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## Jim Taylor to succeed Boswell on retirement from Cumberland

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

J. M. Boswell, an educational "legend" in the Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky, has announced his retirement from the presidency of Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

The 72-year-old educator will step down from the helm of the Kentucky Baptist coeducational senior college Aug. 1, 1980.

Trustees of the school have elected James H. Taylor, 33, the school's vice president for development for the last five years, as Boswell's successor.

A native of San Antonio, Tex., Taylor attended high school in Pontiac, Mich. He received the BS degree

from Cumberland College and the MA degree from Union College, Barbourville, Ky. He did additional work at Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Oklahoma and Duke University, and earned the EdD degree from Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in higher education and administration.

Taylor has been on the Cumberland staff 11 years. He has served in admissions, alumni and development capacities during these years.

Married to the former Dinah Lynch of Barbourville, he is the father of one son, James Jr., age 6.

Taylor served pastorates at South Main Mission, Monticello, and Saxton (Ky.) Baptist Church during student days.

According to David Huff of Corbin, chairman of Cumberland's board of trustees, Taylor "has demonstrated he is energetic, intelligent, perceptive and imaginative. He strongly supports the fundamental purposes of Cumberland College.

"The trustees are convinced Dr. Taylor has the qualities that will be required to help Cumberland meet the challenging demands on the institution in these next decades," Huff concluded.

Boswell has been president of the school for 33 years.



Boswell

## Sex controversy fails to derail BMT in Texas

The annual Texas Baptist Convention meeting in Austin gave a resounding vote for Bold Mission Thrust.

Texas Baptists pledged financial support with a record-breaking \$31 million budget, including \$10.9 million for the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program for world missions.

Messengers refused to be derailed for long from their Bold Mission task despite a proposed resolution on oral genital sex which got sensational headlines in media.

The oral sex resolution followed in the wake of action by Union Baptist Association (Houston area) the previous week, asking convention leaders to drop author Charlie Shedd of Georgia as a speaker at the statewide Conference on the Family Mar. 29-31 in Dallas.

Houston pastor Glenn Little charged in the Union Association resolution that Shedd, in a series of tapes, condoned oral genital sex relations between husbands and wives.

Without debate messengers adopted a toned-down statement from their resolutions committee requesting convention agencies to make sure that the emphasis of speakers who address the issue of human sexuality is "positive and biblically sound."

Texas Baptists adopted updated guidelines on church-state relations, opposing government restrictions "that adversely affect the ability of the institutions to fulfill their distinctive purposes as Christian institutions."

## FMB continues to appoint missionaries

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board continued to appoint missionaries at a record pace in November, but heard a report that new government edicts may pose a threat to work in Indonesia, one of its most responsive mission fields.

Board members strengthened Southern Baptists' overseas force by approving 31 new missionaries and reappointing four former missionaries. Two of the reappointments were effective immediately, bring the total additions for the year to 329—an increase of 50 over the record 279 approved last year. Another appointment service is scheduled in December.

William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia who had just returned from Indonesia, said that two new edicts by Indonesia's minister of religion, if fully implemented, would prohibit witnessing to any person who already has another religion and would require missionaries to train Indonesians to replace them within two years.

Among missionaries named were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Larry) Baker, Kentucky, assigned to Ecuador; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. (Bud) Bethel, Ohio and Kentucky respectively, to Leeward Islands; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Hill, Alabama and Kentucky, to Portugal.

## Penn-Jersey finds place in the sun

Elected messengers to the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey voted to enter into a working partnership with the Florida Baptist Convention.

The partnership grew out of plans for reaching goals of Bold Mission Thrust in "pioneer areas" where Southern Baptist work is new in the United States.

The convention adopted a budget of \$1,092,858, including a goal of \$264,500 in state Cooperative Program contributions from 140 organized churches and chapels with over 17,000 members. Twenty-five percent of the state Cooperative Program contributions will go to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions.

## Retirement provisions confront Ohio Baptists

Messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio concentrated on retirement related matters during annual session in Toledo—learning of the retirement of their long-time executive secretary, objecting to retirement actions by a Southern Baptist organization and voting a feasibility study for a proposed state retirement center.

Ray E. Roberts, who has led Ohio Southern Baptist work from its beginning as a convention, announced he will retire in June 1980 at age 65 as specified by convention policy.

Roberts, dean of state Southern Baptist chief executives who assumed leadership when the Ohio Convention formed Jan. 8, 1954, said he had turned down suggestions that he extend his tenure because of new laws governing retirement.

## W. Va. executive to retire at 65

John I. Snedden, who pioneered Southern Baptist work in West Virginia and was the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists' first executive secretary, announced his retirement at the convention's annual meeting.

West Virginia Baptists adopted a record budget of \$620,995, of which 24 percent will go to national Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Snedden will retire Dec. 1, 1979, two months after he turns 65. He has been executive secretary since 1971 and was director of missions and evangelism for the convention for two years before that.

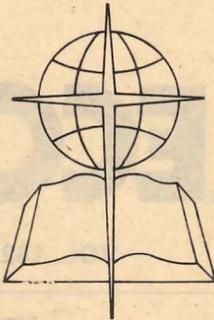


At Thanksgiving, what are you doing for those with little to eat? David Sapp, SBC Christian Life Commission, poses this question to Southern Baptists. He chairs a convocation on world hunger Nov. 20-21 at Ridgecrest.

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

### It's time to reconsider our image

There's only a thin line between compassion and compromise but this line is very important and Baptists better never forget it. Compassion should be the heartbeat of every church but it should never be confused with compromise.

In former years Baptists gained a reputation for being strict, legalistic and moralistic. We were the no smoking, no drinking and no dancing crowd at which fun was poked and ridicule directed. Though we may disagree with their values, our Baptist forefathers sincerely tried to preserve the purity of the church. Church discipline was almost universally practiced. Church members who strayed from the narrow path by attending a square dance, pitching a drunk or spreading gossip often had to repent and ask forgiveness or be excluded from the church.

This kind of strictness is long gone and few of us would welcome it back. But in throwing out such legalism, have we not gone too far in the other direction? In shedding our image of strictness have we not discarded standards for churches which are clearly taught in the New Testament?

This is my growing conclusion. Consider several illustrations.

What about the standards for Baptist deacons? In the last few years new interpretations of New Testament passages describing the qualifications of deacons have prompted churches to ordain some whom our forefathers would not only have never considered for ordination but probably would have excluded from the fellowship. According to the New Testament pagan marriage practices and other heathen moral standards disqualified one from serving as a deacon. Not so in many Baptist churches today.

How about moral standards for young people attending Baptist schools and colleges? A few Baptist institutions have held to high standards of conduct but in more and more what goes in other schools goes for Baptist schools. Why be concerned for a Christian interpretation of knowledge in the classroom if anything goes in dormitories including allowing freshmen boys and girls to stay out all night?

Consider the attitude toward adultery in the ministry. Once it was unthinkable but no longer. Once its revelation was very shocking but it is not uncommon now when a preacher falls to hear, "I'm really not surprised."

In reacting to the revelation of immorality on the part of her pastor, a lady asked, "Can any preacher be trusted?" What an image for the Baptist ministry!

Modern Baptists have shed the image of being strict but it's time to reconsider. This is not a plea to return to a superficial morality but we need to regain the reputation of holding to the high moral

standards of New Testament churches.

The Christians in Rome who lived in an immoral society much as ours was warned by Paul not to be conformed to their environment but to be a transforming force. This means we must not confuse indulgence with compassion. We must accept the repentant offender but reject his offense, embrace the sinner but renounce the sin.

The image Baptists have shed by rejecting a superficial morality must be regained by embracing and practicing an authentic morality.

#### Guest Editorial

### Two vital choices

R. Gene Puckett, Editor  
Maryland Baptist

Perhaps never in Southern Baptist history have two search committees with such heavy responsibilities been operating simultaneously. The committee to recommend a successor to Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, announced its guidelines last month in Nashville, and the committee to recommend a successor to Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, was named two weeks ago.

Routh will retire August 1979, after 28 years of service. Cauthen will retire at the end of 1979 with 25 years service in the chief executive position at the Foreign Mission Board. Both men have served during a period of unequalled growth and progress in Southern Baptist life. No one close to the situation would question the role these two men have played in our mission in and to the whole world.

That is not to suggest the roles are the same. Quite the contrary, they have been almost opposite in many respects. Dr. Routh has been the effective, relatively quiet and "low-profile" executive of the unit in Southern Baptist life that controls the money and implements broad general policies. Dr. Cauthen has been the effective, highly visible executive whose agency has not only used a large portion of SBC mission gifts but he has been a princely motivator of the whole constituency to give, pray and go/send missionaries to the ends of the earth.

These two men more clearly symbolize than any others the rapid and almost complete change of SBC leadership during this decade. Of those in office back in 1970, only three will remain in 1980: Paul Stevens, Foy Valentine and Duke K. McCall.

With all due respect to all agencies, particularly the seminaries, no two positions have the impact and importance to Southern Baptists as these two. It is of utmost importance that the positions be filled with the right persons through the right processes.

A few weeks back, SBC president Jimmy Allen made a stinging observation that some Baptist leaders have a way of making failure sound like success through the careful choice of words. We also have a way of making decisions through the processes of men and claiming the leadership of God. Such conduct is not only hypocrisy in its purest form, it is blasphemy in its most contemptible form. To pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit and then make decisions according to the political processes of men and then claim divine leadership is so false it ought to send fear through our whole system.

Already there are names in the rumor circuit about who are the most likely candidates for these two posts. Already friends are working for friends and political debts are being collected or incurred. Human nature being what it is, this is to some degree unavoidable but our sincere prayer is that God will work in such a way to have his will over the manipulations and maneuverings of men.

In both instances, the search committees are composed of strong persons, fairly well representing the whole constituency. The chairmen—Brooks Wester for the Nashville position and Hunter Riggins for the Richmond post—are two splendid Baptist leaders, the former a minister and the latter a layman. We have confidence in both. They will be subjected to pressures from persons with vested interests but we believe they can rightly judge the situation and resist unfair and unwarranted pressures.

With a budget of more than \$71 million and more than 2700 missionaries in more than 90 countries, the chief executive of the SBC Foreign Mission Board must be a person of great stature who can inspire and motivate while administrating.

With the increased bureaucracy, centralized power, economic determinism and vast size of Southern Baptist life, the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee must not fancy himself a bishop, let alone a pope. It is a powerful position but the persons who seek it for power would become a disaster in office. Southern Baptists need authentic servants, not kings by whatever name they may be called.

The choices are vital to the future of Southern Baptists, at home and abroad. May God have his way, acting through us instead of in spite of us.

## Baptist Forum

### Symbolism of 10 commandments upheld

Regarding your editorial "On the wall is not in the heart" (Western Recorder, Nov. 1, 1978), I wish to make the following comments:

Your premise is correct. Just hanging the 10 Commandments on the walls of our classrooms will no more create a moral society than hanging John 3:16 on the walls of our Sunday school rooms will create Christians. But I think you take the premise too far. There can be tremendous symbolic value in this. The 10 Commandments represent the moral code on which our society was founded. They stand as a reminder that there are moral and ethical standards for society. If your premise is carried out then let's remove the American flag as a symbol for freedom, the cross as a symbol of the death of Christ, baptism as a symbol of the burial to the old life and the Lord's Supper as a symbol of the broken body and shed blood of Christ. Symbolism has its place. Let's put the 10 Commandments in our classrooms. Who knows the effect it can have on a young life!

Also, your statement, "The responsibility for moral and spiritual training of young people is not in tax supported public schools . . ." is misleading. While the public school cannot teach sectarian religious belief, I feel public educators have a responsibility to both teach and live a high moral example. If they don't then we all lose.

Harold S. Mauney, Taylorsville

# Pleasant Home doesn't really emphasize stewardship, but . . .

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

The white frame church building up Eagle Hill Road from Glencoe looks no different than many other rural churches as you drive by.

The brick sign out front tells you it's Pleasant Home Baptist Church and lists the times for worship services, Sunday school and Church Training.

Yet this congregation of some 150 members can claim a distinction no other church in the Kentucky Baptist Association can claim. It gave to the Cooperative Program the past year at the rate of \$71.20 per member—tops among churches in the state convention.

Pastor Emery Gullion, a bi-vocational pastor who works nights at the Greater Cincinnati Airport as a Delta Airlines mechanic, says he doesn't preach much on giving.

Still, he can easily explain his people's willingness to give:

"They're dedicated. We've tried to win their hearts and their lives, then their stewardship comes along naturally. We've found we can't outgive the Lord; the more we give, the more he gives."

Gullion has been pastor at Pleasant Home 13 years and he can remember when Cooperative Program

## HMB names leaders

Department leaders within the newly-created evangelism section were named during the November board of directors meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Directors also appointed six persons as missionaries and approved four missions pastors to receive financial aid.

The evangelism section of the board was reorganized from three departments to two divisions during the fall directors meeting. At that time, division leaders were named but department heads were not.

Ken Carter, director of small church and revival evangelism since 1976, will direct the new department of associational evangelism. Dale Cross will continue as director of metropolitan evangelism strategy within that department.

Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism since 1972, will direct the department of evangelism support, and Frank Crumpler, director of evangelism planning and consultation since 1976, will head the department of specialized evangelism.

Bobby Sunderland will continue as director of the department of mass evangelism, where he has served since 1975.

Named missionaries were David and Marianne Book of Louisville, Ky., Randall and Lawanna Jones of Onora, Ky., and Kenneth and Hortensia Schmidt of Oakland, Calif.

The Books will move to Lake Placid, N. Y., where he will serve as pastor/director of Lake Placid Ministries for the church extension department of the board and the New York Baptist Convention. Book, a native of Henderson, Ky., is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Since 1975, he has been associate director of student work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Marianne Rogers Book, a native of Dallas, Tex., is a graduate of Austin College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, she was records secretary for the St. Matthews Baptist Church of Louisville.

The Jones family will serve in the Northwest Baptist Association of Indiana, where he will direct associational missions. Jones, a native of Murray, Ky., is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sonora, Ky.

Lawanna Cain Jones of Owensboro, Ky., is a graduate of the Owensboro Daviess County School of Nursing. Prior to appointment, she directed health care for the Glendale Children's Home in Glendale.

giving was just barely \$200 per year. During the fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, 1978, the church gave \$10,680.85.

"We had been giving 40 percent of our offerings to the Cooperative Program but we voted last business meeting to raise that to 41 percent," he said.

While there is a strong emphasis on missions giving, church members also try to minister on the local level, Gullion explained.

When the home of a lady in the community burned down recently, Pleasant Home members paid half the cost of a mobile home for her.

"Believe it or not, they look for those things," he said. "They don't wait for me to tell them about these things, they tell me."

Despite the fact that the church building is bounded on all sides by other Baptist churches and is located in a primarily rural area, it has seen considerable growth in the past dozen years.

Records indicate that church membership grew from 86 in 1966 to 156 the past year; average Sunday school attendance jumped from 24 to 66; and average Church Training attendance increased from 16 to 42.

Gullion speaks highly of Church Training. "Our church feels the Church Training program is one of the most important parts," he said. "It's not a teaching program; it's a training program. It's helped our members to be active in church."

One of the keys to his church's growth, Gullion believes, is its emphasis on programs. "We have a strong WMU and a good RA group. Brotherhood is not so strong (seven or eight usually attend meetings) and we have no GAs.

"Our greatest asset is our young married adults and youth," he beamed. "The young adults are active in witnessing and helping out in programs." A framed certificate in a classroom identifies the young adult class as a financial sponsor for an Indian child.

Despite Pleasant Home's stewardship emphasis and program orientation, Gullion would be quick to say neither is the congregation's No. 1 priority.

"Our main concern is winning people to the Lord," he affirmed.

And everything else revolves around that.

# Computer helps Sunday schools

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

There was a time when computers were thought of as tools of the future. The time has come when computers can play an important role in our future by helping us add more quality and efficiency to our futures. This is one of the objectives of the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

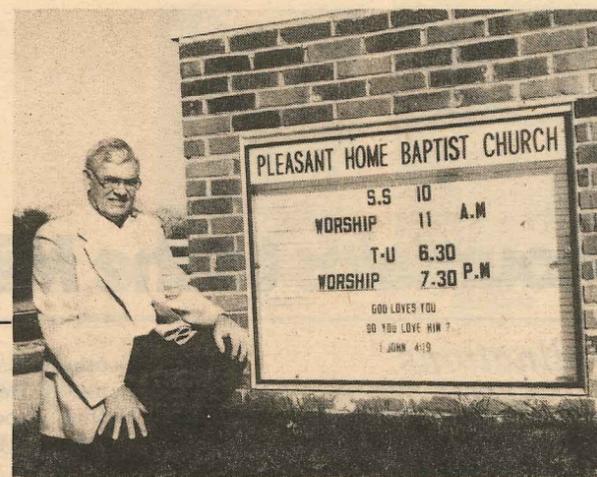
"I was at a computer show at one of the malls and became interested in all the things a computer could do," stated James Rennell, associate in the department. The computer is on loan to the department to use in Sunday school work.

The computer, a small portable four-piece unit, is electrically operated and relatively inexpensive. The initial components can be purchased for under \$1,000 and additional units can be purchased for under \$300.

The computer operates on what is called a "byte" filing system. Up to 16,000 individual "bytes" or characters can be filed into the computer. Each additional unit purchased can also hold up to 16,000 characters. This makes the computer very flexible for use in the local church. As the church grows additional units can be added as they are needed.

Possibilities for use in the local church are limitless. Some uses are membership lists, addresses, music, missions, ministries, program and graded files. How and what the computer is used for depends upon the individual church.

Rennell stated that the purpose of the computer in the Sunday School Department was to aid the local church. He added that the computer could help the



Emery Gullion, pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, says he doesn't preach much on giving but his people's "stewardship comes along naturally."

# Illinois Baptists want seminary in Chicago

The Illinois Baptist State Association passed a resolution urging a seventh Southern Baptist seminary in the Chicago area.

The convention will forward the resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in Nashville, which is studying the feasibility of another seminary in the northern area of the nation. The study was authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1978 meeting in Atlanta last June.

James M. Baldwin of Salem, Ill., who spoke in favor of the resolution, pointed out that Southern Baptists are the only major evangelical body in the United States without a seminary in the Chicago area.

Messengers also adopted a 1979 budget of \$4,797,821. It includes a state Cooperative Program goal of \$2,500,000, 41 percent of which will go to worldwide mission causes through the national SBC Cooperative Program.

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church diagnose various problems it may be having in Sunday school. After the computer has diagnosed the problem the Sunday School Department can recommend a solution or solutions to the church. For example, by analyzing five basic facts about a Sunday school the computer can determine the correct teacher-student ratio, tell you if you need to train more workers, start an outreach program, keep better records, do something about chronic absentees, if you've reached a saturation point . . . There are 345 possible answers or combinations.

The operational workings of the computer are essentially very simple. Certain programs are typed (filed) into the computer then transferred to a cassette tape in the form of sound impulses. The cassettes can then be played back into the computer or any computer like the original. Cassettes can be easily reproduced for use by other churches or individuals.

Rennell said that the Sunday School Department would have four computers set up at the Convention fair in Owensboro. Each computer will be playing a different program. The four programs will be: Bold Mission Thrust Tic Tac Toe Quiz; Arthur Flake's formula which is used to determine whether various Sunday schools are in the growth, maintenance or decreasing stage; the growth spiral used to analyze enrollment and visitation programs; and a Sunday school emphasis plan.

Rennell said the programs are ready to begin helping the local churches.

The computer programs, to get exposure, will be announced in the churches, through associational meetings and mailings.

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Ordinations

**Three ordained at Sand Spring**  
William Stucker, Carl Hawkins and Garvice Gibson were ordained to the deacon ministry by Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Oct. 1.

**Bethlehem ordains two deacons**  
Bethlehem Baptist Church recently ordained John Kelly and Dean McCardwell as deacons. Harold Stivers is the new chairman of the deacons. He replaced Richard Roberts who died.

**Jay Martin ordained**  
Worthville Baptist Church ordained Jay Martin to the gospel ministry Oct. 22 at Worthville church. Martin has been serving as assistant to Phil Ronk for the past few months.

**John Brashear ordained**  
John Brashear, pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, was ordained Oct. 22 by Glen Lily Baptist Church of Warren Association. Pastor and Mrs. Brashear held open house for their congregation Oct. 29.

## Personnel

**Gash resigns Harrodsburg**  
S. Clelland Gash, pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church for eight years, has resigned to become pastor of Pittsburgh (Penn.) Baptist Church. Gash, a native of Harrodsburg, is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Prior to coming to Harrodsburg he served as chaplain in the U. S. Army.

He has also been associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro; pastor of First Baptist Church, Forest City, Ark.; and associate pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Gash is the former Jane Hagarman of Hartford, Ky. The couple has three daughters and one son.

**Rowe pastor at Mt. Olive**  
Franklin Rowe is now pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Boones Creek Association. Rowe, who lives and works in Winchester, has served as pastor of several churches in eastern Kentucky.

**Auburn calls youth director**  
Auburn Baptist Church has called Mrs. Greg Rogers as youth director. Mrs. Rogers, a new resident of Auburn, graduated from Bob Jones University with a physical education major.

**Southern Heights adds Lertsuma**  
Southern Heights Baptist Church, Bethel Association, has called David Lertsuma, Western Kentucky University student, as minister of music.

Darrell Hartley, pastor of Southern Heights, recently spent a week in Parkview Hospital.

**Baker, Howard new staffers**  
Whippoorwill Baptist Church has called Larry Baker as minister of music and youth. Foster Howard has been called as interim pastor on an indefinite basis.

**Leake joins Russellville staff**  
Curtis Parker Leake has been called as minister to youth and Christian activities at First Baptist Church, Russellville.

Leake, who graduated from New Orleans Seminary, began his new duties in October.

He is married to the former Barbara Russo of Fairfax, Va.

Henry Hobson is pastor.

**Green Ridge calls Morr**  
Green Ridge Baptist Church, Logan Association, has called Don Morr as pastor. Morr has been at Spring Valley, Mt. Gilead and Keysburg churches.

## Revivals

**Hopewell meeting nets 12**  
Hopewell Baptist Church, Allen Association, had revival services Oct. 15-26. It reported six professions of faith and six additions by baptism. Durwood Garmon was evangelist. Ralph Garmon is pastor.

**Rockport holds youth revival**  
Rockport Baptist Church recently had a revival team from Cumberland College. Duncan Smith is pastor.

**Eminence has successful meeting**  
Eminence Baptist Church closed revival with eight professions of faith, two by letter and many rededications. Fred Steelman was evangelist and Paul Griz musician.

On "miracle day" 305 attended Sunday school and \$2900 offering was received.

**One called at Campton**  
Campton Baptist Church reported spiritual revival resulting in many decisions and one surrendering to preach the gospel.

Evangelist for the revival was Jack Sherman and songleader was Rick

Brewer. Both are from London, Ky. Tommy Sparks is pastor.

**101 decisions at Leitchfield revival**  
First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, had a revival with Harold Tallant of Louisville as evangelist. There were 101 decisions — 49 baptisms, five letters, 49 rededications and seven going to other churches. George W. Smith is pastor.

**Bob Phillips evangelist at Adaburg**  
Adaburg Baptist Church has closed a revival with Bob Phillips from Bells Run as evangelist. Stewart Hines is pastor.

**Whippoorwill holds youth revival**  
Whippoorwill Baptist Church had a youth team from Campbellsville College lead revival Nov. 10-12.

**Coffman returns to Mt. Zion**  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church had a recent revival with Jim Coffman, a former pastor, as evangelist. Dennis V. Jones is pastor.

**Zion meets with Wheeler**  
Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, recently held a revival with Jimmie Dean Wheeler as evangelist. Don Berry is pastor.

**Colvin leads Centertown crusade**  
Centertown Baptist Church held revival with A. B. Colvin, assistant to the

executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, as evangelist. Bill Holladay is pastor.

**James Watt at Green River**  
Green River Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, was in revival Nov. 6-12 with James Watt as evangelist. Eugene Loy is pastor.

**Evans conducts New Panther Creek**  
New Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, had a revival with Robert Evans as evangelist. Arthur Morris Jr. is pastor.

## Deaths

**Roscoe Douglas dies**  
Roscoe Douglas, a highly respected Kentucky preacher, has died. Douglas, a native of Jellico, Tenn., spent most of his pastoral ministry in Harlan County. He also spent four years with Westside Baptist Church in Corbin, Ky.

Douglas, affectionately known as "preacher," was recognized and honored with the A. S. Petrey Mountain Minister Award from Clear Creek Baptist School. He was the subject of an article in the New York Times Sunday Magazine in 1969.

He was married to the former Ethel Davis of Barbourville. They have five daughters.

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## Congregations

**Bell Run/Mt. Carmel fellowship**  
Bells Run and Mount Carmel churches had an afternoon of fellowship and games Oct. 15. Teams from each church vied with each other. A trophy was awarded to Mt. Carmel church for the most points accumulated. Billy Burton, Mt. Carmel, and Bob Phillips, Bells Run, participated in a tricycle contest. It was declared "no contest" since one of the tricycles broke during the competition.

**Electronic carillons installed**  
McHenry Church recently installed a set of electronic carillons. The formal dedication of these bells was Sunday, Nov. 12. Recie Young is the pastor at McHenry.

**Jimmy Goff called to preach**  
Hartford Church reports that Jimmy Goff has surrendered to preach. He preached his first sermon Sept. 17 at East Hartford Church. W. O. Hanson is pastor at Hartford.

**Joyce Nall earns LPN degree**  
Mrs. Joyce Nall, wife of Harold Nall, pastor at Concord Church, graduated Oct. 6 from nursing school as an LPN.

**Open house for pastoral center**  
On Nov. 29 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. there will be an Open House for the recently relocated Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Center of the Louisville Baptist Hospitals. The new facilities are located in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing at Highlands Baptist Hospital, 810 Barret Avenue.

**Sand Spring purchases land**  
Sand Spring Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, Ky. has purchased an additional 20 acres of land which joins the present church property. The additional space will be used for parking and future building expansion.

Bill Messer is pastor at Sand Spring.

**Center Baptist dedicates building**  
Center Baptist Church dedicated their new building in October. Former pastors Tom Lawhon, Raymond Forsythe and Rex Ford spoke in the services.

**Celebrates anniversary**  
Mt. Carmel Church observed the 38th anniversary of their song leader, Stillie Boyd, Sunday, Oct. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morris, former Mt. Carmel pastor, attended. Billy Burton is pastor.

**Rockhouse has first homecoming**  
Rockhouse Baptist Church, near Hyden, Ky., had a homecoming, old-fashioned and high attendance day Oct. 29, 1978. There was a pot luck dinner in the afternoon, followed by gospel singing and a memorial and recognition service. This was the first homecoming. The church was organized Nov. 8, 1952.

The pastor, Vaughn B. Chambers, and his wife, Virginia, are both 1977 graduates of Clear Creek Baptist School.

**Three pastors on BSSB committee**  
Three Kentucky pastors have agreed to

serve two-year terms on the Sunday School Board's new home Bible study advisory committee.

The 20-member committee will include Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; and David Perkins, pastor, First Baptist, Williamsburg.

The committee will be monitoring home Bible study and will be sharing their opinions for improving "At Home with the Bible" and Home Bible Study Guide.

"At Home with the Bible" is a weekly television and radio program of Bible study, music and interviews. The Home Bible Study Guide is a monthly publication of Bible material, activities and study questions.

**Vansickle named representative**  
Melvin H. Vansickle, pastor of Medway Baptist Church, Medway, Ohio, for nine years has been named as a sales representative for the Broadman division of the Sunday School Board.

Vansickle will be contacting bookstores in nine area states, including

Kentucky.

Vansickle, a graduate of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio is a native of Kentucky.

He has held several church positions including deacon, church clerk, Sunday school superintendent, training union director and VBS worker.

## Missions

**Orientation for MSC**  
Stanny McNair of Louisville recently underwent orientation for Mission Service Corps volunteers.

This is the first time orientation has been offered MSC volunteers to serve on a Home Mission Board field.

Miss McNair was among 29 persons who received training in personal growth, witnessing and church starting. David Bunch, MSC coordinator, directed the sessions.

Miss McNair, who taught in Louisville for five years, is helping start New Hope Baptist Chapel in Middleburg, Pa. She will be working with James Osgood, a former Louisville pastor.



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# All of us can be faithful, Kruschwitz affirms

John Kruschwitz, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is presiding over the convention's annual sessions this week in Owensboro. Here is the text of his presidential address delivered Tuesday morning on the subject, "Mission Possible."

Bold Mission Thrust is the greatest challenge ever accepted by Baptists. The task of taking the gospel to the more than four billion people who are living today, as well as to the millions

who will be born between now and the year 2000, is a task that is staggering to the imagination.

The apostle Paul has a message of inspiration and challenge as we look at this opportunity before us. In Phil. 4:13 he writes, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." The fact is that Paul was in prison when he penned these words. As a prisoner he was limited as to what he could do. Paul, however, makes it very clear that anything which God has for him to do is possible through Christ who strengthens him. Do we have this kind of faith? Do we believe that regardless of cir-

cumstances we can do anything God has for us to do? Do we really believe that through the strength and power provided by Christ we can carry out God's plan and purpose whatever it may be?

Do we believe that the sharing of the gospel with all of the world is God's plan? In light of what Jesus said, as recorded in Matt. 28:19-20, do we believe it is God's plan for all men to have the opportunity to hear the gospel and to accept Jesus Christ as lord and savior? As we read the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8 do we really believe it is possible for Christians, empowered by

the Holy Spirit, to share the good news with people "to the uttermost part of the earth"? Peter reminds us in 2 Pet. 3:9, "... God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Can we be Christlike and not be concerned about every person having the opportunity to know our savior? We are all aware of the plan of God. The question is, do we have the faith that will enable us to say with Paul, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us?

In Eph. 5:17 we read, "Be ye not unwise but understanding (or implementing) what the will of the Lord is." We as Baptists have found what the Lord wants us to do and for the most part we believe God's will strengthens us for the task. Our next step is to wholeheartedly give ourselves to the task of implementing the plan of God. Implicit in these words of Paul are some important truths which will enable us to realize that with God's help this mission is possible!

**1. We need a vision of what God wants us to do.**

In Prov. 29:18 we read, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Do we have a clear vision of what God wants us to do?

The prophet, Isaiah, had just such a vision. In the sixth chapter of his prophecy he saw the Lord, high and lifted up. This vision was so overwhelming that he thought he was doomed to die. This encounter with God brought a cleansing touch and then he heard the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Isaiah responded, "Here am I, send me."

We need a vision like that which Jesus had in Matt. 9:36ff. Here the savior saw the multitudes and he was moved with concern and compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Jesus then put the challenge to his disciples to pray to God that he would send forth laborers into the harvest. Our praying will not be effective and our ministering will not meet the needs of the people until we see people as Jesus saw them and until we, too, are moved with compassion.

We need a vision like the one Paul had on the Damascus highway which turned his life around. After that experience his life was so completely committed to Christ that he was not only willing to live for Christ, he was ready to die for Christ. This heavenly vision, as he called it, caused Paul to cry out, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for my own kinsmen after the flesh is that they might be saved." He went on to point out that they were very religious and even zealous for God but they were ignorant of or deliberately ignoring God's way of making people right with himself. Paul says the only way to be right in the sight of God is to be justified by faith (Rom. 8:1) and only those are truly saved who call upon the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13). With this vision and this message Paul went to the known world of his day and made an imprint, the results of which are seen even in our generation. When we have eyes that really see and hearts filled with compassion, then we, too, will be able to carry out God's plan through Christ who strengthens us.

**2. We need a positive attitude toward that which God wants us to do.**

Did you notice that Paul had this kind of faith even though he was in prison? He says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." This same positive attitude is seen in his letter to the church at Rome. Hear him as he says in Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to

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them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Then in 8:31 he goes on to say, "... if God be for us who can be against us?" This is the same positive attitude which our savior had and sought to impart to his followers as he says, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mk. 9:23).

Yes, we need a faith that assures us that we can do whatever God wants us to do. We are aware of the fact that just having a positive attitude is not all that is necessary in life, but as Christians we must remember that we are teamed up with Jesus Christ, God's son, and when this is true we realize that the angel Gabriel was correct when he stated as recorded in Lk. 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Walter D. Wintel realized the importance of a positive attitude when he wrote:

*If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you want to win but don't think you can,*

*It is almost a cinch you won't.*

*Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger and faster man  
But sooner or later the man who wins  
Is the man who thinks he can.*

Do you remember the words of the wise man of the Old Testament? In Prov. 23:7 he says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Many of God's plans are never carried out because we as Christians have lost hope. We have been making little plans. We have been thinking little thoughts. We emphasize the problems and magnify the difficul-

ties. As a result we become negative in our thinking and defeated in our purposes.

J. Wallace Hamilton in his book, "Still the Trumpet Sounds," tells of a little village in the hills of Maine which was doomed to extinction. The state was building a power dam on the river and had bought up the surrounding property that, with the completion of the dam in a year or so, would be flooded by a large lake. The effect on the little village was quite demoralizing. Everything suddenly came to a standstill. All building stopped. What was the use of painting a house if, in a year or so, it would be covered with water? Why repair anything or replace anything when the whole village was certain to be wiped out? So month by month the town became dilapidated, bedraggled and ghostly. Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present!

When we have a faith in God that says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, then we will not only have hope for the future but power in the present!

**3. We need a commitment to Christ that will enable us to accomplish the task.**

The only possible way for us to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust is for each one of us to be committed to Christ. This will involve the kind of commitment that will cause us to turn away from every known sin in our lives and to keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus. This is the instruction that the writer of the book of Hebrews gives to us (Heb.

12:1-2 Good News). "As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly. . . . Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus on whom our faith depends from beginning to end."

He goes on to tell us in verse three about the suffering and hardship which Jesus endured and he concludes with these words, "So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up." If we are willing to make the right kind of commitment to Christ we can do whatever he has for us to do!

This commitment to Christ also involves being faithful. In the book of Revelation, chapter two, Christ is speaking to those Christians who made up the church at Smyrna. These were good folk. In fact, it is the only church in which Christ does not find some gross failure and sin. As he concludes his message he says: "Be thou faithful unto death." To these committed Christians at Smyrna, Jesus speaks words of commendation for their orthodoxy but he reminds them that there is not substitute for being faithful.

God is call each of us to be faithful.

*Faithful in our living.*

*Faithful in our giving.*

*Faithful in our going.*

*Faithful in our growing.*

*Faithful in our loving.*

*Faithful to Christ.*

*Faithful to his church.*

*Faithful unto death.*

There are many things which some of you can do which I cannot do. There

may be one or two things which I can do that some of you cannot do. We do not all have the same abilities, the same gifts. There is, however, a common ground. All of us can be *faithful!*

That little baby born in Virginia in 1840, who was named Charlotte but who was soon to be nicknamed Lottie, learned well what it means to be faithful.

When she went as a missionary to China she did so because she had heard the call of Christ and she faithfully responded to this call. In China she selflessly gave all that she was and had to minister to the people who walked in darkness. Willingly she suffered untold hardship and deprivation so the needs of these people might be met. She had been called by Christ her savior to do a task and she was faithful even unto death.

Somewhere in Crews, Va., is a little cemetery. In that cemetery stands a simple gravestone marking the resting place of the remains of Lottie Moon. On this marker are these words, "Faithful unto Death." All of us will agree Lottie Moon was faithful unto death.

But what about us? What about the task that we face? What about Bold Mission Thrust? Can we do it? The apostle Paul says we can. He says, "We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us."

If we have a vision of what God wants us to do, if we have a positive attitude regarding his plan, and if we have a commitment to Christ that involves being faithful unto death, then we can do anything that God has for us to do through Christ who strengthens us!

## Sunday School Lessons H. C. Chiles

Lessons for Nov. 26, 1978

Life and Work Series

### Acting like a neighbor

Luke 10:25-37

From this passage of scripture we learn the lesson that when God's kind of love dwells in the human heart it always produces appropriate action in life.

A certain lawyer, well versed in Mosaic law and an exponent of it, presumed to ensnare Christ with a catch question. He asked, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" His query revealed his ignorance in supposing and assuming that eternal life could be secured by something that he could do.

Since the man was an expert in the law, he was asked what was written therein. The lawyer answered by giving a summary of the law. Then Christ said, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." Knowing that he did not and could not keep the whole law, he was convinced that he could not obtain eternal life by works.

Lawyer-like, he sought to justify himself by raising a question as to the meaning of a word. He asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Christ told him a beautiful and immortal story.

In a vivid word picture Christ told about a man who was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and robbers sprang out from behind the rocks and seized him. They beat him until he was almost dead.

A priest was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho also. Interest in and sympathy for humanity had dried up in the heart of this professional religious leader so when he saw the wounded man he was careful not to go near him. "He passed by on the other side" of the road.

Upon arriving at the scene, a Levite, with an attitude of sheer curiosity, gazed at the wounded man and then passed on down the road.

Then, a Samaritan approached the wounded man and "had compassion on him." Without delay, he alighted from his beast and began to do what he could to save the life of the man of a different race. He personally treated his wounds by "pouring in oil and wine." He lifted the man into his own saddle and walked until they reached an inn.

During the night he looked after the patient painstakingly. After remaining with him as long as he was needed, he made provision for his future care and promised the innkeeper to pay for it upon his return.

When Christ asked the lawyer which one of the three men mentioned in the story acted like a neighbor to the wounded man, he answered correctly by saying, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then Christ spoke the command, "Go, and do thou likewise."

International Series

### Love fulfills the commandments

This lesson incorporates all of the laws in the requirement to love God supremely and our fellowmen genuinely.

Matthew 22:34-40

Although the Pharisees, Herodians and Sadducees had suffered a severe rebuff, they proceeded immediately to make another attack on Christ. They selected a brilliant young lawyer to ask the Lord Jesus a question about the law. He inquired of Christ as to which commandment was the greatest or the most important.

Just as in the other problem with reference to tribute money, Christ again showed that man's responsibility is twofold: first to God and second to his fellowmen. The law deals with man's relationship to God and his relationship to man. Christ placed love to God first and love for man second. Only the one who loves God with all his heart will be able to love his neighbor as himself.

Leviticus 19:33-34

Having been delivered from bondage in Egypt, the

Israelites were journeying toward the land which God had promised to their ancestors. Knowing that strangers from other lands would be in the land to which they were journeying, God instructed them as to the treatment to give these foreigners. Inasmuch as they had been the recipients of the divine love, mercy, forgiveness and blessing, God let them know that he was expecting them to be the channel through which his blessings might flow to those strangers.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Jehovah, the God of Israel, is the one true and living God and unlike all of the gods made by man. He must be loved with all the heart, soul and might. Of course, it is understood that what is in the heart will be expressed through the lips and will be demonstrated in the life. The command to "love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might" is the greatest commandment that Moses ever penned.

## Frank Owen

### Brother Little

I have told this story for the past few years all over Kentucky but I have never put it in writing nor have I ever seen it in print. The story intends to illustrate the importance of everyone's share in achieving big things. Every little bit counts. Everybody's part is important.

There was a preacher. He was a little preacher. His name was Little. He was pastor of a little church that met in a little building. It could only pay him a little salary. He was married to a little woman with whom he lived in a little house and to this union was born seven little Littles.

Brother Little was highly respected by his congregation for numerous reasons, not the least of which was the fact that he was a good manager of his family's finances. Despite having only a little salary, the Littles seemed to keep things going pretty well with the large family that Brother and Mrs. Little had to support.

One day a parishioner of the little church said, "Brother Little, you are just a little preacher, a pastor of such a little church that can only pay you a little salary and you and Mrs. Little live together in that little house with seven little Littles with only a little income. How is it that you manage and get along so well?"

Brother Little replied, "The answer is very simple. Every Little helps."

The observation that every little helps is as true as it can be. On the other hand, the financial, as well as the other goals of Bold Mission Thrust are so huge that all of us who can give more than a little must do so.

Though our October receipts were the highest of any October in history they still fall short of the monthly demands of the budget we had to adopt to keep pace with the Bold Mission goal to double Cooperative Program giving between 1977 and 1982.

Remember, Bold Mission Thrust is a new attempt to look, realistically, at the still binding command of our Lord in the Great Commission. We are nearly 2000 years late.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Lake Barkley, Jenny Wiley will host Acteen queens

Two Acteen queen's courts have been scheduled in March 1979 in Kentucky, Nancy Ferrell, state Acteen director, announced this week.

One is set for Lake Barkley State Resort Park Mar. 2-3 and the other at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Mar. 23-24.

Mrs. Pam Brown, editor of Accent, published by WMU in Birmingham, Ala., will be principal speaker at Lake Barkley. Mrs. Betty Spiegel, a foreign missionary to Brazil since 1958, will address Acteens at Jenny Wiley.

According to Miss Ferrell, those who attend queen's courts must have a ticket, and tickets "can be earned but not purchased."

"To earn a ticket one must complete a level in Studact within the current year (prior to March 1979) or have an unused ticket in your pocket," she declared. "A level, or ticket, can be used only once to attend a queen's court."

Additional information is available from the WMU Office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

## FMB rushes aid to Filipinos

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent \$10,000 for food and temporary shelter to the Philippines following a typhoon which hit the islands in late October.

The storm and resulting flooding affected more than 575,000 people. It was the worst to hit the Philippines in seven years, said James B. Slack, Philippine Baptist Mission chairman. No missionaries were injured.

The money will be used for food, temporary house and church repairs and to provide for farmers who lost their rice crops.

## Noah and a cast of thousands featured on NBC-TV next week

NBC-TV will telecast "Greatest heroes of the Bible" four consecutive nights beginning Nov. 19.

The miniseries will be presented 8:30-11 p.m. Sunday; 9-11 p.m. Monday; 8-10 p.m. Tuesday; and 8-10 p.m. Wednesday. All times listed are EST.

The series dramatizes recorded events in the lives of such characters as Noah, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samson, David, Solomon and Daniel. The cast includes Lew Ayres, John Carradine, Robert Culp, John Dehner, Frank Gorshin, Hugh O'Brian, Nehemiah Persoff, Eve Plumb, Robert Vaughn and others.

## Glorieta gets extra auditorium

The executive committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board has authorized construction of a \$350,000 10,000-square-foot auditorium at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The new facility will be used for an expanded youth program, Centrifuge, being introduced at Glorieta and at Ridgecrest, N. C., next summer.

The Glorieta auditorium will include a large room seating 500 plus five classrooms. Two of the classrooms can be opened to add 250 more persons to the large meeting area. It will be completed before the end of the 1979 summer season.

A similar facility for Centrifuge at Ridgecrest was approved by the executive committee last March.

## SBC official lashes 'sexploitation' at Hollywood television symposium

Too much television today deals with sex instead of sexuality, claimed a Southern Baptist executive during a symposium sponsored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in Hollywood, Cal.

"Sexploitation" has replaced sexuality as the theme of much television programming, according to Harry N. Hollis Jr., of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Television sex, he said, tends to be "irresponsible, snickering and exploitive. We are led to believe that men and women are the sum of their private parts."

Hollis was one of 11 panelists representing a cross section of the television industry and public interest groups who discussed "Sexuality on TV: Where Do We Go From Here?" The panel, convened by the organization which presents the prestigious Emmy Awards, was moderated by David Frost.

A common complaint about sexuality on television, summarized Frost, is "not that it's too adult, but, if anything, too infantile."

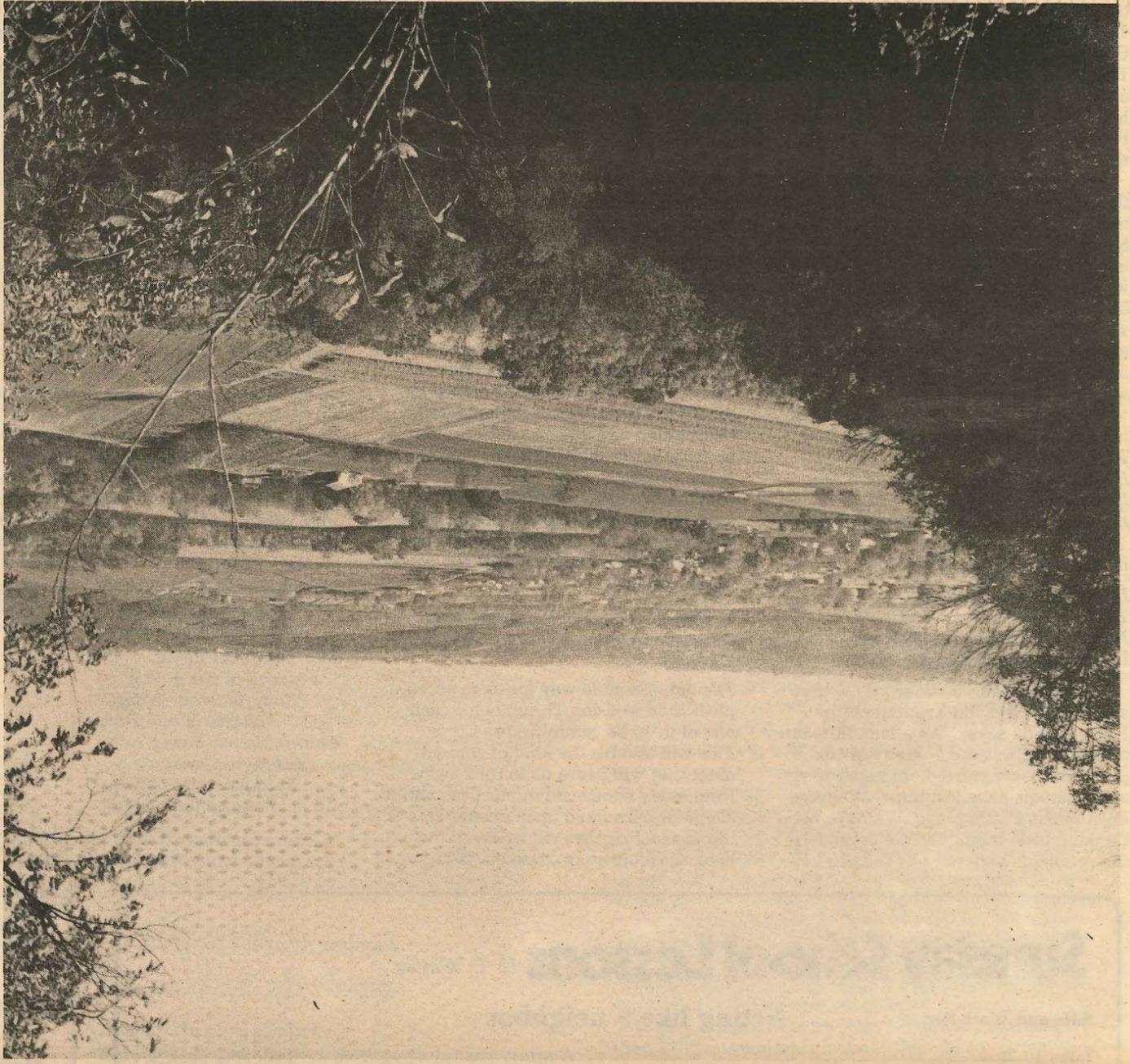
There was disagreement among panelists, however, about who should shoulder the responsibility for changing television's approach to sexuality.

Hollis, George Conklin of the Media Action Research Center, and Grace Basinger, national PTA president, said the networks should take the lead in reform.

Mark Carliner, creator and executive producer of "Flying High" on CBS, countered that it is unrealistic to expect television to do more than reflect the attitudes of society and that it is "the parents' responsibility for what their children watch."

Herminio Travesas, vice president in charge of broadcast standards for NBC, acknowledged that television is a guest in people's homes and should act accordingly.

The drive from Glencoe up the incline to Pleasant Home Baptist Church yields various visual delights in the fall, including this panoramic view. A story about the church is on page 3.



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