

Need for teacher takes 67-year-old to Brazil

by Glenda McCauley Miller

One Sunday in Booneville, Miss., Virginia Oakley was browsing through the bulletin from the First Baptist Church of Booneville while eating Sunday dinner.

An excerpt from *The Commission* magazine listed overseas jobs that could be filled by laymen. Some jobs required substituting for missionaries when they went on furlough; a bookstore in Nigeria needed a worker and a bookkeeping job was available in Thailand.

Virginia Oakley, age 67, immediately got out her stationery. She wrote: "If you have a job you think I can do, I would like to do one more constructive thing before I die. I have arthritis and some heart trouble but it is controlled with medication and I am able to work." She addressed it to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Oakley had taught school for 23 years, served as a librarian and had also kept books for her husband. She had been a widow for three years. Deciding to mail the letter before she changed her mind, she dropped it in a mailbox that Sunday evening.

Forty-eight hours later her telephone rang: "I'm Frances Gordon from the Foreign Mission Board, calling about your letter. Are you a certified teacher? We have an urgent request for an English teacher in Recife, Brazil, for a semester."

Mrs. Oakley was told that the school would provide an apartment but there would be no salary. She was assured that her Social Security check would cover her living expenses.

"What will my children say?" she thought. She hadn't even discussed this adventure with them. It had been less than two days since she wrote that letter. She had been certain she would have several months before making a specific decision.

Once again, she turned to the telephone. This time to call her doctor for his reaction about this unusual job offer. He enthusiastically encouraged her. She asked him to defend her plans if her children called.

The next obstacle was her teaching certificate; she hadn't taught in five years. Another phone call assured her that her certificate was valid through 1978.

Less than two months later Virginia Oakley, in the snow and winter barrenness of Mississippi, boarded a jet and left behind her home, three children, seven grandchildren, her church, and her comfortable, predictable life.

Recife, which she had only read about from Rosalynn Carter's visit, was to be her new home—a capital city of 1.5 million. When the jet landed the warm weather and flowering tropical trees in vivid colors were a happy change from the severe winter she had just left. Mrs. Oakley settled into a modest apartment not too far from the American School.

Virginia Oakley's job would challenge even the most experienced teacher. She has 25 classes a week for her 41 students in grades seven through 12. Eighteen of her students are missionary children and others come from Germany, India, Mexico, Japan, Venezuela as well as Brazil and the United States. Some of the children don't speak English well; many of them are fluent in three languages.

"I'll never stop thanking God for letting me come," she said. "These are most unusual students; it's an inspiration to be around them. They are above average students and show deep respect for older people. They are without racial prejudice."

Mrs. Oakley walks to a small English-language Baptist church located near her home and enjoys the warm fellowship. She has also found that the tropical weather has helped her arthritis.

Her enthusiasm about serving as a Southern Baptist volunteer is a living advertisement. She is fulfilling that desire "to do something constructive with her life." Her 10-year-old granddaughter proudly wrote, "Mamaw, I think it's 'neat-o' that you went to Brazil." Her 41 students agree.

Virginia Oakley, 67, retired teacher from Booneville, Miss., stands in Recife, Brazil, with some of her students from the American School. She serves as a teacher through the short term missions program of the Foreign Mission Board.



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

Compassion in the city

Human compassion and kindness are not lost virtues and sometimes they are found in the most unexpected places. To many, New York City and its bustling millions would be the last place to expect to experience these qualities but this is precisely where I found them.

The occasion was the Southern Baptist Convention Communications Seminar in New York the first week in August. Only the second of these annual sessions I ever attended, it is memorable both for its enlightenment and its personal dimensions including compassionate treatment by rank strangers.

For the enlightenment I am indebted to W. C. Fields, the director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee who had arranged on the spot sessions with communication experts with Time and Newsweek magazines, Air France, NBC and CBS, TV networks, Religious News Service, the New York Times, United Nations and others. For the lesson in compassion I am indebted to Dr. Irene Shipiro and to the staff and doctors of the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

During the taxi ride on Sunday evening from the airport to the Salisbury Hotel, which incidentally is in the same building and is owned by Calvary Baptist Church, I noticed a burning sensation in one eye. It was not especially painful and I assumed it was some minor irritant which would momentarily pass. But it did not pass and it was more noticeable on Monday morning. I tried all the ways I had ever heard of to rid the eye of whatever was there and also engaged the help of Kathryn Jasper and Dixie Mylum, fellow Kentuckians participating in the seminar, but all to no avail.

In spite of some pain I continued in the seminar activities all day Monday somehow hoping whatever was in the eye would come out on its own. It didn't and by Monday evening I was concerned. At home I would have long before found a doctor but how does a stranger in New York find a doctor and especially after office hours?

Then began the heart warming experience. Through the hotel management I was able to contact Dr. Irene Shipiro. She agreed to try to help me if I would meet her at her office a dozen or so blocks away. With the help of an understanding taxi driver I found the doctor's office. Security guards at the building believed my story and let me in. The doctor soon arrived, found the foreign object which by this time had become embedded in the cornea from my much rubbing of the eye.

After trying very valiantly she concluded she could not remove whatever was there but she called the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital several miles away and made arrangements

for my being treated as an emergency patient. She even told me how to catch a bus or a taxi to reach the hospital.

By then my coolness was all gone and panic was near. Darkness was coming on, a bandaged eye made it hard to read street names and numbers and everyone in sight was a stranger. After what seemed like eternity I reached the hospital.

My near panic was eased somewhat by the kind treatment of the hospital staff, few of whom were my color. I was promised treatment without even being asked if or how I would pay and when I paid later my personal check was accepted without even requiring any identification.

Soon I was one of three emergency patients awaiting treatment. A kind nurse apologized for my wait because a cab driver into whose eyes juvenile bandits had thrown some kind of liquid was being treated. When my turn came a resident ophthalmologist discovered the other doctor apparently had removed the foreign object but a rather serious abrasion was left on the cornea. Relieving the pain, administering an antibiotic to prevent infection and applying another bandage that covered half my face, the doctor greatly relieved my fears and even helped me with directions back to the hotel.

The next day on a return trip to the hospital another doctor checked the eye, found the injury was healing satisfactorily and assured me permanent injury was unlikely. Back in Louisville the last of the week Dr. David McClure checked the eye and gave a similar report. He said the injury had received the correct treatment and medication.

I was not surprised I found high quality emergency medical treatment in New York City but I was overwhelmed by the compassion and personal concern which accompanied it. Sometimes it takes a crisis to teach us there are a lot of good people anywhere one goes and that it's unfair to judge any place, even New York City, by its popular image.

A seminar on communication turned out for me to be a seminar on compassion.

The passing of giants

In July two giants among Southern Baptists died. As I pondered on an evaluation of their ministries Texas editor Presnell Wood's editorial treatment of R. G. Lee and Carlyle Marney came across my desk. I would never thought of evaluating these men so different in thought and approach in the same editorial but when I read Editor Wood's words they seemed so appropriate I thought, "I wish I had said that." Since I didn't, I am sharing his words with you.

"Within the last 30 days R. G. Lee and Carlyle Marney, two of Southern Baptists' most influential ministers, have died. The diversity of Marney and Lee is striking, but their lives stand as a living parable that among Southern Baptists there is unity in diversity.

"Both Lee and Marney were widely read, often heard and extremely penetrating. They both possessed keen minds, and their influence ran beyond the borders of Southern Baptists.

"Speaking at a memorial service for Carlyle Marney at Princeton, John R. Claypool said Marney 'was not afraid to put himself up against new and different ideas . . . and grew not by staying cloistered with those just like himself, but by interaction with the unlike.'

"R. G. Lee was one of the greatest preachers to ever emerge from Southern Baptist ranks. In typical Lee oratory, R. G. Lee once testified, 'If I had a hundred heads and each head had one hundred mouths and each mouth had ten tongues and each tongue should talk one hundred minutes, I could hardly express the full measure of the gratitude of my heart for all that God has done for me.' Billy Graham called Lee 'one of the towering spiritual giants of the century.'

"Two Baptist giants have passed from the scene, but their influence on Southern Baptists will long remain."

Postal rates jeopardize state papers

The phenomenal increases in postage rates for second class mail put into effect in May and July jeopardize the very existence of state Baptist papers. Editors of these papers almost without exception have appealed to their readers for understanding and most of them have already announced increases in subscription rates.

Here's the story. Several years ago a 10 year phased postal rate schedule for second class mail was announced. The first several steps were not felt severely but the story is different now. On July 6, step seven of the 10 year schedule was implemented. This was a whopping 55 percent increase.

As if this was not enough, an unexpected and unscheduled raise of 18 percent was approved by the Postal Rate Commission on May 29. Together the jump in one year is staggering and the worst is still ahead. There are three more steps in the 10 year schedule of increases.

Here are postal increases for typical papers I happen to be looking at on my desk today. In Alabama the increase in 10 years has been from \$16,000 to \$109,000, in Georgia the increase in

Young pastor writes as a 'fellow struggler'

by Robert W. Jones

This article is not composed by an expert but by a fellow struggler. I write as a young pastor, having assumed my first pastorate (Jamestown Baptist Church) five short months ago. I direct my thoughts to other first time pastors although I believe some of the veterans in our midst may benefit from them. As I write I continue to move through an intense time of personal evaluation and adjustment.

I have traveled the path through college and seminary to arrive at this point. Along the way I have completed one unit of clinical pastoral education. I have served 18 months as associate minister. Many folks would believe I am now ready to step into the pastorate smoothly, providing dynamic and effective leadership to the church. And in some ways I am ready to do just that. However, I have also discovered in these first few months things don't always run as smoothly and dynamically as expected.

Along with the multitude of adjustments a new pastor must make comes one that becomes the very foundation for the future relationship between pastor and church. Stated simply it is an age old question: "How in the world do I relate to this church, these people, in a way that allows me to lead effectively?"

Most of us come to our first pastorate with blinders. We come with preconceived notions about what the pastorate is like. Too often we come with pre-set ideas of just how we will lead this church. Perhaps, as in my own situation, we come out of prior experience in

the local church in some role of ministry other than pastor.

The manifestations of these and other factors which keep the scales over our eyes can often lead to disillusionment and rough sailing. Our preconceptions cause us to establish certain expectations for ourselves and our church. Our pre-set beliefs about leadership cause us to determine prematurely the needs of our church, how we will go about meeting them and on what timetable. Too often our desire to prove ourselves as effective leaders causes us to impose not only our role expectations, but also our evaluation of church needs on our church. If we come out of a prior church experience we more than likely believe we already know how things are accomplished and see no reason why we cannot duplicate programs and methods we have found effective elsewhere. Coupled with these factors is the church; thankful to have a new pastor, grateful for his enthusiasm and willing to follow his leading even if it is not really meeting their most strongly felt needs.

What is sadly lacking in this kind of "leadership" is a foundation of trust and respect between pastor and church. Making the assumption that the best leadership is based on trust and respect as opposed to role or title, all pastors, first timers and veterans alike, should take heed. As we begin relating to a new church let us remember who we are. Let us not forget that we are the "new kid on the block" among a large group of old friends. Let us not fail to remember that

trust is the basis of leadership and trust is not established simply by appearing on the scene.

Coupled with this is the necessity to remember what the church has become through the years. As we seek the trust and respect of its people it is vital for us to give the same in return. While seeking to evaluate and provide leadership let us be aware of the danger of forgetting the history and tradition of the church, we serve. Just as we come to our church with powerful influences that have helped mold us into who and what we are, so too our church presents itself to us with its own unique history. We are called upon to understand and respect that history in light of our efforts to lead in the present and future.

Most importantly let us always remember to listen, listen, listen. It has been said God created man with one mouth and two ears. We should profit from this observation. Just as we cannot tell a friend exactly what he or she needs with absolute certainty, neither should we attempt to tell our church. But oh how needs will surface if we are patient enough to listen! And the needs we hear will be the heart felt ones of our people. Our ministry is then free to respond to the real needs of our church rather than seeking to meet our own needs through the church.

First time pastors may discover their ministry begins more smoothly as they accept their church where it is and if they listen in order to meet the needs of the church. In so doing perhaps that smooth beginning will flourish through the years.

Modern-day Matthew changes, too

by Ruth Fowler

When Moses Chimfumpa was a tax collector, he handcuffed delinquent taxpayers to trees and beat them. Later he lost two jobs because of drinking problems and dishonesty. He was not a popular man.

Now Chimfumpa is pastor of four Baptist churches in the Serenje area of Zambia and works closely with Southern Baptist missionaries in their Kalwa Farm agricultural evangelism project. He is respected in his village.

The road to change has been long for this modern-day Matthew. But like the biblical tax collector turned apostle, Chimfumpa's change has been complete.

Chimfumpa had good beginnings. His parents were Christians and members of a church affiliated with the South African Baptist Mission. He attended a mission school and later continued his education through private studies until he reached a high level in his country.

He first worked for the government as a tax collector and was given the authority to arrest anyone who defaulted or refused to pay his taxes. After 10 years in this and other district-level government jobs, Chimfumpa resigned.

He lost two more jobs for drinking or dishonesty, then trained to be a medical assistant and continued to go from job to job. While a medical assistant, three influences began working for his salvation. One of them was his new wife Edna, who remained a dedicated Christian.

The second was listening to the gospel music re-

cordings of Jim Reeves, an American singer.

The third was the reality and nearness of death. He had escaped serious injury or death in an accident and also had seen people dying in the hospitals where he worked. Some died in fear and others in peace. This began to weigh on his mind. He wondered why he had been spared.

Finally, after three years of marriage, Edna Chimfumpa convinced her husband to attend a revival meeting. On the second night of these services he accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

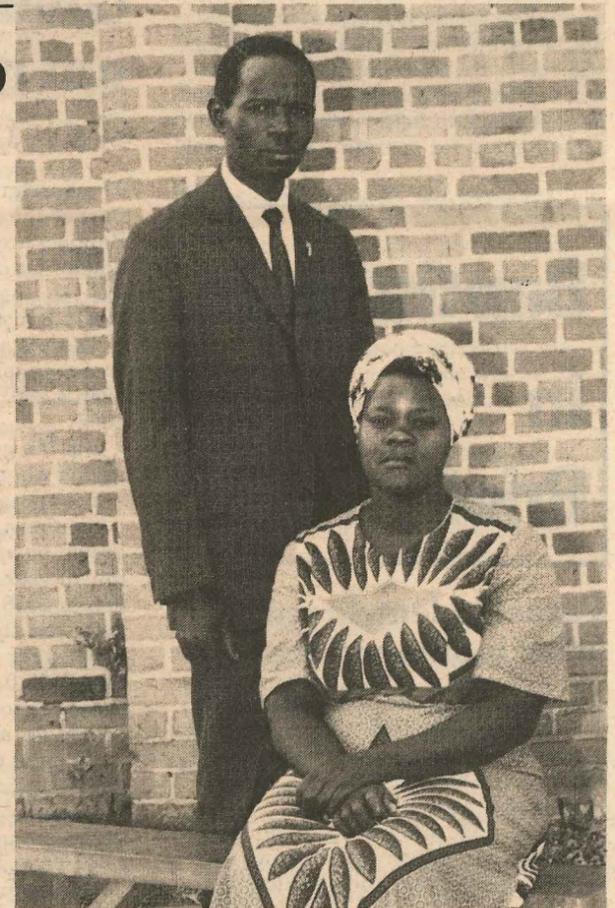
Chimfumpa took on leadership roles in the church and even began to preach as a layman. When he moved he drove many miles each Sunday to find a Baptist church.

The villagers' opinions of Chimfumpa changed, too. Just four years after he accepted Christ he was asked to come back and be headman (chief) for his village, the same village he had served as a tax collector.

But service as a lay preacher and headman of the village was not enough. Chimfumpa felt God's call to full time service. So at the age of 43 he moved to seminary to learn a whole new vocation.

He felt he should go to the rural areas where there were no seminary graduates working in leadership roles. After seminary he went to Serenje.

The journey has been long but, for Chimfumpa, worthwhile. As he celebrated his 10th year as a Christian he learned that his two brothers had accepted Christ. Now all the prayers of his parents for their children's salvation have been answered.



Moses and Edna Chimfumpa

Editorial

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12 years has been from \$9,600 to \$120,000, in Florida the increase in seven years has been from \$11,000 to \$87,000 and on and on.

What is our predicament in Kentucky? It's the same. It looks like we will be paying at least \$15,000 more a year beginning last May than the year before.

Where is it coming from? We have only two possible sources. One is from increased Cooperative Program allocations. Beginning in September we are scheduled for a \$15,000 annual increase and this is generous in light of other needs. But this increase is already earmarked for other added costs and thus is not available for

payment of postal rate increases.

The other source is subscription income and this seems inevitable though Western Recorder directors will have the final say. The last raise in subscription rates was in 1976 and in these days of soaring prices what hasn't gone up in two years? I feel it is fairer to ask churches and individuals to pay more for Western Recorder than to ask for more Cooperative Program funds.

There is one other alternative and this is to reduce the number of issues each year. Maryland has already reduced from 50 to 48 a year and Alabama is considering the same thing. I hate to think about it but don't be surprised if

state papers have to be published biweekly instead of weekly before long.

This is the story and we wanted our readers to understand. We feel they will. After all, Western Recorder is now sent to the mail boxes of church families for five cents an issue. A raise of a cent or a fraction of a cent per copy will still be one of the best bargains available.

It's small consolation but also on my desk today are the Louisville Archdiocesan weekly publication and my favorite county paper in Kentucky. The Catholic publication is \$7 a year and the county newspaper is \$7.35 a year. Western Recorder is \$2.50 a year for church families.

Baptist Hospital cutting ties with Mallory-Taylor

Baptist Hospitals Inc. notified Oldham Circuit Court last week that it will withdraw from the operations of Mallory-Taylor Hospital in LaGrange within six months.

Baptist Hospitals lost more than \$139,000 between January 1975 when it took over the hospital and June 30, 1978.

Baptist Hospitals operated Mallory-Taylor as a trust after the city of LaGrange relinquished control of the financially-ailing operation a few years ago.

Baptist Hospitals had planned to create an outpatient center there, with doctors' offices and laboratory and x-ray facilities.

However, a \$300,000 fund-raising campaign in 1976 failed. Time went by and earlier this year the Kentucky Health Systems Agency-West—a health planning group—recommended the certificate of need for the center be terminated.

Ben R. Brewer, executive vice president of Louisville Baptist Hospitals says working in healing services at LaGrange has been a pleasant and challenging experience. He regrets having to discontinue the present arrangement but finds it necessary due to the time and money required for the project.

Brewer says the decision to discontinue the present arrangement should not be taken to mean that the hospital will close. He hopes hospital services will be continued in the community and has promised to help work out another arrangement for operating the hospital.

Baptist News in Brief

Texas student director killed in auto accident

Chester L. (Chet) Reames, director of the division of student work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was killed in an auto accident on a Dallas expressway Aug. 3.

Reames, 46, was known to thousands of college and university students involved with Baptist student ministries for more than 20 years. He succeeded W. F. Howard, Texas student director for 32 years. Reames had served with Howard for 10 years as an associate.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margret Jane Norvell.

'Time, Cities' film on TV

"Time and the Cities," an in-depth study of why cities and civilizations rise and fall, will be telecast on NBC Sunday Aug. 27 (1-2 p.m. NYT).

The special was filmed in Turkey at the sites of eight ancient cities—Ephesus, Pergamum, Sardis, Smyrna, Laodicea, Philadelphia, Thyatire and Cappadocia, where the caves of Goreme are located.

The program, shown first in July, was produced by the NBC Television Religious Programs Unit in association with the Radio and Television Commission.

Literature prices are going up

Confronted with a 30.2 percent increase in costs over the last three year years, the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board approved a 7.6 percent increase in literature costs.

The trustees approved a number of recommendations during their two-day session at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, including an \$82 million budget—a \$5 million increase over this year's operational budget.

James Clark, executive vice president at the board, said the literature cost hike was necessitated because of the same inflationary factors

affecting everyone in the areas of production, labor costs and particularly in the area of postage.

He said the literature cost hike, effective on literature for use after Apr. 1, 1979, will not have the same percentage impact on all churches. "The increase is less than the increase in the consumer price index and less than the jump in production costs."

The 82 trustees also approved a 9.3 percent hike in costs for participants at the conference centers at Glorieta and at Ridgecrest, both owned and operated by the Sunday School Board.

Public outcry kills beer at zoo

Public outcry against a proposal to sell beer at the Louisville Zoo has prompted the zoological commission to withdraw its application for a beer-selling license.

Zoo director Robert Bean told the commission last week that he had received many letters from individuals and groups and all were against selling beer at the zoo.

Letter writers also barraged the Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times newspapers after the

issue surfaced in June.

They agreed with James R. Johns, the city alcoholic beverage control administrator who grants the licenses, who said he was against beer-drinking at the zoo because the zoo attracts a lot of children.

The commission had sought the license to increase attendance, attract group outings and generate more revenue for the zoo.

Giving to foreign missions is not really as bold as it seems

by John J. Hurt

The Foreign Mission Board computer flashes the good news that Southern Baptists are contributing many more dollars for overseas missions than they used to—\$57 million last year compared to \$15.3 just 20 years ago.

There's also good news of an increase in missionary appointments—from a staff of 1283 just 20 years ago to 2858.

But the good news headlines begin to shrink when the figures are adjusted for a true comparative.

Southern Baptist membership has grown by approximately 50 percent in the 20-year span—from just over 9 million in 1958 to just over 13 million last year. But the ratio for appointment of new career missionaries shows it now takes 103,017 Southern Baptists for one career appointment, compared with 60,441 for an appointment in 1963.

Value of the FMB dollar has declined to offset some of the effectiveness in increased dollars. Per capita gifts to the board are up, \$4.43 last year compared to \$1.66 just 20 years ago.

But the purchasing power of those dollars went up only from \$1.92 to \$2.43 because of inflation.

Inflation is much worse in many countries abroad where the board spends those dollars. Value of the dollar has declined by 43 percent in Japan in the last two years, for example, costing the board \$860,000 in its operating budget there during that period.

J. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division for the board, looks at these figures and others to explain:

"This is simply to say that it takes a great and rapidly increasing amount of contributions on the part of Southern Baptists just to stand still in stewardship before we can ever begin talking about being bold."

His message was cast against the Bold Mission Thrust of the convention which calls for doubling the missionary force to 5000 by the end of this century.

Crawley's statistical study shifts back

and forth between concern and joy, mostly the former. The facts do not show the boldness among Southern Baptists for which he begs.

He is disturbed that "as Southern Baptists become more prosperous" they should be giving "a larger proportion for outreach beyond our local congregations." They are not.

The best Southern Baptist stewardship, he says, was during the depression of the 30's "and there has been no consistent tendency for any increase."

There is joy as the states affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention begin to increase the percentage of the Cooperative Program dollar they pass on for Southern Baptist Convention work. A trend of the last two years has reversed a drop which went from 37 to 35 percent.

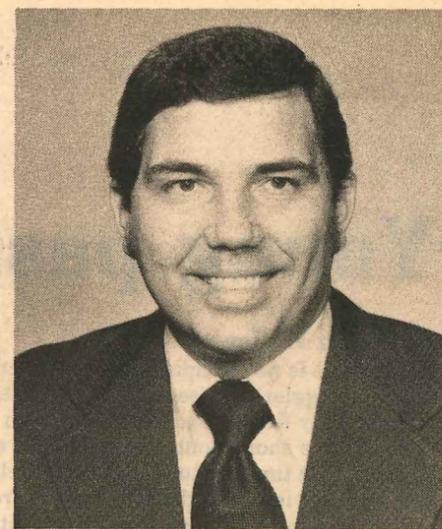
But the Foreign Mission Board has a problem within the Southern Baptist family. Four years ago it received more than 50 percent of the Cooperative Program dollar. It was about 45 percent last year.

Pointing to the 50 percent, Crawley said it would take a return to that for a "catch up, and it is, when we go beyond that, that we might begin to think of business in reaching out to more than 95 percent of the world's lost people."

The overseas mission director also has a major concern "related especially to the need for more preacher missionaries to do the work of the church planting and the church nurturing and multiplying that is at the heart of our missionary strategy.

"We do not yet see the 'Bold Thrust' of preachers offering themselves to go out to lands where most of the people have never heard the gospel and where there are now so few preachers," he said. "It is still our hope that we may see, for example, one new preacher-missionary each year for each of our 92 countries of service.

"It is still our hope that we may see 10 percent of the preachers graduating from our seminaries available and qualified for overseas service."



Huls

Thomas Huls named new SS associate

A second associate has been named in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Thomas Edwin Huls, 38, was named to the newly-created state post effective Aug. 15. James Rennell is the other associate.

Huls had been pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, since 1975. He has also pastored churches in Indiana.

He holds the BS degree from Indiana University and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Huls has experience as a Sunday school director, teacher and pulpit committee member.

A native of Indiana, he married the former Sharon Collman of Indiana. They have three children: Connie, Tom Jr. and Jonathan.

Consultation on women features Kentuckians

Several Kentucky residents are program participants for the Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations in Nashville Sept. 20-22.

They include Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament studies at Southern Seminary; Mrs. Evelyn Stagg, author; Andrew Lester, associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern; Mrs. Lynda Weaver-Williams, a PhD candidate at Southern and co-pastor of a church in Indiana; Lewis B. Weeks, associate professor of historical theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Roy L. Honeycutt, dean of the school of theology at Southern; and Kay Shurden, an English teacher in Shelbyville.

They will join other SBC personnel in examining employment practices within the denomination.

Sponsored by a number of SBC agencies, the consultation is designed to help denominational agencies secure data, examine issues and serve more effectively by studying the involvement of women in church-related vocations.

Although attendance at the consultation is limited to 300 persons, some places are still open for the general public. The registration fee is \$50 and reservations may be made by writing Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations, MSN 152, Nashville, TN 37234.

Gene Quinn hurt in fall

Eugene F. Quinn, director of the state Church Music Department, suffered a broken ankle and two fractured ribs in a fall from a tree a week ago.

Quinn was trimming the tree at his home when he fell about 25 feet.

He underwent surgery on the ankle at Suburban Hospital, Louisville, and was to be sent home earlier this week.

He will work from his home until he is able to return to his office.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Missions

Mistake in journeyman's address

Friends who wish to correspond with Rachel Whitler, who has begun a two-year stint as a missionary journeyman, may address letters to: Box 99, Davao City, Philippines.

The Aug. 9 issue of Western Recorder incorrectly listed the box number as 79.

Personnel

Hutchinson to youth/education post

James Hutchinson was called as minister of youth and education at Lewisport Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

He was born in Russellville and raised in Daviess County. He earned the BA degree from Western Kentucky University and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

He has been a summer youth director at Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro, and student chaplain at Kentucky Children's Home and Central State Hospital.

Waddle full time at Pikeview

Gene Waddle, Pineville, accepted the pastorate of Pikeview Baptist Church.

Berry called to Zion Church

Donald K. Berry, a native of Daviess County, assumed his duties July 16 as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Reynolds Station.

He is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Seminary.

Berry and his wife, the former Sally Howard of Philpot, have two sons, Elijah and Noel.

Burton to Mt. Carmel Church

Billy C. Burton assumed the pastorate of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and plans to receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in December.

Burton is married to the former Donna Hendrix of Clay. They have two children, Bradley and Allison.

Price to Greensburg church

George A. Price resigned as pastor of Lebanon Junction Baptist Church to become pastor of Greensburg Baptist Church.

Price received his theological training at Georgetown College and Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

He served Baptist congregations in Kansas City, Kan., and St. Joseph, Mo., before becoming business and circulation manager of Western Recorder in 1966.

Price's ministry in Greensburg began Aug. 6.

Cody to Bell Association

Joe Cody, 38, is the new director of missions for Bell Association which includes 55 churches and four missions.

Cody, for 10 years a pastor in Knoxville, is married and the father of two children. He attended Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary.

Hopkins heads convalescent center

Lee Hopkins is administrator of the Northern Kentucky Convalescent Center, Newport. The facility is a project of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

Hopkins resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, where he had served 17 years in order to take the chief administrative post of the convalescent center.

Through the years he had close connections with the institution, having served on its official board and being involved in most of its activities.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to his 17 years at Bellevue he was pastor of Rineyville Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Hopkins succeeded Arnold Caddell who is now in business in the Florence area.

Bill Roberts to Owensboro church

William S. Roberts became pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro, July 23. He came to Owensboro from Columbus, Ind.

Roberts is a former pastor of churches in Hancock, Daviess and McLean counties.

He is a native of Lewisport and is married to the former Ruth Pickering of Lincoln, Neb. They have two married daughters and a son Tim at home.

Eugene Wyatt called to Dunn

Eugene Wyatt, Princeton, was called as pastor of Dun Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.



Tour guide Nancy Lesch explains the mailing process at the Sunday School Board in Nashville to a group of GAs and Acteens from Tiny Town Baptist Church, Guthrie, on a recent visit.

Congregations

Taylorsville FBC celebrates 150 years First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, celebrated its 150th anniversary with special services throughout July.

July 9 featured a patriotic service led by pastor Harold S. Mauney. July 9 was founder's day with former pastors Henry Durham, Claude Ammerman, Carlton Prickett and Chester Molpus present.

Former pastor day was July 16 with W. C. Campbell preaching in the morning and a gospel concert by Charlie Flener in the evening.

July 23 was Kentucky Baptist Convention Day. Franklin Owen spoke in the morning service and Son Celebration gave a concert in the evening service.

On July 30, fellowship Sunday, W. E. Fusselle preached in the morning service and a singspiration was held in the evening.

The church was organized July 8, 1828, by William Stout with 17 charter members.

As part of the celebration, the church compiled a history book to be published this fall.

Browns note 20 years at Trinity

The Trinity Baptist Church congregation, Lexington, honored pastor and Mrs. Bob Brown Aug. 6 on the 20th anniversary of Brown's Trinity pastorate.

Brown is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary and served the Kentucky pastorates of Visalia in Northern Kentucky Association and Pleasant Grove in Long Run Association.

The celebration included special recognition of the Browns in the morning service and a reception Sunday evening.

Memorial fund honors Dowis

A memorial fund for ministerial and missionary education has been established in the name of Curtis E. Dowis who died in January at his home in Conyers, Ga.

Dowis was a pastor of churches in Kentucky and Georgia. He also pastored a church in Puerto Rico through the Home Mission Board.

Contributions may be made to Curtis E. Dowis Sr. Memorial Fund and ad-

dressed to Mrs. Curtis E. Dowis, 2497 Tucker Mill Road, Conyers, Ga. 30207. They may also be mailed to the Georgia Baptist Foundation, Inc., 2930 Flowers Road, South, Atlanta, Ga. 30341.

Students at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, will be among the beneficiaries.

Homecoming Aug. 27 at Decoursey

Decoursey Baptist Church, Covington, will celebrate its annual homecoming with all day services Aug. 27.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Gene Livingood will bring the message and special music will be provided by the Singing Travelaires of Cincinnati.

Dinner will be held on the grounds following the morning service.

A special song service will be held at 2 p.m. featuring the Travelaires and past and present church members.

Ordinations

Winebarger ordained to ministry

Steve Winebarger was ordained to the gospel ministry July 30 by Grangertown Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association.

Winebarger was ordained at the request of Grove Center Baptist Church after that church called him as pastor.

The ordained men of the association formed the ordination council.

Alton Mitchell was moderator; W. W. Johnson, clerk; Don Collins, interrogator; Noble Cobb, ordination sermon including charges to the candidate and church; Jimmy Reynolds, ordination prayer; J. W. Heffington, Grangertown deacon, Bible presentation on behalf of church; and Don Collins, ordination certificate presentation.

Deaths

James Self dies in California

The son of a former Kentucky pastor died July 14 in San Diego as a result of a swimming accident.

The victim was James Arlin Self, son of Chester L. and Rosalie Self.

The funeral was held in Farmington, Mo., where the Selfs live.

Self formerly pastored churches in Milton, Allensville, Sharon Grove and Stanton.



Merrill Blackerby (second from left) and Ramey Pottinger (third from left) were ordained as deacons July 23 by New Haven Baptist Church, Nelson Association. James M. Blackerby (left) is pastor of the church and the son of Merrill Blackerby. Roy Miller (right) assisted the pastor in the service, conducted on Pottinger's birthday.

MK's death brings parents closer to people of Africa

Laura Lee Eitelman's death has brought important changes to Koudougou, Upper Volta, where her Southern Baptist missionary parents serve.

Ray and Patsy Eitelman said they feel more tied to Africa than ever before, "having planted a part of us here."

Miss Eitelman became ill July 1 at a boarding school in Ivory Coast. She came home to Upper Volta by private plane a few days later. Doctors diagnosed her ailment as hepatitis. She died July 12 in the Koudougou Hospital.

"We were astonished to find ourselves surrounded by a community of African friends and brothers that came by the hundreds to help us dig the grave and to console us," the Eitelmans said. She was buried beneath a giant tree on the farm operated by Eitelman, an agricultural evangelist.

"Their comforting wish expressed in their language is: 'May God put his shade over you,'" the Eitelmans continued. "In this sunny country shade is

their word for grace."

Many of the people had lost children of their own.

"We felt a kinship with these people that we had never felt before," the Eitelmans said. Now, after the death, church leaders have come to the Eitelmans to tell them of the sweeping effect their daughter's death has had on the community in establishing the legitimacy of their work.

Before, many critics did not know who they were or had them confused with those who taught there was no God. Those critics saw the Christian community gather around the Eitelmans during their time of need.

"Thus in one grand stroke God silenced much opposition and brought glory to himself," the Eitelmans stated. "Laura had said early in life that she wanted to be a missionary. In retrospect, we can see that her dream was fulfilled."

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Life and Work Series

Faith for life and death

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-26

In Philippians 1:12-26 we have a splendid statement of Paul's philosophy of life and death. Paul had longed to preach the gospel in Rome, and had prayed that God would open the way for him to do so. His prayer had been answered and he was in Rome in the capacity of a prisoner.

When afflictions and trials came upon him, through a cheerful submission to God's will Paul became a better and stronger Christian. Instead of Paul's imprisonment curtailing his missionary work, it actually enlarged his sphere of usefulness and contributed much to the dissemination of the gospel in widely scattered areas. Knowing of Paul's faithfulness in proclaiming the gospel to those who were chained to him, some of the timid and discouraged souls who had been ashamed or afraid to give testimony for Christ redoubled their efforts to preach Christ to others who were not imprisoned.

International Series

Toward an un hindered gospel

Acts 28:16-17, 21-31

Paul had yearned to go to Rome to impart to the Christians there such spiritual help as would establish them in the faith and strengthen them for more effective service for Christ.

Ere he reached the city groups of Christians went out to meet him. Their presence and expressions of love thrilled Paul as he realized through them the presence, the purpose, the promise and the power of God.

How wonderfully God arranged everything! Due to divine providence and the resultant generosity of the Roman officials, Paul was not incarcerated in the common prison but was permitted to dwell in a private house in company with a soldier to whom he was linked by a chain. Unable to go to any of the seven synagogues in Rome because such freedom was not permitted to a prisoner, when three days elapsed Paul called the leading Jews to the place where he was confined. Paul explained to them the circumstances of his imprisonment, then preached Christ and pleaded with them to accept him as their personal saviour. Some believed but the majority continued in their unbelief and their opposition to Paul.

The Jewish leaders pretended that they did not know anything about the case against Paul, inas-

Paul rejoiced that his imprisonment had contributed so much to his spiritual development. Each time that he needed grace to enable him to adjust uncomplainingly to a difficult situation or to maintain a spirit of composure and serenity in baffling circumstances, God supplied his needs in answer to the earnest prayers of the Philippians.

Utterly forgetful of himself, Paul's overwhelming desire was to glorify Christ through compliance with his will in life and in death. Equating life and Christ, Paul expressed his profound philosophy of life in the words: "For to me to live is Christ."

Surveying the two possibilities—continued life on earth and death—Paul was ready for either and faced both with equanimity. It was simply a question of whether he should serve Christ on earth or enjoy him in glory. Ready to go and willing to wait, Paul wanted the Lord's preference to be the determining factor.

much as the Jews from Judea had not submitted to them any reports on this subject. Having heard some unfavorable reports about the Christian faith, the Jews deemed it appropriate to hear from the lips of Paul what Christians really believed. Consequently, a day was designated for them to hear what Paul had to say about the Christian faith.

When the apostle quoted God's word as recorded by Isaiah in condemnation of their unbelief, delivered his message of warning to them and concluded with the climactic words in verse 28, what he had said created an uproar and they stalked out of the house.

Paul was detained in his own hired house for two years at the least. Even though he was chained he was not silenced. Though a prisoner, he had a glorious ministry, preaching Christ to the guards who were chained to him in shifts of rapid succession. His gracious character, noble life and powerful preaching won their admiration and resulted in the salvation of many. In the course of their duties, some of these men entered the palace and various others were sent throughout the empire.

From Paul's experience we learn the important truth that circumstances need never prevent any Christian from witnessing for Christ.

Frank Owen

Let's try

I don't want to wear you out on the subject of Bold Mission Thrust but, beloved, we are in the last month of our fiscal year which ends Aug. 31. How much the churches give through our office by Aug. 31 is very important.

The Southern Baptist Convention has acted to request all the states to do our dead-level best to double Cooperative Program receipts by 1982 and then to double twice again after that before the year 2000 A.D. Our receipts have shown healthy growth again this year but nothing like the rate of growth that must be reached if we are to fulfill the Cooperative Program's part in Bold Mission Thrust.

For seven consecutive years we have adopted a large Cooperative Program budget increase (20% increase this year). On top of the firm budget commitment level we usually adopt a "challenge budget" whose commitments are only tentative. We have called the top figure of this challenge budget our "Hallelujah Goal." We have always gone over the basic budget itself and achieved a goodly portion of the "challenge budget" but we have never reached the "Hallelujah Goal."

Last year it looked like we would do so, but our receipts tapered off at the end. Two months ago it looked again like we would make it this year but now it has tapered off again—still increasing, but not enough.

(I am repeatedly amazed at how closely our receipts follow the tightening and loosening of money rates and other financial indices that I hear and read about in the news media.)

July receipts were very good (\$668,790.05 compared with \$625,463.18 a year ago) but not nearly enough to promise achievement of our \$8,000,000 "Hallelujah Goal" by Aug. 31. August receipts have started well (\$530,000 as of August 9) but far from decisive against the rate of climb called for in Bold Mission Thrust.

We still could go out on the top if enough churches would decide to catch up or to come with an extra before Aug. 31. Won't you? We'd love to reach the "Hallelujah Goal" for the first time. Let's try.

Christian Education

Media center course slated for seminary evening school

The course "Media Center/Church Library" will be offered in Southern Seminary evening school beginning Aug. 28 and concluding Oct. 16.

The cost is \$20 and enrollment may be made anytime by phone (897-4603), by mail (2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206) or in person (Aug. 28 at the Boyce Bible School building).

The class will focus on the new church media center development plan but will include study of "The Media Center Serving the Church" by Wayne Todd.

The course will be geared to the needs of the students.

Campbellsville hires Jana Martin

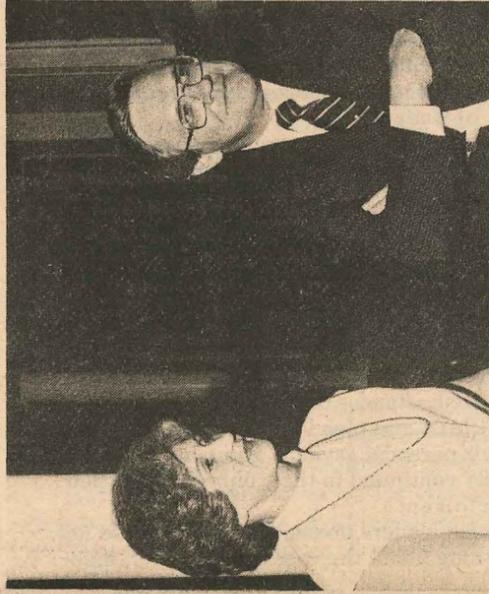
Jana Martin was named admissions counselor at Campbellsville College. Miss Martin graduated cum laude from Campbellsville with a BA degree and a double major in art and English.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Martin has already begun her new job.

Campbellsville to have fair booth

Campbellsville College will have a booth at the Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, Aug. 17-26.

The booth will be located in the east wing of the exhibition center, adjacent to the Oneida Institute booth and across from the Long Run Association booth.



Dr. and Mrs. Ben Elrod meet students after a program in John L. Hill Chapel at Georgetown College. Elrod assumed presidency of the college Aug. 1.



Ed Skaggs, Gallipolis, Oh., a senior psychology major, was elected president and Peggy Scales, Versailles, a junior health major, vice president of the Student Government Association at Cumberland College for 1978-79. They were elected in a campus poll.

Conference set for education, BMT

The SBC Education Commission and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS) officially endorsed plans for a National Conference on Christian Education and Bold Missions.

The national conference got the go-ahead after the Commission and ASBCS accepted a report from an 18-member steering committee chaired by Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville. The meeting is scheduled for June 7-9, 1979, in Galveston, Tex., prior to the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-14.

Expected to attract some 700-800 participants, the conference will be a logical follow-up of the National Colloquium on Christian Education held in Williamsburg, Va., in 1976. The 1979 congress will relate Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools to Bold Mission Thrust on the same scale that the colloquium encouraged Baptist educational institutions to examine their Christian values and purposes.

In addition to giving greater visibility to Baptist schools involved in Bold Mission, the conventionwide conference will provide a missions challenge for participants.



Baptist assemblies, whether they serve the entire state or a smaller geographic area such as Camp Joy at Brownsville, offer Kentuckians opportunities for recreation, commitment and renewal during the summer months.

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