

Evangelism conference

With the fervor of bold missions permeating every session, the Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference opens Monday morning, Feb. 26, in Elizabethtown. Two days of fiery evangelistic messages are promised, lending fervor to the states participation in Southern Baptists' united Bold Mission Thrust effort.

The conference is calendared six weeks later than normal this year. Extreme weather conditions of the last two winters forced early cancelations of the conference at its January meeting time. Last year only two hours of the two-day session were held.

Theme of this year's conclave at E'town's Severns Valley Baptist Church is "The Evangelistic Church on Bold Mission." Every element of the program is related to that theme.

A lay renewal session kicks off the event this year at 10 a.m. Monday.

State evangelism director Jay Brown says this ini-

E'town sessions focus on state's BMT role

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

tial session will provide information on lay renewal processes and procedures and offer inspiration from pastors who have experienced renewal in their churches. They include Eldred Taylor, First, Somerset; Donald J. LaBelle, First, London; and Tom Jenkins, Berea.

The evangelism conference proper opens at 1:30 p.m. that day. Other sessions are slated for 6:30 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Principal speaker at both Monday sessions will be Jimmy Allen, San Antonio, Tex., Southern Baptist Convention president. Reid Hardin, Atlanta, director of the Home Mission Board's Lay Renewal Department, also speaks Monday night.

Tuesday morning's addresses will be brought by Bobby Sunderland, Atlanta, director of the Home Mission Board's Department of Mass Evangelism, and Harold Tallant, Louisville evangelist. Sunderland

speaks again that afternoon.

Closing speaker for afternoon and night sessions Tuesday is Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary-treasurer, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus.

Vernon Cole, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department, will speak briefly on "The Doctrine of Salvation" at each session.

J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus of First Church, New Orleans, and former SBC president, will deliver a series of messages on bold evangelism, speaking at each session.

In addition to congregational singing, music will be provided by soloists Ronald Wilburn, Jane Holloway and Gary Griesser; by Jim and Joyce Cordell; and by Blessed Assurance Singers and Horizon.

A Bold Mission Thrust panel consisting of Allen, Hardin and Brown and recognition of associational evangelism chairmen are other features of the conference.

Southern Baptists at peace convocation urge SALT II approval, multilateral disarmament

More than 400 Southern Baptists at a denominational meeting on peacemaking and the nuclear arms race endorsed the proposed SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union.

The resolution urged the U. S. Senate to ratify the treaty and called for Southern Baptist pastors, laymen and denominational leaders to consider declaring support of the treaty.

The convocation—hosted last Friday and Saturday by Southern Seminary and Deer Park Baptist Church—was in response to a resolution on nuclear arms adopted last June by the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

Glen Stassen, SBTS ethics professor; Robert Parham, SBTS student government president; and Carman Sharp, Deer Park pastor, convened the sessions.

Participants also called on the 13-million member denomination to look beyond SALT II and work for multilateral disarmament.

Another resolution urged the SBC Executive Committee to fund and staff three new positions for persons designated to deal exclusively with peace, world hunger and human rights.

By implication, the statement chided the two largest SBC agencies, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, for failing to engage in political activity on behalf of human rights.

The statement further challenged multinational corporations "to issue impact statements of their policies in regard to world hunger, peace and human rights."

Denominational agencies were urged to provide literature and other educational materials to help local pastors and churches educate Southern Baptists on peace issues.

Local churches should observe Christian Citizenship Sunday on the Sunday before July 4 with emphasis on peacemaking, another resolution declared.

Individually, Baptists were urged to renew their "personal and corporate worship" leading to the development of "lifestyles which lessen motives that lead to violence and war."

David Matthews, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., warned conferees that "the awesome amassing of destructive nuclear power is a manifestation of idolatry."

While America claims trust in God, he said, "When it comes to protecting our property and please we trust in ourselves and our weapons." This, he added,

"is one of the most spectacular denials in all time of God's sovereign lordship."

U. S. Senator Wendell Ford (D-Ky.) told the convocation he has not decided whether to vote for the proposed SALT II treaty.

A Baptist, he commended his denomination for adopting the resolution, but said his eventual decision hinges on the ability of the U. S. to verify Soviet willingness to abide by the terms of the treaty.

William Dyess, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs, insisted Soviet concern over details during the lengthy negotiation process over SALT II indicates their real commitment to an agreement. He is also a Baptist.

Richard Barnet, director of the Institute of Policy Studies in Washington, D. C., warned: "The political reality that hangs over us . . . is that the world is drifting toward nuclear war. On both sides, people are planning for war and feel that it is inevitable."

Christians confronting the arms race are torn between the clear biblical call to peacemaking and what are considered to be the practical realities, he said.

Walter B. Shurden, associate professor of church history at Southern Seminary, declared Southern Baptists have historically recognized the spiritual dimensions of peacemaking.

Still, he admitted, "it is true that Southern Baptists have mostly talked, resolved and urged."

William Elder, SBC Christian Life Commission, called on conferees to narrow their present political activities to the passage of SALT II. He challenged the convocation to help influence the votes of undecided senators from 16 states.

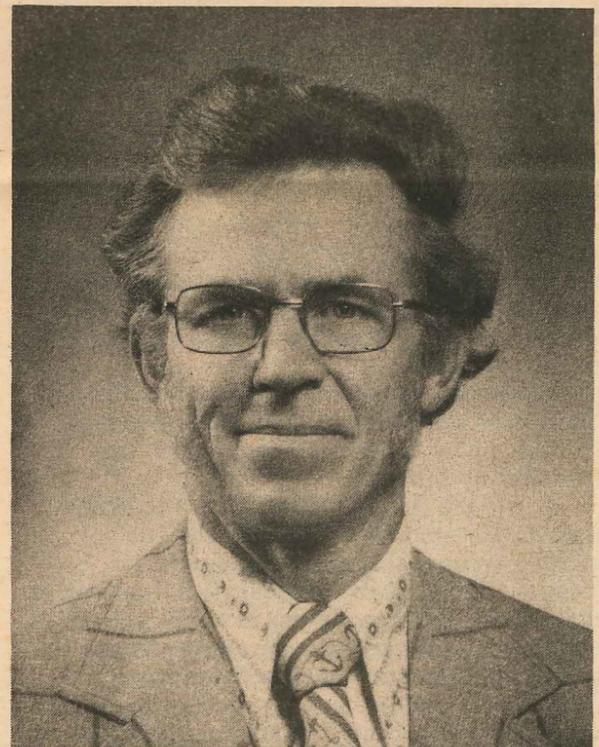
Paul Strickland, Texas Christian Life Commission, discussed the role of human rights and world hunger on the peacemaking process.

G. Welton Gaddy, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., emphasized the importance of the local church in initiating peace.

Gordon Cosby, pastor of Church of the Savior, Washington, D. C., urged the Christian community not to turn over the decision to implement arms systems to government "experts."

"It is not hard for me to look at some proposal which is given to me by my government, such as the monstrous new weapons system, and to know that it makes peace of God unbelievable . . ." he said.

Dale Brown, professor of theology at Bethany Theological Seminary, called for Christians to raise the arms race as an issue, adding, "We must keep peacemaking in the realm of biblical hope."



Marshall Phillips elected as Cedarmore manager

Marshall Phillips, pastor of Middletown's Woodland Baptist Church since 1973, has been elected manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, Ky. His appointment is effective in March.

Phillips succeeds Frank Heberlein who is retiring Mar. 15 after two years in the post.

Phillips, 50, is a native of Shelby County, in which Cedarmore is located. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and holds the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

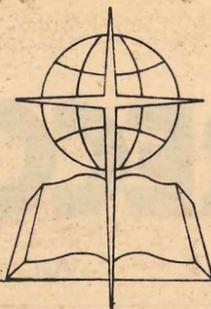
His pastorates include First Church, Pruden, Tenn., 1952-54 and Highland Church, Shelbyville, Ky., 1954-61. From 1961-73 he was a foreign missionary to East Africa, serving in Kenya and Tanzania.

Phillips is a member of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, presently chairman of its missions committee and on the administrative committee.

Married to the former Dorsie Murphy, he is the father of two married daughters and a son living at home.

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

More on the 10 commandments in public schools

The views of the Kentucky Baptist Convention public affairs committee on House Bill 156 calling for the posting of the 10 commandments in public school classrooms reported in the Feb. 7 issue of Western Recorder has brought a deluge of protesting letters. The volume of letters was intensified by suggestions by some champions of this project that expressions be sent to executive secretary Frank Owen and to this editor.

Responses to Western Recorder news articles and editorials are always welcome and generally acknowledged personally by the editor. In this instance the volume of mail is now such that we simply cannot answer each letter individually. I had not planned to editorialize further on this issue but feel I must now do so in light of the numerous requests and demands to explain my views.

I speak only for myself and not the public affairs committee though my views are in line with the report of this committee which was unanimously adopted.

I oppose the posting of the 10 commandments in public classrooms but not because I do not strongly approve this great moral code nor because I do not favor every fair and legal way to improve the moral conditions in public schools. I oppose this because of my strong convictions concerning separation of church and state. I simply don't believe public schools provided partly by taxes collected by law from atheists and other non-Christians as well as Christians should be used to promote the Christian religion. I believe this responsibility was given by God to churches and to homes.

I realize this project is not financed by state funds except those involved in the services of the state department of education in this project. The sponsors of House Bill 156 were smart enough to know this could not be done constitutionally but when this scripture passage goes on classroom walls it surely puts the state in the role of sponsoring religion.

I am aware of the claim that America was founded on biblical principles including the 10 commandments and therefore such use of scripture in public schoolrooms is appropriate. It is true that Christian principles and the Bible inspired many of our founding fathers and the Judeo-Christian ethic was written into many civil documents. I am glad for this and I have profited by it.

However, the same founding fathers demanded that the state stay out of promoting or hindering religion and meant to guarantee this by adding the first amendment to the constitution. This amendment has consistently been

interpreted by the courts as prohibiting the sponsorship of religion by the state. On this basis prayer and Bible reading in public schools were declared unconstitutional.

For this reason House Bill 156 is now in a court suit to determine its constitutionality. It is true that the first court order which prohibited the state department of education from implementing this legislation did not prohibit efforts to raise funds for this project. But it seems very questionable to conduct a fund raising campaign to buy 10 commandment plaques until they are declared legal by the courts. Should this law be declared unconstitutional and these plaques have to come down and end up gathering dust on closet shelves, what will fund raising enthusiasts say to sincere people who were led to sacrifice in order to buy these plaques? The nation and Kentucky have survived so far without the 10 commandments on schoolroom walls. They probably would survive until this litigation is settled.

Apart from the church-state separation principle a sense of fair play makes this project highly questionable. Fair minded Christians who post their scripture passage on public schoolroom walls would be morally bound to defend the right of all other religious groups to post their sacred writings on the same walls. This would include the humanist creed of atheists which declares there is no God and Moslems who claim the true God is Allah. Public classrooms in Kentucky do not have many children of non-Christian religions but there are some and they have their rights. Baptists of all people have stood for equal treatment of all religious persuasions. Think of the absurdity of having a half a dozen different religious writings, some contradicting each other, on classroom walls.

Baptists fled England and the continent in the 17th century because one religion was favored over others by the state and they came to America determined to found a nation where no religion was sponsored by civil government. When the Massachusetts Bay Colony government gave preferential treatment to Congregationalism, Baptists fled to Rhode Island and ultimately to Virginia and the Carolinas. When Virginia made the Episcopal church the state religion Baptists objected and moved to Kentucky. Now some Baptists in Kentucky want to use state financed schools to sponsor religion in the form of the 10 commandments. How quickly we forget when we become the majority!

Those who want to display the 10 commandments and otherwise bring religion into schoolrooms should start and pay for church schools for that purpose. Roman Catholics have been doing this historically and more and more Baptist churches are now doing the same. This is their right and they are to be admired for following their convictions. But having deserted the public schools for their own schools, their efforts to inject religion into public schools paid for by non-Christians as well as Christians seems a little out of place.

No matter how much we want Christian principles in American life, we must remember Christianity is not the official religion of America. Throughout American history there have been those who have attempted to marry state and church but discerning Christian statesmen including outstanding Baptists have prevented it. They did not want America to become another Italy or a Spain or go the way of Iran where the head of the dominant religion has taken over the government and has his opponents shot.

I doubt if the reasons given above for my convictions have changed many minds. I only ask for the same right to my convictions as I grant to those who disagree with me.

A claim is being made that Kentucky Baptist denominational workers are to support and work on behalf of this project because it was officially approved by the convention last November. Executive secretary Frank Owen has said in his weekly columns in Western Recorder that contributions sent to the convention for this purpose will be used accordingly so far as the law allows. However, the convention action was not understood to make this a denominational project.

The best understanding of Baptist polity is that no convention actions bind the conscience of every member. Convention action represents the views of the majority of those messengers present. With Baptists the majority prevails but the convictions of the minority are recognized and respected.

As for the public affairs committee it has received no assignment from the convention except to "keep the Kentucky Baptist Convention advised on all matters of particular interest to Baptists taking place at the state, national and international levels with particular reference to the separation of church and state. The committee regards its action Feb. 1 as faithfulness to this assignment.

Space in this publication is offered those who want to respond to the statement of the public affairs committee and to the above editorial.

Baptist Forum

A thank you from the president

I want to express my appreciation to each of you who have written or spoken to me expressing your congratulations on my being elected president of our convention. I would like to answer each of you personally, but one of the luxuries "the retired" do not enjoy is the service of a secretary. So I am taking the next best way (Western Recorder) to let you know how much I do appreciate your every expression to me.

Kentucky Baptists have always been good to me. I had the privilege for 26 years of being pastor of some of the best churches in the state. Four of these were small rural churches who made it possible for me to attend Kentucky Baptist schools. Then I had the privilege of serving the entire convention for more than 11 years as director of evangelism. You retired me and then honored me by electing me president. No man could ask more from God or his brethren than I have received. THANK YOU.

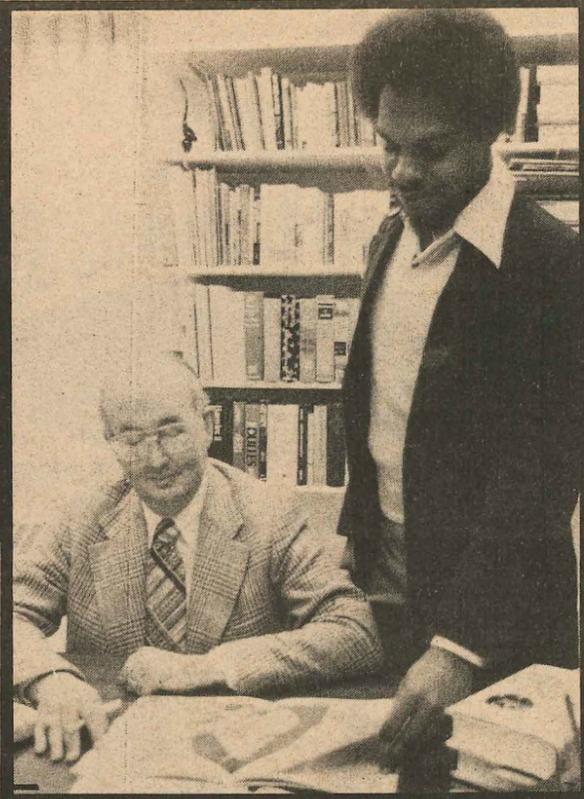
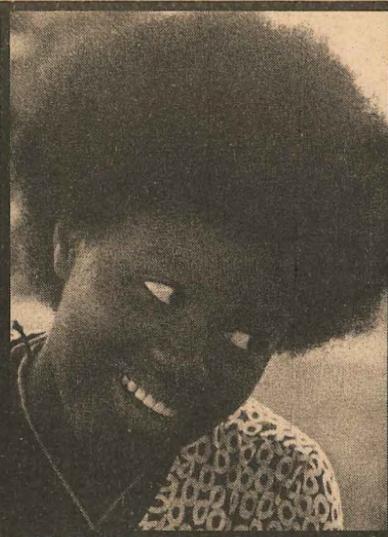
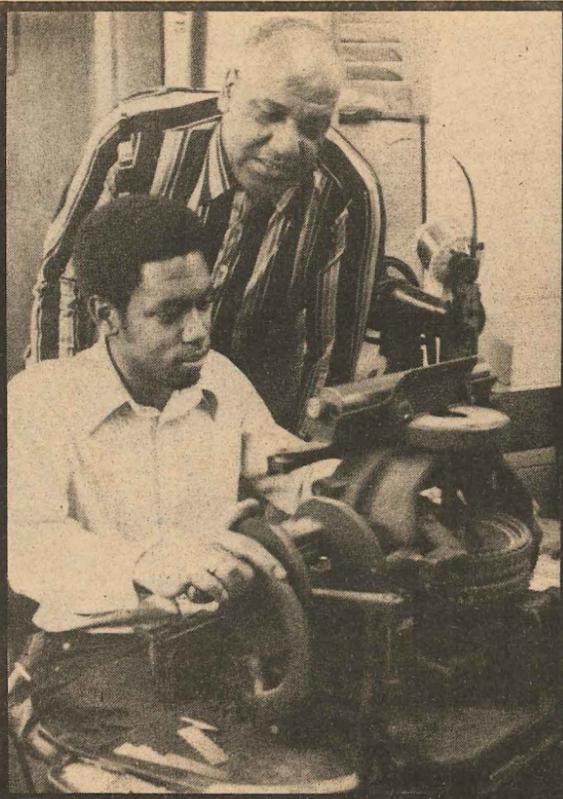
Please join me in praying, planning and preaching his word that his kingdom may come and his will be done.

Thomas H. Shelton, Paducah

Continuing our saga in serialized form

One of the most keenly felt responsibilities of the Serials Division of Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is its role as a repository for Baptist documents and data. In order to obtain a complete collection, we are requesting all the associations of your readership to place us on their annual minutes mailing list. If each association could send us just one copy of their minutes each year, future generations of Baptists will be able to get a complete picture of Baptist life from our files. Please send the minutes to: Serials Division, Fleming Library, Box 22000-2E, Ft. Worth, TX 76122.

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Left, Ronald Moore operates the Address-O-Graph while his supervisor, American Baptist manager Thurmond Coleman, watches. Above are Lillian Moore [l] and her supervisor, Bill Fulkerson, pastor-director of Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel. Right, Chris Jackson [r] looks over student ministry materials with Dwight Lyons, director of the Metropolitan Louisville Baptist Campus Ministry.

Seminarians minister as they learn... downtown

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

Five Southern Seminary students minister as they learn in internships at five agencies and churches in downtown Louisville.

They are Wilhelmina Jenkins, intern at East Baptist Church and the Baptist Center; Clifton Gay III, associate pastor of Baptist Tabernacle; Ronald Moore, photographer-writer for the American Baptist; Lillian Moore, intern at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel; and Chris Jackson, intern with the Metropolitan Louisville Baptist Campus Ministry.

A sixth internship is in the process of being refilled at New Zion Baptist Church.

The internships are offered through the KBC Co-operative Ministries: Christian Life Department. The purpose, according to department director William H. Rogers, is to provide a cross-cultural ministry experience for the students and the institutions they serve.

"Cross-cultural" can mean several things.

In most cases it means that the intern and his/her supervisor are of different races. All five of the current interns are black students (though New Zion's most recent intern was white) and all but one of their respective supervisors are white. The only black supervisor is Thurmond Coleman, manager of the American Baptist, who supervises Moore.

In some of the programs, the interns come from different cultural backgrounds than the people they minister to.

Gay, for instance, works primarily with a white constituency. He works with bus ministry, Sunday school and youth, preaches and assists pastor Joe Williams in visitation and counseling.

"We've talked about cultural differences but not so much for racial differences," Williams explained. Gay said he makes frequent references to his experiences in the black church and has incorporated black music into the Baptist Tabernacle worship services on occasion.

Miss Jenkins, a social work major from Norfolk, Va., splits her time between East Baptist Church and the Baptist Center. In the church, she works primarily in a white situation except for some children and youth.

She teaches a Sunday school class and works with children's church. At the center she offers emergency assistance, does casework visitation and is getting ready to start two 4-H groups. During the summer she will be involved in VBS, backyard Bible clubs and youth recreation activities.

Jim Holladay, associate pastor of the church and program coordinator of the center, said Miss Jenkins' presence on the staff helps the church do with the people in the predominantly black neighborhood rather than doing for them.

William Kaufman, pastor of the church and director of the center, said her presence has helped the people of the church think of black people not as just kids who come to the church but as "a person on the church staff."

Bill Fulkerson, pastor-director of Jefferson Street

Baptist Chapel, explains, "A particular benefit of the program Lillian (Moore) is in is that it allows us to have a black person in a leadership position. Because of her racial identity, there is a natural trust between her and the clients."

Miss Moore's primary responsibilities have been in emergency assistance and in cultivating a mothers' club for women in the area. Mothers' club sessions deal with such topics as home management, nutrition skills and consumer protection.

Intern Chris Jackson lends expertise in working with black college students at University of Louisville and Jefferson Community College through the Metropolitan Louisville Baptist Campus Ministry.

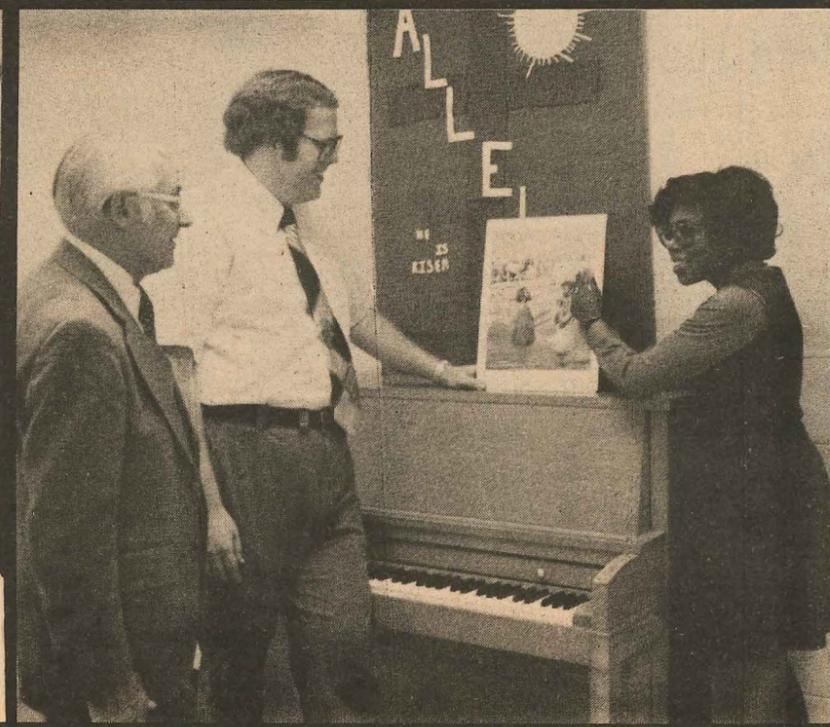
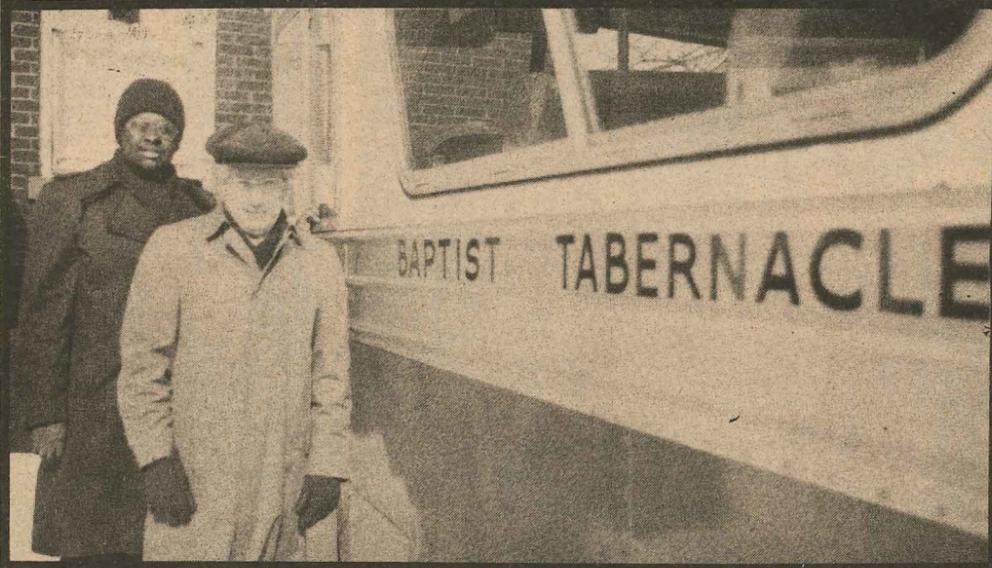
Jackson worked at his alma mater, the University of Tennessee, in the first Black Student Fellowship model of National Student Ministries. He has concentrated on a similar program at U. of L.

"While he's working with black students and while they have a specific program, everything is designed to bring the students (black and white) into an overall program," director Dwight Lyons said.

Ron Moore works with a black supervisor and black Baptists but he faced a culture difference, too. Coming from Philadelphia, he noticed a "big change."

He said worship is more open in Kentucky and "people are more trusting here. You become really aware of people."

He is photographer-writer for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.



Above, Wilhelmina Jenkins demonstrates backyard Bible club materials to William Kaufman [l], pastor of East Baptist Church and director of the Baptist Center, and Jim Holladay, associate pastor and program coordinator. Right, Clifford Gay III [l] and Joe Williams, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, on the church bus parking lot.



Resort hotels are targets for evangelism and lay witnessing programs. For such evangelism and lay witnessing projects \$800,000 has been allocated.



Dare to Ask

For Annie Walker Armstrong involvement in missions was a lifestyle. Annie Armstrong, the first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, lived a life of active concern for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1880 she and her sister Alice learned that children at an Indian mission school needed clothes. To meet that need they organized the women of their church, Eutaw Place Baptist, Baltimore, Md., into missionary societies. Before long Miss Armstrong was inspiring women all over her city, state and denomination to learn about and support missionary endeavors of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Annie Armstrong, among other women, felt if women's missions work

was to grow existing societies all over the convention must organize to augment the work of the mission board. In 1888 in Richmond, Va., Woman's Missionary Union was founded. At that meeting Miss Armstrong was elected corresponding secretary, a position she held without pay for 18 years.

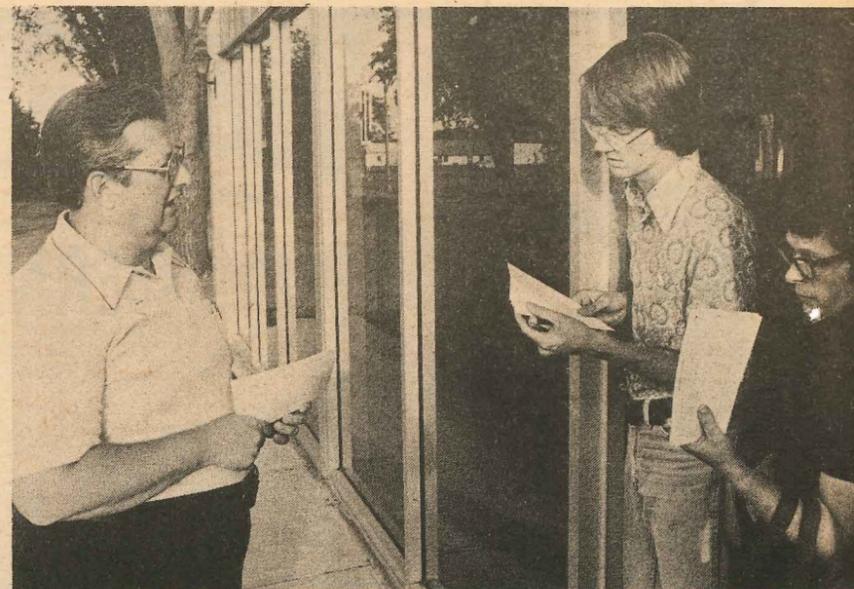
In 1894 Miss Armstrong was told the Home Mission Board owed a large sum of money. In response to a plea for help from the board she led in establishing a week of self-denial for home missions.

At the age of 88, in 1938, Annie Armstrong died. In 1934 the home missions offering was renamed the Annie W. Armstrong offering in honor of her self-giving love and commitment to missions.

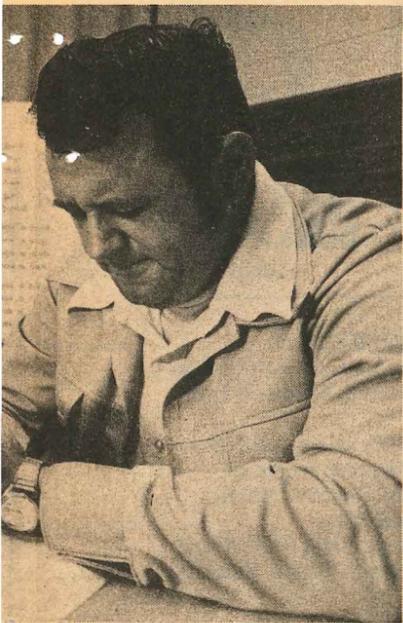
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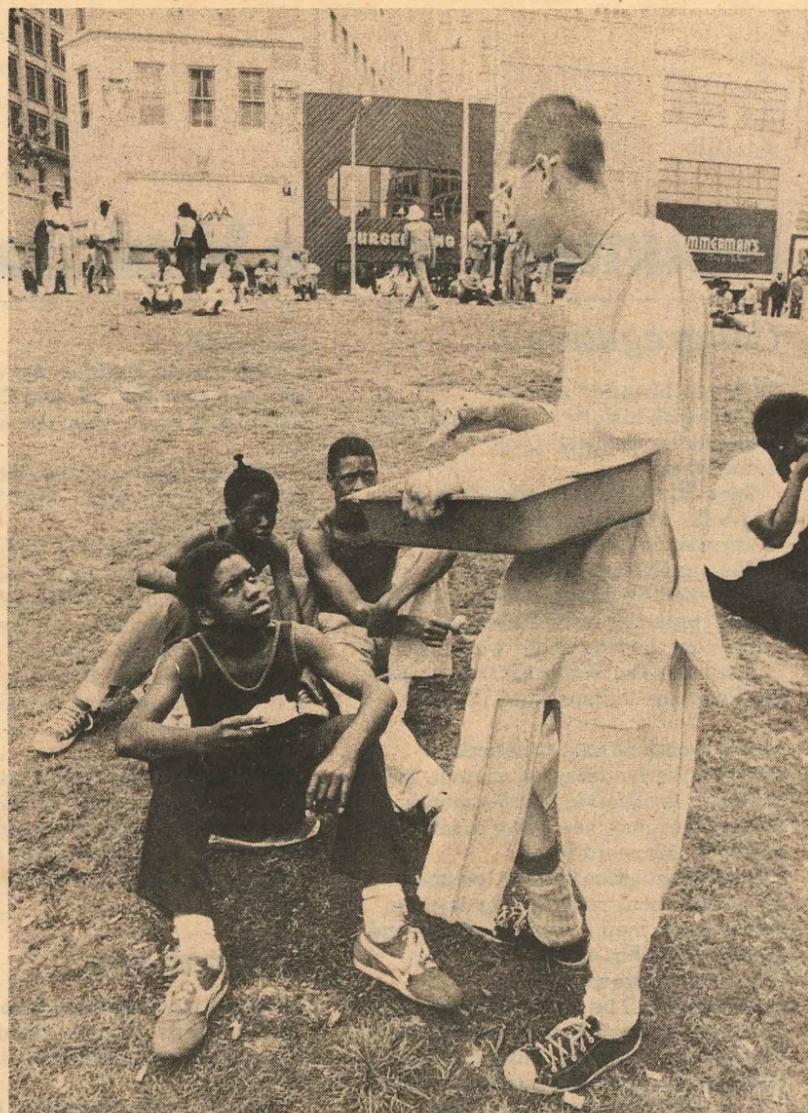
Sally Strayer [1] left Pennsylvania in 1958 with expectations of never returning. After 20 years she has returned as an MSC volunteer. If the 1979 Annie Armstrong goal is realized there will be funds for aiding MSC and other short-term mission volunteers.



Two million dollars has been allocated for special projects which includes crusades, grants, scholarships, student work, leadership training, volunteer, language and evangelism work.



"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14 RSV



A member of the Hare Krishna religious group witnesses to youth via a free snack. The Home Mission Board, the Interfaith Witness Department, with Annie Armstrong Easter offering funds, supplies printed materials and holds training sessions to better equip Baptists to deal with the ever-present phenomenon of "cults." For missionaries, conferences and publications in interfaith witness, \$195,000 has been allocated in this year's home mission offering.

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reminders, inspiration for involvement through prayer and financial support to home missions. The Week of Prayer for Home Missions for 1979 will be observed Mar. 4-11. The goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering is \$15 million. "Dare to Ask" is the theme for this year's offering.

William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the board, and Leonard G. Irwin, planning section director, have set four broad goals that can be attained if this year's offering is reached.

The first goal is to appoint 450 career missionaries which will push the total of missionary personnel over the 3000 mark.

The second goal is to enlist, place and obtain sponsors for 1000 Mission

Service Corps volunteers.

The third goal is to initiate 117 new projects to be serviced by new and present missionary personnel.

The fourth is to strengthen Southern Baptist witness in 20 key cities and 100 key counties in the U. S.

The Annie Armstrong Easter offering provides approximately one-half of the total income of the Home Mission Board. The other half comes from Southern Baptists giving through the Cooperative Program.

Dare to Give

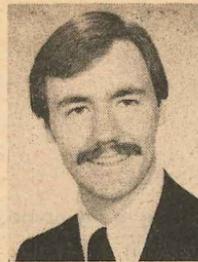


New communities are opportunities for new churches. Church planting is but one part of church extension for which \$2.3 million of the Annie Armstrong offering is allocated.

Mountains to the Mississippi



Jones



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Congregations

Gavel has historic "roots"

A gavel with historic "roots" has been presented to Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Gary Glaze, First Baptist Church, Eddyville, made the gavel and gave it to the association.

The handle from a tree on a farm owned by Squire Boone, the first Baptist preacher in Kentucky. The head came from the tree under which Daniel Boone made the Watauga Treaty with the Cherokee Indians Mar. 17, 1775.

Men's month at East Cumberland

East Cumberland Baptist Church, Middleboro, is observing men's month during February, according to interim pastor K. Maynard Head.

Special activities include testimonies by several men, messages by laymen, men's choir, men's musical groups and men's fellowship meals.

Climaxing the month-long observance will be a retreat for the deacons Feb. 24-25 at Pine Mountain State Park Lodge, Pineville. Forrest Sawyer, KBC Brotherhood Department director, will address the deacons and their wives on their responsibilities. Charles F. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, will lead in a late night devotion.



Mrs. Brown



Mrs. Spiegel

Acteen Queen's Court during March Kentucky Acteens will observe Queen's Court during March.

The site of the first Queen's Court is Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Mar. 2-3, and the second will be held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Mar. 23-24.

The queen's courts provide an opportunity for Acteens who have completed a level in Stuidact during the past year to gather for fellowship, growth and recognition of their efforts.

Mrs. Pam Brown, editor of Accent, the Acteen monthly magazine, will be the principal speaker at Lake Barkley. She will share future changes in the format of Accent.

Mrs. Betty Spiegel, foreign missionary to Brazil, will speak to Acteens at Jenny Wiley State Park. She will bring the experience of 21 years of mission service to the program.

Those planning to attend Queen's Court should get reservations in immediately as space is limited. Send reservations to the WMU Office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Tape ministry for Oak Grove

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Logan Association, is beginning a tape ministry to shut-ins.

The church will record worship services, duplicate the tapes and place them in the homes of shut-ins.

Fire destroys Cave Springs pastorium

Fire destroyed the pastorium of Cave Springs Baptist Church northeast of

Auburn Feb. 9.

Pastor Gene Mathias, his wife Barbara and sons Bill, 14, and Casey, 5, were not at home when the fire broke out.

Both the home and the contents were destroyed in the blaze. Most the furniture was antique.

The Mathias family is temporarily living in the Logan Association missionary furlough house at Russellville.

Several churches in the area are taking offerings to assist the family in the replacement of its belongs. Pastors in the area are helping to replace books and Bibles that burned.

Lord's supper with Israeli bread

Doug Downing, pastor of Tiny Town Baptist Church, led his congregation in the Lord's supper using bread he brought back from a recent trip to Israel.

Ordinations

Calvary Church ordains three deacons Calvary Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, ordained three deacons Dec. 10.

They are Kelly Morefield, Hugh Dozier and Floyd McIntosh.

Revivals

Three professions at Heidelberg Heidelberg Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, reported three professions and one addition by letter in recent revival services.

Personnel

Peter Rhea Jones accepts pastorate First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., has called Peter Rhea Jones as its pastor.

Jones, 41, is presently associate professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary.

He succeeds William W. Lancaster, who resigned the Decatur church to accept a position with the Georgia Pastoral Care Association.

Before joining the seminary staff in 1967, Jones was pastor of churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. He was interim pastor of churches in New York and New Jersey.

A Tennessean, Jones received his undergraduate degree from Union University and graduate degrees from the University of Mississippi, Southern Seminary and Princeton Seminary. He also completed a year of post-doctoral study at Cambridge University in England.

Jones is married to the former Ellen Francis Miles of Tennessee. A graduate of Union University, she teaches remedial English at SBTs.

They have three children: Peter Rhea Jr., Heather Miles and Ramsey Poynter.

FBC, Clay, calls Elbert James

Elbert Lee James has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clay, in Ohio Valley Association. He will begin Mar. 4.

He is former pastor of Kevil (Ky.) Baptist Church, West Union Association.

James holds a BA degree from Campbellville College, attended New Orleans Seminary and has done work at Western Kentucky University and Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

He and his wife Georgetta have two children: LeEtta and Timothy Lee.

Bluford accepts chaplain internship

David Bluford, pastor of Dry Branch Baptist Church, Mercer Association, resigned to accept a chaplain internship at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

He began the internship Feb. 12.

A 1976 graduate of Carson-Newman College, Bluford received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in December.

He and his wife Janie are the parents of a son Jeffrey.

Mason Bevill to Kirksey Church

Mason Darrell Bevill was called as pastor of Kirksey (Ky.) Baptist Church, Blood River Association. He began Dec. 20.

He is former pastor of Fredonia (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Bevill earned the BA degree from Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, in 1971.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Floyd of Henderson. They have three sons: Darrell Keith, 22; Kirt Lane, 19, and Jason Louis, 4.

Bevill will accompany Calvin C. Wilkins, pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church, to Trinidad July 12-24 to conduct vacation Bible school during the day and preach at night.

Pond Run calls Larry Boulard

Pond Run Baptist Church, Echols, in Ohio County Association, called W. Larry Boulard as pastor. He began Jan. 9.

He left the pastorate of Hardysville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Boulard earned the BA degree from Murray State University in 1975 and the MDiv from Southern Seminary in December.

He is married to the former Linda Freeman of Paducah.

Don Cottrell to Corydon Church

Donald G. "Don" Cottrell is the new pastor of Corydon (Ky.) Missionary Baptist Church, Green Valley Association. He began Jan. 14.

He was former pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Mt. Sherman.

Cottrell holds a BA degree from Campbellville College and is currently working toward a master's degree in counseling at Western Kentucky University.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Thompson of Bonnieville. They have four children: Jasen, 10; Marcie, 10; Amanda, 4; and Betty Jo, 2.

Taylor to Pleasant Hill Church

Edgar Taylor is the new pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

He has been pastor of several Kentucky churches, the most recent of which was Rockport Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Taylor and his wife Ester have a son, James, and a daughter, Gloria Barnes.

Russell Cornett to Siloam Church

Russell Cornett, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, is the pastor of Siloam Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

He and his wife Sue are the parents of two children, Corbet and Adinah.

Brooks Church calls musician

Brooks (Ky.) Baptist Church has called Don Mitchell Paris, 26, as minister of music.

He earned the BA degree from Auburn University and is currently working on the MDiv degree at Southern Seminary.

He came from Bellfield Baptist Church, Henderson, where he was youth and music minister.

Paris' wife Carolyn Sue is a secretary at the seminary.

Steve Scott to Elkton Church

Steve Scott has been called as full time minister of youth and music at Elkton (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Scott received the AS degree from Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tenn., and the BS from Austin Peay University, Clarksville, Tenn.

He is married to the former Cynthia Brown, also a vocalist and pianist.

Gabriel Collett to Slaughters Church

Gabriel R. Collett was called as pastor of Slaughters (Ky.) Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He began Dec. 3.

He holds a BS degree in religion from Cumberland College and a Bible degree from Clear Creek Baptist School. He is currently a student at Southern Seminary.

Collett is married to the former Sharon Childers, also a Clear Creek graduate, of Blackmont. They have three sons: Charles, 8; Jonathan, 5; and Jeremy, 14 months.

Elsmere Church calls interim pastor

David W. Moeller was called as interim pastor of Elsmere Baptist Church, Erlanger.

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Radio-TV trustees retire Paul Stevens, president



Paul M. Stevens confirmed reports that he would leave the presidency of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission by publicly announcing his early retirement following several executive sessions of the agency's trustees.

Stevens, commission president and chief executive officer since 1953, will retire Oct. 31, 1979 shortly after his 64th birthday. But, effective immediately, Harold E. Martin, executive vice president, will assume complete administrative and operational authority over the commission. He joined the commission in October 1978 and is former trustee chairman of the agency.

Stevens, who will remain on salary until his retirement, said he will devote the remainder of his time with the Radio and Television Commission "in the critical area of development."

Trustee chairman Ray Scroggins of Houston said a search committee headed by Fredrick W. Isaacs Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn. is seeking suggestions from Southern Baptists about the successor.

Scroggins said the trustees have come "to a new realization of the magnitude of the responsibility of being a trustee for an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and the realization that the trustees must fulfill their responsibilities in trust for the people who elected them."

Jonestown families aided

A Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary professor and a seminary student have been named to the emergency relief committee helping families of victims of the mass-murder suicide in the People's Temple tragedy last November in Jonestown, Guyana.

Francis M. DuBose, professor of missions at the seminary, and Shadrick Riddick, a student and pastor of Chapel Hill Baptist Church in San Francisco's Fillmore District, where the People's Temple headquarters is located, were the only Southern Baptists appointed to the committee.

They are joined by 27 others on the ERC, organized by the San Francisco Council of Churches, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco and Northern California Board of Rabbis.

Acting as "a friend of the court," the ERC issued a statement saying, "The interest of the Emergency Relief Committee is to have immediate financial help made available from People's Temple funds for the immediate burial of the dead bodies which have been stored at Dover, Del., since November 1978."

In addition to their work with the Emergency Relief Committee, DuBose, Riddick and several other Southern Baptist church leaders from the San Francisco Bay Area are involved in a "large-scale" counseling program to victims' families.

In Taiwan, shock and hurt

Missionaries in Taiwan are shocked and hurt that the majority of Americans apparently have accepted without question President Jimmy Carter's decision

to break official diplomatic ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan), a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official reports.

"Many of the missionaries expressed to me their feeling that Taiwan had been abandoned," said George H. Hays, secretary for East Asia, after returning from a visit to Taiwan where 107 Southern Baptist missionaries are stationed.

Hays explained that missionaries generally take on the feelings and stance of the country they live in and have great sympathy for that country if they believe it's been wronged.

"Missionaries in Taiwan see their ministry going down the drain if Communist China takes over," he said. "And they don't see any likelihood of work on the mainland in the near future. They don't feel that a Communist takeover is imminent, but still, it's in the back of their minds."

It's the freedom concept that concerns them the most, he said.

Hays stressed that Southern Baptist missionaries would continue to work on Taiwan. "Two missionary couples have gone to Taiwan since President Carter's announcement. We have a couple in orientation who are going to Taiwan and others are moving toward appointment."

Claypool Beecher lecturer

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., delivered the prestigious Beecher Lectures at the annual convocation of Yale Divinity School.

Claypool, pastor at Northminster since 1976, gave four lectures over three days on "The Preaching Event."

Claypool previously delivered the Hester Lectures on Preaching at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972, Mullins Lectures on Preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974, Hester Lectures on Preaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974 and the Shumate Lectures at Lynchburg College in 1978.

Foreign volunteers to 2860

More than 2860 Southern Baptists served overseas as foreign mission volunteers during 1978.

The total—2866—includes 161 extended-service volunteers for six months to two years and another 31 Mission Service Corps volunteers going for one to two years.

Medical volunteers accounted for another 184. These nurses, doctors, dentists and technologists served from one to six months.

The remaining 2490 volunteers were short term—going either individually or in groups for less than six months to participate in special projects.

The board's office of evangelism and church development coordinated the efforts of 341 volunteers. Their work included major city evangelization campaigns, stewardship emphases and witness training.

Other short-term service, handled through the office for laymen overseas, included a range of projects from construction to sewing, from car maintenance to special musical concerts.

Ridgecrest seeking staff

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center is accepting applications for employment on its 1979 summer staff. Applicants must be between 18-75 by summer.

Inquiries may be sent to George Boswell, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

The summer term begins May 26 and continues through Sept. 3.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Paul's concern for the Corinthian church

Paul's concern for the church at Corinth was expressed in the two letters which he wrote.

1 Cor. 1:1-3 The origin of this epistle is the will of God, the organ is the apostle Paul, and the object is the saints in Jesus Christ.

Paul had received a commission and had been sent as a messenger with orders. Paul did not occupy this office by self-appointment or by the act of any man, but "through the will of God."

The letter was addressed to the church which belonged to God and was located in Corinth, that populous city where trade and wealth increased while men and morals decayed.

This epistle was written to one class—"the saints," or those who were believers in Christ. In the words, "grace be unto you," Paul meant grace to sustain and keep, or grace for all the trials of life. The source of grace and peace is divine.

2 Cor. 1:21-24 In recognition of the spiritual kinship of the Corinthian Christians with himself, Paul reminded them their firmness was not due to their own efforts, but to what God had

done for them through Christ the Saviour.

2 Cor. 2:1-4 Had Paul visited the church whose members he loved, the circumstances would have caused him to rebuke them for their misconduct and it would have caused them and him great pain and sorrow. In great anguish of heart Paul penned his message to them, and in it he sought to convince them that he loved them greatly in spite of their shortcomings.

2 Cor. 13:10-11 Upon the change of his original plan to visit the Corinthians, Paul's critics promptly accused him of insincerity and fickleness. Such a charge undermined his influence and effectiveness. Consequently, Paul quickly revealed his motives, intentions and love for them by writing and seeking to convince them that his change of plan had been in their best interest. He longed for the complete restoration of their confidence in him. Led by the Holy Spirit, Paul admonished the Corinthians to correct their errors immediately and to prove their love for Christ and for others by conveying his message of grace and love to those who needed it.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Rom. 8 teaches some important truths about the Christian's relationship with Christ. There are three states of the human soul. The first is without Christ, or the state of nature. The second is in Christ, or in the state of grace. The third is with Christ, or the state of glory.

Rom. 8:1-9 Those who are in Christ are free from condemnation. Christ removed their guilt, imputed God's righteousness to them and absolved them from condemnation. Blessed are those who have believed on Christ. They have a new joy, a new allegiance, a new affection, and a new hope.

When the Holy Spirit indwells a Christian, he transforms his life and enables him to perform deeds which please and honor God. As he yields himself to the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Christian's life portrays joy, gratitude, humility, power and fruitfulness.

How does the spirit help us?

Rom. 8:12-13 When the Holy Spirit takes up his abode in the heart of a believer in Christ, that person is no longer under the control of the flesh. Inasmuch as Christians have been liberated from condemnation, they are debtors to God who has blessed them with all spiritual blessings which they have in Christ.

Rom. 8:26-27 Our need for assistance in prayer is stated in the words: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought." Of course, we can approach the throne of the Father only through Christ our Mediator, but we must know how to talk with him.

God the Father and God the Son understand the Holy Spirit's language, so the connection between earth and heaven is made complete. All our prayers may not be in accord with God's will, but the ones which are prompted by the Holy Spirit are in perfect harmony with it.

Frank Owen

God's will

The late George W. Truett declared that to know the will of God was the highest knowledge man can gain. It is not always easy to know the will of God. You can't learn it out of text books, nor is there any academic degree for having learned it.

Often in my life's hard decisions I have wished and prayed for the will of God to be laid out with perfect clarity before me without a shadow of doubt. Oh, that I could walk into my office at such times and find a piece of paper on the desk from the Lord with a clearly written "yes" or "no." But it just doesn't come that easily. It is more like the words of Jesus concerning the boy possessed of the "foul spirit." "This kind cometh not out except by much prayer and fasting" (Mk. 9:29).

To know the will of God usually requires considerable knowledge about God, about the teachings of his word, about his revelation in Jesus Christ. It requires some knowledge of God's ways of doing things. It certainly requires a prayerful relationship with his Holy

Spirit presence.

Again, Dr. Truett declared that to do the will of God is man's highest possible achievement. I heard him preach on this and I remember the words he added—"wherever it leads, whatever it costs."

This is the greatest achievement you or I have a chance to make in our lives—to do the will of God. Whether it brings fame or obscurity, wealth or poverty; whether it is easy to do or hard to do, this is the greatest and the deepest satisfaction one may gain in life.

To this I would add a third thing. I can't remember to whom I'm indebted for it. In addition to knowing the will of God and doing it, I need to love the will of God. The psalmist didn't just keep the law, he delighted in it (Ps. 1:2).

It is possible to be good purely because one is afraid to be bad. One man said, "I tithe because I'm afraid not to." This is the wrong motivation. It is my duty to know the will of God as best I may and to do the will of God as best I can, but I must also love his will. These three, "and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

Book makes one-way Olympic trip

David Book has a ticket to the Olympics, but he's decided to make it a one-way trip.

Book is pastor of the Baptist Chapel, a recently constituted Southern Baptist congregation which meets in a rambling, two-story, gray house on the main thoroughfare of Lake Placid, N. Y., site of the 1980 winter Olympics.



Along with two Southern Baptist Home Mission Board area missionaries, a US-2 couple from the panhandle of Oklahoma and a team of student volunteers, Book is working feverishly to see that a Christian presence is part of the celebrated, international festivities next winter.

But more importantly, the unique team is working to establish an effective Southern Baptist ministry that will be a part of the Lake Placid community long after the Olympics have left town.

"We're excited, of course, about the tremendous possibilities for ministry during the Olympics," says Book, "but our No. 1 priority all along has been to establish a church in Lake Placid."

Book has been an integral part of the Southern Baptist Olympic ministry since last summer when he took a 10-week sabbatical from his job as associate director of student work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention to work with Home Mission Board area missionaries Ken and Marilyn Prickett in Lake Placid.

With a small staff of student workers, he coordinated a summer program jammed with Bible studies, vacation Bible schools, backyard Bible clubs, puppet shows, concerts and, perhaps most importantly, a comprehensive religious survey of the community's 3000 residents which was sanctioned by the area clergy association.

At the end of the summer, Book was asked to return.

"I could think of 40 good reasons not to be here during the Olympics," Book recalls, "but we (he and his wife Marianne) eventually decided that this was a tremendous challenge, an opportunity that we just couldn't pass up."

Book resigned his job in Kentucky and moved his family to Lake Placid Dec. 1.

Although the pace since then has been hectic, the overall approach has been low-key, in keeping with the long-term strategy for Lake Placid mapped out in the fall of 1977 by the Pricketts and a special task force of representatives from the Home Mission Board, the Adirondack Baptist Association and the New York Baptist State Convention. Recognizing that a lasting acceptance by Lake Placid residents would not be achieved by an all-out Baptist blitz during the Olympics, the taskforce emphasized establishing contacts and cultivating relationships.

As Norman Bell, director of the Adirondack association for the past 18 years, explains, "You just don't come into a community cold turkey and announce that you're going to start a Baptist church."

Indeed, progress has been slow.

The Baptist Chapel began meeting last summer in a room in the Ramada Inn provided by the motel manager. On the first Sunday eight persons showed up. Five were members of the Southern Baptist ministry team, two were Campus Crusade for Christ workers and one was a Lake Placid resident—a Southern Baptist—who promptly announced, "I thought you'd never get here."

Attendance hasn't increased dramatically since then but there are signs the low-key strategy is paying off.

Although Southern Baptists are newcomers to the community, Book serves with other local clergymen on the Olympic religious affairs committee. The committee, a first in the history of the Olympics, is officially sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee.

Dan McCormick, coordinator of religious affairs for the Olympics, says the Southern Baptist team will be "an integral part" of the committee's efforts to meet the challenge of the first statute in the International Olympic Committee regulations which states that "host cities shall watch over the spiritual as well as the temporal well being of the athletes and visitors."

McCormick credits the Southern Baptist workers for "making it obvious from the very beginning that they are here to help meet the needs of the community."

One of the most pressing needs, Book feels, is something to counteract the tourist town boredom that draws low paid employees to the 56 bars in Lake Placid.

"Lake Placid is a great place to take a vacation," he explains, "but it can be a terribly boring place to live. The unemployment rate is very high during the off season, and even when people do have jobs it's hard for many of them to cope with the fact that they don't have money to throw around like the tourists who have a good time on \$200 a day."

Book hopes to use the house on Main Street as a place for Bible studies, Christian entertainment in a coffee house setting and lodging for Baptist mission groups who come to help. The building also houses the team of student volunteers who pay for their room and board by getting jobs in the community.

As for the Olympics, there is plenty to do. In addition to a limited ministry to the athletes, Book sees countless opportunities to meet the spiritual needs of the 50-60,000 spectators who will crowd into the resort area next winter.

"A lot of what we'll be doing is simply trying to hold people together spiritually and morally during all of this activity," he says candidly. "We won't be able to really get down to the brass tacks of ministry to the community until after the Olympics."

"I look for a long, hard haul. But I think it will be worth it."



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