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17 KBC churches OK new WR plan

Seventeen Kentucky Baptist churches have recently signed up for Western Recorder's new church page service. Others, statewide, are currently negotiating with the weekly publication to begin serving their members soon.

The church page service allows a local church to print its own news on a half-page or full page of Western Recorder each week. Only resident members of the church then receive that particular church's news. Copy may be submitted in typewritten or printed form to Western Recorder, suitable for offset printing.

The postal savings alone to most churches mount into several hundred or thousands of dollars annually, according to WR business manager Paul Whittler Jr. Substantial additional savings result from reducing clerical time in reproducing, addressing and sorting weekly church newsletters for mailing, and in paper and reproduction costs.

Western Recorder's fee for including a page of church news is \$6.00 for each week the news runs.

Additional information on the church page service is available from Whittler at Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243. His telephone number is (502) 245-4101.

Kentucky Baptist churches which have recently been added to the program include:

Middletown, First; Roy Carlton, pastor; Long Run Association;

Highland Park, First; Daniel Lovell, pastor; Long Run Association;

Middletown, Woodland; Marshall Phillips, pastor; Long Run Association;

London, First; Donald J. LaBelle, pastor; Laurel River Association;

Louisville, Deer Park; C. Carman Sharp, pastor; Long Run Association;

Louisville, Highland; Donald J. Burke, pastor; Long Run Association;

Greenville, Second; Grady Baskin Jr., pastor; Muhlenberg Association;

Princeton, Northside; David L. Royalty, pastor; Caldwell-Lyon Association;

Paducah, Oaklawn; Jerry A. Barron, pastor; West Union Association;

Hopkinsville, Henderson Memorial; Doyle Eddings, pastor; Christian County Association;

Elizabethtown, Tunnel Hill; Harmon R. Popham, pastor; Severns Valley Association;

Lexington, East Hickman; Michael Knight, pastor; Elkhorn Association;

Williamsburg, First; David W. Perkins, pastor; Mt. Zion Association;

Reid Village; G. Truett Cocanougher, pastor; Boones Creek Association;

Louisville, Franklin Street; Elroy Lamb, pastor; Long Run Association;

Franklin, First; Eugene Fleming, pastor; Warren Association;

Greensburg; George Price, pastor; Russell Creek Association.

Communicators off to E'town for state PR meet Mar. 29-30

At least a dozen workshops will be offered during an electronic communications and writers seminar Mar. 29-30 hosted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and state Woman's Missionary Union. All sessions will be held at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church.

Workshops include: Creative displays and interest centers, church audio cassette ministry, beginners in broadcasting, radio, television, cable, writing for religious and secular press, freelancing and curriculum writing, total church public relations, broadcast engineering/sound systems/church acoustics, associations and church newsletters, workshop for people not mechanically inclined.

Registration will begin at 12 noon with the first

session at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 29. An evening session at 7 p.m. follows supper at the church. The Friday morning session begins at 9 a.m. and continues until noon.

Conference leaders include professional experts in communications from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, SBC Executive Committee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the state convention staff. They will be introduced soon in Western Recorder.

The conference is directed at professional church staff members, including pastors, ministers of education, church secretaries and others; members of church public relations committees; church media center staffs; associational office staffs; people who want to write for their churches or denomination; people who assist technically in getting the local church on the airways each week; WMU members; and all persons interested in doing a better job of communicating the message of the church to its respective publics.

The conference is a first to be offered in Kentucky, according to Jesse Stricker, director of the KBC Stewardship and Promotion Department, and Kathryn Jasper, executive director of the state WMU. They have worked with Claud O'Shields, vice president for special projects, Radio and Television Commission, in planning this unique opportunity.

Peace resolution nets February convocation at Deer Park Church

Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church will host a convocation on peacemaking and the nuclear arms race Feb. 16-17.

The meeting is a follow-up to the 1978 Southern Baptist Convention's resolution in Atlanta last June on peace. The resolution represents a response among Southern Baptists at a time when a call for peacemaking is being increasingly sounded.

The convocation will bring together Southern Baptist clergy and laity to examine the biblical call for peacemaking and the responsibility for expressing Christian witness in a variety of ways in relation to the nuclear arms race and SALT II.

Approximately 20 Southern Baptists will lead the convocation program. Among them are David Matthews, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.; Welton Gaddy, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Bill Elder, SBC Christian Life Commission staff, Nashville; Phil Strickland, Texas Christian Life Commission staff, Dallas; Sen. Wendell Ford of Kentucky; and William Dyess, deputy assistant secretary of state.

The program begins with chapel at 10 a.m. at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Friday, Feb. 16. It follows with a luncheon dialog in Mullins lounge on the seminary campus, moving at 1 p.m. to Deer Park Church for the duration of the meeting. Sessions are scheduled through a 1 p.m. luncheon Saturday, Feb. 17.

A \$10 registration fee for each participant should be sent in advance to Deer Park Baptist Church, 1733 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40205. More information on the convocation is available directly from the church.

Religious debate out

By a 7-2 vote the Supreme Court refused to reopen the fierce debate over the role of religion in public schools.

The high court declined to hear a case challenging Florida's law requiring school teachers "to inculcate . . . the practice of every Christian virtue."

The controversy began in August 1970, when the Orange County (Orlando) Board of Public Instruction adopted a resolution requiring every school to conduct a five- to seven-minute period of meditation at the beginning of each school day.

A group of 39 parents, who claimed that the resolution violated their religious rights, filed suits in a federal district court but their complaint was dismissed. Their appeal reached the Supreme Court, where the school board urged the justices not to hear the case because no religious exercises have been conducted in Orlando's schools for seven years.

Double the pleasure?

An expansion of the Annuity Board's WATS lines should give participants in the agency's retirement and insurance programs better service.

New national numbers are 1-800-527-9010 and 1-800-527-9003. The program had previously been operated with only one national number.

In 1978 the board received nearly 34,000 incoming WATS calls, or about 2833 monthly.



Craig

Floyd A. Craig, director of public relations for the SBC Christian Life Commission, began duties Jan. 15 as ombudsman and deputy director of the governor's office of citizen affairs for the State of North Carolina. He is an ex-president of Baptist Public Relations Association. A native Oklahoman, Craig is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He served the Christian Life Commission staff 11 years.



Hubbard



Huffman

John Huffman resigns Mayfield pastorate; campaigns for Hubbard

John C. Huffman, who has been U. S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard's pastor for 17 years, resigned Jan. 14 to become the congressman's state co-chairman in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Huffman, 58, announced at morning services at Mayfield's First Baptist Church that he would resign effective Jan. 31 to help lead Hubbard's campaign.

Huffman has been pastor of the church for 24 years and a minister for 37 years. A native of Henry County, Tenn., Huffman was president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1954.

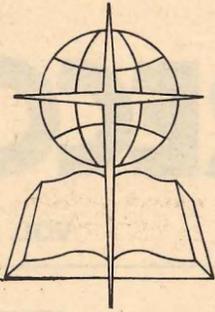
In 1967 he chaired the SBC committee on committees.

A 1946 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Huffman holds an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College.

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

Orchids and onions

Here are the orchids and onions awards for January 1979.

Orchids to the Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff, Ky.

Onions to the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Pastor Anthony Carson reports that the Mill Creek congregation has voted to remove from the church the Coca-Cola machine it has rented and has instructed the local Coca-Cola company to pick it up. The action was taken following Coca-Cola's announced intentions to become one of the nation's leading distributors of wines.

Many of us were shocked to read of these plans of Coca-Cola. This soft drink has always had a wholesome image even for those who prefer other soft drinks. It has been as much a part of American life as apple pie.

When I was a child a Coca-Cola was a luxury that even poor people could occasionally afford. My respect for Coca-Cola was enhanced because one of the greatest Baptist philanthropists I remember in Georgia made much of his wealth with Coca-Cola.

Now it is obvious Coca-Cola executives don't care to be known only for soft drinks. The company has gone all out to make wine as American as Coca-Cola and apple pie.

According to Albert E. Killeen, executive vice president of Coca-Cola, Atlanta, the company has already taken the following steps in its announced intentions to be one of the leading wine distributors in the United States.

- Building a new winery in California, bringing to four its number of wineries in New York and California.
- Considering buying at least one more winery.
- Building a tourist center to attract visitors to its winery in Sterling, Calif.
- Entering the import and export wine business.

Coca-Cola executive vice president Killeen characterizes the company's intention with these words: "We don't buy toys or playthings. Coca-Cola has no hobbies except success. We can grow the hell out of this thing."

In modern society it is nearly impossible to boycott all businesses that deal in alcoholic beverages, stay open on Sunday or are involved in other immoral practices but where it is possible, boycotts should be used.

All churches that now have Coca-Cola machines should have them removed and say why. It may not hurt Coca-Cola much financially but it would be a clear witness to others and especially to our church young people who would long remember why the Coke machines had to go.

Leave the Brotherhood Commission alone

No formal word has come yet from the committee studying the possibility of merging the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission with the Baptist Sunday School Board. The idea was proposed by Alabama Baptist executive secretary George Bagley shortly after the accidental death of Brotherhood Commission executive secretary Glendon McCullough in 1978.

The proposal has generated little support and no enthusiasm. Most observers feel the present plan of a separate commission for Southern Baptist men's work is better.

Merging areas of ministry into one big organization never has greatly appealed to Baptists. The arguments for efficiency and economical operation are not convincing.

Colorado editor Jim Young has observed that "Brotherhood is the last refuge for Southern Baptist laymen. It remains as the one program and agency that continues to look specifically toward involvement of lay people."

Young is right. While all Southern Baptist Convention boards, institutions and commissions are required to have at least one third lay membership, most of these agencies are dominated by preachers. While there is no justification for keeping one agency simply for the sake of a place for laymen to serve, there is a place for a channel for laymen ingenuity to be expressed in Southern Baptist life.

Brotherhood work among Southern Baptists has taken on new life and shown more vigor in recent years and especially in the area of missionary education for Baptist boys and men and lay evangelism.

Even if merger were wise which it is not, the Sunday School Board would not be the proper place to put Baptist Brotherhood. This agency is already so large that some of its ministries are almost obscured. If the Brotherhood Commission would fit into any other agency, it would be the Home Mission Board and not the Sunday School Board.

The chances are good that no recommendation for merger will come out of the committee studying this proposal. It is encouraging, however, that in our Baptist organization a proposal from one person can bring about a serious study by a responsible committee. As long as this can happen we will avoid fatal rigidity and inflexibility.

Baptist Forum

Ladies be seated!

The Hillcrest Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., in a regular business session has voted to oppose in principle the new doctrine of belief and practice that is being promoted and practiced by some Baptists today, the ordaining of women deacons.

We believe that this is not according to the teaching of the Bible and is not in line with the will and practice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We further believe that this is not a reflection on our good Baptist women but a desire to do the complete will of our heavenly father.

C. M. Flynn, Moderator
Thomas H. York, Asst. Clerk

A backward step in the ranks

I work as a VA chaplain-Roman Catholic priest. This new Baptist power in Washington, D. C. has been felt by the VA chaplains.

Formerly the top chaplain alternated Catholic-Protestant-Jew. Now they are being prorated according to number of said churches' chaplains on duty. This probably means no priest will ever serve as top man again because bishops are short on manpower and are pulling their priests out of the VA.

Those of us still in VA are unhappy and have let our Military Ordinariate know this and we are lobbying against the new policy.

So are we stepping backward in the ecumenical movement that promised such great things?

Fr. Theobald Hatrup, OFM, Louisville

A whole lot of shakin' goin' on?

While visiting in a home for the elderly I saw an older woman who was 103 years of age. I stooped and kissed her on the cheek and she started weeping. She told me it was the first time in 20 years anybody had kissed her.

Some of us seem to hoard our affection as if it were precious gold, afraid to share it with family, friends, children and the aged. Quite some time ago a study of babies isolated on a desert island, fed and bathed, but never fondled or loved, showed that most of them died.

A minister I have heard tells his audience, "God loves you and so do I" and asks his audience to tell each other this, and shake hands with them. An important part of our Baptist fellowship is the act of shaking hands in Christian fellowship, but often this simple act of concern is neglected. A popular bumper sticker is out that says, "Have you hugged your kid today?" Not only children, but all of us need more personal expression of our love and caring. Often just a touch on the shoulder or the arm would mean so much to someone you see at church, or the hospital, or at work, as well as at home and in the neighborhood.

Edith G. Oldham, Louisville



"I had to fight for every change that took place in my life."—Elizabeth Newby



"My mother taught me to believe in myself."—Wilma Rudolph



"I asked God for the patience to live with myself."—Ralph Gaither

At Home with the Bible: It's people sharing themselves and their faith with TV audiences

An Olympic gold medal winner, a former migrant worker, a Vietnam prisoner of war and a country music recording star—people sharing their lives and their faith have become an important part of "At Home with the Bible."

A weekly radio and television production of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, each weekly segment includes an interview with a Christian who has personal or professional experience related to the day's topic which may range from loneliness to building bridges instead of walls.

Elizabeth Newby, Wilma Rudolph, Ralph Gaither and Wanda Jackson appear in programs airing early in 1979.

"I had to fight for every change that took place in my life," said Elizabeth Newby, who lived the first 14 years of her life in the back of her father's truck.

The oldest of four children of Mexican-American farm laborers, Elizabeth discovered a world beyond the truck when she began school at age seven.

Through the help of teachers, "who took the time to work with me when they didn't have to," Elizabeth learned English, learned how to read and "discovered all kinds of doors and opportunities."

One of those opportunities was a college scholarship. But after two years, Elizabeth was told by her father that she was no longer welcome at home. At Earlham College she discovered a talent for creative writing and met her husband, a Quaker minister, whose family has become her own.

A student of Elton Trueblood and author of a book about her life, *A Migrant with Hope*, Elizabeth Newby has found a ministry in relating her story and in helping people minister more efficiently with migrant workers.

While Mrs. Newby is helping to build bridges of ministry to migrants the bridge of communication with her family is still under construction. "It's difficult to go home and feel you don't belong there," she said.

"I am very fortunate. I am an example that God cares."

Wilma Rudolph credits her mother who believed she could not only walk but run with influencing her to overcome childhood illnesses and leg braces to win three gold medals in track at the 1960 Olympics.

"My mother always taught me to believe in myself," said Miss Rudolph, the 20th of 22 children, who as a child suffered polio, scarlet fever, two attacks of double pneumonia and an appendectomy.

When she got rid of her braces at age eight Wilma began to work to strengthen her legs. She joined the basketball team in high school, "determined to be the best." One of the referees at her high school games was Ed Temple, coach of women's track at Tennessee State University.

Temple recruited the slender, six foot tall basketball player for his track team, the famous Tiger Belles, and the road to the Olympics began. But after her victories in Rome in 1960 Wilma faced another challenge—to come off the highs of Olympic gold and

find success.

Progress was slow since few money making opportunities came the way of black female athletes in the early 60's. The success of her autobiography *Wilma*, which later became a television movie, has opened doors. Miss Rudolph now spends a major portion of her time on the road lecturing, making television appearances and working with handicapped children through the Special Olympics.

"I let them know through love that I care about them," she said.

The low point of Ralph Gaither's more than seven years in Vietnam prisons came when, after being tortured for information by the North Vietnamese, he was overcome with guilt.

"I saw myself as a weak person who could never come back to America and ever look my father in the eye," said Gaither who spent years 23 to 30 of his life in captivity.

After three days of sitting on the floor of his cell trying to bargain with God, Gaither recalled, "I asked God for the patience to live with myself and my life as a prisoner changed from that moment on."

Gaither, now married and the father of two, said he doesn't regret his prison experience because he learned to understand how God works and what is important in life.

"I thought about the memories I cherished—fishing with my father, walking on a beach—moments that are free in the world God has given us."

Hit records, membership in the Grand Ole Opry and a full schedule of appearances didn't bring Wanda Jackson the happiness she expected. In fact, they brought alcoholism and a strained relationship with her husband Wendell Goodman.

Then in June 1971, after 21 years of church membership, Wanda and Wendell accepted Christ as their savior. And the focus of her career changed from clubs to churches.

John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., heard that Wanda and Wendell had become Christians and invited them to appear in his church. That evening caused them to see that being a Christian required a change in lifestyle. They decided to end night club appearances.

"God began opening other doors of opportunity we had not known about before," she said. In 1977, Wanda, Wendell and their children Gina and Greg moved from Oklahoma City to Bedford, Tex., and have become members of First Baptist Church, Euless.

Wanda noted that the biggest change in her life has been a shift in priorities. "Now I'm being a wife and mother first and an evangelistic singer and country music artist second."



"Now I'm being a wife and mother first."—Wanda Jackson

by Linda Lawson

Presenting your Baptist Building staff



Miss Fiechter



Blaylock



King



Daley



Fields



Rennell

Rosa Fiechter reveals hopes for Baptist Women in future

"My dream for the future is that there will be a Baptist Women's organization in every Baptist church in Kentucky. That each organization will have a well planned program and enthusiastic members who will attract women who have never been involved in missions," reflects Rosa Fiechter, WMU Baptist Women consultant.

Miss Fiechter came to the KBC in 1962 as Girl's Auxiliary-Sunbeam Band director, then in 1970 became consultant for Baptist Women.

Baptist Women, the 30 and up age group, is designed to teach missions, engage in mission action and direct evangelism, support missions, and communicate to all other organizations information concerning the work of the church and denomination.

One of Miss Fiechter's main concerns is the age division of WMU. "We have a Baptist Young Women's organization (18-29), but we also need a young Baptist Women's organization (30-45), for those reluctant to promote into Baptist Women."

Both Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women meet annually for fall leadership training conferences at Cedarmore.

In addition to attending the annual meeting, conferences and workshops the consultants visit local churches and associations leading conferences, meetings, trying to upgrade the present WMU work and starting new work.

One of the long range goals for WMU is to have at least one WMU organization in every church within 10 years. All of the staff members are dedicated to this objective.

Miss Fiechter is a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. She teaches an adult women's Sunday school class and is an active member in the Baptist Women's organization. In her leisure time she enjoys reading and needlework.

Blaylock: student ministries just won't fit in a nutshell

Don't ask Don Blaylock to tell you in a nutshell what Baptist student work is all about. He can't do it.

He will tell you that as director of the Department of Baptist Student Work in Kentucky his is a multifaceted responsibility.

"We are involved in two general areas of ministry," he explains. "One is the inward journey, which is Christian growth—worship, churchmanship, fellowship, study and Christian stewardship.

"Then we have the outward journey, which is Christian outreach—witness, missions, ministry, social action and international student ministries."

One sign that his department is meeting the needs of students is local church involvement. "More students are involved in local churches than ever before," he observes.

"BSU activities go into the local churches," he adds, "such as choirs, revival teams, puppet groups, drama groups and other specialized ministries."

Bold mission is not really a new concept for BSU, Blaylock says. "Bold mission really came out of the idea of mission outreach which BSU has been involved in since 1948.

"I have seen students come out of summer missions experiences different persons in that they have committed their lives to some type of specialized ministry, either church work, mission service, etc."

Others marry, have a family and become actively involved in a local church, he suggests.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary, Blaylock's hobbies include writing music and writing articles for denominational publications and pantomiming with his daughter Donice.

He credits his wife, Phyllis—a music major and pianist—with helping with his songwriting, which he also incorporates into BSU functions.

The Blaylocks attend St. Matthews Church.

Team approach, diversification keep Mike King learning, growing

The Church Training Department is very diversified, working not only with Church Training but in the areas of church administration, church libraries, recreation and family ministries.

Because of the nature of the department the programs vary each year, changing as the needs of churches and associations change. "The needs of people and churches are constantly changing and we try to relate to the changes. We keep busy trying to keep up," states Mike King, associate director.

King says that he and Vernon Cole, department director, use a team approach. "No one person always has the responsibility for one particular thing. This provides us with an opportunity to grow in all the areas, and also helps us to be aware of what each other does," he explains.

Some of the conferences and activities the department has planned for this year include a family life conference in June, which is a growth experience for every family member, infants to senior adults; interpretations in Church Training with the equipping centers, focusing upon additional curriculum for adults; and in the area of church administration, a pastor's conference has been planned. King states that each year a retreat is held for different staff members.

King has been at the KBC since January 1978. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, King became interested in denominational work while participating in an advanced internship program at Southern Seminary. After seminary graduation King began working for the convention.

King and his wife, Susan, attend Davies Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville.

The Kings became parents of their first child, Bryan Joseph, born Jan. 8, 1979 in Louisville's Norton-Children's Hospital. The new prince in the King family will be known as "B. J."

Daley—fisherman, gardener but foremost a state editor

Almost every Southern Baptist in Kentucky knows that C. R. Daley is editor of Western Recorder. He has been for more than 21 years.

Not as many realize he is an avid fisherman, a hunter and a gardener of some reputation. He especially enjoys growing roses and he and his wife of 37 years, Christine, provide floral arrangements for their church, Hurstbourne, of Louisville, each Sunday.

Five days a week, Daley is out jogging, a practice he began as a health measure 10 years ago.

A pastor and educator—a professor and dean of men at Georgetown College—before coming to Western Recorder in 1957, he admits, "Denominational work and especially the editing of a publication was the farthest thing from my mind until I was invited to come.

"But over the years I have come to see the role of the state paper as very critically important. It stands between the denominational leadership and Baptists in the pews in communicating and interpreting Baptist life and events."

Daley sees the state paper as the medium through which Baptists can be critical of themselves. "I believe Baptists must pay the price of being self-critical; it is sometimes painful," he contends. "But I believe any kind of movement without a prophetic element is eventually doomed.

"One of the great blessings that comes to editors is the contact with Southern Baptist leadership, both in America and other parts of the world," he says.

He also enjoys being in the churches regularly. "My favorite extra activity is leading January Bible conferences, of which I have averaged about six for a number of years," he notes.

Daley holds degrees from Mercer University and Southern Seminary, including the ThD from Southern.

The Daleys are the parents of four sons—Gil, Mike Dale and Phillip—and have four grandchildren.

If five or 10 men can be found, Fields says Brotherhood can grow

"We aren't going to grow in our concept of the whole Brotherhood program until we convince men of the importance of missionary education in their lives," says Calvin Fields, Kentucky Brotherhood associate.

But Fields is not alarmed by less than desirable participation and response to Brotherhood work in the churches.

"The pastors are not willing to give their men a chance to become involved," he firmly believes. "We think in terms of big numbers, and an organization must produce big turnouts to be successful. We can't see that five or 10 for a prayer breakfast is a good start, and that much can come from it.

"My philosophy is, you start with what you have and build upon it," he admonishes.

Fields further suggests that the reason Royal Ambassador work is sagging in some churches is that church leaders don't view it as missions education. "They see it as a recreation program, and it was never designed as such," he responds.

Fields, whose hobby has been working with boys since high school, has devoted his life to them. Only once since boys' work began in the summer of 1951 at Cedarmore has he missed that annual camping experience. Now he spends nine or 10 weeks every year directing Camp Rabro. When he's not at Cedarmore, he's attempting to strengthen the whole Brotherhood program—including Baptist Men and RA's—in all Kentucky Baptist churches.

A native Louisvillian, Fields is a Georgetown College and Southern Seminary graduate and is married to the former Marian Wigglesworth (known as "Wiggie" to friends) of Cynthiana.

They are parents of Becky, 26; Carol, 24; David, 21; and Randy, 19. None are married.

Fields served pastorates in Oneida and Liberty and was associational missionary in Three Forks and Salem associations before coming to Middletown in 1966.

Taking the Bible to the people trend for the future: Rennell

"In another 10 years Americans may be so polarized that those seriously interested in Christianity may be developing their own lifestyle apart from the masses," says James E. Rennell.

The associate in the state Sunday School Department is convinced family-oriented Bible study and training via videotape and television will be an attractive option to traditional Sunday schools for many. A reemphasis in America on the family coupled with growing energy shortages suggest such a trend, according to Rennell.

"Some of our churches probably won't have Sunday school as we know it in another decade," he believes. He cites the current home Bible study TV program and correspondence course jointly offered by the Sunday School Board and Radio and Television Commission as an initial step in this direction.

"Corporate worship may be significantly reduced," he declares, "being replaced by occasional mass meetings or rallies in the future."

Rennell agreed with a reporter that, if these assumptions are correct, the trend is "alarming." However, Rennell believes that Bold Mission Thrust and the home Bible study can be an asset if Southern Baptists want to use it to strengthen the existing organization.

"We're simply going to have to take the Bible to the people where they live," he forecasts.

Rennell is a native of Detroit and married the former Grace Louise Combs of Perry County, Ky. They are the parents of three daughters, Gina, 17; Lisa, 12; and Julie, 10.

Rennell is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.; Southern Seminary; and holds the DMin degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He has served several pastorates, is a military chaplain, an avid reader and has done some freelance writing for the denomination.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

RA's bike for missions

Royal Ambassadors of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, raised \$66.85 in a bike-a-thon for missions. Linda Norwell is the director and Ray Commings pastor.

Kentucky choirs witness to 12,518

Kentucky Baptist choirs last summer witnessed to 12,518 people in 134 projects outside their churches, including parks and other places.

Some 113 churches in 25 associations were involved.

Eugene F. Quinn, director of the KBC Church Music Department, said choirs witnessed from Miami to Maine, from Mexico to Canada and as far west as Colorado.

Choral witnessing has taken the place of the earlier practice of singing concerts primarily in churches on choral tours, Quinn said.

Choral groups learn to conduct backyard Bible studies, vacation Bible schools, puppet shows and other activities along with choral programs.

Two Kentucky churches change names

Two churches in Kentucky have notified the KBC of name changes.

Bethel First Missionary Church, Pulaski Association, is now First Bethel Missionary Church.

Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, is now First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

Appreciation supper for Humphreys

Lancaster (Ky.) Baptist Church held an appreciation supper for pastor William Humphrey and his wife and presented them a money tree.

Humphrey began his 15th year with the church this month.

March for Missions at Central Church

As part of its observance of December as Missions Month, Central Baptist Church, Winchester, held a March for Missions.

Members displayed flags of 81 of the countries where Southern Baptists have

missionaries. The flags were made by women of the church.

The church's mission giving during the month exceeded \$16,000. Ron Stone is pastor.

Revivals

Ten conversions at Parksville Church

Ten persons came for salvation and baptism, seven united by letter and several others rededicated their lives in revival services at Parksville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Two who were converted in the revival were added to Mt. Freeman Baptist Church, according to Parksville pastor Howard Davenport.

New Bethel experiences revival

New Bethel Baptist Church, Verona, reported 14 professions of faith and several rededications in a recent revival.

New pastor Bob Phillips did the preaching.

Deaths

Thomas Pfau dies at 50

Thomas E. Pfau, 50, a former SBC trustee and past president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, died Nov. 28 at Highlands Baptist Hospital in Louisville.

Until his resignation last year he was mayor of Prospect. He was executive trust officer at Louisville Trust Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Carole; two sons, Thomas and David; his father, C. E. Pfau; and his mother, Mrs. Coleman Ledbetter.

Deacon Earl Brownfield dies

Earl Brownfield, a deacon in Buffalo Baptist Church for 63 years, died Dec. 6.

Buffalo pastor Bill Patterson, in speaking of the faithfulness of deacon Brownfield, reported that a few months ago at the age of 85 Brownfield led his 77-year-old hospital roommate to Christ.



First Baptist Church, Loyall, ordained Clarence Gaw and Gary Cupp as deacons. Above are [l-r] Nasby Mills, associational missionary, who gave the charge to the church; Dean Pack, former pastor, who gave the charge to the deacons; Cupp; Gaw; and Keith Rogers, present pastor, who preached the sermon.

William Stevens dies in Mississippi

William W. Stevens, Clinton, Miss., chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College, died recently at his home.

A graduate of Marshall University and Southern Seminary, he was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy from 1944-46.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, until he joined the faculty of Mississippi College in 1955.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; three sons, William, David and John; a brother, Jack; and five grandchildren.

Layman C. B. Bradshaw dies

C. B. Bradshaw, 58, well-known Baptist layman in eastern Kentucky, died Oct. 1 of a heart attack.

He had been a deacon in the Craft Colley Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Whitesburg.

He was instrumental in beginning several mission points including one at Premium where he purchased the land as well as provided most of the resources for the mission.

Ordinations

Jerry Houston ordained a deacon

Laurel Chapel Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, ordained Jerry Houston as a deacon Dec. 3.

Billie C. Wright was moderator of the ordination council; Tom Gray, clerk; and Robert Wyatt, interrogator.

Kenneth Satterfield brought the sermon on Isa. 6:1-11 and brought the charge to the candidate and the church.

Robert E. Johnson led in the ordination prayer.

Lancaster Church ordains eight deacons
Lancaster (Ky.) Baptist Church ordained eight deacons Dec. 10.

They included Joe Broaddus, J. R. Burnside, James Edgington, James Gastineau, Robert Naylor, Ben Reeves, Bill Rutledge and Clyde Sherrow.

Austin Roberts, pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, and first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, preached the sermon.

Sam Smock, South District Association missionary, led the ordination

prayer. The church increased the number of deacons in order to use the deacon family ministry plan.

Tom Leland ordained to ministry

Tom Leland was ordained to the ministry Jan. 7 by St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

Leland was recently called as associate pastor and minister of education at First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C.

Leland and his wife Sharon are from Florida but have lived in Louisville for 3½ years.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College, Leland holds the MAT from Citadel College and the MRE from Southern Seminary.

He is writing his dissertation for the EdD degree at Southern. For the past two years he has been a religious education instructor at the seminary.

Terry Williams ordained in Tennessee

Goodsprings Baptist Church, Etowah, Tenn., ordained Terry Williams to the ministry in November.

Williams is a student at Clear Creek School and pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Cranes Nest.

Ted Davis, director of missions for McKinn-Meigs Association, Tenn., led the ordination prayer. Ernest Condee, Goodsprings' pastor, brought the ordination sermon and the candidate's father, Ray, presented a Bible to his son on behalf of the congregation.

Paul Frick ordained in Nashville

Paul Frick, a student at Southern Seminary, was ordained to the ministry by Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Frick is pastor of Blank (Ky.) Baptist Church.

He holds the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary and is working toward the ThD there.

Buck Run ordains Terry Lester

Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort, ordained Terry Lester to the ministry Dec. 31.

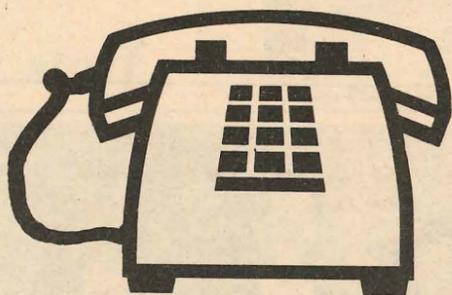
For nearly five years he has been assistant pastor there.

A graduate of Georgetown College, he recently received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

His wife is the former Jan Costigan.



Willis Henson [second from left], pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, and Royce Gregory, president of Peoples Bank, hold the final payment on bonds that financed reconstruction of the church building. Arden Ross [l], church treasurer, and Paul May [r], member of the finance committee, look on. The reconstruction came after a fire in 1966. The church now plans to construct an addition to house a senior citizens' suite, additional educational space, gymnasium, youth recreation center, kitchen with dining facilities for 500 and a chapel or auditorium to seat 250. Completion is expected in 1980.



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Christian Education

Students at Clear Creek School place high priority on family devotions

Students at Clear Creek Baptist School apparently place a high priority on family devotions.

A recent survey of students at the Pineville school showed that only about four of the families who responded are not maintaining family worship.

J. S. Bell, director of the Office of In-Service Guidance, said the survey came after a six-week emphasis on the devotional life of students, both family worship and personal devotions.

Most families said they find after dinner or bedtime the best times to involve children in family worship.

Students use a variety of resources, including devotional magazines such as Open Windows, devotional books, Bible story collections for children, reference Bibles, curriculum materials, collections

of prayers and hymnals, all in addition to the Bible.

Among the benefits are strengthening of the family relationship, including the elimination of ill feeling, discovery of hidden needs and problem solving.

Some said family worship makes their home life more complete, that it adds a calmness to the home, that it familiarizes the family with oral Bible reading and encourages open discussion of God.

Others emphasized the importance of prayer, saying the family shares in the work of missionaries through prayer, enjoys a time to thank God and asks forgiveness of God and each other.

The families find hindrances to conducting a regular family devotion time. Some are differences in family schedules, television, lack of time, difficulty in

maintaining interest, interruptions, weekend on church field, evenings away from home, laziness, lack of planning, the devil and late night church meetings.

Many suggested ways they involved their children. Some encourage the children to lead the devotion, make prayer requests, pray, read or pretend to read the Bible, select Bible stories and relate experiences.

The families use a variety of methods including Bible reading, singing, topical discussions, listening to religious records, talking about mission needs, making a game of Bible questions and sharing witnessing opportunities.

The Clear Creek students also shared how they apply specific scripture passages in the course of family worship.



Hays

Long

Kentucky students get NOBTS degrees

Two Kentucky students were among 126 persons who recently received degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Judson Leo Hays, Louisville, and Robert Harold Long, Mayfield, each received the MDiv degree.

Hays is pastor of Ellard Baptist Church, Bruce, Miss. He is married to the former Martha Eleanor Griffin.

Long is pastor of Dularge Baptist Mission, Bayou Dularge, La. He is married to the former Judy Ann Purdy.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for Jan. 28, 1979

H. C. Chiles

Life and Work Series

How can a just God justify sinners?

Romans 3:21-31

Of the billions who have lived on this earth, only one person has escaped the taint of sin and that was Jesus Christ. Since all men are sinners by nature, choice and practice, they are alike in their need of salvation. Up to this point in the epistle to the Romans the record has been bleak and discouraging, for in his natural condition man stood before God under the burden of condemnation and the blight of wrath.

The words "but now" in verse 21 place us at a "great divide" between two states, namely, out of Christ and in Christ. Each individual is in one of these two conditions.

Through the shedding of the precious blood of Christ on Calvary's cross the penalty for man's sin was paid in full and God's perfect righteousness was made available to sinful men who would truly believe on him as their personal Saviour.

Justification is the act of God whereby, on account of the merit of Christ's blood and righteousness, a penitent and believing sinner is de-

clared free from condemnation and restored to the divine favor. This instantaneous act takes place the moment the penitent sinner repents toward God and believes on Christ as his Saviour. Inasmuch as it is an act of God, performed once for all, it can neither be revoked nor repeated.

Justification is never secured through the works of men. To the best of his ability man may strive to observe the law, live a moral and upright life, do unto others as he would have them do unto him and perform numerous charitable and helpful deeds, but he will never obtain justification through doing so because "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16).

Justification is obtained only by grace through faith in Christ. In every case man is justified gratuitously, or as a gift, "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." When men are justified freely by God's grace, they have a new standing before God, a new condition in the sight of God, a new character from God and a new fellowship with God.

International Series

The stewardship of life and work

Nehemiah 2:11-18

In his youth Nehemiah was a captive in a strange land and was appointed by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, to the responsible position of cupbearer, which task required the services of one whose character and loyalty were unquestioned. Later, when some Jewish brethren, including his own brother Hanani, were visiting him, he inquired concerning his people and their beloved city. With sad voices they reported that the Jews in Jerusalem were in a miserable and deplorable condition, that the walls of the city were broken down, its gates burned, its streets filled with rubble and its people living in poverty. Nehemiah sat down, wept, fasted and prayed.

Normally Nehemiah was happy and buoyant, so when he appeared before the king with a sad countenance the latter inquired as to the cause of his unhappiness. He explained that he was grieved because Jerusalem was in ruins and his people were suffering. He requested permission to return to his beloved city for the purpose of leading in the work of reconstruction. The king granted his request.

Man of God that he was, Nehemiah sought divine counsel upon his arrival there. After spend-

ing three days in meditation, he arose in the night and, with a few friends, made a personal investigation of the existing conditions. Then he called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and disclosed to them how God had led him to them and what he intended to do. So ardent was his eloquence and so cogent was his argument that the assembly shouted, "Let us rise up and build."

John 15:1-5

When about to leave them, Christ informed the disciples that they could maintain an intimate fellowship with him, which relationship was like unto the figure of the vine and its branches. Fellowship with Christ is the secret of a radiant personality, the untroubled heart, the victorious life and effective service. It results in fruit-bearing for Christ. This calls for pruning, purging and cleansing. While this process is not always pleasant, it is profitable.

For abundant fruitfulness in the Christian life, there must be a regular study of the word of God for correction and instruction, a frequent calling upon God in prayer, a consistent dependence upon him for the necessary strength for victorious living and for the doing of all things that are harmonious with God's will.

Frank Owen

Ten Commandments

A new Kentucky law, KRS158.178, makes possible the placing of a standardized framed copy of the Ten Commandments in each public school room. There are specific requirements as to the format and explanatory footnote. No money was appropriated. Such volunteer project would have to be carried out with contributed funds which I believe are to be conveyed to the state treasury. (Details should be checked out.) Responsibility is placed upon school authorities to see that requirements are met.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Owensboro last November passed a motion encouraging the churches to support this project. Our office has received some inquiries about the matter. Let me here attempt some further counsel.

First, such project would best fit in local settings, where close cooperation with school personnel is possible. It needs to be done in the most harmonious manner, showing proper courtesy to whatever officials would be involved. Local leaders will know their way around in this regard.

It should be made clear that we as Baptists are willing to support and cooperate with other possible leaders, as well as be grateful for their cooperation and support where we are in leadership. This is not a Baptist law.

The law is already being challenged and will be subject to further legal decision. Though it could prove wise to proceed quickly, donors deserve to be aware that the law could be reversed. It is my understanding that right now, though money can be raised, the project itself is held up in some sort of litigation.

Surely the divine Decalogue, like other great religious precepts, deserves and needs to be exalted again in our land. As we seek to lead or help in whatever what in this undertaking let us be as considerate and cooperative as possible. Wherever they are displayed we want the Ten Commandments to be appreciated and to be accorded the respect that they deserve. We encourage our people to cooperate with local plans and giving arrangements.

MSC: If you can't go, maybe send some dough?

Volunteers and money—these are the only limitations on the growth of Mission Service Corps in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia. The opportunities abound.

Missionaries and Baptist leaders in these areas are asking for Mission Service Corps workers. Will there be persons ready to give one or two years to volunteer service overseas? Will they or their friends provide for their financial support? These are urgent questions.

Almost any skill can be used advantageously overseas. Pastoral assistants, pastors of American churches overseas and music directors are needed. Also, there are places for office secretaries, bookkeepers, youth workers, social workers, maintenance men and health care specialists.

Three Mission Service Corps couples have already gone to Europe and one to the Middle East. Several others will soon be on their way. But still more are needed.

Geoffrey Rusling, head of the department of ministry in the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, says the minimum support figure for such a volunteer now would be about \$8000 to \$10,000 annually. He arrived at that amount by taking the basic stipend most Baptist ministers in Great Britain and Ireland receive, adding accommodation expenses and allowing for the fact that most of these ministers or their spouses also have another job. Travel costs would be additional.

Mission Service Corps is for Christians who are so eager to meet needs overseas that they are ready to make a financial sacrifice.

Those who can go should write immediately to Lewis Myers, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, VA 23230. Those who cannot go but can provide funds should send that information to the Foreign Mission Board.

Rose of Tralee at CLC

First Lady Rosalynn Carter and pollster George Gallup Jr. will offer their views on the state of the American family during a national Southern Baptist seminar on "Help for Families" this spring.

The three-day seminar, sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be Mar. 26-28 in Orlando, Fla.

Mrs. Carter will speak on public policy and American families while Gallup will talk about current trends in the American family.

Some of the other speakers for the conference will be SBC president Jimmy Allen; authors David Mace, David Switzer and Logan Wright; Wallace Denton, director of the Marriage and Family Counseling Center at Purdue University; and William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The seminar also will feature a dialog between theologian and author Harvey Cox and speaker and writer Phyllis Schlafly on the impact of the women's movement on family life.

Here comes another year!

by K. Maynard Head

The year of 1979 is still very young, and I suppose if you are like most people, you continue to write 1978 on letters and checks. With the use of the new figures, however, we will soon become accustomed to using 1979 and the past year will fade into our memories.

Most new years bring renewed hope for many of us. Outside the ground is brown, muddy and bare. The trees have dropped their leaves and flowers have been wilted by the frost and cold weather. It is the best time of the year to spend much needed time inside the house, catching up on those odds and ends we often leave for a more convenient time.

Early in the morning the air is brisk and clean. The sun seems to shine brighter as it reflects from the crystals of frost which cling to just about everything.

A few weeks ago Haston Ingram and I drove to the mountains near our home to search for some fire wood. Haston knows a good place where the trees are already down and has permission from the land owners to cut wood. Actually, the day we chose to go was not the best. A light rain was falling and the temperature was dropping.

After reaching our destination in the mountains, we both started the chain saws and within an hour or so we had cut a sizeable load of wood. The light rain had turned into a downpour, so we quickly loaded the trucks to leave. Being the person he is, Haston gave me most of the wood, saying that he could come back later when the weather was better.

Although we experienced very little difficulty getting into the woods, I was concerned about getting out. The road was now soaked and we were headed down hill most of the way. Those trees seemed very close as we snaked our way toward home.

There is something unique about getting away from evidences of civilization. The air seemed cleaner, even though the overcast and rain dampened everything in the forest. Haston and I stopped to rest once and just looked around at the beauty of the mountains. Huge trees alongside young saplings reminded us that the life cycle continues in spite of what man does to his world. The rough roads cut through the mountains are totally inadequate for modern transportation but good enough for travel by foot. The early settlers and pioneers opening the west surely must have been overwhelmed by the rugged terrain of the Appalachian Mountains.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible says, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my strength." When one looks at the hills and the valleys, he cannot help but feel small and insignificant until he realizes that God made man a special creation and has given him this world to enjoy. That makes the outlook for 1979 very bright.

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