and surrounding counties. The Harrodsburg congregation presented them with gift certificates.

# Georgetown College shows its affection for Dr. and Mrs. Mills

Friends and colleagues of Georgetown College president Robert Lee Mills and his wife, Millie, honored the couple with an "evening of appreciation" May 20 at the college's Cralle Student Center.

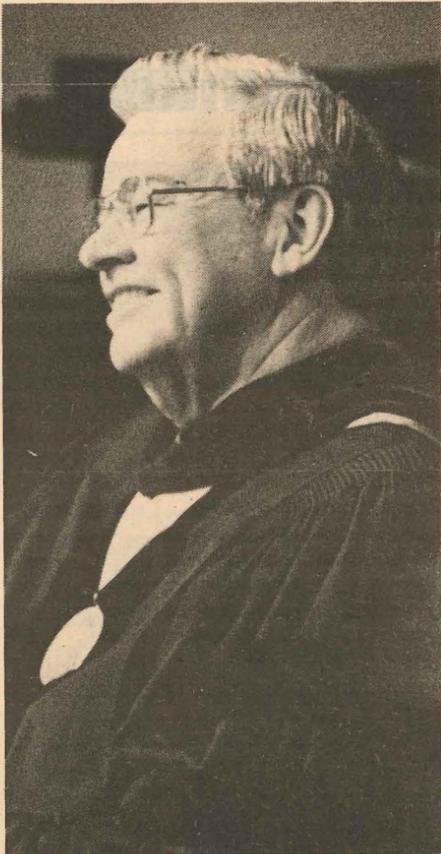
Mills concludes his 19-year tenure as president this year. He has agreed to remain at the college in the newly-created post of chancellor.

Trustees, associates, alumni, Kentucky Baptist Convention representatives, college faculty and staff, community leaders and members of the Mills family attended the program.

The Mills were presented several gifts. An oil portrait of Mills was presented to the college by Tom Corts, Georgetown alumnus and president of Wingate College.

"So many truly good things have happened to Millie and me because we have been at Georgetown College," he said. "Our lives have been fuller and richer as a result of our years here."

Words of appreciation for the Mills were given by Ira Porter, retired, Louisville Trust Co.; Franklin Owen, executive secretary, KBC; James Boswell, president, Cumberland College; Carl Fields, professor emeritus, Georgetown College; Raymond Morrison, board chairman, Georgetown First National Bank; and Maribeth Hambrick, president, Kentucky WMU.



Robert Lee Mills smiles at a remark at Georgetown College baccalaureate.



An ice sculpture frames a corsaged Millie Mills at a Georgetown College appreciation dinner for her and husband Robert Lee Mills.

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# Baptist News in Brief

## Southern hospitality?

Rip-off artists in service stations along Georgia's Interstate 75 effectively fleece unsuspecting motorists—mostly vacationers—according to a recent report by the New York Times News Service.

Baptists using that route to attend the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta June 13-15, have been warned to beware of dishonest stations. Complaints from motorists indicate that up to one-fifth of the 500 service stations along the route prey on unsuspecting tourists.

The New York Times report listed some exotic swindles such as dropping Alka Seltzer tablets into the battery which causes a minor explosion, smoke and foam—clear evidence of the need for a new battery.

An attendant may slice a tire, then spray water on it to show a leak.

Barbecue sauce mixed with alcohol, then sprayed on the alternator, creates a cloud of smoke and the smell of electrical disaster.

With the car on the service rack, the

attendant squirts oil under the shock absorbers, giving the appearance of a dangerous leak, and then issues a pitch for new shocks all around.

Convention participants are advised to be doubly sure their vehicles are in proper running order before setting out for Atlanta.

## SBC sets hunger meeting

While the majority of Americans are getting the turkey and pumpkin pie ready for Thanksgiving homecomings this November, a group of Southern Baptist representatives will be meeting in North Carolina to talk about world hunger.

A Convocation on World Hunger, the first to be held in the Southern Baptist Convention, is being planned for Nov. 20-22 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center near Asheville, N. C.

The meeting's objectives will be to stimulate awareness of the world hunger problem, to share information on hunger-related activities of SBC agencies and to provide opportunities for an exchange of ideas.



Juliette Mather (l) and Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, cut the birthday cake in celebration of WMU's 90th year. Woman's Missionary Union was founded May 11, 1888, in Richmond, Va. Miss Mather joined the staff in 1921 and served in two capacities until she retired in 1957.

## SBC vp changes jobs

Olan H. Runnels, SBC first vice president, resigned a 10-year pastorate at Swope Park Baptist Church to become vice president at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Runnels, 46, who began at Southwest Baptist May 23, will work with the vice president for development, Kenneth Edmondson, in institutional development.

## Staffer named in Illinois

Elsie Taylor, a secretary in the Illinois Baptist state office of communications for the past seven years, has been named editorial assistant for The Illinois Baptist, state Baptist newspaper in Illinois.

The new post was created following the resignation of John M. Whitman as managing editor, according to editor Robert J. Hastings.

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

Lessons for June 18, 1978

### International Series Joseph—man's faith and God's providence

Acts 16:25-34

In the interesting narrative recorded in this lesson we have a splendid example of what man's response to the gospel should be.

On the streets of Philippi, Paul and Silas encountered a slave girl who possessed an evil spirit with which she charmed and astounded people. She was owned by a syndicate which derived considerable financial gain from her soothsaying. Repeatedly, this poor fortune-teller followed these missionaries, Paul and Silas, on their way to the place of prayer, where they conducted religious services, crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Embarrassed at commendation from such an undesirable source, Paul turned and said to the evil spirit in her, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." After the evil spirit left, she was of no further use to the men exploiting her.

Her owners stirred the rulers to action, a mob was organized and Paul and Silas were dragged before the magistrates. They were falsely accused of causing disturbances, sowing discord and teach-

ing unlawful religious customs.

After receiving severe beatings, Paul and Silas were placed in the custody of the jailer for safe-keeping. He thrust the men of God into the loathsome inner dungeon, fastened their feet in the stocks and, without any thought about their suffering, went to sleep.

God's power suddenly came down and a violent earthquake, of such severity that even the foundations of the jail were shaken, startled all who were in the prison. The doors of the jail flew open and all the prisoners were liberated. The jailer was frantic and leaped from his bed. When he saw the prison doors open, he concluded that all of his prisoners had escaped. Thinking a disgraceful execution awaited him, he decided to commit suicide. When he seized his sword to thrust it into his vitals, Paul cried, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Touched deeply by that loving cry, the jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

He was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The only way to be saved is to trust Christ fully. Christ saved that jailer when he believed.

### Life and Work Series Responding to the good news

Genesis 39:7-9; 41:14-16; 50:15-21a

Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard, purchased Joseph from the slave traders, and ere long placed him in charge of his home and of his business affairs. Potiphar's wife admired handsome Joseph and attempted to seduce him. Reminding her marriage was sacred, Joseph refused her amorous advances. Potiphar's wife shamelessly seized Joseph by his coat and held it so tightly she removed it as he fled from the house. When Potiphar returned his wife rebuked him for bringing Joseph into the palace and accused Joseph of the sin which she had tried to induce him to commit. Although he did not accept his wife's charge as being true, Potiphar had Joseph imprisoned.

Doubtless this young idealist was shocked that he should be imprisoned, but he did not question God's love and care. Recognizing his cruel treatment as having come through the permissive will of God, Joseph left the vindication of his reputation to God.

Joseph continued to do his duty and was placed in authority over other prisoners, among whom were the "Chief Butler" and the "Chief Baker" of

Pharaoh. They had dreams which Joseph interpreted. When Pharaoh had a peculiar dream, the "Butler" suggested he get Joseph to interpret it. He declared seven years of plenty and seven years of famine were approaching. Pharaoh selected Joseph as prime minister of Egypt and authorized him to prepare for these events.

When Joseph's brethren went to Egypt to purchase grain, they bowed before him, oblivious to the fact they were fulfilling Joseph's dreams. When he revealed he was their brother whom they had sold into slavery, they were astonished, thinking he would wreak vengeance upon them. In thinking this they judged him by themselves, but Joseph had no intention of usurping God's prerogative.

Joseph stressed that while they had meant what they did against him, God meant it for good. He saw in their deed not the meanness of men but the purpose of God. He exclaimed: "God meant it unto good." When Christians truly trust and rely upon God implicitly, they can rest assured that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

## Frank Owen

### Hallelujah goal

More and more our people and churches are considering Bold Giving. I pray that in the growing and going expressions of Bold Mission we are making similar gains. We don't have monthly statistics on people, like financial accountability requires of us on dollars, but I pray that baptisms and overall church growth will at least keep up with our steady rise in gifts.

April Cooperative Program receipts broke all records except for August of last year which was the catch-up, close-out month of our fiscal year, in which our books are kept open five extra days.

Now we have seen the month of May reach still another new high with a total of \$719,798.89 compared with \$584,688.72 in the same month a year ago which was a record-breaking year.

The present year's budget calls for a 20% increase and despite this highest yardstick we have ever stood by we are over the budget to date in the amount of \$155,569.56.

When I say "budget" I speak of the \$7,200,000 budget which we must have to meet all our firm commitments. In addition to that firm budget, we adopted a challenge budget of \$800,000 more. A total of \$8,000,000. Jesse Stricker and I call that latter figure our "Hallelujah Goal."

I believe now that we are apt to surpass even that highest hope marker. We have never yet done this. With nine months of the fiscal year gone (75%) we have received 69.44% of that \$8,000,000 target. The last quarter is usually our best one in the fiscal year. Our agencies could do greater things with another extra.

This time last year we were 6.81% ahead of the previous year and now we are 11.21% beyond that.

Bold Giving is coming into vogue. So mote it be. It will pay the way for more witnesses in places where we have few or no witnesses. It will establish witness outposts where we have none and BOLD MISSION THRUST will become reality.

Now I pray that in Kentucky our baptisms and church growth will at least keep up with our growth in giving.

## State student work excels

Kentucky Baptist student work ranked high in a study of student ministry departments across the Southern Baptist Convention. The study includes the year ending Mar. 31, 1978.

Kentucky ranked second in total students involved in campus programs with 14,297 and in students preparing for church-related vocations with 1054. The state tied for third in two categories, Home Mission Board summer missionaries with 24 and short term missionaries with 250.

Kentucky reported 331 conversions related to student work, fourth among all states.

Texas ranked first in almost every area of the statistical summary.

## New Annuity Board plans

The SBC Annuity Board is offering a new group life and medical insurance program to Southern Baptist churches with large staffs.

The program, which can be developed to include group accident and long-term disability protection, is also open to association offices and other denominational affiliates.

A cooperative group plan is available to churches with 25 or more employees. Churches with 10 to 24 employees may participate in a mini-group plan. Both are underwritten by Aetna Life & Casualty.

Currently, the mini-group plan is attracting the most attention. Cost for life insurance is 52 cents per \$1000. Optional accident insurance is 5 cents per \$1000, while dependent life coverage is 50 cents a family.

Interested churches, associations and agencies may call toll free at 1-800-527-4767. The address is Annuity Board, SBC, Church Area, Development Division, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, TX 75201.

## 'Instant' alcohol on its way

Thanks to a combination of American and Japanese ingenuity, a new alcohol product will soon hit the market which promises to worsen the national hangover of alcohol abuse, particularly among young people, according to a spokesman on alcohol-related issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Powdered alcohol, an "all you add is water" product, is now being test marketed on the west coast and Americans can anticipate an onslaught of advertising, says John A. Wood, director of program development for the Christian Life Commission.

The "instant cocktails," which follow the introduction of the six percent alcohol candy bar and the alcohol milkshake, are further evidence of a trend in the alcohol industry to make alcohol "as acceptable and accessible as possible," he claims.

## Forgetting God in summer

I forgot my Lord in the summertime, just the time I was needed most.

I was not away, but on each Lord's day I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime as I lazily lay in bed,

While the faithful few had my work to do, and I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the summertime, when he needed it most of all,

While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent, just off duty for God until fall.

I forgot my class in the summertime, but the devil did not forget,

Working day and night, he kept up the fight; he's a go-getter you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime, got along without spiritual food.

While my Lord on high sent me blessings, I showed him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summertime, when from my duty to God I am free,

Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through, if, by chance, he should forget me?

## June 11 is day of prayer

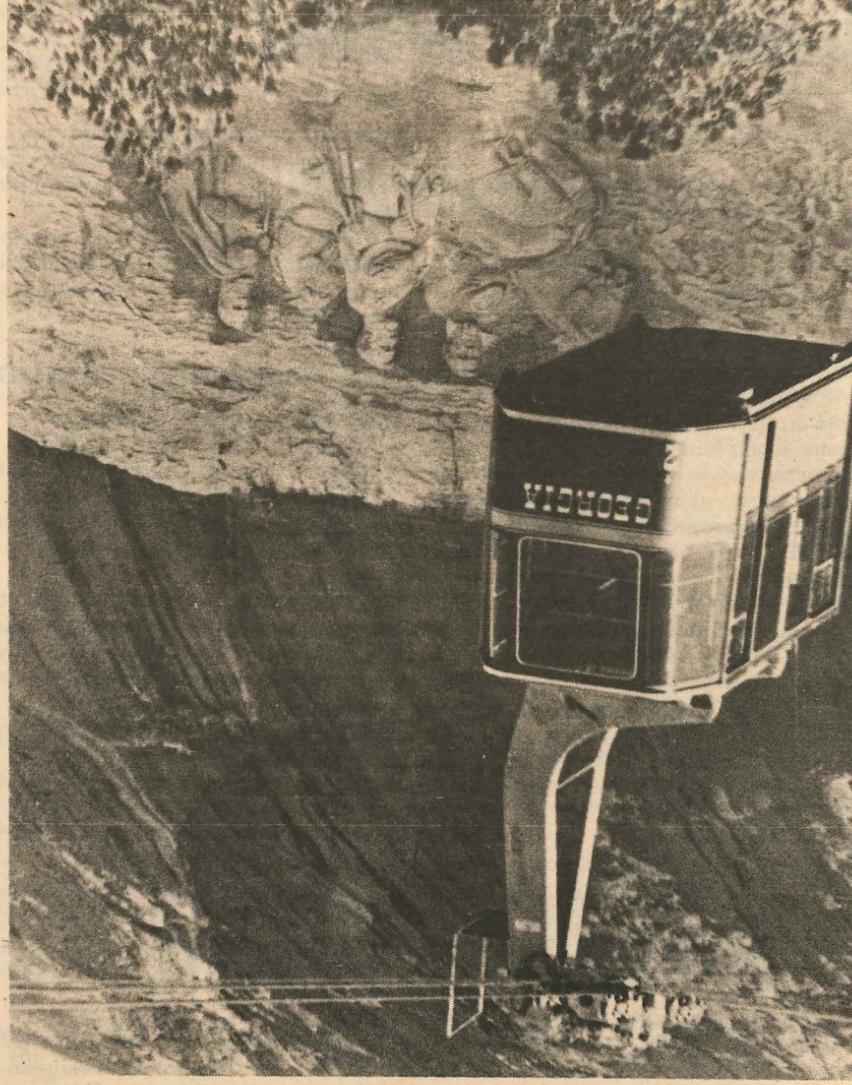
SBC president Jimmy Allen has proclaimed Sunday, June 11 "a day of prayer for a spiritual awakening." He encourages Southern Baptists to pray that Bold Mission Thrust might become an avenue of that awakening.

"I request each of our more than 35,000 congregations to have special prayer for our nation, for the peoples of the world and for the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in annual session that week in Atlanta, Ga.," Allen urged.

"Let us ask God to revive his work in the midst of the days."

## Linger on, sweet June

No wonder poets sing of June. It is the keystone month of the year, the month of long days and gentle winds, of heavy shade and the fragrance of roses and honeysuckle, the month when the whole earth pauses before it begins the long, slow swing back towards mid-winter and long, dark nights. No wonder the world loves June, the month of ripe berries and bird song and long evenings, of butterflies and fireflies and high clouds in deep blue skies. There is universal agreement with the singer who wrote, "Slower, sweet June, each step more slow; linger and loiter as you go."



SBC messengers may catch a glimpse of Jimmy Carter or ride cable cars to the top of Stone Mountain next week.

## Attractions at Atlanta