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Student Larry Lisenbee, freshman at Cumberland College, holds this park visitor spellbound when he appears in his clown costume.

Celebrating freedom down by the river side

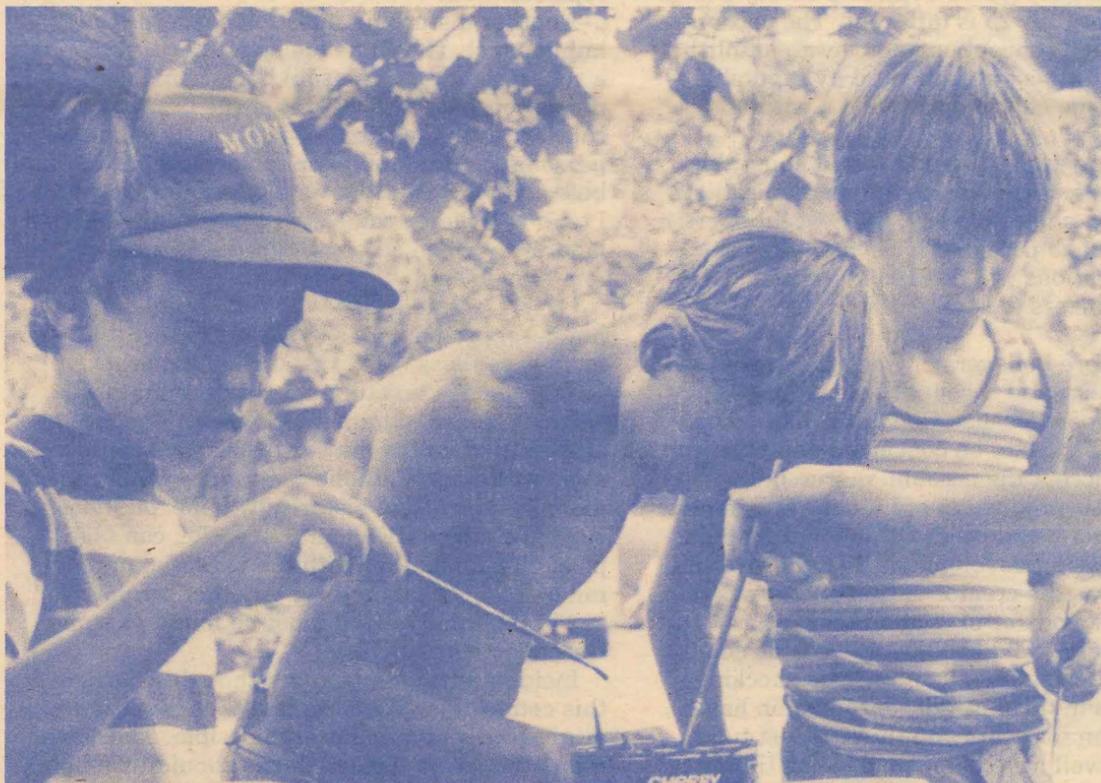
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park was the site of a fourth of July weekend celebration of freedom in Christ, and Baptist students of Kentucky were in the forefront of it all.

Spearheaded by Cumberland College's Baptist Student Union, the unique event also drew performances by the state Student Department's three summer mission teams—Sonshare Players, directed by Tom Smoot, providing drama; Sonburst, directed by Clay Mulford, displaying puppets; and Son Celebration, directed by Dale Adkins, offering music. Smoot, Mulford and Adkins are campus ministers employed by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Clowns, puppets and drama provided comedy, while the music team presented secular and sacred selections. A craft table, where people could test their own aptitudes for creativity, was set up. Rain canceled a cartoon and Christian movie scheduled to follow night performances.

Park guests were extremely complimentary of the talents and spirit of the college students. A west Kentucky couple remarked, "We just happened to drop in to visit the falls, but we will make this trip an annual event."

Jim Wilson, BSU director at Cumberland College, explained, "Many tourists asked why students were doing this, especially without pay. Of course this provided an excellent opportunity to share the freedom and joy of our Christian experience with them, many of whom were unchurched people."



Above, kids are fascinated with opportunities to paint at the craft table. Left, Sonshare Players team members Phillip Moore and Ed Pavy entertain the crowd.

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Test tube conception and the Christian faith

The recent announcement of the birth of the first test tube baby in human history not only stirs the scientific and medical world but also raises serious questions of religious and ethical nature.

Theologians and philosophers could regard as a hoax or a fraud the claim made last March that a baby boy had been cloned (reproduction from a single parent) from a 67 year old millionaire. But the vitro fertilization (uniting the father's sperm and the mother's egg in a test tube) resulting in the birth of a baby girl to John and Lesley Brown in England on July 25 is different. The account of the test tube conception and caesarean birth of Louise Brown is authenticated by reputable sources and the child seems to be a normal human being.

What, if anything, should be said about this medical phenomenon in a religious publication? "Nothing," some would say, but test tube fertilization has such potential for evil or good that future generations will need to know that Christian thinkers took note of it in its beginning.

Some sincere believers in God will scoff at the story as a concocted account of something that couldn't happen because God has ordained only one way for babies to be conceived and born. Others will accept the account as true but will declare such reproduction of humans is immoral and should not be allowed. Others will grapple with this amazing development in light of their faith in God as the creator of human life whether in a woman's body or in a laboratory.

The birth of a child by way of test tube conception is amazing but should not be shocking. Experiments in this form of reproduction have been going on for years and the first test tube baby might well have been born in the United States instead of England had not there been severe restrictions upon such experiments due to professional and religious opposition. These restrictions now will likely be gradually removed and while it is still years away, test tube conception for barren husbands and wives who can afford it will not be uncommon.

In the meantime debate over the propriety of such human reproduction will rage both in medical and theological circles. Baptists, sooner or later, will have to take a position on this matter as we have on abortion and other moral issues. This is assuming Louise Brown and subsequent test tube babies develop into normal human beings which I am inclined to believe they will.

I make no claim for special insights in this matter but I must grapple with it in an effort to reconcile it with my Christian faith. This reconciliation cannot be artificial or superficial but must be genuine and meaningful. So far this

grappling has been related more to questions than to answers.

To be sure the theological ramifications of test tube conception are mind boggling. The first question of all is whether we can still hold to God as the creator of human life when the normal manner of conception is bypassed and the male and female components of the new life are united by a doctor in a laboratory. Is God really needed for such a birth or has the doctor replaced God?

Another disturbing question concerns the human soul. The Bible teaches that a person *is* a soul instead of *has* a soul but when does a person become a soul? Is it at the time of conception, at the moment of birth, at the time of personal accountability or somewhere in between? If it is at the time of conception which I tend to believe, can a soul come into being in a laboratory when a doctor introduces male sperm to a female egg?

Or is it possible since the normal manner of human reproduction is bypassed, a test tube baby is soulless? What a horrible thought!

Where does test tube fertilization leave the sex experience of humans? If the sole purpose and justification of the sex experience is procreation as Roman Catholics and many other religious persons have historically believed, does sex have any place when conception can take place in a laboratory with the potential parents miles from the laboratory? Another purpose for sex in the mind of God must be found as some Christians already have.

Incidentally, an intriguing thought comes in this connection. With the test tube fertilization virgin births of humans are possible. Those who reject the virgin birth of Jesus should take note. If a doctor can bring about a virgin birth in a laboratory, it's not hard to conceive of the Great Physician's bringing his own son into the human experience by way of a virgin birth.

Granted test tube fertilization is within God's will, think how such a miraculous gift could be used for good or evil. By genetic manipulation not only the sex but the physical and mental characteristics of test tube babies could be predetermined. Think of what Hitler with his super race philosophy could have done with such knowledge! And what about a new form of abortion which takes place when several female eggs are fertilized and all destroyed except one finally chosen for implanting in the mother. Then there is the repugnant idea of baby factories, bootlegging sperm and eggs and a myriad other-immoral possibilities.

On the positive side this medical miracle offers hope to wives and husbands who long for children but cannot conceive them in the normal

way. And the genetic manipulation which could give the world a race of monsters could on the other hand produce children free from congenital diseases and without any physical or mental defects.

There is no end to the questions raised by test tube conceptions of humans. But are there any answers and conclusions? There are some but most of them must be tentative until we see more developments. The answers I have are based on faith and not knowledge of which I have so little in this field.

Does this development shake my faith in God? No! Rather it enhances my concept of a God whose power and majesty are as evident in a laboratory as they are in the sun, moon and stars. The more man learns about himself and this world the greater God becomes in my mind. The same God who brings about life in the body of a woman can bring it about in a test tube. And he can use a doctor to do this miracle whether or not the doctor gives him the glory.

After all the doctor hasn't created anything. He merely used what God had created. When a doctor creates the sperm and the egg which he puts together to form new life, my faith will have to be reexamined. And should he prove he can produce the soul as well as the fetus in a laboratory, I'll worship him instead of God.

I believe even more amazing accomplishments will come from man's efforts than test tube conception. God has made man only a little lower than himself and has endowed him with potential beyond our wildest imagination. If the world stands, what we now see is kindergarten compared to what's to come. The ultimate question is not what wonders man can do with the gifts of God but whether he will accept from the same God the gift of spiritual power and ability to handle these wonders for the good of man and the glory of God.

A summer rain in a drought

Only those who depend upon the soil for livelihood can fully appreciate a summer rain in a drought. Such a rain fell on the parched soil of the fields of my childhood during a July visit with my aged father in south Georgia.

For weeks the clouds had withheld their blessings and early gardens were brown. The corn was twisted and mostly beyond hope. The soy beans were wilted and the peanuts were but days away from severe damage. Farmers were wondering if two successive drought years would wipe them out. Weather forecasts were prayerfully and hopefully followed day by day but as

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usual in a drought all forecasts and signs of rain failed. The relentless, merciless sun kept shining and burning and the thirsty crops kept crying and yearning.

Then came the day to remember. The morning was born without a cloud in the sky and the 40 percent rain forecast for the day seemed to be but more mockery.

The hot, humid day wore on with patchy clouds appearing and disappearing as they had day after day. About six o'clock in the afternoon an encouraging looking cloud appeared in the northwest but it produced no lightning nor thunder as it moved away in an easterly direction. Then came more clouds of varying altitudes moving at different speeds in different directions.

Daddy and I sat on the front porch of the farm home hopefully watching the clouds as we had

done many, many times through the years when a rain meant the difference in saving or losing a crop. After what seemed like an eternity the first sound of thunder overhead brought encouragement and soon the big drops began to fall. Harder and harder it fell until Daddy said it had been a long time since a rain like this fell.

There's no more satisfying sight than thirsty soil drinking its fill nor more musical sound than raindrops falling upon a tin roof. The whole earth joined in praise and the crops lifted their heads in gratitude. Hope for abundant harvest was revived.

On and on the rain fell, sometimes heavy and sometimes light. One inch, two inches and more. Night and bedtime came and still it was raining. And what sleep! The music of raindrops on a tin roof are more conducive for sweet and restful sleep than any prescription ever written.

Some of the pleasures of this world belong only to those who are wealthy but the most satisfying joys of the human experience are as common as a summer rain and as free as the grace of God.

The heart of the psalmist knew this kind of joy and it set his heart to sing:

"You show your care for the
land by sending rain;
You make it rich and fertile
You send abundant rain on the
plowed fields
and soak them with water;
You soften the soil with showers
The hillsides are full of joy
the valleys are full of wheat.
Everything shouts and sings
for joy"

(Ps. 65:9-13, TEV).

Baptist Forum

Respect based on calling, not credentials

I read with interest the letter of Walter M. Averett (Baptist Forum, WR, July 5, 1978) on the subject of the respect for the leadership of our pastors. Let me say at the outset that I agree with Brother Averett that this very serious problem exists in our churches. Pastors and ministers do need to be trusted and believed but I wonder if our earthly credentials will ever be enough to gain us this trust and respect.

I believe that the call of God is a call to prepare. We should be the best and the most professional that we can be and that means we must train, but our training can never become the basis for our authority. The herald proclaims not his own message but the message of the king who sent him. We proclaim the message of the king who sent us. "And how shall they preach, except they be sent . . ." (Rom. 10:14). Our authority and our credibility should be dependent upon our call and not our credentials.

There are many good men in our denomination who are doing a good job without the credentials Brother Averett speaks of and they, too, deserve to be believed and respected as leaders called of God. God has granted to each of these the right to speak with authority without having learned Greek or Hebrew. What we need is a basic belief in the authority of God's word and a return to the practice of its basic precepts in our churches. To the churches I would say, "Believe in your pastor, God chose him."

Larry W. Brown, Elizabethtown

We need hymns with doctrinal messages

In the July 5 issue of Western Recorder, Franklin Owen mentioned the lack of good music in America. Almost the only opportunity we have to hear really good music is from a carefully chosen stereo recording.

A hymn should be said about gospel music. Prof. I. E. Reynolds was head of the music department of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., for many years. He once said that we lacked hymns with doctrinal messages, and he specifically mentioned hymns about the shed blood of Christ. A look at the topical index of a hymnal will indicate that he was right.

It has been said that a sermon without doctrine is not a sermon but only a "teatime talk." Likewise, a hymn without a gospel message in it is just a ditty.

Certainly there should be enough musical talent among Southern Baptists to produce more hymns on important and basic doctrinal facts. Some hymns live and some do not live. Apparently we are not putting the emphasis on hymnody in this century as was done in the days of Dwight L. Moody and Charles Haddon Spurgeon. A singing church is a soul-winning church.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has been publishing hymnals for many years. Certainly

more good, singable hymns containing Christian doctrines would be welcomed. Some of the greatest sermons ever preached are in the words of some of the great hymns like "Power in the Blood" and others.

W. M. Averett, Lexington

Repulsive 'commercialization'

C. R. Daley's observation in Vol. 152, No. 28, dated July 12, 1978, entitled "Repulsive communication of a spiritual experience" was unclear.

If Mr. Daley is condemning the practice of the mentioned Peter Ingraham of blasphemous use of a spiritual experience to gain financially by inventing an undocumented symbol, I sincerely agree with him.

However, if Mr. Daley is, as it seemed to convey, deriding the honest selling of Christian-related products which carry high endorsement by evangelical leaders or secular products with a high reputation in the marketplace by means of the direct-selling, free enterprise system, I must wholeheartedly contend with Mr. Daley.

Would he have other retail selling companies discontinue business? I'm thinking of the many bookstores catering specifically to Christians. Direct sales does have "hucksters" of which I believe Mr. Ingraham belongs; however, many sincere Christians are employed in this field and deserve a clarification by Mr. Daley. If he dislikes salespersons, he has that right. Too often, his comments are taken as a Kentucky Baptist Convention standpoint and may mislead many thinking Christians. So please Mr. Daley, we would ask for your observations once more on enterprise in America—honest enterprise that is!

Ron Embry, Louisville

The editorial was not intended to reflect upon any kind of honest enterprise. I hope we are engaged in such an enterprise in producing Western Recorder and I am all for selling "Christian-related products" including the state paper. Maybe the title of the editorial was unclear. It should have read "Repulsive commercialization of a spiritual experience" instead of "Repulsive communication of a spiritual experience." I did not even catch the mistake until I read your letter and this shows how alert the editor is not in July.—Editor

Marney neglected by his own family?

I have looked in vain in Western Recorder for some word about the passing of a true prophet among Southern Baptists—Carlyle Marney. But this week's Christian Century supplied that word. There was an article about his death at Lake Junaluska, N. C., of an apparent heart attack on July 3 and a tribute by William H. Willimon, professor at Duke University.

It is very sad to me to see the only Southern Baptist since Broadus asked to give the Beecher Lectures at

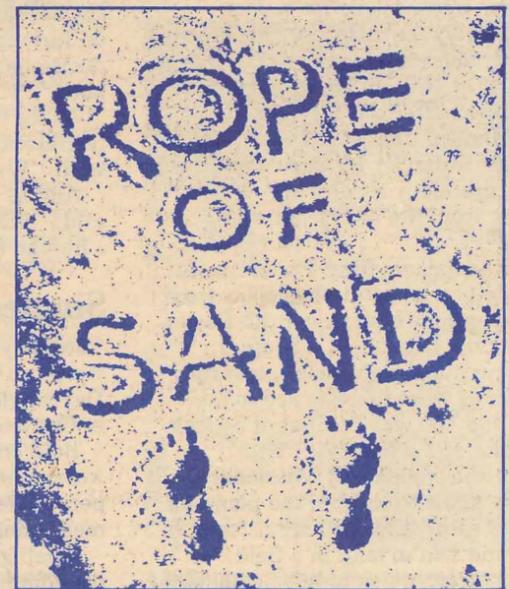
Yale so neglected by his own family. I think Jesus spoke to this situation when he said, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." Marney had lectured on preaching at Princeton.

Thanks to schools like Furman and its chaplain, L. D. Johnston, where Marney was scheduled to lecture at the annual pastor's school the day he died, he was not completely ignored by the Southern Baptist academic community. And that creative arm of Southern Baptists, the Christian Life Commission, had found a place for this preacher of the gospel in its programs.

When I think of the qualities of this founder of Interpreter's House and some of the men who have been paraded before us at the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference of recent years, I can only stammer with deep feelings and aroused emotions "May the Lord have mercy on us."

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

We apologize to you and our other readers for the very late report of Carlyle Marney's death (WR, July 26, page 3). It was not intentional. Unfortunately the news reached us late and we are responsible for one additional week delay. I have admired Marney since our seminary days together though I disagreed with some of his views. He has made significant contributions to Southern Baptists and many others.—Editor



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The Church Music Leadership Conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C. and Glorieta, N. M. offer something for everyone, including handbell ringers, trumpet players, youth choir members and hymn singers. William J. Reynolds (center), secretary, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, directs the summer conferences. Church Music Week is included on the SBC calendar Aug. 20-27.

Missionary couple ordained

Darrell and Camille Adams, a married couple recently appointed as missionaries to Portugal by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, were ordained by Wake Forest (N. C.) Baptist Church July 23.

The Adamses will leave Dec. 29 for Portugal where he will serve in theological education and she in home and church work. She does not plan to assume a role as pastor of a church.

Willard Brown, pastor of Wake Forest Church, which has had women deacons since 1924 but has never ordained a woman to the ministry, said Mrs. Adams "is one of the few and maybe among the first" to serve as an ordained woman missionary.

But Louis Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel at the Foreign Mission Board, said no information is available on the number of ordained women serving as missionaries. Although not accurate Southern Baptist Conventionwide figures exist, about 30 Southern Baptist churches, out of 35,255, are believed to have ordained women.



Charles Colson (l) endorses his screen version Dean Jones who stars in "Born Again," based on Colson's best seller of his days as special counsel to President Richard M. Nixon, his conversion to Jesus Christ and his release by Avco. "Born Again" will be released in print. Embassy Pictures in late September.

Baptist News in Brief

Colorado Baptists enter retirement ministries

A 100 apartment, 10-story highrise building for older-retired adults has been purchased for \$1,235,000 by the newly formed Colorado Baptist Manor Inc., a non-profit subsidiary of the Baptist Foundation of Colorado.

William H. Landers, president of the board of directors for the foundation, said the 12-year-old building was purchased because of its potential for ministry to older adults—"including retired ministers and their spouses, and laypersons."

Landers said he expects the apartment building to become a "retirement ministry center for Colorado Southern Baptists." In fact, he noted, "A regular program of ministry is already in the works for older adults, which will be open to building residents and persons from the metro area."

FMB appointments go up

The reappointment of 14 missionaries who had previously served overseas and the appointment of 19 new missionaries highlighted the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board July meeting.

The reappointments bring the year's total to a record high of 28 and the 19 new missionaries bring the 1978 total to 223, a record for the first seven months of a year.

"All of this bears witness to the increasing tempo of missionary concern and readiness in the light of today's possibilities and challenge," said executive director Baker J. Cauthen, in attendance at his first board meeting since April, due to a case of herpes zoster (shingles).

Accident detail lost by merciful memory

by Toby Druin

Memory is merciful for Mrs. Ruth Partain.

She remembers nothing of the rainy morning Mar. 23 when she and her husband Jack, Southern Baptist missionaries in Tanzania, plowed into the back end of a truck abandoned in the road.

Mrs. Partain was critically injured with a brain contusion and broken arm when her seat belt broke and her head smashed into the bed of the truck. Her seat was torn loose from the impact and she was lifted, seat and all, into a vehicle that came by soon after the accident for transport to a clinic.

Mrs. Partain is recovering now, living on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. But for many months her condition was critical.

She was unconscious for weeks, going virtually untreated at the clinic in Tanzania. She was transferred to Dar es Salaam, then Nairobi and finally, Apr. 6, two weeks after the accident, to Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

She was in Baylor for more than two months, gradually recovering, emerging from the injury-induced sleep.

In Dar es Salaam Mrs. Partain went unattended by hospital physicians from Thursday until Monday over the Easter holiday. Only Larry Loo, a Southern Baptist missionary physician, and the clinic nurses were there to see to her needs—and Loo was hampered by lack of hospital.

During the transfer by Missionary Air Force plane to Nairobi the plane hit a "wall of rain" about 30 miles from Nairobi and had to land in a field.

"I was afraid we wouldn't be able to take off again," Partain said. "Only a few days before another plane had broken a landing gear taking off in a muddy field."

But the pilot unloaded all the baggage and Partain's two sons, David and Eugene, leaving them in the field, and

took off successfully for Nairobi. He returned for the boys and baggage an hour later.

In Nairobi Mrs. Partain at first seemed to be getting better but finally had exhausted all the hospital's diagnostic techniques. X-rays revealed no fractures, but she remained semi-conscious and seemed to be slipping back.

Finally she was transferred to the states where after a long period of recovery she is putting her life back together. She has some difficulty with coordination but is improving with twice-weekly therapy sessions at a Ft. Worth hospital and the help of her family. And she and Jack walk around the seminary campus each evening.

What the future holds is another matter. Jack is planning to return to their home in Arusha, Tanzania, briefly in August to gather their personal belongings—he hasn't been home since the accident. They will spend the year on furlough and then make whatever decisions have to be made about going back.

As for the present, "We're extremely grateful for Ruth's recovery," Jack said. "We're glad to have her back."

And as for Ruth, "I'm better," she said. "I think I'm going to stay and be a human being now."

Singles to labor together

"Journey Inward . . . Journey Outward" is theme of this year's Labor Day single adult conferences Sept. 1-4 at Glorieta, N. M. and Ridgecrest, N. C.

Both conferences will feature creative worship services, fellowship hours, vespers, talent shows, movies, morning meditations and other activities.

Small group sessions are planned for the community of never marrieds, divorced and widowed.

A \$21 deposit, credited to total fees for the weekend, is required. Mail to: Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535 or Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.



Retired Church Training Department secretary Philip B. Harris (l) visits with his successor, Roy T. Edgemon, at the Baptist Sunday School Board following Harris' return from a year as a volunteer missionary in Brazil.

Participation missions: actions speak very loud in Jimmy Allen's thinking

Like a whirling dervish Jimmy Allen has kicked up sand across the country preaching missions during his 14 months as Southern Baptist Convention president.

His hasn't been the extra-nickel-in-the-plate-amen-Sunday-dinner-at-Shoney's message but admonitions that if the SBC is serious about its goal to evangelize the entire world by the year 2000 individuals will have to get with it.

And, if he wished, he could say, "like my church is doing." Members of his church have rolled into Syracuse, typical of their style over the years of launching a wide range of ministries, to establish University Baptist Chapel near Syracuse University.

Setting a prime model for "participation missions" the church sent four of its 11 ministers to Syracuse last winter to design a plan of approach. The 9000-member church then sent and supported its own Mission Service Corps couple, Steven and Sally Cosgrove, both school teachers, to head the work.

This summer four vacation Bible school teams each spent a week there, helped by the ministry of their "Game Wagon," a mobile recreation unit that creates an instant children's park wherever it stops. Prayer partners at home in San Antonio receive daily telephone reports of the progress and needs.

Allen spent three days in Syracuse himself rallying local Baptists around the effort to establish the new work. North Side Baptist Church of Liverpool in Syracuse is the local sponsoring church.

It was Allen's presence, as president of the huge 13.1 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, that most impressed both local Baptists and non-Baptist observers.

"It said something to them that the president of the convention—with all our large churches and millions of members, and his own large church—would take a week out of his very busy schedule to be here himself," said Jack Lowndes, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York.

"For the first time," according to Lowndes, Baptist work in the area got good exposure through television, radio and newspapers as the local media took



Allen

their chance to interview the national newsmaker.

In September, First Baptist will send Bible study leaders, followed by leadership training people, thus overcoming one of the primary problems in new work—lack of trained leadership.

Allen says any church that has even a single full time staff member can be involved in participation missions if it selects its target with its resources in mind. That will mean a project closer to home for many but the needs there are just as vital.

"Participation missions," says Allen who started using the term about a year ago, "means I actually go to help with missions. I don't just send my money—I give myself."

18 Oregon missions start

Portland area Southern Baptists began 18 new mission congregations in a single day July 23.

The congregations were started as part of the "Miracle 25" project, a plan formulated early in 1977 to launch at least 25 mission churches. The 18 congregations started July 23 joined seven others which were started in the early weeks of July and one planned to begin July 30.

To aid the effort 207 volunteers from Union Baptist Association, Houston, Tex., and about 50 others from Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia conducted backyard Bible clubs, surveys and ACTION Sunday school enlistment campaigns.

No anti-mission spirit seen in visa difficulties

Southern Baptist missionaries are having difficulty obtaining permission to live and work in several nations but Foreign Mission Board officials see no pattern of anti-missionary sentiment.

Winston Crawley, the board's overseas division director, explained that even though missionaries in as many as 15 nations have experienced varying degrees of difficulty in obtaining work permits there are no nations where Southern Baptist work is in obvious danger because of such problems.

For missionaries to live and work in a nation they must obtain from that country's government an entry permit or visa and sometimes a work permit. Governments use these permits as a means of knowing and controlling who enters and works in their respective countries.

"Each country must be considered separately," Crawley said of the recent problems. "The limitations are not directed at Southern Baptist missionaries specifically, but usually include missionaries as a part of a larger group. Such limitations express policies and goals of individual governments."

The only nation where it now seems possible Southern Baptist missionaries may lose their presence completely over visa difficulties is Guyana.

At Ridgecrest, Glorieta in 1979

A boost for youths

Youth groups will be able to participate in week-long activities for the entire summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta conference centers beginning next summer.

Centrifuge, sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be offered 10 weeks (June 16-Aug. 24) at Ridgecrest, N. C. and nine weeks (June 9-Aug. 10) at Glorieta, N. M.

Centrifuge was born out of the need to offer a more effective method of reaching and involving more young people (8th-12th grades), according to Don Mattingly, consultant in the Church Recreation Department.

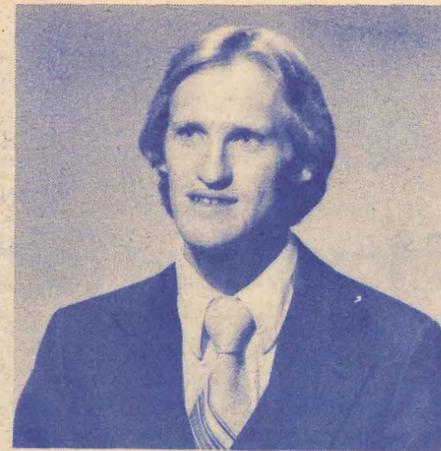
With the exception of Church Training Youth Week and Church Recreation Week there are no other weeks planned exclusively for youth.

"Youth leaders in the past have had to choose between youth week and recreation week if they wanted their youth groups to attend a conference center," said Mattingly. Centrifuge will eliminate this problem by providing a youth program throughout the summer at both conference centers.

The programming of Centrifuge is geared to the interests of young people. It allows a young person to select an area that interests him and receive indepth training in that area. Some areas to be offered are Bible study, overnight backpacking, musicals, dramas, hiking, sports, arts and crafts.

The camp will be staffed by a skilled group of college and seminary students. Each day will begin with an individual quiet time followed by Bible study and worship. Then the young people will attend the conference they have chosen for the week.

Sports and activities are planned in



Johnny Hughes WR intern

Johnny Hughes, 24, of Hartselle, Ala., will join Western Recorder's staff Aug. 21 as a journalism intern, according to James H. Cox, associate editor.

Hughes, a second semester religious education student at Southern Seminary, is pursuing a vocational calling to Christian journalism. This summer he has filled an editorial internship in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville.

Born in Cleveland, Oh., Hughes moved at age two to Alabama. He attended Decatur (Ala.) Junior College and graduated from Mobile (Ala.) College, a Baptist institution. He has served on several church staffs in that state, principally in youth leadership.

Hughes will marry Lauren Blackwell of Nashville Aug. 12. She is a Southern Seminary alumna who will enter Kent School of Social Work in Louisville this fall.

Hughes' responsibilities at Western Recorder will include editing, writing, layout and design, photography, proof-reading and advertising scheduling and makeup. He will work alongside Bill Webb, current intern.



Jim Rupe (l), producer of Country Crossroads, which the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission syndicates to 729 radio stations, and Bill Mack (r) of Ft. Worth laugh with country music star Barbara Mandrell. They attended a Ft. Worth meeting of the board of directors of the Country Music Association as guests of the Radio-TV Commission and WBAP Radio.



Linda and Tom Law met as missionary kids when their parents were in language study in Costa Rica. She moved to Honduras, he to Spain. They wrote for nine years, met again in the U. S. for college, married, and are now back in Costa Rica for language study, this time as missionaries taking two MKs of their own, Martha, 1, and Thomas, 4.

Mountains to the Mississippi



Simmons

Personnel

Grace Baptist calls Holloway
Grace Baptist Church, Independence, unanimously called James E. Holloway as pastor.

He has resigned his pastorate at Greenwood Baptist Church, Doyle, Tenn., and will be in the pulpit at Grace Aug. 13.

Holloway, 29, is a graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Seminary. He has served as youth director, associate pastor and pastor in Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee.

His wife is the former Bonita G. Travis. They have three children, Christopher Neal, 6; Leslie Gail, 4; and Terri Elaine, 1.

Bell to Brookview Church, Louisville
Sam W. C. Bell resigned as pastor of Garfield Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, to become pastor of Brookview Baptist Church in the same city.

His Brookview ministry began July 30.

Bell has been pastor of small part time churches for 25 years and has worked as a computer operator for General Electric.

He has resigned his General Electric position to give full time to the Brookview ministry.

Brooks full time at Red Oak
Wallace Brooks, Tazewell, Tenn., has

been named full time pastor of Red Oak Baptist Church on the North Beltline in Middlesboro.

He served the church on a part time basis for the past two years after serving churches in Tennessee and Virginia.

Brooks and his wife Gladys have a son, Gary.

Dan Hunt goes to Ohio
Beach Grove Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, recently lost its pastor, Dan Hunt.

Hunt went to Ohio to join in pioneer mission work. Frank E. Borich is the interim pastor at Beach Grove.

Meadors returns to Kentucky
Harry Meadors has returned to Kentucky as director of missions in McCreary County Association and pastor of Marshes Siding Baptist Church in that association.

Queens join Grapevine staff
Frank and Sherry Queen have started their work as ministers of youth and education at Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville.

Queen received the MRE degree from Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City. Prior to that, he and his wife both graduated from Murray State University with honors.

Queen, a native Louisvillian, will direct the graded choir program at

Grapevine. Mrs. Queen is from Water Valley.

Edwards to FBC, Carlisle
Robert Nelson Edwards, Waldron, Ind., has begun his ministry as pastor of First Baptist Church, Carlisle.

An Indiana native, Edwards is a graduate of Georgetown College and earned the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Prior to his undergraduate work he spent 13 years in the Navy. He was assigned to communications stations in Hawaii, the Philippines, Turkey and Cyprus and to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as linguistic communicator.

Edwards and his wife Annis Jane have three children, Laura, Tim and Phil.

Byron Simmons to DeMossville
Byron Simmons, formerly of Owensboro, began his pastorate at Gardnersville Baptist Church, DeMossville, Apr. 2.

Simmons, 23, was formerly interim pastor of Richpond Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and associate pastor and youth director at Post Oak Baptist Church, Russellville.

He is a 1977 graduate of Western Kentucky University where he earned a BA degree in religious studies and speech. He is presently working toward his MDiv degree at Southern Seminary.

While in college he was an evangelist on a youth team from Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

His wife, the former Karen Miller of Owensboro, is also a graduate of WKU.

Charles Mitchiner retires
Charles Mitchiner has retired after serving 26 years as pastor in the Louisville area.

He was pastor of Auburndale Baptist Church 21 years and served for the last five years on the staff of St. Matthews Baptist Church working with the Hillcrest congregation.

Mitchiner is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Southern Seminary. He is now doing supply and interim work and can be reached at 110 N. Beckley Sta. Rd., Anchorage, KY 40223.

Jim Robinson to Illinois
Jim Robinson, minister of music and youth at Beechland Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge Park, has resigned to accept a similar position at Westview Baptist Church, Belleville, Ill.

Danny G. Lane, 24, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and a current student in the MDiv program at Southern Seminary, is serving as interim for the summer.

He is a former summer missionary to Trinidad and has served Silver Creek Baptist Church, Berea; First Baptist Church, Richmond; and Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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21 Hillvue Heights, Bowling Green; Bardstown Baptist, Bardstown; F.B.C., Carlisle
22 Second Baptist, Hopkinsville; F.B.C., Nicholasville; Erlanger Baptist, Erlanger

Ronnie Gunter to Olive

Ronnie Gunter is the new pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Stephens to Barretts Creek

Barretts Creek Baptist Church, Greenup Association, called Jim Stephens as pastor.

Ferguson to Louisa Church

Wilbur Ferguson is the new pastor of Louisa Baptist Church in Greenup Association.

Cannonsburg calls Carl Gallion

Carl Gallion is the new pastor of Cannonsburg Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Carl Evans to Union Baptist

Carl Evans is the new pastor of Union Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Wayside calls John Lowry

Wayside Baptist Church, Greenup Association, called John Lowry as pastor.

Chuck Queen to Fairview

Chuck Queen is the new associate pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Heacock to Oakland Avenue

Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Greenup Association, called Mike Heacock as associate pastor.

Rodney Burnette to Rose Hill

Rodney Burnette is the new associate pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Meadows to Walnut Grove

Eugene Meadows resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Blood River Association, to accept the pastorate of Walnut Grove Church near Fredonia.

Menshouse named youth director

First Baptist Church, Greenup, hired Keith Menshouse as youth and music director.

Menshouse, 19, is a graduate of Fairview High School and recently completed his freshman year at Campbellsville College.

FBC, Russellville, calls Leake

First Baptist Church, Russellville, voted unanimously to call Parker Leake as minister of youth and Christian activities.

Leake, 23, a native of Charlottesville, Va., was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with BS degree in health, physical education and recreation.

He is a student at New Orleans Seminary working toward the MRE degree specializing in youth and Christian recreation.

His wife Barbara graduated from the same university with a music degree.

Leake will assume his new duties Oct. 15.

Messer available for supply

Dallas Messer, who served many years as a pastor of Kentucky Baptist churches, is now teaching history at Evarts High School and is available for supply preaching.

His address is Box 157, Kenvir, KY 40847.

Carroll Barnard to Plainview

Plainview Baptist Church, Bracken Association, called Carroll Barnard as pastor.

Robert Edwards to Carlisle

Robert N. Edwards, Waldron, Ind., is new pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

W. W. Johnson is interim at Clay

W. W. Johnson, Providence, is currently interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Clay, in Ohio Valley Association.

Pastor Richard Herrington resigned

earlier to become pastor of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, Tenn.

Germantown calls Roy Bennett

Roy A. Bennett, Manchester, Ohio, is new pastor of Germantown Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Bill Newman resigns Ewing Church

Bill Newman resigned as pastor of Ewing Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Edward Walls to Pennsylvania

Edward Walls resigned Mayslick Baptist Church, Bracken Association, to accept a pastorate in Pennsylvania.

Congregations

Church organized in Berea

A group of southern Madison County residents gathered in Berea June 9 to officially organize Emmanuel Baptist Church and call Frank DeClue as pastor.

Houston Lanier, KBC mountain missions director; Ray Cooper, director of missions in Tate's Creek Association; and other ordained men of the area joined in constituting the new church.

The service was held in the Baker and Williams Building on U. S. 25 north in Berea where members have been meeting for two months.

Construction will begin in the near future on the permanent site of the church a half mile west of Berea on Kentucky Route 21.

Georgia youth minister in London

The youth choir from Rainbow Park Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., spent a recent week with Swiss Colony Baptist Church, London, Ky.

The youth conducted four backyard Bible clubs with enrolment of 135 and helped in vacation Bible school at night with 320 enrolled.

A feature of VBS was a course in music and an adult Bible class. Pastor James E. Casey Jr. said it was the largest Bible school in the history of the church.

Swiss Colony observed God and Country Day July 30 and plan youth revival Aug. 18-20.

Cane Run nearing 150 years

Cane Run Baptist Church near Lexington will celebrate 150 years of ministry in Fayette County Sept. 17. The church is located in Donerail at the Kentucky State Horse Park.

A history of Cane Run and its community has been compiled by church historian Christine Mallory and will be ready for distribution later this summer. A limited number of copies will be available for \$3 per copy. The book will contain about 60 pages including pictures.

To obtain a copy, send a check payable to Cane Run Baptist Church to Christine Mallory, 3030 Newtown Pk., Lexington, KY 40511. Delivery will require three or four weeks.

FBC, Hodgenville, 140 years old

First Baptist Church of Hodgenville will celebrate its 140th anniversary Aug. 13, according to pastor Isaac B. McDonald.

The Hodgenville congregation was organized by a group of members from South Fork Baptist Church Aug. 10, 1838.

Plans for the celebration include recognition of descendants of the 30 charter members. Those related to charter members are invited to attend the anniversary service and are asked to identify themselves upon arriving to be appropriately recognized.

Charter members include James LaRue, Phebe LaRue, John Q. LaRue, James M. LaRue, Mary A. Waide, William Hendricks, Eliza Hendricks, Frederick Kaster, Elizabeth Kaster, Silas Wilson, Susan Wilson, Guvada Wilson, Alva Wilson, Thomas Brown, Lydia

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Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley will be guest speaker for the morning service.

An old-fashioned dinner on the ground will be served at LaRue County Sportsman's Lake. Pastor McDonald says an afternoon of festivities is being planned along with the dinner.

Arkansas youth aid Newport church

Roy S. Bennett, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Newport, praised the recent services of 22 youth and adults from First Baptist Church, Heber Springs, Ark.

The group, led by pastor Ray Crews and music and youth minister Bill Moxley, spent a week in Newport doing physical work on the buildings, conducting four backyard Bible studies and leading in an outdoor evening revival.

Crews preached in the revival and Moxley led the music with a choir composed of visitors from Arkansas and members of Calvary.

An added feature of the week was the visit of the men's choral group from First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, led by Ken Hale.

Historical groups meet

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission and the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society was July 28 at Wilmore Baptist Church.

The commission met following lunch as Asbury College and the society meeting followed an evening meal served by the ladies of the Wilmore congregation.

The meeting of the society was presided over by vice president Ford Deuser. A feature of the program was an account of the historical highlights of the Wilmore church presented by pastor Jerry Hopkins.

The incumbent officers were selected to serve another year. They are: president Leo Crismon; vice president Ford Deuser; secretary Jack Birdwhistell; and treasurer Frank Owen.

The meetings of the commission and society in 1979 will be held at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Bethany youth return from Bahamas

The youth choir of Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, has returned from a mission tour to Nassau, Bahamas.

Under the direction of Craig Singleton, minister of music, the youth worked at various projects for a year to earn much of the air fare and hotel expense of the trip.

Pastor H. Lloyd Stormont said the church, as part of its Bold Mission outreach, emphasized the trip as a church-wide endeavor and supported the young people with prayers and finances.

The choir worked in churches of the Bahamian Baptist Union July 16-22. The youth spent much of their time in areas most tourists never see—poor, ghetto-like neighborhoods.

Bible clubs were held in mornings at three churches. By the final day the 20 Bethany youth were teaching more than 250 children. As a result, five children made professions of faith and others wanted further pastoral counseling.

In the evenings the choir sang the musical "Make it Clear" at five churches. Several rededications were made public and many volunteered to begin witnessing teams in the community.

Stormont said the Bethany youth grew spiritually through teaching, witnessing and singing. He said they were greeted warmly by Bahamian believers.

Lawson earns military medal

Chaplain Paul C. Lawson, a former Kentucky Baptist pastor and the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawson of Magnolia, was awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Lawson is pastor of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., and is a lieutenant commander in the chaplain corps.

He is assigned to the Naval Air Reserve Unit in Norfolk and is also a member of the Bio-medic Ethics Committee of Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk.

He is married to the former Shirley Strader of Campbellsville.

Bullitt Lick dedicates buildings

Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, held dedication services for two new Christian activities buildings July 23. The services in the morning and afternoon were accompanied by a noon meal and an open house.

Alfred Landon Hadley is Bullitt Lick pastor.

Revivals

Three conversions at Fry

Fry Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, reported three conversions in revival services.

The church will celebrate its 75th anniversary Aug. 27. All former pastors, members and friends are invited.

Ordinations

Weaver Baptist ordains Gray

Weaver Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, ordained pastor Thomas Gray July 14.

The charge to the church was given by Robert Sasser and the charge to the candidate by W. B. Bingham.

Billie C. Wright was moderator of the council and interrogator. Willie Greer led the singing and Arnold Carroll was clerk of the council.

Jan Cox ordained in Georgia

Jan Elizabeth Cox, a graduate of Southern Seminary and University of Georgia, was ordained by First Baptist Church, Shellman, Ga.

She is currently chaplain at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at University of Louisville.

Sowder ordained to ministry

John Sowder, pastor of Welfare Baptist Church, Russell Springs, was ordained June 25.

Serving on the council were Valda H. Cooper, moderator; Gilbert Sapp, interrogator; James Wade, ordination prayer; H. E. Coker, Campbellsville College, ordination sermon; Almer Richards, clerk and presentation of the Bible.

Mrs. Sowder and daughter Kim provided special music.

A graduate of Campbellsville College, Sowder is married and the father of four children.

Deaths

Ninth and O WMU workers die

Two active WMU workers at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville—Lydia Gutermuth and Louise Bean—died in February.

Missions

Missionaries earn music degrees

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Owens, Baptist representatives to Mexico, received doctor of music degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Their address is Apartado 267, Ciudad Satelite, Edo. de Mexico, Mexico. They are native Floridians.

Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963 he was minister of music at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville.

Kentucky journeymen begin mission service

Linda Todd travels to Recife, Brazil, and Rachel Whitler to Davao, Philippines

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

Two young women from Kentucky are among the 95 missionary journeymen commissioned last month by the Foreign Mission Board to serve two-year terms in 42 countries.

Linda Todd, Bowling Green, left Aug. 1 for Recife, Brazil, where she will be secretary for the Baptist mission. Rachel Whitler, Middletown, departed Aug. 5 for Davao, on the Philippine island of Mindanao, where she will teach 12 MKs (missionary kids) in a one-room schoolhouse.

The stories about how they came to be journeymen are similar in some respects but unique in many others.

For both, introduction to foreign missions came several years ago.

"We're a very mission-minded family and I'm from a mission-minded church (Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green)," Miss Todd explained. "I was in GAs and passed every step you possibly could."

She received her BS degree in business education from Western Kentucky University in 1976 and taught the past two years in Pendleton County High School in Falmouth.

For some time she had planned to apply for the journeyman program, she said. Because she is 26, the upper age limit for the program, this was the last year she was eligible.

Although she said she thoroughly enjoyed teaching at Falmouth, she is quick to add, "At this time of my life, the journeyman program was right for me."

The work experience helped prepare her for her journeyman term, she said.

Miss Whitler's commitment to missions goes back 10 years to when she was a 13-year-old attending Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest with her family.

"I knew the Lord was calling me into some kind of Christian service," she recalled. "Baker James Cauthen (FMB executive director) gave an invitation and I surrendered to some kind of Christian service."

"I didn't know then what God wanted me to do but I met a missionary there, Harold Matthews, from the Philippines. He told me God's will comes in small doses . . . and you just take a step at a time."

"I went on through college (graduating in 1976 from Campbellsville College) but I never forgot that commitment. I went to work and to a semester of graduate school but I knew that wasn't right."

"I applied for the Philippines and was accepted. In fact, Mrs. Matthews was the missionary who had signed the request for a journeyman."

"My best contact with missions is our pastor, Marshall Phillips (Woodland Church, Middletown), who served 13 years as a missionary in Africa," she said. "He brought the vague concept of missions into reality."

Training intensive but rewarding

Although both women are excited about the opportunity of overseas travel and life in different cultures, they learned during six weeks of intensive journeyman training at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., that their mission terms are anything but vacations.

Miss Todd agreed with the statement made by one of the other journeymen: "Training was a time of mental and physical stretching."

Fall study features Brazil, Philippines

The Foreign Mission Graded Series study this fall will feature Brazil and the Philippines—the countries where two Kentuckians began missionary journeyman terms this month.

Brazil, the largest nation in South America, is larger than the United States excluding Alaska and has a population of 112 million.

The Philippines, located on the other side of the globe, is about the size of Arizona and contains 44.3 million people.

Southern Baptist missionary work in Brazil is nearly 100 years old while the work in the Philippines is 30 years old this year.

The August 1978 issue of The Commission, the Foreign Mission Board magazine, contains more information on the study.

Miss Whitler called it "six long, hard weeks—probably the six hardest of my life—but also the most rewarding."

Journeymen were required to run a mile after rising at 5:30 each morning. Breakfast followed at 7 then morning classes from 8-12:30, lunch, classes from 2-4, physical education from 4:20-5:30, area studies from 7-9:30, free time from 9:30-11 then everyone in his rooms by 11.

"We completed 385 hours of classes in those six weeks," Miss Whitler said.

"They wanted to see how we would function on the mission field," she explained. "The whole point was to stress our weak points and strengthen them."

"One thing was particularly stressed," Miss Todd said. "We're going for two years and then we're coming home. Our job then is to be interpreters (of missions) to local churches."

She had some apprehensions about Brazilian culture and language (Portuguese) when she began training, she said. "But I feel prepared by the classes and activities to make the adjustment and to accept a new culture."

"One of the most important things I learned was to interpret my role," Miss Whitler attested. "I thought I was going as a teacher, but now I know I'm going as a learner. I'll teach the MKs but I can only learn from the nationals."

The new journeymen agreed that a highlight of their training was a visit to Ridgecrest during the Foreign Missions Conference when they had a chance to talk with missionaries to the countries where they will be serving.

Miss Whitler to teach MKs

Miss Whitler will live and work in Davao, a city of nearly 600,000 people in the Philippines.

She will share teaching duties at the MK school for missionary children in the first through sixth grades with another journeyman, Barbara Jones, Tulsa, Okla.

They will share a two-story, three-bedroom missionary home.

While her primary responsibility will be teaching, Miss Whitler—with a journalism minor and experience as a reporter-photography on a weekly newspaper—was contacted before she left by the director

of WMU in the Philippines and asked to help produce WMU materials.

A representative of Baptist Press has asked her to submit articles on missions in the Philippines while she is abroad.

She planned to visit Hawaii, Tokyo and Manila on her way to Davao; take a trip to Hong Kong while on vacation next summer; then take in Europe and more of Asia on the return trip in two years.

Miss Todd is mission secretary

Miss Todd will be the first secretary for the North Brazil Baptist Mission since October 1976.

She said opportunities for further ministry in Recife, a city of 1.2 million people, are limitless. "I have been told that music is very important to the Brazilians and I will have the opportunity to play the organ in different churches," she said.

"There is also a goodwill center there and I will be able to teach English," she added. "Everyone there wants to learn to speak English."

She will share an apartment the next two years with two or three Brazilians at the Seminary for Christian Educators, a school for women.

She went to Recife by way of Miami and Rio de Janeiro. She hopes to travel up the west coast of South and Central America and the United States when she returns.

Miss Todd's younger sister, Donna, was also selected to be a journeyman this year but did not go.

A nurse and a former summer missionary to Ghana, she was slated to go to Rhodesia and work alongside Mrs. Archie Dunaway Jr. in a midwifery program. Members of the Todd family were personal friends of the Dunaways.

The journeymen were in their first week of training when word came that Dunaway had been murdered by terrorists in Rhodesia.

Due to the circumstances in Rhodesia and the personal tragedy, the younger sister decided not to continue in the journeyman program this year.

Her sister and Miss Whitler are not sure what experiences they will have the next two years but both are excited about the possibilities.

Miss Todd summed it up: "I hope I get so involved and grow to love it so much that I'll hate to leave in two years."

Rachel Whitler

Rachel Whitler, 23, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitler, Middletown, will serve two years at a school for missionary children in Davao, on the Philippine island of Mindanao.

One of two daughters in her family, she attended Western Kentucky University and earned a BA degree in English with a journalism minor from Campbellsville College in 1976.

After graduation she worked as a reporter-photographer for the Sturgis News. Later she completed a semester of graduate study at the University of Kentucky.

She is a member of Woodland Baptist Church, Middletown, and has taught Mission Friends and Acteens.

Miss Whitler's mailing address in the Philippines is: Box 79, Davao City, Philippines.



Linda Todd

Linda Todd, 26, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd Jr., Bowling Green, will work two years as secretary of the North Brazil Baptist Mission, headquartered in Recife.

From a family of five daughters, she earned a BS degree in business education from Western Kentucky University in 1976.

For the past two years she has taught at Pendleton County High School in Falmouth and has been a member of Falmouth Baptist Church.

Miss Todd grew up in Bowling Green's Eastwood Baptist Church. She has been a Sunday school teacher and is an organist.

Her mailing address in Brazil is: Caixa Postal 29, 50,000 Recife, PE, Brazil.

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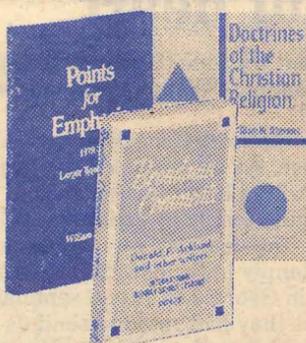
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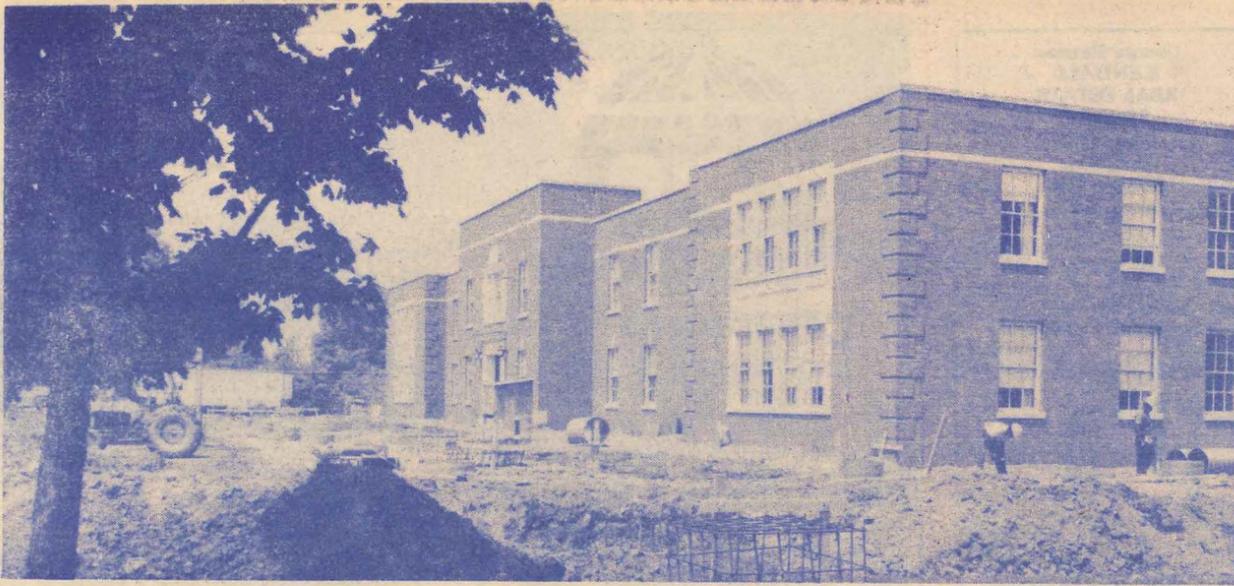
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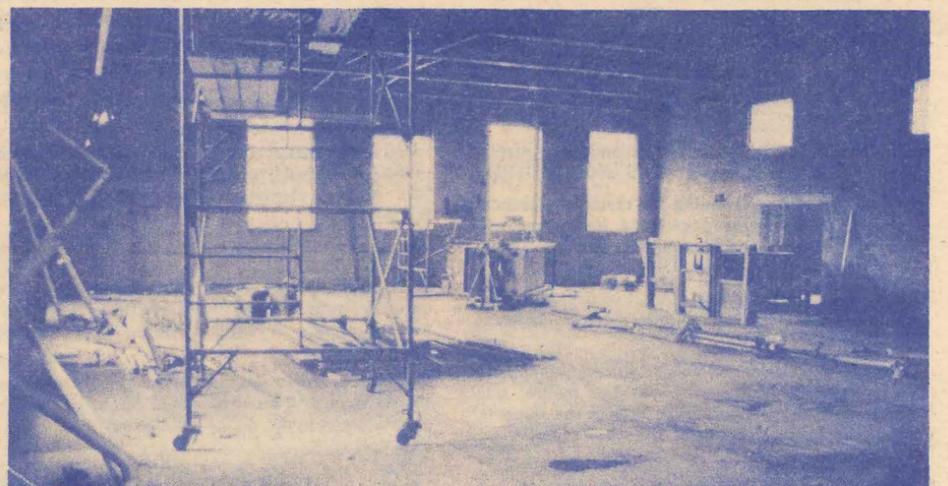
Admission is free



And they rose up and built a Baptist building. One day last week progress on the "new" Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown looked like this (above). A new structure will sit in front of the present facility and wrap around both sides. Meanwhile, parking (below, left) is at a premium for

employees and visitors, and renovation of Western Recorder's former printing building (below, right) has begun. That facility will house the paper and WMU. The warning at right cautions the curious to await completion of the \$1.4 million job by R. E. Blevins Construction Co. of Campbellsville next spring.

On this rock



Baptist Heritage A backward glance from a grateful heart

by Mack T. Harris

I was neither a Baptist nor the son of a Baptist. I had never met the Lord Jesus Christ. One October Monday in 1958 the Holy Spirit visited my bedroom and showed me a vision.

It was clear that he wanted me to leave my job and follow him with a full commitment of my time and energies. I was 25 and a high school dropout. I did not know any Christians personally. I was very critical toward those who talked such foolishness.

The Mormon missionaries had tried to convince me that Jesus was only a man just like me. I asked myself, "Why should I follow someone just like me?" I rejected the idea.

The Jehovah Witnesses were so confusing I wrote them off immediately.

There was a man at work who always tried to talk to me about Jesus. For five years he was patient and consistent. He was genuine and real. He was a Baptist. Because of his witness I became a Baptist.

The First Baptist Church of Kingsland, Ga., received my wife and me into its fellowship and in this church I was inspired to study, witness and share my love for Christ.

In 1960 I was called as mission pastor for the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ga. This wonderful church ordained me to the ministry. It encouraged and supported me in Christ's work.

While attending the Georgia Baptist evangelism conference in Macon in January 1962, God once again changed the direction of my life. He told me to pursue a formal education. He spoke to me through Wayne Ward, a Southern Baptist Seminary professor.

In May 1962, my wife, two sons and I visited the campus of Brewton-Parker Junior College, a Baptist school in Mt. Vernon, Ga. We were terrified. Both of us were high school dropouts. I was 29 and Lois was 25. We were accepted on trial, of course.

Now what would we do? Where would I find a job? We visited my uncle's farm 40 miles from college and attended services at Providence Baptist Church on Sunday.

While in Sunday school a farmer asked if I was a preacher boy. I said, "Yes, sir." He said, "Good, you are going to preach for us today!" I pastored this church until we finished our associate degrees at

Brewton-Parker College.

The Lord spoke again and we visited the campus of Shorter College in Rome, Ga., another Baptist school. We were again accepted, this time because of our grades at Brewton-Parker College.

On the way back to Providence we asked each other, "Where will we get a job?" We had heard about Paul Jackson, the Baptist associational missionary in Cedartown, Ga., 25 miles south of Rome and stopped to see him.

My wife and I noticed an unusual excitement about Brother Jackson and his wife as they invited us in. "You must be the man," he said. "My wife and I have just been praying that God would send us a camp manager."

We told him we were looking for work and he found out who we were and what we were about and called Dr. Ted Phillips, president of Brewton-Parker College, about us. We soon moved to the camp and continued our education at Shorter College.

In 1967 God blessed us with college degrees and our daughter, Laura. He directed us to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. We arrived in Louisville in a U-Haul-It and with \$11. We had already rented a house on South Bayly with rent soon due.

My wife took seriously ill and I could not get a doctor to see her. The next morning I still could not get a doctor to see her. But this time she was unconscious, our children were crying and I was a mess.

I drove to the seminary with Lois in the back seat and the children in the front seat with me. I rushed into an office and told Jean Akins to inform Dr. Stiles I would not be keeping my two o'clock appointment as I was returning to Georgia.

She quickly assessed my delirium, asked the cause and called a doctor. Twenty minutes later, with my wife in my arms, I ascended by elevator to the 14th floor of the Medical Arts Building, kicked on the door, gained entrance, excited the waiting room crowd, activated the doctors, sat down and cried.

A specialist was called in and he called the Methodist Evangelical Hospital. A room was provided and kidney surgery was performed. The doctor told me Lois would not have survived a trip to Georgia.

There we were in Louisville, a sick wife, three children, \$11, rent due, no job, no friends and

again terrified. The rent was due the day after Lois' surgery. I began to wonder, "Where is God and why has he forsaken me?"

Lois' family had arrived from Georgia and I took her mother to our house. As we ascended the steps the mail man arrived with a letter. Inside was \$100—the rent. A Baptist family in Cedartown, Ga., were our benefactors. The next day we received a check from a Baptist family in Brunswick for \$200.

The church we left in Georgia to attend seminary called and informed us they had voted to send us \$100 a week until I could find employment. Southern Seminary provided us with a loan of \$950, much of which became a gift to us. The hospital did not charge us for its services. Many other people came to our aid.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church at Harrisonville, Ky., called me as pastor and allowed me to attend seminary. The seminary folks were more than kind to us. It was a great three years.

In 1970 the First Baptist Church of Bloomingdale, Ga., called me as pastor. This was a growing experience and we all grew together.

In 1973 the Locust Grove Baptist Church, Smyrna, Ga., called me as pastor and allowed me to do post graduate work at Emory University in Atlanta. Locust Grove is a great missionary-minded church and afforded me with new insights and ministries.

In September 1977 the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Ky., called me as pastor. This is a tremendous church and a great challenge for my ministry.

I was not a Baptist nor the son of a Baptist but that has all changed, thanks to God's calling me into his service.

Thanks to the Baptist layman who led me into the Baptist faith.

Thanks to the church who received me into its fellowship and baptized me.

Thanks to the churches which allowed me to serve them while receiving my education.

Thanks to the Baptist colleges and the Baptist seminary for allowing me to receive an education.

Thanks to the Baptists across Georgia, Kentucky and the entire Southern Baptist Convention who have joined in supporting my ministry.

This is my Baptist heritage, this is my family. I am, by the grace of God, a Christian and a Baptist.

Kentucky pastors' group seeks input for program

Leadership of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference has prepared an opinion poll to help improve the effectiveness of its annual program.

R. D. Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morehead, and president of the pastors' conference, wants program ideas from Kentucky pastors.

The conference will be Nov. 13-14 at Owensboro's First Baptist Church and will include nearly six hours of sessions. It is scheduled annually between meetings of the KBC executive board and Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"The more our Bold Mission Thrust involves, the more time we need to use for the business items which undergird all our work," Baker said.

"The almost purely inspirational nature of pastors' conference programs intends to provide the kind of worship experience which prepares us to appreciate and participate in the business affairs of the convention sessions.

"I believe this purpose is authentic. I also believe the pastors' conference should continue its high quality of program and improve in degree of respon-

siveness to the stated needs and desires of pastors in Kentucky."

The opinion form which follows this article grew out of a look at conference programs from 1967-77.

Research shows that from 1967-71 the average length of the conference was three hours and 15 minutes; 1972-77, average time was five hours and 42 minutes; shortest was a two-hour session in 1970; and longest, six hours and 15 minutes for three sessions in 1974.

From 1967-71 five pastors were used on the program while from 1972-77 17 were used. Through the 11 years the conference averaged two guest speakers.

Funding has been through offerings taken during sessions and has run around \$400 each year.

The program has been determined by a committee of former conference presidents, the current president or current elected officers.

Pastors should detach this form and return it to R. D. Baker, president of Kentucky Baptist pastors, Box 474, Morehead, KY 40351.

Pastors' Conference Poll

I. Music:

- Pre-session concerts
- Church choirs
- Solos
- Singing groups
- Instrumental
- Other.....

II. Personnel:

- Kentucky pastors
- Convention personalities
- Guest speakers
- Academic
- Other.....

III. Feature: 15 minute period at beginning of each session

- Develop a biblical theme.
- Develop a devotional theme.
- Develop a conference theme.
- Speak specifically to needs of pastors.
- Other.....

IV. Funding:

- Ask the convention for substantial funds.
- Ask pastors to send funds beforehand.
- Operate each year on previous year's income.
- Use present method and accept extreme limitations on funds for outside speakers.
- Other.....

V. An outstanding preacher in my area is:

VI. The one person I should most like to hear is:

The seventh and final item is an organizational proposal that the pastors' conference program committee be made up of current officers plus the two most recent presidents available and the executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC.

Baker said one reason for the proposal is that the executive secretary has a unique overview of the organization's total ministry and he has strong connections with prospective program personnel. Secondly, continuity is important for the program, personnel and financial arrangements. Thirdly, the proposal is one to return to some of the best elements for setting up programs in the past, he said.

VII. Organizational proposal

- Yes
- No
- Other.....

Signed

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Sunday School Lessons *H. C. Chiles*

Lessons for Aug. 20, 1978

Life and Work Series

The meaning of Christian fellowship

Philippians 1:1-11

While chained to a guard during his imprisonment in Rome, Paul wrote the epistle to the Philippians to express his gratitude for their affection and helpfulness, to praise God for their spiritual advancement, to reassure them of his abiding love and earnest prayers for them, to encourage them in their work for their Lord and to appeal to them for unity in their church.

In verse one Paul, with true Christian courtesy, associated with himself his beloved comrade and young co-worker, Timothy, who was well known to the Philippians and was soon to visit them again. Paul called Timothy and himself "bondservants of Jesus Christ." The word "saints" is simply God's name for believers in Christ. "Grace" and "peace" are blessings which come only from God and our Lord Jesus. Grace is the root and peace is the fruit. God the Father is the fountain of grace

and peace, Christ is the dispenser of grace and peace and believers are the recipients of grace and peace.

Paul's noble sense of appreciation of fellowship with the Philippians and of their partnership with him in the proclamation of the gospel revealed the state of grace in which he lived. Through the years of his imprisonment and suffering, they had never faltered in their love for and devotion to him.

For these who had afforded Paul such joyous satisfaction this grateful pastor poured out his soul in earnest prayer. Paul prayed that the full tide of their love might be confined to right channels, and kept free from all that was selfish and impure.

Paul also prayed that they might have a discerning love, or the ability to distinguish the good from the bad. He longed for them to have a transparent love, or to be known on the outside for what they were on the inside. Paul asked the Lord to fill them with the fruits of righteousness.

International Series

Faith in time of peril

Acts 27:21-26, 39-44

During Paul's first trial in Caesarea justice miscarried and he appealed his case to Caesar because he knew that he could never get a fair hearing before the prejudiced Jews, thus making it necessary for him to be taken to Rome. The journey across the Mediterranean during the winter months was very hazardous.

Julius secured passage for his prisoners on a trade ship, thinking he might get a larger ship which was going to Rome. As they were crossing the sea a violent wind struck. Hope of safety fled from those on board. The ship was so severely beaten by the angry waves that it was about to fall apart. The mariners used every device known to primitive navigation to save the ship and its passengers. Finally, they tossed the freight overboard.

With a feeling of helplessness they were about to jump into the water. Paul told them that a heavenly visitor had encouraged him with a message from God assuring him that he and those on the ship would escape drowning if they remained aboard.

As the terrible storm continued to rage, the seasoned seamen seemed to sense the nearness of land. Their soundings indicated that the water was becoming more shallow. To keep the ship from being driven into the rocks, the crew cast four

anchors into the water and then let down the boat in which they were hoping to escape. When Paul informed the centurion and the soldiers of their intention, the ropes were cut and the boat drifted away.

After assuring the centurion that the only way of survival was for all to remain on board, Paul urged all of the 276 who were on the ship to take ample nourishment to provide the extra strength which their future circumstances might require.

At daybreak they observed a creek or bay and, in their attempt to enter it, "they ran the ship aground" and the violent waves caused it to fall apart. Fearing that some of their prisoners might escape and they would be answerable with their own lives, the soldiers wanted to kill them. To protect and save the life of Paul the centurion kept the soldiers from carrying out the plan.

After doing everything they knew to do and all that was within their ability in order to make their landing a safe one, the seamen were forced into the sea but did not perish. The swimmers swam to the shore and the others got to the shore by clinging to broken pieces of the ship. Not a single one of the 276 men on board was lost. God overrules many destructive forces in order that his will may be accomplished in and through the lives of those who love and serve him.

Frank Owen

Our best

Perhaps rarely in Christian history have any groups of Christians adopted goals that demand their very best. Too often we aim at what we can achieve with less than our very best effort. This is certainly not true of Bold Mission Thrust. Our very best is required if we are to proclaim the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000 A.D.

One specific provision adopted by the convention calls for doubling our Cooperative Program giving by 1982 and doubling twice more before 2000. This, too, will require our best effort. Yet, there isn't anything new in it. It is simply a way of looking seriously again at the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) which is still binding on the followers of Christ, whose power of command we must recognize and who said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Today as in the days of Jesus' command it is going to take a bold effort on the part of all of his people. This boldness has been set before us in three categories.

I. BOLD GROWING—"Baptize them . . . This part of the Great Commission is also stated in reference to the whole world.

II. BOLD GOING—"Go ye . . ." The imperative of going is also in the context of the whole world.

III. BOLD GIVING—The giving comes in as our way of both going and growing. Those who go to foreign lands have to be willing, have to feel called and then they have to be trained in different languages and customs and all of this costs money. We go by giving and making possible the sending of prepared people to witness where we can't. We continue gainfully in our own vocations and give to send others. In this way we all can "go." The command is to all of us.

Bold Mission is an ambitious projection. Pray for it. Give more through the Cooperative Program. Our July receipts reached \$669,790.05 compared with \$625,463.18 for July a year ago. We are \$577,350.02 ahead of last year's 11-month record. We are grateful for this, but it is far from our best and far from the demands of Bold Mission Thrust in the years ahead. We plead for a serious new look at the Great Commission.

Christian Education

NOBT fills two vacancies

Two men have been appointed to fill vacancies on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Waylon Bailey, pastor of Superior Avenue Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La., will teach Old Testament and Hebrew as an assistant professor. Bailey, 30, is a graduate of Samford University and received the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He was pastor of several churches in Alabama and Louisiana.

C. Ferris Jordan, associate pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has been elected as associate professor of adult education. He is 44. He has served as adult Sunday school consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and has been a regular contributor of convention Sunday school and leadership training materials.

Jordan is a graduate of Louisiana College, and received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from NOBTS.

Isley new admissions head

Branson B. Isley, a Birmingham native, has been named director of admissions and financial aid at Southern Seminary.

Isley succeeds F. William Ratliff, who resigned to accept an assistant professorship at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Isley has served as Southern's director of college relations for the past two years. He assumed his new duties Aug. 1.

C'ville names assistant prof

Donna Pirouz has been named assistant professor of French and German at Campbellsville College.

Miss Pirouz, a native of Nashville, Tenn., earned her BA degree from Western Kentucky University and her MA degree from the University of Kentucky. She has done postgraduate study at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Miss Pirouz previously served as assistant professor of foreign languages at the University of Evansville, Ind., and taught French in the public schools there. She has most recently been on the faculty of South Georgia College.



Isley



Ratliff



Williams

Student joins SBTS news staff

Teresa Ann Sanders, an Oklahoma native and former Foreign Mission Board journeyman to Nairobi, Kenya, has been named feature writer in the news bureau at Southern Seminary.

A 1973 journalism graduate of Oklahoma State University she is a first year theology student at seminary. She plans to serve in publications work as a foreign missionary in the future, work she was involved in as a journeyman for two years at the Baptist Publications House, Nairobi.

Grand Canyon taps Williams

Bill R. Williams has been elected president of Grand Canyon College where he was serving as chairman of the department of natural sciences and mathematics.

Williams, 37, succeeds William R. Hintze who died of a heart attack shortly after playing in the first half of a faculty-student basketball game Nov. 17, 1977.

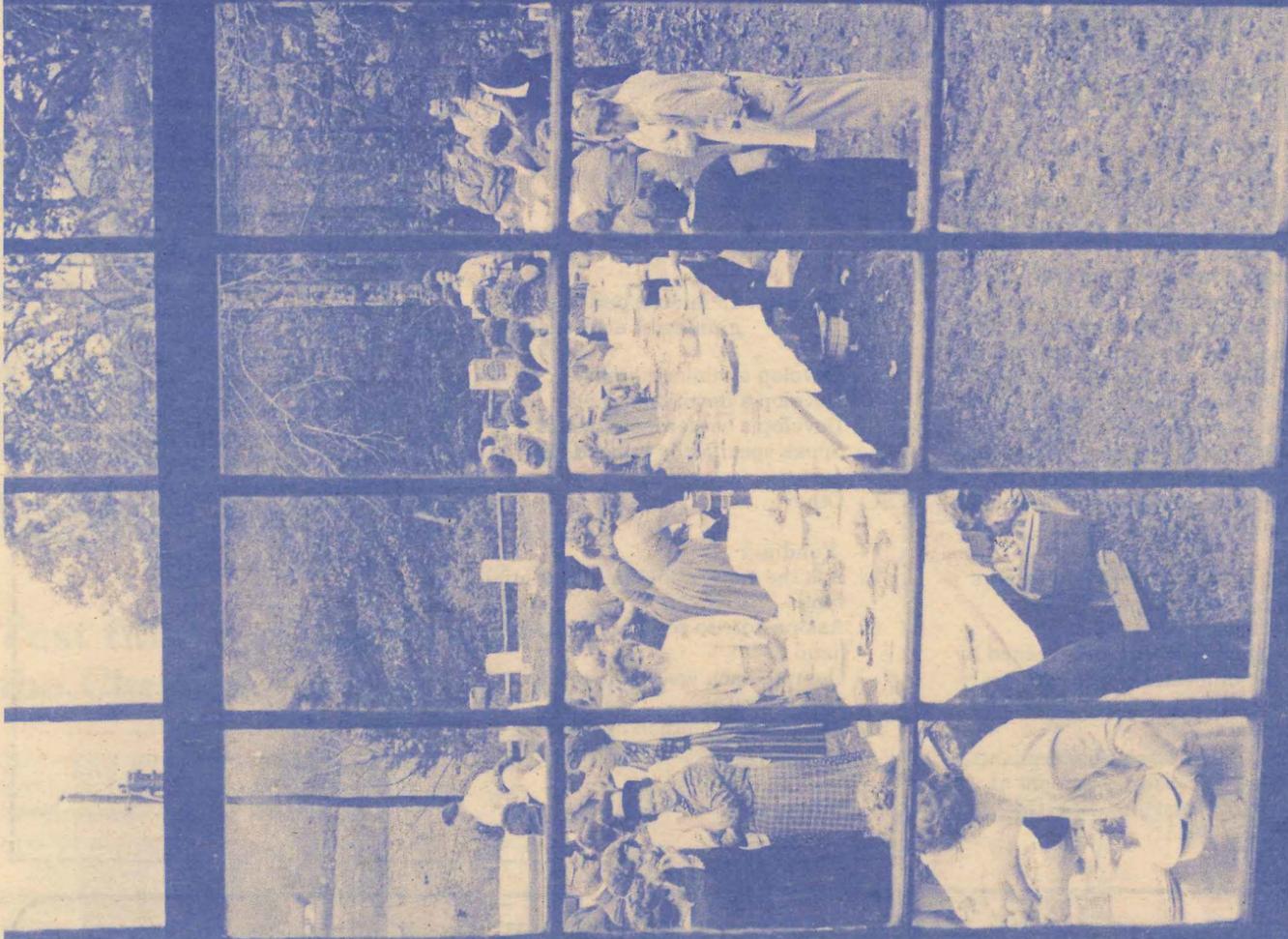
A native of Scottsdale, Williams graduated from Grand Canyon College in 1962. He earned masters degrees in mathematics education at Arizona State University and in mathematics at University of Illinois. He earned his doctorate in mathematics education at Arizona State.

Seminaries graduate 1287

In the echo of a recurring cry for trained leadership all six Southern Baptist seminaries graduated their largest classes in history this spring.

The total of 1287 persons who received graduate degrees from Southern Baptist theological seminaries included 370 from Southwestern in Ft. Worth, Tex.; 272 from Southern in Louisville; 261 from Southeastern in Wake Forest, N. C.; 187 from New Orleans; 101 from Golden Gate in Mill Valley, Calif.; and 96 from Midwestern in Kansas City, Mo.

SBC president Jimmy Allen called the unprecedented numbers "a sign of God's blessing" and a challenge to the church to do what's necessary to get these "resources of human effort and skill to the high need areas to witness for Christ."



Enter thou into the joy of thy lord (Matt. 25:21).

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