

Rennell to leave KBC for Minnesota-Wisconsin

James Earl Rennell, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department since January 1977, has been elected director of church services for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship effective Mar. 1.

Rennell, 41, and his family will relocate in Rochester, Minn., headquarters of the dual state organization sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The Minnesota-Wisconsin group includes 78 churches with a membership of 8800 Southern Baptists. It has set 1982 as a date to become a separate state Baptist convention.

Fred Halbrooks, Kentucky Sunday school director, said Rennell "belongs to that small group whose work has been concentrated on the single task of relating the Bible to people and people to the Bible."

Rennell was born in Detroit, Mich., and is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Southern Seminary and Vanderbilt University.

He is married to the former Grace Louise Combs of Perry County, Ky., and they have three daughters.

Sapp seeks effective anti-hunger policy

An official of the Southern Baptist Convention has called for the adoption of a "comprehensive, anti-hunger policy for the United States" and recommended that a presidentially-appointed council be established to see that such a policy is "fully developed" and "implemented effectively."

In testimony before the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, W. David Sapp of the Christian Life Commission said that instituting a Presidential Council on Hunger and Malnutrition would help government deal with the complexities of global hunger. The council, he said, would also insure that the voices of the hungry—who "cannot afford lobbyists"—are heard by the nation's policy makers.

The council of experts, Sapp recommended, would be responsible for advising the president on the impact various legislative and administrative proposals would have on hunger problems, monitoring the effectiveness of hunger-related government programs and gathering information about domestic and foreign hunger and malnutrition.

In addition to giving the nation "an institutional handle on hunger problems," Sapp claimed that establishing the presidential council "would signal the world that the United States is serious about human rights."

"There is no human right more basic than the right to food," he told the commission. "If the United States is to exert its traditional moral leadership in the world, it must find new ways to demonstrate that it is serious about justice and basic human rights for all of mankind."

KBC, St. Matthews Church join in ministry to Spanish-speaking

"Bienvenido a nuestro servicio."

The greeting "welcome to our service" is not from a church in South America or another Spanish-speaking country. Instead, it comes from a home in Louisville, where a Spanish-language Bible study is taking place.

The leader is C. F. (Claude) Mariottini, a native of Brazil and PhD student at Southern Seminary. He is the "home missionary" for this special project in the Bluegrass state.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department and St. Matthews Baptist Church began the major outreach effort to minister to Spanish-speaking people in the greater Louisville area.

The project, under the direction of Robert Jones, head of direct missions, marks the first attempt by the state convention to reach a non-English language group.

Mariottini, who speaks Portuguese in addition to Spanish and English, seemed a natural choice to fill this slot in "home missions."

He said he wanted to begin this ministry because of the "many Spanish-speaking people in this area who have no organized church."

"We felt it providential that the opportunity arise at this time. This approach is a significant way to carry out this ministry. We feel the Lord brought Claude to Louisville and to our church," said J. Altus Newell, pastor of St. Matthews.

A 1970 census estimated over 6000 Spanish-speaking people live in the greater Louisville area. That figure was updated to over 9000 in Kentucky by an October 1978 Time magazine article.

The idea was born when Mariottini and Newell dis-

cussed the number of area Spanish-speaking people and the need to reach them with the gospel.

"Dr. Newell's idea and my interest were on the same wave length," said Mariottini, a member of St. Matthews.

Mariottini conducts home prayer meetings and Bible study groups, which began in September. "We had two professions of faith at the first meeting," he said.

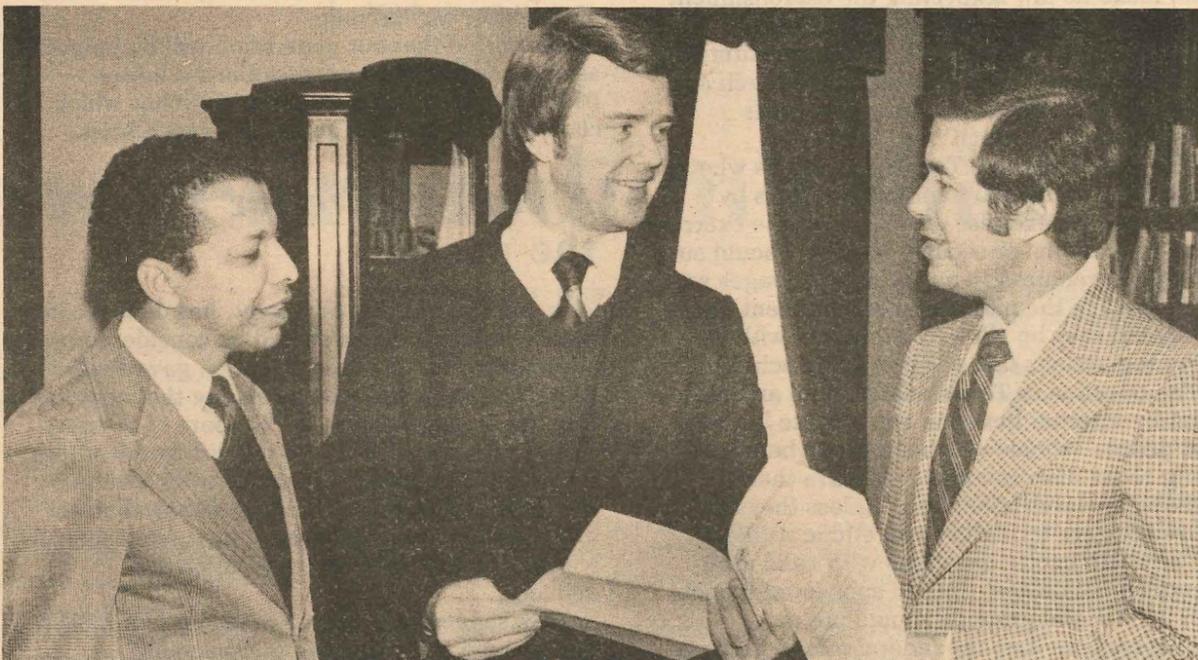
The "home missionary" describes the families with whom he works as "committed to reaching other Spanish-speaking people in Louisville."

Prayer meetings and Bible study groups are only the beginning of Spanish-language projects which he and other planners hope to implement. He wants to begin a Sunday school class at St. Matthews and worship service for military personnel at nearby Ft. Knox, and introduce the Spanish Baptist Hour, from the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and TV Commission, to Louisville.

Missions is familiar territory to Mariottini. He began the San Juano Capistrano (Calif.) Mission in 1966 after coming to the United States to attend college and seminary. He received degrees from California Baptist College and Golden Gate Seminary before coming to Southern to work on a doctorate in Old Testament.

Missions also changed his marital status. He met his wife, the former Donna Anderson of Cassville, Mo., when both were on college mission teams in Mexico.

They have one son, Claude Jr., 8. They expect their second child in April.



Discussing plans for the ministry to Spanish-speaking Louisville area residents are [l-r] Claude Mariottini, J. Altus Newell and Robert Jones.

Atheist O'Hair's suit thrown out

Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair's suit seeking the removal of the phrase "In God We Trust" from U. S. coins and currency was thrown out by a federal court of appeals in New Orleans.

The Austin, Tex., based atheist leader, who has waged a long battle in the courts to have the trappings of religion removed from public life, was defeated earlier in her present suit when a Texas federal district court ruled that the challenged motto does not violate the "no establishment of religion" clause of

the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

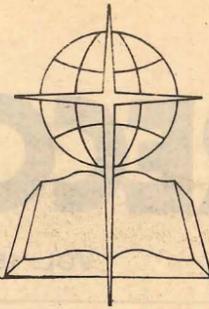
The First Amendment states in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

According to a spokesperson at the New Orleans court, Mrs. O'Hair will appeal the lower court rulings to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Her suit was originally filed in 1977 with the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Where church and state collide

A news article on page one of Western Recorder last week reported two instances where Baptist churches are charging that the federal government is interfering with their free exercise of religion. In the instance in Tennessee the government is trying to make churches pay unemployment taxes for personnel of their church schools. In the other instance the claim is that a school operated by First Baptist Church in Dallas is being denied status which would make gifts to the school tax deductible. Both these cases illustrate the difficulty of drawing a clear and sharp line between church and state. It's easy to say the First Amendment of the United States constitution guarantees separation of church and state but it's not always easy to draw the line that separates the two.

The First Amendment simply says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." It is noteworthy that this constitutional statement upon which separation of church and state is based does not contain the words "separation," "church" or "state."

The question in the Tennessee case is whether conducting elementary and high schools by churches is an exercise of religion or the exercise of an educational or secular activity. Should such schools be required to pay minimum wages and participate in the national unemployment plan? Or should they be allowed to operate without these regulations that apply to other schools?

The question in Texas relates to an announcement by Internal Revenue Service late last year that private schools which appear to be practicing racial discrimination will have their tax deductible status taken away unless they can prove they are trying to enrol ethnic students.

These are knotty questions with valid arguments on both sides. Church sponsored schools purely on moral grounds should not pay employees less than the federal minimum wage nor fail to participate in some plan to provide unemployment compensation for which employees in other schools are qualified. On the other hand churches cannot permit the state to direct their religious activities.

On the same moral grounds it is unthinkable that schools sponsored by churches should practice racial discrimination. Church schools should be the leaders in providing equal opportunity for all children regardless of race. The truth is, however, church sponsored schools generally enrol fewer children from ethnic groups than public schools enrol and despite whatever is claimed, some church schools were started at least partly to get around desegregation and forced busing. Should such schools be treated as free exercise

of religion and thus not subject to government regulations which apply to other schools?

When rulings don't go our way we are quick to condemn courts and judges. We should be cautious at this point. It is wrong to assume the Congress and the courts in the United States are anti-religious or that they want to control church activities. Their concern is for fair and impartial treatment of all citizens. Many legislators and judges are deeply religious and are as concerned for religious liberty as any of us who condemn them.

To devise laws and regulations which guarantee the rights of every citizen and at the same time leave churches completely free to do as they please in activities other than worship is not always possible. But more trouble comes from trying to administer the laws and regulations than in devising them. Officials sometimes don't know or understand what they are supposed to be doing and the way they go about their job is nothing less than bureaucratic asininity.

It would be a sad day should the government ever attempt to tell churches how to order their affairs. But it is already a sad day when the state finds with some reason it has to require churches to treat their employees fairly and to not practice discrimination in their schools if they want tax deductible status. The churches should be providing moral leadership for the schools instead of the other way around.

God forbid that our generation will be judged as one in which the oppressed had a better friend in the courts than in the churches which claimed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A study leave for the pastor

First Baptist Church, Somerset, has done a commendable thing which should be considered by other churches. This congregation gave Pastor Eldred Taylor a study leave during the month of January in appreciation for 20 years of ministry.

Eldred made wise use of the gift by spending a month in continuing education at Princeton University. This school is rated among the best in America in theological education and especially in the area of sermon preparation and delivery.

Why should an excellent preacher like Eldred Taylor need more training in preaching? Because there is always need for enriching study and new insights. A pastor feels it and often the church also feels it, especially after 20 years.

Why not choose a Southern Baptist seminary instead of a Presbyterian school? In the case of Eldred it was because he has already availed himself of most of what our seminaries have to offer and besides it's helpful to see how others are doing it. Presbyterians are known for producing outstanding pulpites.

A study leave is not so much a gift to the pastor as it is a gift to the church. Whatever a pastor gains is passed on to the church in improved pulpit performance. And this is worth far more than the cost for the leave. More churches should try it.

How to become a happy person

by K. Maynard Head

By now most of us have broken the resolutions we made at the beginning of the year. That is, if any were made at all! It is strange—and at the same time a trait of human nature—that we determine to make certain changes in life, but continually put off making them.

Last year I became 40 years old, and with the "coming of age" I have slowly begun to realize that I am no longer a child, although at times I find myself acting like one. I am also aware that I am not old, even though some people younger than I act senile.

So at this mid-point in life I have made certain resolutions that I intend to live by for the rest of my natural life on this earth. Since making my decisions I have found that I am in far better harmony with my friends and with my creator. Occasionally, I still find myself regressing into my former state of being, which hopefully I can continue to improve upon my attitude and become more like what I want to be. In order to do so, I decided to try to do the following:

1) *Develop an interest in other people.* By doing this, I crawl out of myself and, for a time at least, forget about my own problems. Additionally, this will help me help others. Many people around us have problems of their own through which they are trying to work and perhaps by just being there, I can lend support. This will also keep me from becoming so selfish that I forget about everyone but myself.

2) *Not be overly concerned about what people think of me.* This will help me become an individual, but of course, we cannot remain aloof from others. It is impossible to please everybody, and the person who tries is seriously insecure. True security comes from becoming less dependent upon others. It doesn't mean that we no longer care for others, but it means that we are becoming a stronger person.

3) *Accept the fact that there are some things I am unable to do.* When I make this decision, I will then learn to delegate responsibility to others. This comes in handy with children. Although they may not make the bed as well as you, let them do it, for in getting the practice they become better. It also frees you for more important things. When you decide that someone else can do a job that you are doing, let them, and you will grow along with them in the experience.

4) *Not ask others to do things I can do myself.* This may seem similar to the foregoing pledge, but it is not, really. It means that I will not put off doing those tasks that are mine alone. Even if they appear to be mundane and boring, I will perform them rather than ask someone else to do a job I can do myself.

5) *Learn to accept the changing world.* This gives many people a difficult time. Changes are inevitable in life, and the sooner one decides to live with change the better off he is. Some of the changes are difficult, but it doesn't help to fret and fume over something that is going to happen regardless.

6) *Accept the fact that I am not perfect.* I will make mistakes. But even more importantly, I will learn to live with my mistakes. They help me to grow, so actually some mistakes I make help me become a better person.

If I can let all this become a part of my daily life, not only will I become more stable and happy, but my stability will rub off on others and I will have helped them too.

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Powerful churches

by K. Maynard Head

Much attention is given outstanding churches throughout the world these days and rightfully so, for in studying the methods of the great one can learn how to improve himself. There are several outstanding churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention which have demonstrated many of the signs of greatness.

But how is greatness measured? We could compare size alone and conclude that huge congregations spell greatness. On the other hand, we can examine the number of persons baptized by churches and place those with a large baptism ratio at the top of the list.

Other methods include the attendance in Sunday school or those enrolled in some other program of Bible study including the mid-week prayer service.

However, there should be some type of standard to assess greatness. After all, it is God's evaluation that really counts and often we overlook his assessment. How does one find how God determines the work of a church?

Perhaps 1 Thess. 1 contains his thoughts on the matter. Speaking through the apostle Paul, God gives some characteristics that are demonstrated by leading congregations. The following summarizes them:

1. There must be a constant, clear and compelling demonstration of faith, hope and love.
2. There must be a definite conviction that power is found in the Holy Spirit, resulting in acceptance of the Word of God.
3. There must be strict adherence of the teaching of Christ and imitation of the examples set by the disciples.
4. There must be a pervading missionary spirit and witness must be

Christ-like. The churches that traditionally contribute significant sums of money to the Cooperative Program and to the state, home and foreign missions offerings often lead other churches in many areas.

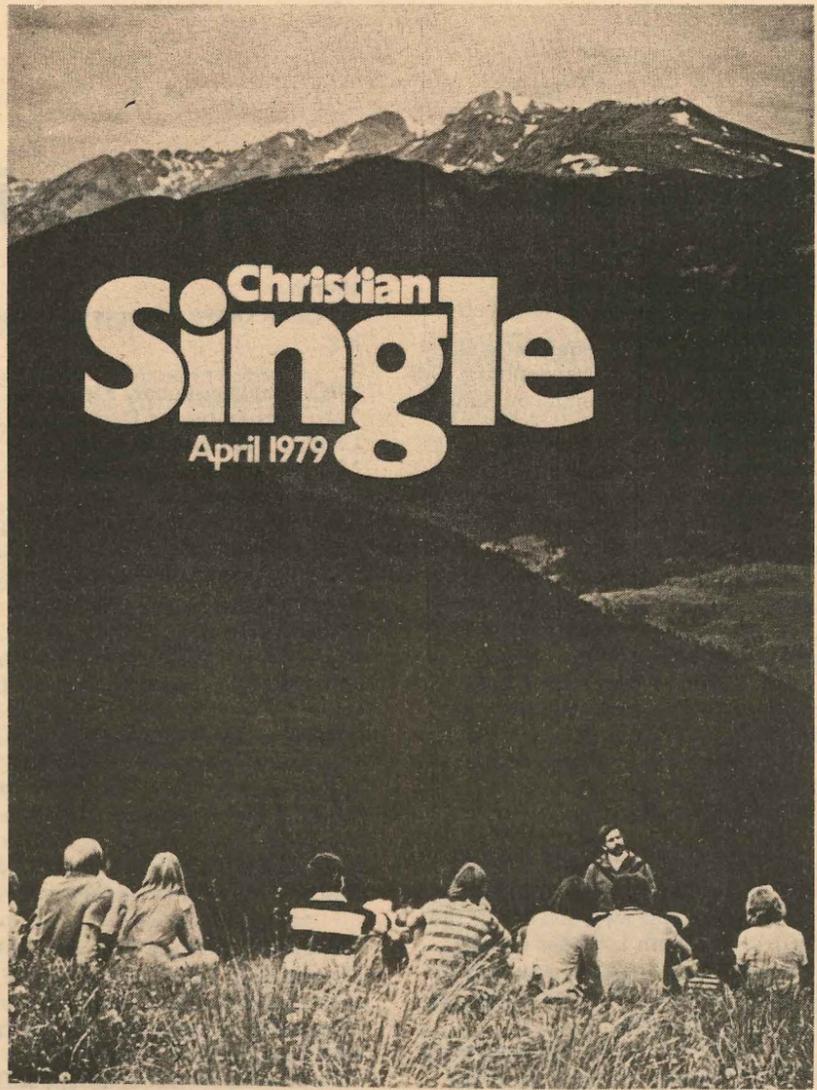
5. There must be separation from the world as the church awaits the imminent return of the Lord.

By following these God-given precepts, any church can become a leader in reaching souls for Christ and equipping the saints for service in the church. How does one reach a plateau of living which results in the preceding fruits? Most agree that what is inside a person's heart determines his outward actions. The Bible states that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." That is what separates a Christian from a non-Christian.

That same inner quality is also what separates a dedicated layperson from one who exists on the fringes of the Christian life. In a real sense, can we actually say that one Christian is dedicated and another is not? Can we conclude then, that "all" true Christians are dedicated? Perhaps some have not "attained," but the Bible reveals that when the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they became totally committed to Christ. Since it is the Holy Spirit who convicts, it is reasonable to believe that he indwells the person whom God saves.

That brings us back to those inner qualities present in a child of God. Examine the witness of a Christian and you will find:

1. He has given Christ the preeminence in his life. Christ controls him and becomes the central dominating influence in his life.
2. He has accepted Christ by grace through faith.



Christian Single, a monthly magazine for never married, divorced and widowed adults, begins publication by the Sunday School Board in April. "Our aim is to deal constructively with the deeply personal needs of singles," said editor Cliff Allbritton.

3. He believes that the "middle wall of partition" has been broken and he had direct access to God.

4. He accepts the Word of God as final against which there is no appeal.

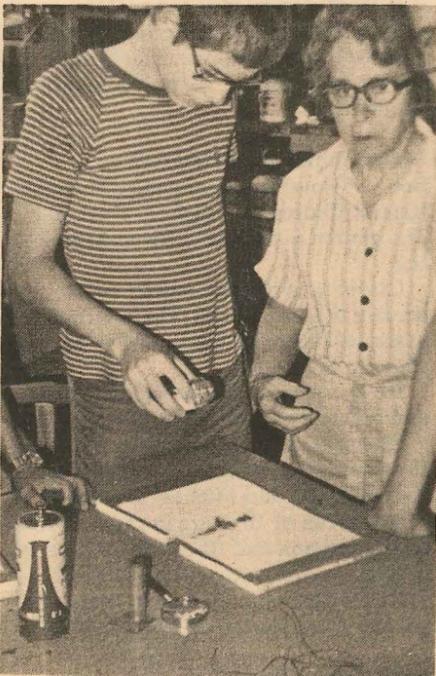
5. He bases fellowship on the fact that whom God saves, he liberates. Much worship today is meaningless

as persons leave their churches as empty as they came.

The constant call rings across the ages: Accept the Word of God and follow closely his commands. Then and only then will Christians become great and when that happens churches must become powerful.

Miss Crenshaw retired, didn't she?

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer



Miss Willie Crenshaw [r] helps students with a science demonstration at Escola Bandierante, a school for missionary children in Ceres, Goias, Brazil.

Miss Willie Elizabeth Crenshaw, a schoolteacher in Kentucky most of her life, retired last year but not to a rocking chair.

Instead, she went to Ceres, Goias, Brazil, where she has been a Mission Service Corps volunteer teacher for the past six months.

In an interview-by-letter, Miss Crenshaw, 62, explained that she "wrote the Foreign Mission Board that God had spoken to me and I wanted to spend time after retirement where there was a need and he could use me."

She said she learned of MSC through WMU.

Last Aug. 10 she flew to Brasilia where other missionaries met her and drove her on to Ceres, a five-hour trip. During the Christmas holidays she visited with a missionary friend, Sarah Wilson, in Buenos Aires.

In Brazil, Miss Crenshaw teaches at Escola Bandierante, a school operated by Presbyterians for missionary kids of any denomination who wish better English training prior to college in the states.

"EB is on a hill overlooking the small town of Ceres in an agricultural region," she explained. "The facilities

include classrooms, dorms (one for teachers, too), dining hall, chapel and open-air gym.

"We live together family style. The food is delicious—fresh cooked vegetables, a number of tropical fruits, beef is the main meat, lots of rice and beans, Brazilian style."

Asked about her support while overseas, she replied, "I am paying my own expenses from savings and retirement as I did not want to take anything from the career missionaries' work. Harvey Musser, director of Escola Bandierante, insisted after my arrival upon paying my room and board out of appreciation for my work with the school."

Miss Crenshaw works in the area with career missionaries H. W. and Sallee Fite. He is founder and director of the Baptist agricultural school. Gudrun Coffey, a journeyman, also teaches at EB.

Former Kentuckians Ernest and Billie Wilson serve there, too. He is former pastor of Dallasburg Baptist Church. A missionary evangelist, he is also pastor of two churches and interim pastor of the church at Ceres.

"The Ceres church has approximately 200 members, I believe, and has a full program of Sunday services, midweek prayer services, WMU

and GA's," Miss Crenshaw noted.

"You should hear these Brazilians sing. Each person carries his own hymnal and Bible to services. Since I don't speak Portuguese I am doubly glad that many of their hymns are translations of our hymns with the same tune."

Miss Crenshaw's teaching career has spanned 40 years. She has taught at Southern Junior High, Louisville; rural schools in Bullitt County; Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute and Northwest Christian Academy, Miami, Fla.

She grew up in Mt. Washington Baptist Church, was a member of Central Baptist Mission for 17 years and, before going to Miami, was a member of East Baptist Church.

Her relatives' reaction to her MSC involvement? "It's my life and my decision. It's not what they would do but I think they wish me well and support me with prayer."

Miss Crenshaw, who serves on a yearly basis, said flatly: "I love being here and am thankful to God that he directed me here. I can recommend it to anyone if God leads."

"The harvest is great, the laborers are few . . . the Lord . . . that he send laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2"

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

FBC, Brandenburg, sesquicentennial
First Baptist Church, Brandenburg, will observe its sesquicentennial on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

During its 150 years the church has had four different buildings and names: Mount Pleasant, Brandenburg Baptist, Phillips Memorial and First Baptist Church.

The program will include a pot luck dinner, special music, historical high lights, a roll call of members and a reading of a portion of the by-laws.

C. B. Hastings, 31st pastor, will be the guest speaker in the morning and afternoon.

All former pastors, members and friends are invited.

Billy D. Marcum is pastor.

James Burdine wins Lowndes award
James T. Burdine, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burdine, was awarded one of the two 1978 Elizabeth Lowndes awards.

These awards are given annually by Woman's Missionary Union to the children of missionaries.

The Burdines, former missionaries to Alaska and to the Dakotas, are now with the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Before going to Alaska, J. T. Burdine served Kentucky pastorates in Eminence and Bardstown.

James Burdine graduated summa cum laude from the University of North Dakota where he majored in biology and mathematics. He plans to enter graduate school this year.

Shopping for mission land in W. Va.
First Baptist Church, Henderson, hopes to decide soon on the purchase of property for the establishment of a mission in Kingwood, W. Va.

Pastor David Bratcher and three members of the Missions Committee—R. G. Shelton, Russell Hibbs and Jack Collier—will go to Kingwood Feb. 27 to examine two possible tracts. One is about an acre and the other two acres.

The church has committed itself to contribute at least \$100,000 (above and beyond its budget) over the next 10 years to provide facilities and fund the new Southern Baptist work there.

Interest in the mission effort was sparked after six adults and 14 youth from the church conducted vacation Bible school in the mining town of 3500 residents.

Mrs. Irlene Groves, FBC's director of education and finance, said the church would probably build a metal building with a sanctuary and classroom space to start with.

Mrs. Groves, who is from West Virginia, said other churches in Green Valley Association have also expressed interest in summer projects in the state this year.

Seven different groups are pursuing the possibility of going to a five-county area that has no Southern Baptist work, she said.

Baptist Men's Day at Willow Grove
Baptist Men's Day was observed by Willow Grove Baptist Church, Danville, beginning with a breakfast with large attendance.

Tommy Holtzclaw of the Clear Creek Baptist faculty was the guest speaker. Other activities of the day included a layman message in the morning by Sunday school director Johnny Thompson, and the evening layman message by Johnny Rhodus, a trustee of the

church.

Willow Grove pastor is Jerry Browning.

FBC, Franklin, honors Flemings
The congregation of First Baptist Church, Franklin, honored Pastor and Mrs. Eugene M. Fleming on his 10th anniversary as pastor.

They were recognized at a reception and presented with a silver pitcher and an all expense paid trip to the Holy Land.

Fire damages Shelton home
The home of Thomas Hicks Shelton, KBC president, was damaged by fire Feb. 11.

Shelton was at Eddyville, where he is interim pastor, when the fire broke out at his Paducah home. The roof, upstairs, garage and utility room were damaged.

The Sheltons will be living in Eddyville until their home is repaired.

Kentuckians prepare VBS material
"Disciples of Jesus" is the title of a vacation Bible school unit for 1979 for older children prepared by a Kentuckian and a former Kentuckian.

Now available through Baptist Book Stores, the material was written by Mrs. Mary-Ann Drumel, Philpot, and John Cochran, former minister of education at First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

Mrs. Drumel is wife of David L. Drumel, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, and has written children's curriculum materials for several years.

Cochran, who earlier was on the staff, became vacation Bible school editor at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, last spring.



Mrs. Drumel



Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Laurie Taylor is reprinted
An article by Mrs. Laurie K. Taylor, "Thank You, Southern Baptists!" which appeared earlier in Western Recorder, has been reprinted in the February issue of The Baptist Program.

Mrs. Taylor was a journalism intern at Western Recorder when the article was written. She is now living at Whitesburg, Ky., where her husband is minister of education at First Baptist Church.

Tallants, Daley earn awards
Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green, has established a policy of honoring persons who have served the denomination for 20 or more years. The award will be made annually and will be known as the "Life Service Award."

Chosen for awards this year are Francis Tallant, Charlene Tallant and C. R. Daley. The awards will be presented in the morning worship service Mar. 18.

Williams celebrate 50th anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 20 with an open house given by Salem Baptist church, Monticello.

Family life conference planned
West Union Baptist Association, Western Baptist Hospital and the Paducah Area Ministerial Fellowship are cosponsoring a conference to help ministers and members enrich their family life.

The conference, to be held Mar. 5-7 at Immanuel Baptist Church, will be led by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Drakeford of Southwestern Seminary.

During the day ministers will receive help in counseling and preaching. The evening sessions will feature lectures on family life followed by small group discussions.

Bruce to be on evangelistic team
Cloys Bruce, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Mortons Gap, will go with a group of Kentuckians on an evangelistic trip to Guatemala Feb. 19-Mar. 2.

The church will underwrite his expenses for this Bold Mission project.

Personnel

Jerry Browning to Danville
Jerry Browning has resigned as pastor of Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, to accept the pastorate of Willow Grove Baptist Church, Danville. Browning was at Gilberts Creek four years.

He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School and is married to the former Patti Newby of Lancaster. They have two daughters.

Adams to Audubon Church, Henderson
Maxwell P. Adams is the new minister of music and youth at Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, in Green Valley Association. He began Jan. 2.

He was formerly at Alton (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Adams graduated in December from Southern Seminary with a diploma of church music. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, Brevard Community College and the University of South Florida.

He and his wife, the former Pat Bostick of Louisville, have a daughter, Tricia, 5.

Donald R. Garrison is the pastor at Audubon.

FBC, Hodgenville, calls Coldiron
First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, has called Steve Coldiron to serve as minister of music and education.

Coldiron is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Wayne State University. Both he and his wife, the former Jane Rollins of North Carolina, are recent graduates of Southern Seminary.

He is the son of James Coldiron, director of evangelism for the Michigan Baptist Convention.

Isaac B. McDonald is pastor of First Baptist Church, Hodgenville.

J. D. Herndon to Nelson Association
J. D. Herndon, associate pastor at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, for the past 21 months, has resigned to become director of missions for Nelson Association.

Herndon served Kentucky pastorates before becoming superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home.

Before coming to Clifton he was director of missions for Christian County Association.

Franklin church adds staff members
Three part time staff members were called recently to Calvary Baptist Church, Franklin.

Michael Little, formerly interim minister of music, was called as regular minister of music. He is music teacher in the Franklin-Simpson school system.

Two Western Kentucky University students were also named. Miss Patricia Webb is youth director and Peter Walters is youth advisor.

Piney Grove calls Carl Reaves
Piney Grove Baptist Church called Carl R. Reaves as pastor.

He is former pastor at Patterson Creek, Jellico Creek and Meadow Creek Baptist churches.

Robert Young to FBC, Paintsville
Robert C. Young is the new minister of music, education and youth at First Baptist Church, Paintsville. He began Jan. 2.

He came from First Baptist Church, Hindman, where he was minister of music.

A graduate of Cumberland College, Young is married to the former Judy Rose Main of Pineville. They have three children: Florence, 12; Robert, 11; and John, 7.

FBC, Paintsville, is in Enterprise Association. The pastor is Charles L. Milam Jr.

Shadowen new minister of music
Jeff Shadowen has accepted the position of minister of music at Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Shadowen, a native of Bowling Green, holds a music degree from Western Kentucky University. He is currently a music student at Southern Seminary.

Thomas R. Kinman is pastor at Crestwood.

Skaggs to Cadiz Church
Harold Skaggs, pastor of Calhoun Baptist Church for the past nine-and-a-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Cadiz Baptist Church.

He will begin his Cadiz ministry on Mar. 1.

Skaggs is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Murray State University and Southern Seminary.

He received the BD degree from Southern in 1962, the MDiv in 1970 and is currently enrolled for the DMin.

Mrs. Skaggs is the former Mary Braswell from Kuttawa. The Skaggs have a son, Donny, 15, and a daughter, Jamie, 5.

Union Church calls Bob Glover
Bob G. Glover became pastor of Union Baptist Church, Livingston, Dec. 16. The church is in Laurel River Association.

Glover was interim pastor before receiving the formal call. He is former assistant pastor at Piney Grove Baptist Church, Somerset.

He was licensed to preach in 1974 and will be ordained Feb. 18.

Glover and his wife, the former Lena Brewster of Monticello, have two sons, Kenneth, 12, and Michael Dewayne, 7.

A veteran of 18 years in radio in Kentucky, Indiana and Rhode Island, he is presently an announcer for Radio WFTG in London. He hopes to be involved in mission work in the future.

Arlie Cole to Bethlehem Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Benton, recently called Arlie P. Cole as pastor. The church is in Blood River Association.

He was formerly youth leader at Friendship Baptist Church, Honea Path, S. C.

He attended Brevard Community College and earned the BD degree from Luther Rice Seminary. Both schools are in Florida. He is currently a student at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.

He and his wife Barbara are the parents of a married daughter, Katherine.

Williamson to Dawson Springs

Lawson Williamson is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, in Little Bethel Association. His first Sunday was Jan. 7.

He was formerly pastor of Sinking Spring Baptist Church, Murray.

Williamson attended Bethel College and Union University, both Tennessee schools.

He and his wife, the former Gladys Jones of Medina, Tenn., have two daughters, Pam, 19, and Beth, 12.

Richard DeBell leaving Kentucky

Richard A. DeBell has resigned as pastor of Harlan Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Kingston, Tenn.

DeBell has been pastor of Clairfield (Tenn.) Baptist Church; Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville; Rolling Fork (Ky.) Baptist Church; Bedford (Ky.) Baptist Church; and Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

He has been on the executive boards of Long Run Association, Sulphur Fork Associate, Taylor County Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

He has been moderator of Sulphur Fork Association, pastor-advisor of the Campbellsville College BSU, president of the Harlan Ministerial Association, a volunteer chaplain for the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital, emergency food chairman for the Harlan Red Cross and trustee of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute.



DeBell



Williamson

Revivals

Grace Union experiences revival
Grace Union Baptist Church, Freedom Association, reported one conversion, one rededication and two additions by letter.

Ernest York is pastor.

Ordinations

Robert Trent ordained to ministry

Robert F. Trent was ordained to the ministry Dec. 15 by Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Cornettsville.

He is pastor of Upper Second Creek Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, and a student at Cumberland College.

Trent is the nephew of Calvin Trent Jr., pastor of Mt. Olivet and First Baptist Church, Big Leatherwood.

Ledford, Case ordained at Calvary
Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, ordained James P. Ledford III and Gene Case as deacons in a special service Jan. 21.

The open interrogation was led by Ernest Martin, pastor. Steve Fegenbush, associate pastor, delivered the charge to the candidates and Albert Bryant delivered the charge to the church.

Ormsby Heights ordains Tallant

Charles Phillip Tallant was ordained to the ministry by Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Jan. 21.

His father Francis preached the ordination sermon and wife Sheryl brought the special music.

Ken Griffin presented the Bible and an uncle, Harold Tallant, led the music and ordination prayer.

His father-in-law, Stacey Davis, gave the charge while another uncle, Ruel Robinson, was on the ordination council.

Tallant is the new minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah. He is formerly associate minister of music and education at Ormsby Heights.

Deaths

E. S. Vester dies in Tennessee

E. S. Vester died over the past weekend in Tennessee.

He is the father of Mrs. Eunice Pierce, employe in the Kentucky Baptist Foundation office.

Funeral services were in Milan, Tenn.

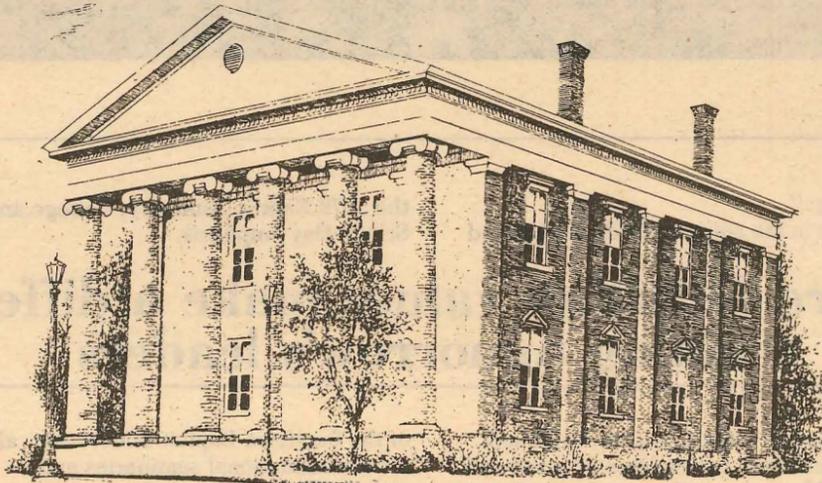
Louis Stanger dies in Shelbyville

Louis Ward Stanger, 86, died Jan. 16 at the Masonic Home in Shelbyville. He was a member of Greensburg Baptist Church.

A retired minister, Stanger served churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Mississippi. He was a graduate of Southern Seminary.

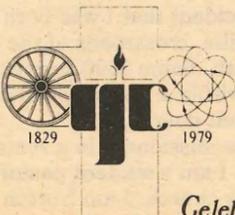
His wife, Daisy, preceded him in death in 1974.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Nancy McGraw, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Janet Phoolsawadi, Chamblee, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



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Baptist schools: values for tomorrow's world

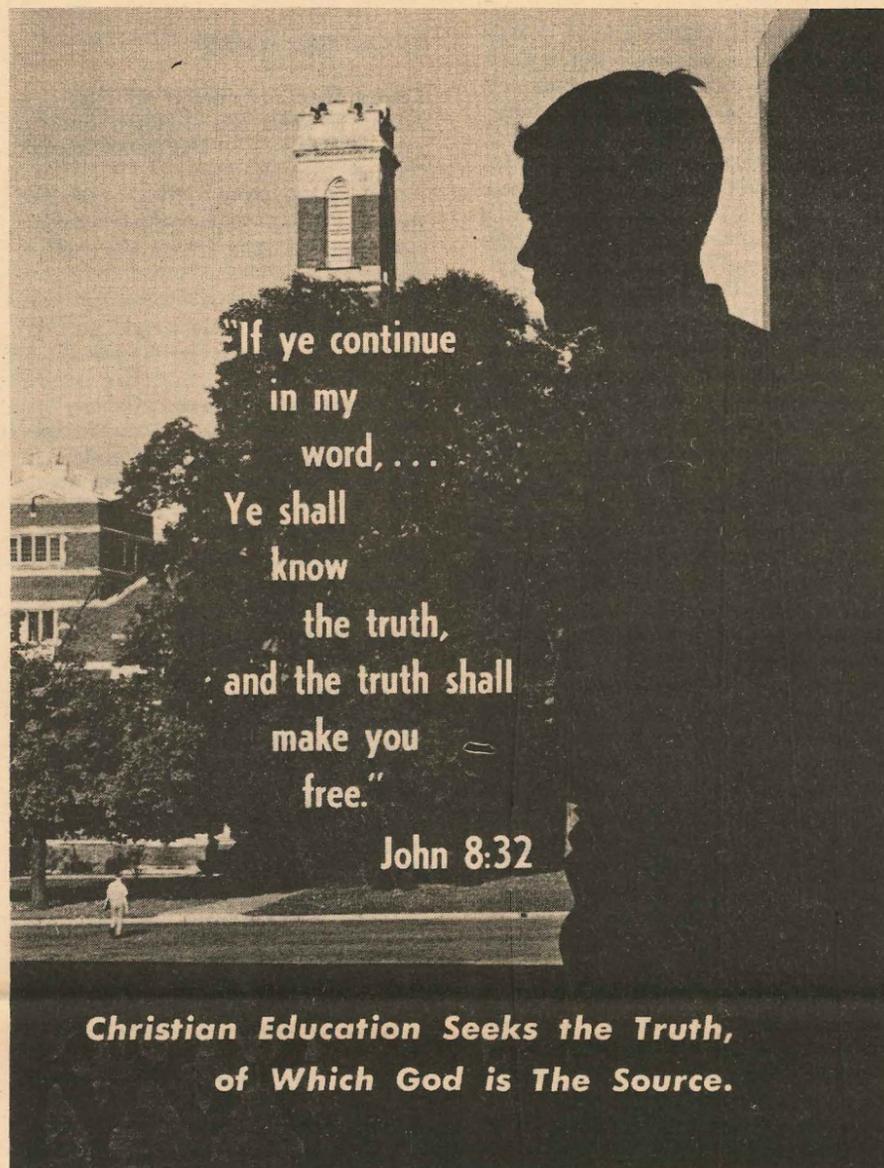
Baptist schools have a concern that tomorrow's leaders be trained in an atmosphere where Christian values are encouraged. The whole world seems to be looking for individuals with character and institutions with high ideals and purpose. The purpose of our Baptist schools is to serve in partnership with churches in the development of Christian character.

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are six seminaries. State Baptist conventions support 46 senior colleges and universities, seven junior colleges, five Bible schools, and seven academies. Those schools are committed to be places WHERE CHRISTIAN VALUES MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TRAINING TOMORROW'S LEADERS. This is the theme of the 1979 Baptist Seminary, College and School Day to be observed Feb. 18 in Southern Baptist churches.

For more than a century and a half, Baptist schools have been training leaders. Their record of accomplishments brings hope and light to an otherwise bleak picture. Currently there are more than 150,000 students enrolled, including more than 21,000 preparing for a church-related vocation.

Training leaders for Bold Missions has been given a high priority by Baptist schools. A national conference on Bold Christian Education and Bold Missions is planned for June 1979 and will bring together mission leaders and Baptist school leaders to plan for a greater involvement by our schools in reaching the goals of Bold Mission Thrust. Sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, this conference is scheduled to meet in Galveston, Tex., prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

The dedication of Baptist faculty members to Bold Missions is reflected in the words of a professor who said, "I thank God for my arena of Christian service—the classroom on a Baptist campus. Through it will pass some of the leaders of tomorrow's world com-



munity."

This is the spirit of Bold Mission and

the 1979 Baptist Seminary, College and School Day emphasis.

.where Christian values make a difference in training tomorrow's leaders

"I am Norton Hall"

by Teresa Sanders

Many red bricks, cement, wood and shingles cover my skeleton of wood and steel. My rooms, offices and corridors contain many of the school's administrative and academic personnel, as well as a majority of the classrooms.

To say that I am merely a building—even though that building is the hub of much of campus life—is to miss the mark.

I am much more than my Georgian-Colonial exterior and constantly changing interior might lead you to believe. I represent Southern Baptist growth. Even more, I represent the spirit which characterizes Southern Baptist involvement.

As servants of vision, dedication and scholarship, my "children" have never been content with the status quo. They constantly strive to change the world as God-called men and women.

Over 14,000 seminary students have passed through my halls and sat in my classrooms since my birth in 1926. Here they listened, questioned, groped, learned and dreamed. Many have gone on to be among the convention's outstanding pastors and leaders.

My alumni have become presidents

of the Southern Baptist Convention, all six denominational seminaries and many of the colleges and schools. I revel in them and their accomplishments.

However, I take just as much pride in all the other graduates . . . those who have been enriched and better equipped for present and future ministries because they are a part of Southern Seminary.

With each passing year I have seen my student family increase. Presently, more than 2400 students learn, work and grow here. I marvel at their uniqueness. Only God knows the full scope of their diversity, potentiality and dedication.

As I look at them, I wonder where they will go. They may serve in a small rural church or sophisticated urban one or even in the harsh inner city.

God may lead to a remote mission field (qualifying in the "utmost part of the earth" category). He may call them to a specialized field such as mass media or into the realm of Christian education or other church-related vocation.

Wherever they stop along their

Training Christian leaders a part of Bold Missions

The willingness to transmit Christian values is a major distinctive of Christian education. Committed Christian witnesses in the world of business, law, government, education and communications as well as pastor, missionaries and others in church-related vocations are the products of Christian education. The distinctive and the products are adequate reasons for the enthusiastic support of our seminaries, colleges, Bible schools and academies. All of these institutions are involved in training tomorrow's leaders. . . . more, they are training Christian leaders.

The concern for values and the training of Christian leaders make genuinely committed church-related schools very much a part of Bold Mission Thrust. The campuses of these schools are both a mission opportunity and a base for preparing those who become the witnesses to the gospel in the local church, in every area of life throughout the nation, and in every area of the world.

The challenge to win the world to Christ by the year 2000 means working with all groups in the homeland. The influences and pressures on students usually are not conducive to Christian development. Church-related institutions fill a needed role in offsetting the spiritual vacuum in many educational circles. In these institutions the gospel is presented to students who need to be won to Christ.

Bold Mission Thrust can only be accomplished with dedicated and trained witnesses. Baptist schools, colleges and seminaries are essential in training these witnesses.

Bold Missions demand bold leaders. Bold leaders require the proclamation of Christian values, meaning and hope in life, and disciple for living. Baptist colleges and schools are committed to this proclamation. Our Bold Missions involvement requires bold commitment to and support for the educational institutions which are a part both of our proclamation and Christian leadership training.

Christian walk, they go and they are because Southern Baptists care. Southern Baptists care enough to provide quality educational training and practical experience for their future Christian leaders.

My "children" do not wait until they graduate to serve. While here they gain practical experience in churches from Michigan to Mississippi and from the Appalachians to Arkansas.

You see, I am the spirit of Southern Seminary. I also am the spirit of Southern Baptists and their Bold Mission efforts to win the world to Christ by the year 2000.

I send out weekend vans to Michigan, Indiana and Illinois so students can minister in churches.

It was no accident that I was born here in Louisville, crossroads of the North and South. Some 7000 Baptist churches are within a few hours drive of my pillared front door.

I am a future missionary in a remote area of Africa. I am a student pastor in a small country church. I am Norton Hall . . . a vital part of Southern Seminary, of the Southern Baptist Convention, of Bold Mission Thrust.

I embody the concept of Bold Missions. I provide the arena of church-related vocations. I am Norton Hall at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Why is doing right a struggle?

When one becomes a Christian he is ushered into an experience of conflict and thereafter his struggle is intensified greatly. When tempted to sin a Christian should not yield to temptation and allow Satan to control him.

Romans 7:5-6 Being a Jew, Paul maintained a high regard for the law, sought to obey it in every detail with a view to obtaining righteousness thereby, but he had not succeeded in the attempt. In due time he learned that the law could not bring salvation to him. As long as one strives to overcome sin by keeping the law, defeat is inevitable. Through submission to God and yielding to the Holy Spirit one can be victorious over Satan's temptations.

Romans 7:13-25 As long as the Christian remains on the earth he will have two natures: the carnal nature with its sinful tendencies and cravings, and the new nature which was implanted in him

when he was regenerated. The duel between the conflicting forces within our personalities is of the utmost importance to all who are interested in developing Christian character and applying Christianity.

How can we resolve the inner conflicts and win the victory over them? Before a victory is possible, we must catch a vision of the possibility of it. We need to learn that sufficient enabling power is available in Christ. Since you have an evil nature which you will never completely destroy in this life, let Christ give you the power to master the evil forces that are within you and to overcome the temptations from without. Your sins have made your life unsatisfactory to you, unattractive to others and displeasing to the Lord, but a genuine personal dedication to Christ will make available to you the strength which will enable you to make a remarkable conquest and to live victoriously.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Unity in Christ

With great tact Paul proceeded from the doctrines set forth in the first three chapters to the duties based on them. In doing so he did not change his subject for the "heavenly calling" demands the "heavenly conduct."

Ephesians 4:1-7 It is the will of the Lord for all Christians to walk worthily of the high, holy and heavenly calling wherewith they are called. Any Christian who walks worthily bears witness by lips and by life to the saving, sanctifying and satisfying power of Christ. He studies to learn Christ's will for his life and then strives to do it. To be in keeping with his heavenly calling, a Christian's walk must be with humility and forbearance. Any exhibition of pride, any attempt at self-seeking or any bitterness of spirit are not of the Lord. God's children are expected to manifest the virtues of lowliness, meekness, forbearance and love. Those who have experienced salvation in Christ and have embraced God's truth are admonished to "keep the unity of the Spirit."

Ephesians 4:11-12 Among Christ's gifts are the following: "apostles," "prophets," "evangelists," "pastors

and teachers." Apostles are those who are called, separated, endowed, ordained and sent forth as ambassadors for Christ. Prophets are men who have had a peculiar insight into the will of God and have received a definite commission to speak for him. Evangelists are those who go into regions where churches have not been established, proclaim the gospel to those who have not heard it, introduce them to Christ and then establish churches. Pastors and teachers (two functions of the same office) have the oversight of local churches and seek to give spiritual guidance and instruction.

These gifts are not just for our personal enjoyment or for the glorifying of man, but they are to equip us to introduce the lost to Christ, to edify the believers and to serve the Lord.

Ephesians 4:13-16 Although the ideal set forth in verse 13 will not be fully realized until we enter the presence of our Lord in glory, too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that every child of God has a definite work to do for him on earth.

It is distressing when one fails to grow physically but even more so if one remains for years only a babe in Christ.

Frank Owen

Where to?

Did you ever think of asking your church to cut off its denominational mission giving (Cooperative Program) or even of leaving your denomination? I have had such wild thoughts a time or two in my 38½ years as a pastor. It was when actions, words, policies, sometimes persons of our denomination displeased me.

I'm glad that a second thought always grabbed me: "Where would we go?" With whom and what would I try to link my church in supporting Christian work and witness beyond our own community? We couldn't ignore the Great Commission.

For one thing, we could have limited our work and witness to our own church field. Let it end right there, or wherever one congregation could reach. But, again, there was that command of Christ.

Another poor option was to link up with other independents in whatever limited, cooperative missions they might attempt. Yet, this wouldn't have reached very far. Independents don't cooperate much. They are unwilling to tolerate democratically blended group

decisions. They won't compromise in order to achieve and hold the nearest reachable consensus in the larger body.

A third option was to go to another denomination. After all, there are some pretty good ones, but could I have persuaded my congregation to do that? Would it have been honest if I could? (After all, we had gotten where we were under the Baptist flag—so had I as a minister.)

Besides, other bodies had more things that I objected to than Baptists. So, it was like Peter's reply to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go?..." (John 6:68).

I guess I'm old now (doggone it). The world says you are at 65. I'm glad that this impetuous young man always stayed with the good old Baptist ship, with a New Testament world mission program.

The big democracy rarely does exactly what I think it should. It often displeases me, but it does more and better than I can do alone. Besides, maybe, just maybe, Baptists still would have made a mistake or two even if they always had done exactly to suit me.

Christian Education

Thurmans take SBTS posts

The W. Peyton Thurmans recently returned to Kentucky where both have been appointed to positions with Southern Seminary.

Thurman, who served all but the last six years of his ministry in Kentucky, will be director of church relations with primary responsibility in organizing Southern Seminary Days in various associations. He succeeds Carroll Hubbard.

In Kentucky, Thurman pastored First Baptist Church, Russellville, and First

Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, before serving as dean of students at Southern for 15 years. For the past six years, he was pastor of Belmont Church, Charlottesville, Va.

His wife, Mary Jane, will be executive secretary of the Woman's Committee of Southern, a goodwill organization with more than 1000 members. Mrs. Thurman, who recently served as president of the Virginia Woman's Missionary Union, taught a course on missions during the January term at Southern.

Prof's class shows class

J. Ralph Hardee agrees that his recent Church Staff Relations class had class with a capital "C."

The 72-member January term group proved it by helping his wife Sandy "kidnap" him on their recent 18th wedding anniversary. The associate professor of church administration at Southern Seminary was held "captive" at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

When the Hardees went to dinner at Lambs, the hotel's restaurant, he thought his wife was taking him out for their anniversary. Instead, class members had taken up money and were footing the bill for the dinner, with Mrs. Hardee's knowledge.

After dinner, their waiter brought a signed letter from the class and an envelope containing a key to their room on the 18th floor.

Their complimentary room was a gift from hotel manager Norman Howard, who was informed about the class project earlier.

When the Hardees arrived on the 18th floor, they found their bag

"smuggled" into the room); a long-stemmed red rose in a heart-shaped vase; candy Noodles, a book on thoughts on different subjects; and "great service" for their entire stay.

Class member and instigator Jack Garnett said the idea of treating the Hardees came up because their teacher always stressed doing "something special" as a church staff member and "doing it with class."

All the students got an "A+" on their cunning project. "Their efforts were very thoughtful and meaningful. They did it right. They did it first class," said Hardee.

Charles Rice named to Cumberland post

Charles Rice has been appointed interim director of ministerial training at Cumberland College.

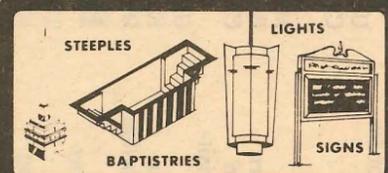
Rice succeeds Leon Simpson who left Cumberland to join the staff of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

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Baptist News in Brief

Cooperative Program's January receipts over \$6 million

A single month's receipts to the national Cooperative Program topped \$6 million for the first time ever in January, despite just a 3.8 percent increase over January 1978.

Monthly increases, which had been averaging 11.9 percent since the fiscal year began in October, must average 11.5 percent to reach the \$64 million operating budget and capital needs goals of SBC agencies.

December's contributions of \$6,002,367 pushed the four-month total to \$20,541,133, a 9.4 percent increase over the same period last year.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, indicated December's fifth Sunday may have warped the figures.

"January receipts are not a good barometer this year," he said, "because December had five Sundays and many churches did not send in their December Cooperative Program contribution until January.

What we receive in January represents what the states receive in December. This would also affect the designated gifts. We are grateful the increase for the year is still nearly 10 percent."

Designated contributions, which had been running 30 percent ahead of last year, fell 11 percent below the January 1978 total, reaching just \$6,590,128. Designated contributions for the year are \$8,211,359, or five percent below last year's total for the same period.

Total contributions for the first four months of the fiscal year, including both designated and Cooperative Program funds, stand at \$28,752,492, an increase of \$1,324,987 or 4.8 percent over the same period last year.

ABC director resigns

Troy Prince, executive director-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention since July 1, 1971, has resigned effective Feb. 16.

Prince cited "continuing health problems, pressures associated with responsibilities as executive director-treasurer and advice from his physician" as reasons for the resignation.

Prince had also served as director of evangelism, editor of the Alaska Baptist Messenger, director of stewardship promotion, executive director of the Baptist Foundation and interim state missions director for almost three years.

Mrs. Naylor suffers strokes

Goldia Dalton Naylor, wife of retired Southwestern Seminary president Robert E. Naylor, suffered an apparent stroke Jan. 20 while the Naylor's were visiting their daughter in Bangalore, India.

The Naylor's, accompanied by their daughter Rebekah, a medical missionary with the Foreign Mission Board, returned to Ft. Worth, Tex., Feb. 1.

According to the Naylor's son Richard, Mrs. Naylor was extremely weak. She had suffered some temporary paralysis during the first days following the stroke, but appears recovered from that.

African leader dies in accident

Emanuel A. Dahunsi, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, was killed in an automobile accident Jan. 30 near Ogbomoso, Nigeria.

The 61-year-old pastor and educator was called the "single most strategic national leader on the African continent" by John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa.

Dahunsi had been the convention's executive leader for four years. Prior to that he served with the Bible Society of Nigeria, translating the New Testament into his own language of Yoruba. He had also served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lagos, and president of the Nigerian convention.

A product of Southern Baptist mission work, Dahunsi became a Christian as a child and attended mission schools. The first African to graduate from Southern Seminary, Dahunsi received the ThD degree with honors in 1957.

Clear Creek School hosts family enrichment conference

Harold Bergen of the Family Ministry Department, Sunday School Board, and J. Carroll Chapman, pastor of a Kingsport Baptist church, will conduct a Family Life Enrichment Conference at Clear Creek Baptist School Feb. 19-23.

Conferences will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 4:30 p.m. daily and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly.

Before joining the Sunday School Board in 1967, Bergen served as minister of education for three Maryland churches and pastor of two churches. He has written for many board periodicals and has had special training in family life education.

Carroll is a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Barbourville, and served on denominational committees in Kentucky, Tennessee and Maryland.

Workshops scheduled to help day camp leaders

Kentucky WMU has scheduled three day camp workshops in March and April.

The workshops will give an introduction to the camping materials available and in-depth training in day camping. Information and ideas on nature and craft activities, camp sites and rainy-day alternatives will be provided.

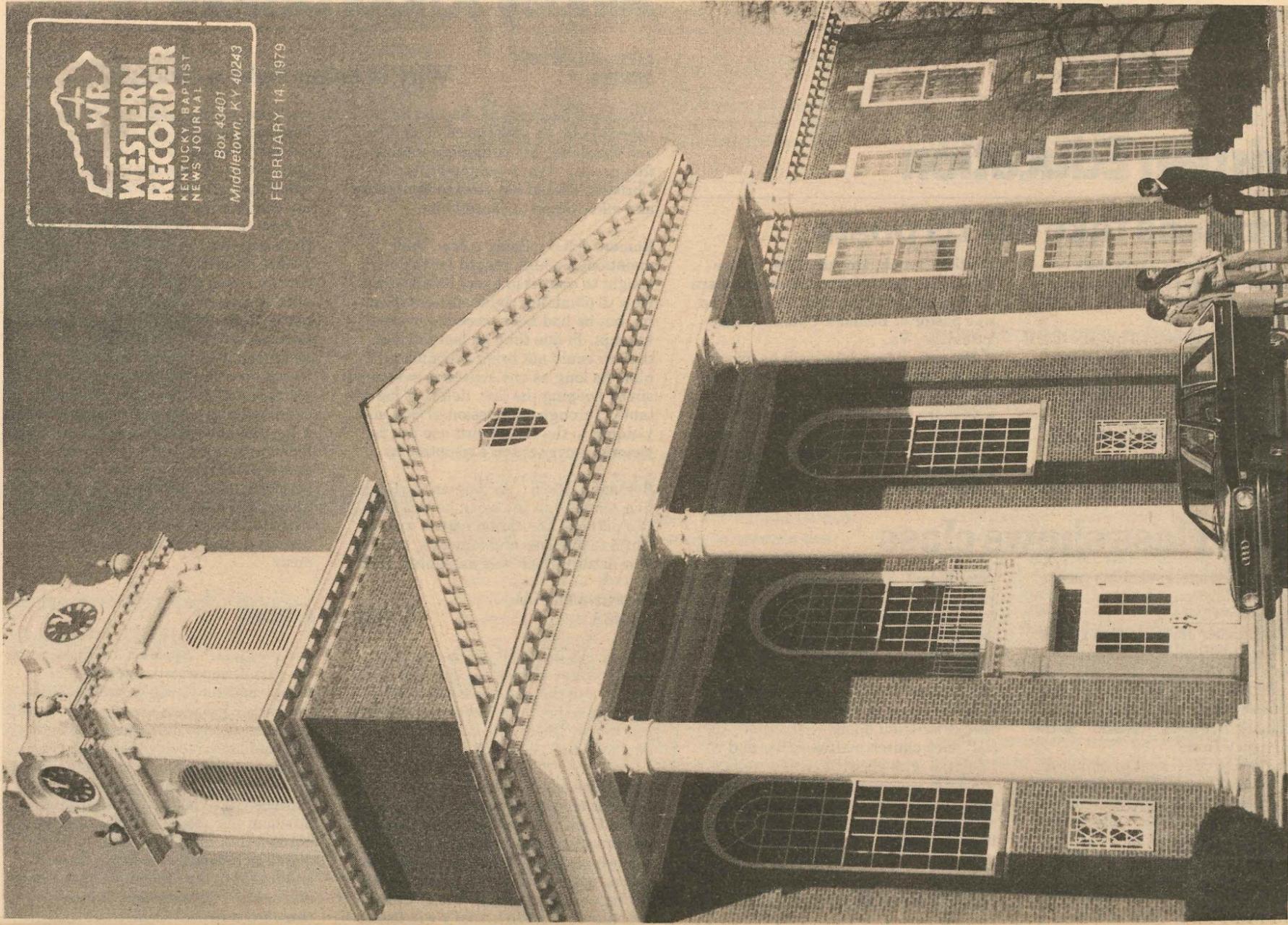
Special emphasis will be given to Day Camping Unit: Spain. What missionaries are doing to make Christ known in Spain will be discussed.

The workshops will be held from 10-12 a.m. Mar. 3, Murray First Baptist Church; Mar. 31, Danville First Baptist Church; and Apr. 21, London First Baptist Church.

All those interested in attending are to send \$1 to Gwen Phillips, WMU Office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243. Each participant is to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Building conference cancelled

The Mar. 22 Church Building Conference, sponsored by State Sunday School department, at Lexington has been cancelled.



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