

Del City: our biggest baptizer

While 14 Southern Baptist churches baptized 300 or more persons in 1978, another 8999—or 25.7 percent of the reporting churches—baptized one or less.

Southern Baptist churches baptized 336,050 persons last year. That figure represents a drop of 9640 over 1977's baptisms, which, in turn, was 38,806 lower than 1976 figures. Statistics are based on 34,989 reporting churches out of 35,404.

The 25.7 percent with one or less baptisms is made up of 6191 churches (3188 with 100 or more members) which baptized none and 2808 (2046 with 100 or more members) which baptized only one.

On the upper end of the baptism spectrum only 167 churches (less than one half of one percent) baptized 100 or more, according to statistics on the SBC's Uniform Church Letter, but statistics also show that 21,525 (61.5 percent) have 299 or fewer members.

First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., the SBC's second largest congregation with 12,217 members, led the denomination in baptisms with 1012. In fact, seven of the SBC's 10 largest congregations appear in the 14 churches with 300 or more baptisms. The 10 largest congregations range from 7572 to 20,045 in size.

The Oklahoma church is followed by First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. (the SBC's eighth largest), with 915 baptisms; North Phoenix (Ariz.) Church (ninth largest), 716; San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, Tex., 662; Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn. (fifth largest), 496; Eastwood Church, Tulsa, Okla., 476; First Church, Houston, Tex. (third largest), 456; First Church, Dallas (the largest), 436; Crescent City Church, Metairie, La., 332; First Church, Orlando, Fla., 331; Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala. (10th largest), 329; Broadway Church, Memphis, Tenn., 311; Northwest Church, Miami, Fla., 308; and Allendale Church, Austin, Tex., 305.

Stewardship Commission to charge in future for 'Together We Build'

Nothing is more practical than to charge the churches using "Together We Build" for the costs incurred by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission to administer the program, according to the commission.

The findings were made public at the commission's annual meeting in Ft. Worth, Tex., where commission members also approved a \$1,526,447 budget for 1979-80 and elected David C. (Bill) Bates chairman. Bates, a layman from Pineville, La., was previously vice chairman.

Projected Cooperative Program income from the commission's new budget is \$292,250, or 19.3 percent of the total. The remainder comes from the sale of materials for budget development and through fees charged to churches and institutions for major fund raising projects.

A motion to review those charges was passed at the 1978 Southern Baptist Convention sessions in Atlanta.

"Together We Build" is a fund raising technique generally used for building that secures money and pledges before a project is begun, thereby saving interest charges.

The Stewardship Commission, which gave "careful study" to the motion for alternate financing, employs 10 consultants who work exclusively with "Together We Build."

Its response to the convention in Houston will say its charges to churches are on a cost recovery basis; the cost for fund raising with "Together We Build" is less than with other fund raising approaches; and the fund raising consultants in "Together We Build" have a responsibility to all the programs of the churches.

KBC leaders take bold mission enterprise to the churches

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

Twelve conferences were held across the state last week to help translate Bold Mission Thrust from talk into action at the local church level. Bold Mission Thrust regional awareness conferences drew pastors and associational leaders throughout Kentucky.

Simultaneous sessions were held at three locations each of four nights: Monday (Mayfield, Dry Ridge, Somerset), Tuesday (Princeton, Louisville, Campbellsville), Thursday (Owensboro, Lexington, Paintsville) and Friday (Bowling Green, Morehead, Manchester).

KBC leadership offered ideas for mission action projects and distributed materials outlining resources and programs available to churches through the SBC and state convention.

As A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary, explained to a group at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, the denomination, state conven-

It's constitutional: 10 Commandments may be posted

According to Franklin Circuit Judge Squire Williams Jr. the 1978 state law providing for the posting of the 10 Commandments in public school classrooms is not in violation of the state or federal constitutions. The ruling came Mar. 20 as a result of a suit filed by the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union on behalf of five Louisville citizens. The suit challenged the constitutionality of the law.

Judge Williams said the law meets a four-factor test that has evolved in court rulings regarding questions of religious freedom and the protection of the United States Constitution.

He said it has a secular legislative purpose, its principal effect does not advance or inhibit religion, it does not foster an excessive government role in religion and it does not create a potential for a divisive political effect.

"The law does not foster the establishment of a religion, prohibit the exercise of religion, prefer one religious group over another, direct the manner in which worship shall be conducted, or explicitly infringe on any other constitutional safeguard," Williams said.

Williams also said the legislature had clearly stated the 10 Commandments were to be used for a secular purpose as part of the fundamental legal code of western civilization and the common law of the United States.

"The fact the 10 Commandments spring from a religious well does not in itself forever divorce their use for a secular purpose," Williams said.

William Stone, attorney for the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union who represented the plaintiffs, said he was disappointed but not discouraged. He also said a final decision had not been made but it was almost certain the case will be appealed and the issue could end up in the U. S. Supreme Court.

The law calls for the Kentucky Department of Education to help distribute the copies which are funded entirely by private donations. State superintendent of public instruction James Graham said he would make no move to implement the law until all legal appeals have been exhausted.

In the meantime individuals and groups in Louisville and over the state have raised funds to purchase framed copies of the 10 Commandments and have distributed them. In some Kentucky counties the plaques have been posted in every public school classroom. The original restraining order prohibiting the distribution of the plaques by the Kentucky Department of Education did not apply to individuals and groups.

tion and associations stand ready to assist the local churches.

And, he added, "If it (Bold Mission Thrust) is to be done, it's to be done by people in the local churches."

One of the prime purposes of the meetings last week was to involve associational leadership in planning association-wide church leadership meetings in September.

Conferees at the regional awareness meetings will go back to their associations, share resources with their associational leadership and set up the September meetings.

The church leadership meetings are intended to inform, motivate and train local church leadership for involvement in specific projects.

Jesse Stricker, director of the state Stewardship Promotion Department, told conferees in a general session at Bethlehem Church that they should work ardently in preparing for the church meetings.

"Work with the pastors in signing people up," he encouraged, "and order sample materials prior to the meeting."

Ideas for possible BMT projects proposed at the meeting centered around seven Bold Mission Thrust goals:

1. To give every person living within the area of the association an opportunity to hear the gospel and respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ.
2. To provide a New Testament place of fellowship for all people living within the area of the association.
3. To encourage church members to participate in mission service.
4. To find ways mission volunteers can be used in the association.
5. To equip the Christian to serve in mission activities.
6. To assist churches in stewardship development through providing adequate financial resources to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust objectives and goals.
7. To utilize the power of prayer for all Bold Mission Thrust objectives and goals in the state.

12 state meetings explore CT centers

The Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will conduct 12 equipping center interpretation and training conferences across the state beginning next week.

Equipping centers are a new additional approach to adult work in Church Training. New materials will be available for conferees to examine.

Sessions are set for 7-9:15 p.m. local time.

Host cities, churches and dates of the conferences:

Covington, Latonia, Apr. 2; Owensboro, Lewis Lane, Apr. 2; Henderson, Zion, Apr. 3; Hopkinsville, Trinity, Apr. 3; Lexington, Porter Memorial, Apr. 9; Bowling Green, Hillvue Heights, Apr. 10; Danville, Calvary, Apr. 10; Paducah, Immanuel, Apr. 23; Hazard, First, Apr. 24; Somerset, Camp Ground, Apr. 30; Russellville, Second, May 1; and Elizabethtown, Youngers Creek, May 8.

Florida names interim executive

J. Woodrow Fuller, director of missions for the Florida Baptist Convention since 1969, will be interim executive-secretary of the convention until a successor is named to Harold C. Bennett, newly elected executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

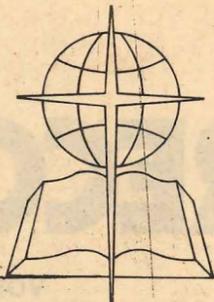
Alton Butler, pastor of the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, and chairman of the state convention's board of missions, named a search committee for Bennett's successor. James L. Monroe, Fort Walton pastor, is committee chairman.

The state executive board accepted Bennett's resignation, effective Apr. 30, following vacation time. They presented him with a new car in appreciation of his 11 years as executive secretary.

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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Daley Observations

Two tasks for the Radio and Television Commission

Members of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission have two important tasks. They must find a leader for the commission and they must decide the future directions for Southern Baptist radio and television programming.

The two tasks are related and neither can be approached without considering the other. The new president of the commission will necessarily have much to do with determining the direction of programming and the commissioners had better be certain their philosophy of programming and that of the new leader are compatible.

Paul Stevens, the highly successful president who has taken early retirement, will not be easy to replace. But surely there are many able persons among us who are prepared for such a ministry. The first group likely for consideration will be highly successful pastors who already have a favorable image among Southern Baptists. A large part of the job is public relations and the ability to persuade Southern Baptist budget makers to be generous is vital. Stevens was a master in this capacity.

The search committee for this agency will surely look not only at preachers but at laypersons for qualified prospects. While it is never proper to elect a layperson to leadership simply for the sake of having a layperson, it's a very proper occasion to look carefully at both laymen and laywomen who are specialists in mass communication and who otherwise are qualified to fill this important place.

The question as to what changes, if any, are to be made in the kind of religious programs produced by Southern Baptists is equally vital. News releases make it clear some members of the Radio and Television Commission were in disagreement with Stevens at this point. They wanted more programs with traditional preaching and direct evangelistic appeals than the indirect approach of most of the programs now produced.

The present approach has been defended on the grounds that we depend almost entirely upon radio and television stations for free time and the indirect approach receives more favorable consideration. Also the programs now are not aimed especially to church people who would more likely tune in worship services but toward those who would not select worship services but who might be attracted to country music, music for blacks, interviews with celebrities, etc. It's an outreach approach.

I believe the programming philosophy of Paul Stevens was sound and I never saw or heard a Radio and Television Commission program which did not have a Christian impact. It would

be most unfortunate for commission members to overreact to Stevens and his philosophy and make major changes in the present programming without thorough research and a depth long range study.

Disclosure now imperative

by R. G. Puckett,
Editor, *The Maryland Baptist*

Recent developments in Southern Baptist life make it absolutely imperative that clear and thorough disclosures of agency executive's compensations be made immediately. Serious questions are being raised by lay persons, pastors and denominational leaders. To stem the tide, we must put all the facts on the table.

The 1977 convention in Kansas City dealt with this matter. Reports indicate several persons inquired of the various agencies and institutions after the convention but it was anything but a groundswell. In the aftermath of the retirement benefits action for Porter W. Routh, retiring executive secretary of the SBC executive Committee, and the situation surrounding Paul Stevens and the Radio-Television Commission, Houston is apt to make Kansas City look mild.

We must have complete disclosure to reassure the questioners and show respect for the trusting and loyal. Many of us have complained about the finances of the big names in the electronic church; we Southern Baptists must be more than willing to reveal our situations if we have any credentials for evaluation and credibility in the issue.

Salaries must be spelled out clearly. Give the Executive Committee high marks for their clear figures for incoming executive secretary Harold Bennett. We do not need to be given several salaries grouped together nor do we have need for a range of salary (example: Minimum, \$25,000 to Maximum, \$33,000). We also need the salaries of at least the top three levels of leadership in any agency or institution.

Fringe benefits must be made very clear. No one could possibly object to adequate hospital and accident insurance, long-term disability, etc. But costs of these items to the employer should be clearly defined in the documentation.

Retirement benefits should be delineated between basic and beyond. The minimal plans are hardly adequate and in view of inflation, they would be hopelessly inadequate in 10 to 15 years. Thus, retirement benefits beyond the minimum plan are not only acceptable but encouraged. But let the total investment by the employer be clearly stated. If the chief executive has retirement benefits far exceeding other employees, they should never be lumped with the entire group in a major line item in the budget which prohibits the reader of the budget from knowing who gets what.

If fringe benefits such as an automobile and/or a credit card with which to run it are provided, that must be revealed. For many executives, travel is extensive and an auto is really a basic necessity but where the Baptist leader flies more than he drives, the automobile becomes a handsome fringe benefit.

Basic travel budgets are a non-profit item for the employe and for those who travel much, it is not the glamorous lifestyle it appears to be for

the non-traveler. However, a generous travel budget can become a fringe benefit for the executive and his wife. These items must be revealed.

If there is a house involved, rather than a housing allowance, the value of the home must be weighed over against the accumulation of equity which is possible for the person owning his own home. In these days of inflation, a handsome paper profit can be realized by just owning a home. The employe who lives in a home owned by his employer makes a sacrifice unless he is given the home or given lifetime living privileges in it, as is the case with Paul Stevens at the Radio-Television Commission. But only the most uninformed or unfair person can ignore the worth of housing provided by the employer. With the cost of maintenance and utilities in today's market, housing can become 35-40 percent of one's cost of living.

Southern Baptists do not need the controversies that are raging due to recent disclosures. The way to lay the matter to rest quickly and thoroughly is to provide complete disclosure before some messenger at Houston makes the motion and has a chorus of "Amens" to support it. The vote would no doubt be an overwhelming majority.

Wise agency heads will have the 1979 figures ready and they should be incorporated into the Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention. The mood of the times is for openness; the person who attempts to conceal is in trouble before he begins.

We have a Bold Mission Task. We ought not stumble along the way simply because we do not let the people know what they are providing for us to do the task.

Baptist Forum

Help stamp out malnutrition

To provide one meal to a hungry child in Bangladesh takes about 240 canceled American stamps of the ordinary variety; about 150 commemorative stamps, some 160 Christmas stamps and maybe 80 foreign stamps.

That sounds like a lot, but not when hundreds of people are saving used stamps.

That's the basis of the success of the Food for Stamps program founded by Lilamani Perera of Louisville in January 1976 through the Salvation Army in Louisville.

Used stamps now collected for the program in all 50 states and 26 countries are sold through the Salvation Army to dealers who in turn sell them to collectors.

To date \$3,549.30 has been raised. Every dollar serves 10 plates of food to undernourished children in Bangladesh.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have joined in the campaign, and a Buechel church this year sent in 317,000 stamps.

Companies are saving envelopes, and members of Senior House, residents of Rose Anna Hughes Presbyterian Home and other facilities volunteer time to trim stamps from the envelopes.

Used stamps may be mailed to Miss Perera in care of the Salvation Army, Box 2040, Louisville 40201, or may be hand-delivered to the Salvation Army at 216 W. Chestnut St.

Preferably, about ¼ inch of envelope should be left around the stamp.

Lynda Spoonamore, Stanford

Cooperative Program Statewide Giving Sept. 1, 1978— Feb. 28, 1979

By Associations

	Co-Op	Other	Total
ALLEN	.00	.00	.00
Bays Fork	.00	.00	.00
Bethel	.00	.00	.00
Bethlehem	.00	75.00	75.00
Big Spring	150.00	20.00	170.00
Cedar Cross	.00	.00	.00
Chestnut Point	.00	.00	.00
Dover	.00	95.00	95.00
Hanging Ford	.00	302.26	302.26
Harmony	233.00	150.00	383.00
Holland	.00	75.00	75.00
Hopewell	.00	50.00	50.00
Liberty	1,144.80	562.59	1,707.39
Mt Gilead	.00	.00	.00
New Bethel	.00	.00	.00
New Hope	422.35	250.00	672.35
New Middlefork	.00	.00	.00
New Salem	.00	112.56	112.56
Oak Forest 1	.00	.00	.00
Pleasant Home	50.00	120.00	170.00
Rough Creek	8,888.35	4,968.95	13,857.30
Scottsville	.00	.00	.00
Trammel Fork	.00	.00	.00
White Plains	342.32	188.30	530.62
Totals	11,230.82	6,969.66	18,200.48

	Co-Op	Other	Total
ANDERSON	.00	100.00	100.00
Alton	1,610.98	1,138.91	2,749.89
Ballard	86.44	106.98	193.42
Battle	.00	.00	.00
Fellowship	180.00	168.10	348.10
Friendship	.00	50.00	50.00
Glensboro	424.00	168.00	592.00
Goshen	124.00	48.00	172.00
First Lawrencebu	11,944.83	2,863.33	14,808.16
Mt Pleasant	403.37	28.55	431.92
Pleasant Grove	.00	24.00	24.00
Sand Spring	6,414.00	750.64	7,164.64
Tyrone	290.00	150.00	440.00
Van Buren	40.00	.00	40.00
Totals	21,517.62	5,596.51	27,114.13

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BELL	.00	.00	.00
Alva	.00	.00	.00
Arjay	.00	225.00	225.00
Bennetts Fork	60.00	50.00	110.00
Bethlehem	.00	22.00	22.00
Binghamtown	849.51	.00	849.51
Blue Ridge	.00	18.00	18.00
Caloway	512.22	69.07	581.29
Calvary	.00	.00	.00
Antioch Crenoa	.00	.00	.00
Clear Fork	.00	.00	.00
Coldiron	75.45	.00	75.45
Dunlap Hollow Miss	.00	.00	.00
E Cumberland Ave	909.75	1,138.18	2,047.93
East Jellico	1,495.56	1,495.56	2,991.12
East Pineville	.00	222.71	222.71
Ferndale	.00	.00	.00
1st Middlesboro	9,497.10	4,023.18	13,520.28
1st Pineville	3,350.00	6,370.21	9,720.21
1st Blackmont	585.00	72.05	657.05
Fonde	102.03	60.37	162.40
Furman	.00	.00	.00
Garmeda Mission	70.59	25.00	95.59
Harmony	.00	.00	.00
Pine Grove	.00	68.60	68.60
Henderson Hall Mis	55.00	.00	55.00
Hensley Chapel	.00	.00	.00
Hosman	1,087.28	492.33	1,579.61
Insull	.00	38.40	38.40
Jenson	.00	86.80	86.80
Kettle Island	.00	105.50	105.50
Meldrun	.00	.00	.00
Mill Creek	.00	510.74	510.74
Millers Chapel	.00	.00	.00
Moss Chapel	15.00	100.00	115.00
Mt Vary	.00	.00	.00
New Mine	.00	.00	.00
Newtown	328.55	30.26	358.81
Northside	.00	200.00	200.00
Oakdale	.00	.00	.00
New Testament Miss	.00	.00	.00
Old Cannon Creek	.00	.00	.00
Old Salem 1	.00	.00	.00
Old Salem 2	.00	.00	.00
Old Straight Creek	.00	.00	.00
Old Yellow Creek	3,645.28	3,588.80	7,234.08
Pathfork	150.00	175.87	325.87
Pleasant Grove	.00	.00	.00
Red Oak	.00	.00	.00
Richardsons Chapel	.00	.00	.00
Riverside	610.51	177.95	788.46
Riverview	492.26	1,162.46	1,654.72
Southside	636.25	409.50	1,045.75
Mt Hebron	.00	.00	.00
Stoney Fork	254.24	23.40	277.64
Tracy Branch	.00	.00	.00
Tuggleville	258.94	172.00	430.94
Veriflo	.00	100.00	100.00
Wasito	75.00	335.00	410.00
West Cumberland	349.96	68.40	418.36
West Pineville	881.63	400.00	1,281.63
Whipple Mission	.00	.00	.00
Totals	26,347.11	20,541.78	46,888.89

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BETHEL	.00	.00	.00
Adairville	4,515.00	1,383.05	5,898.05
Auburn	8,003.65	9,919.50	17,923.15
Calvary	693.43	2,630.56	3,323.99
Dripping Springs	1,024.91	696.00	1,720.91
Elkton	4,183.33	2,362.60	6,545.93
First Russellville	16,551.43	6,093.43	22,644.86
Forest Grove	1,435.00	360.92	1,795.92
Guthrie	2,686.73	1,326.77	4,013.50
Keysburg	227.37	.00	227.37
Mt Gilead	482.73	594.50	1,077.23
Mt Zion	233.00	472.00	705.00
New Hope	985.15	707.32	1,692.47

	Co-Op	Other	Total
New Union	2,848.29	2,192.82	5,041.11
Post Oak	4,975.67	2,493.89	7,469.56
Russellville Secor	4,562.91	977.00	5,539.91
Sharon Grove	600.46	117.75	718.21
Spring Valley	228.75	90.00	318.75
Tiny Town	170.00	326.00	496.00
Trenton	4,102.00	1,465.25	5,567.25
Walnut Grove	1,975.18	605.00	2,580.18
Whippoorwill	976.76	379.70	1,356.46
Southern Heights	1,782.12	353.75	2,135.87
Woodlawn	1,947.86	899.83	2,847.69
Totals	65,191.79	28,447.54	93,639.33

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BLACKFORD	30.00	.00	30.00
Blackford	1,813.33	935.80	2,749.13
Central	388.77	42.08	430.85
Chestnut Grove	670.00	165.45	835.45
Dawson Memorial	182.95	75.00	257.95
Friendly Grove	100.00	50.00	150.00
Friendship	.00	.00	.00
Hawesville	4,725.10	5,262.15	9,987.25
Lewisport	5,668.65	3,098.70	8,767.35
Mt Eden	1,076.00	.00	1,076.00
Newton Springs	322.00	542.00	864.00
Panther Creek	614.53	.00	614.53
Patesville	793.70	.00	793.70
Pellville	5,435.15	2,417.43	7,852.58
Poplar Grove	.00	.00	.00
Roseville	.00	.00	.00
Union	846.37	204.80	1,051.17
West Point	152.46	130.78	283.24
Totals	22,819.01	12,924.19	35,743.20

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BLOOD RIVER	.00	500.00	500.00
Altona	1,323.27	1,528.17	2,851.44
Bethel	3,904.04	1,464.05	5,368.09
Bethlehem	388.22	.00	388.22
Blood River	163.03	220.86	383.89
Briensburg	7,201.84	899.80	8,101.64
Calvert City First	8,463.67	3,244.15	11,707.82
Calvary Missionary	36.00	113.39	149.39
Cherry Corner	3,600.03	1,039.01	4,639.04
Coldwater	72.00	.00	72.00
Dexter	784.56	719.00	1,503.56
Elm Grove	5,269.75	1,750.70	7,020.45
Ferguson Springs	170.00	333.00	503.00
First Murray	20,714.00	33,587.66	54,301.66
First Missionary	6,043.36	3,208.93	9,252.29
Flint	2,835.37	2,463.48	5,298.85
Gilbertsville	1,764.27	436.00	2,200.27
Grace	2,543.30	1,316.43	3,859.73
Hamlet	1,268.64	206.65	1,475.29
Hardin	.00	807.38	807.38
Hazel	5,873.84	907.92	6,781.76
Kirksey	1,700.12	247.00	1,947.12
Lakeview	1,291.97	.00	1,291.97
Ledbetter	239.22	239.60	478.82
Locust Grove	3,491.89	1,473.45	4,965.34
Mars Hill	30.00	48.00	78.00
Memorial	7,030.18	2,098.04	9,128.22
New Bethel	1,200.00	3,600.00	4,800.00
New Harmony	7,988.77	200.00	8,188.77
New Mt Carmel	6,237.87	300.00	6,537.87
New Hope	.00	.00	.00
New Zion	2,382.85	242.07	2,624.92
Walnut Street	1,626.91	148.71	1,775.62
Oak Grove	363.32	159.65	522.97
Hill Top	142.35	18.00	160.35
Olive Missionary	2,749.84	760.96	3,510.80
Owens	.00	129.25	129.25
Pleasant Hope	.00	100.00	100.00
Poplar Springs	887.64	511.61	1,399.25
Pleasant Valley	225.00	225.00	450.00
Salem	2,205.09	175.05	2,380.14
Scotts Grove	300.00	500.00	800.00
Sharpe	1,080.00	340.00	1,420.00
Sinking Spring	2,032.00	2,709.90	4,741.90
South Marshall	20.00	60.17	80.17
Spring Creek	700.00	303.00	1,003.00
Sugar Creek	400.00	135.00	535.00
Union Ridge	718.76	322.70	1,041.46
Van Zora	1,430.87	286.66	1,717.53
West Bethel	203.00	2,231.18	2,434.18
Zions Cause	1,743.23	1,765.25	3,508.48
Northside	733.00	405.55	1,138.55
Totals	15,966.07	74,482.38	90,448.45

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BOONES CREEK	.00	.00	.00
Allansville	1,350.89	969.04	2,319.93
Beech Grove	158.00	23.71	181.71
Boones Creek	3,750.00	8,825.00	12,575.00
Calvary	1,604.53	1,150.81	2,755.34
Central	22,200.72	11,508.32	33,709.04
Clay City	150.00	.00	150.00
Corinth	2,657.85	1,333.22	3,991.07
Cow Creek	605.00	200.00	805.00
Emmanuel	90.00	80.35	170.35
Ephesus	3,574.52	1,144.80	4,719.32
Faith	44.00	.00	44.00
Irvine	510.13	740.00	1,250.13
Friendship	851.07	375.73	1,226.80
Greenbrier	33.89	16.00	49.89
Heidelberg	343.08	102.00	445.08
Howards Mill	.00	122.02	122.02
Ivory Hill	158.28	474.85	633.13
Jeffersonville	493.61	482.49	976.10
Kiddville	401.64	.00	401.64
Macedonia	802.45	433.00	1,235.45
Mt Olive	553.00	315.05	868.05
Northside	1,388.00	479.96	1,867.96
Panola	412.76	220.00	632.76
Powells Valley	209.61	93.00	302.61
Providence CC	632.00	153.47	785.47
Providence EC	249.00	471.00	720.00
Reid Village	.00	373.50	373.50
Salem	256.67	861.98	1,118.65
Spring Street	280.00	240.00	520.00
Thomas	120.00	150.00	270.00
Valley View Mission	53.30	.00	53.30
William Memorial	378.21	362.50	740.71
Totals	44,312.21	31,710.80	76,023.01

	Co-Op	Other	Total
BOONEVILLE	.00	.00	.00
Big Creek	300.00	293.92	593.92
First Booneville	825.52	880.40	1,705.92
Corinth	.00	.00	.00
Crane Creek	.00	.00	.00
Flat Creek	.00	.00	.00
Gray Fork	279.67	.00	279.67
Horse Creek	4,222.38	3,750.00	7,972.38
Hubbard Cemetery	.00	.00	.00
Hopewell Missionary	.00	.00	.00
Island Creek	1,355.59	845.03	2,200.62
Lily Grove	.00	.00	.00
Lytleton	.00	1,817.00	1,817.00
Macedonia	864.70	668.20	1,532.90
Manchester	3,800.00	3,848.59	7,648.59
Muddy Gap	.00	.00	.00
New Home	833.24	100.00	933.24
New Hope 1	.00	50.00	50.00
New Prospect	62.49	10.00	72.49
Oneida	75.00	390.00	465.00
Pleasant Point	.00	50.00	50.00
Pleasant Run	1,178.42	374.56	1,552.98
Royal Oak	.00	.00	.00
Second Black Water	225.95	166.30	392.25
Vincent	37.00	37.50	74.50
Whitehall	.00	.00	.00
Zion	51.98	203.00	254.98
Totals	14,788.94	13,484.50	28,273.44

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Second Highland Park	.00	.00	Big Rock Bottom	40.00	80.00	120.00	Akersville	50.00	335.50	385.50	Antioch	45.50	135.55	181.05	Aetna Grove	2,586.94	2,032.91	4,619.85	Callahan	.00	.00	.00	First Whiteley City	6,254.81	1,721.43	7,976.24	Benton	1,183.89	421.25	1,605.14
Highland Park First	4,275.26	2,023.90	Gays Creek	.00	100.00	100.00	First Fountain Run	389.29	1,177.14	1,566.43	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Bethel	8,960.17	3,995.31	12,955.48								
Highview	14,276.57	5,083.49	Mt Paran	.00	.00	.00	Gamaliel	1,897.18	399.93	2,297.11	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Braxtons Chapel	.00	.00	.00								
Hillsdale	1,805.98	1,100.80	Totals	40.00	180.00	220.00	Indian Creek	1,094.00	378.16	1,472.16	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Brunas Chapel	6,563.04	3,503.22	10,066.26								
Hillview	4,423.03	1,083.99					Mill Creek	383.18	158.43	541.61	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Buena Vista	.00	.00	.00								
Hopewell	2,986.02	2,219.98					Monroe	90.00	121.90	211.90	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Burgin	13,045.33	1,909.56	14,954.89								
Hurstbourne	14,653.97	5,891.84					New Design	.00	.00	.00	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	2,454.86	537.47	2,992.33	Calvary	1,400.17	1,876.09	3,276.26								
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Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Seventh anniversary at Morningside
Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville, will celebrate its seventh anniversary Sunday, Apr. 1.

Franklin Owen, KBC executive secretary, will speak in the 11 a.m. service.

A basket dinner on the grounds will follow at 12:30 p.m. In the afternoon, Robert A. Young, associate pastor at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and Ken Griffin, director of church development for Long Run Association, will speak.

The church has set an anniversary offering goal of \$7000 to complete a Sunday school annex.

Harold G. Sanders is pastor.

Bennett was at Westport Church
Harold C. Bennett, newly elected executive secretary of Southern Baptists, was pastor of Westport Baptist Church in Oldham County instead of West Point, Ky., as reported in the Feb. 28 Western Recorder.

Personnel

Crawley departs Stamping Ground

Dan S. Crawley III has resigned as pastor of Stamping Ground Baptist Church after serving five years. His resignation was effective Apr. 1.

Crawley was called as interim pastor at Stamping Ground in March 1974 only a few days before the Apr. 3 destructive tornado wrecked the 116-year-old building. Crawley was in the building at the time and escaped injury by taking refuge under a desk.

Crawley led in the construction of new facilities which were dedicated Sept. 12, 1976. Church members praised Crawley for his leadership through these difficult days in the life of the church.

Stevenson to New Salem Church
Stanley Stevenson, a native of Somers-

set, was called as pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Stanford, in Lincoln County Association.

He is a former pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Somerset, and a current fourth-year student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

He and his wife, the former Linda Hansford, have two children, Keith, 3½, and Micah, 7 months.

They will move to Stanford in May following graduation.

Wayne Lester to Hyattsville Church
J. Wayne Lester, a Southern Seminary student, accepted the pastorate of Hyattsville Baptist Church, Rte. 1, Lancaster.

He began Mar. 14.

A native of Georgia, Lester attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and earned a BBA degree in accounting from Georgia State.

He was pastor of Rockbridge Baptist Church, Willisburg, before coming to Hyattsville.

He and his wife, the former Laurel June Hare of Muscadine, Ala., have a daughter, Meredith Renea, 3.

Deaths

Kenneth Beckett dies in Maysville
Kenneth Beckett, 63, Rte 1, Augusta, died Feb. 9 at Hayswood Hospital, Maysville.

He was a member of Brooksville (Ky.) Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife Octa Pucini; a daughter Shirley, at home; and a brother Clarence, Brooksville.

The family has requested that memorials be made to Brooksville Church or the Kentucky Baptist children's homes.

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INTERNATIONAL SERIES

1 Corinthians 11:20-22 In the church at Corinth a love feast was held prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper. There were some grave disorders on the part of some members in connection with its observance which resulted in the disapproval of Paul. Some selfish individuals refused to share the food with those who were less able to bring food. Some of these gluttonous individuals also drank sufficiently to become intoxicated and ten attempted to observe the Lord's Supper in that disgusting condition.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-27 Paul hastened to give the Corinthian Christians explicit instructions about the proper way in which to observe the Lord's Supper. In the Upper Room in Jerusalem on the night of his betrayal the Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in express recognition and for the everlasting remembrance of his death of torture, agony and ignominy.

Concerning this ordinance Paul emphasized three things:

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Romans 14:1-4, 10, 13-17 Paul refused to compromise the truth. He urged mature Christians to exercise great care lest they influence their weaker brethren to violate their consciences and indulge in sin. Paul reminded his readers of the folly of participating in fruitless disputations which disrupted the fellowship and unity of the church of which they were members.

Friction arose over a difference of opinion as to whether or not Christians should eat meat which had been offered as a sacrifice to idols and later found its way into the public markets. Paul emphasized that neither should criticize nor condemn the other. Judgment is a matter that is reserved for the Divine Judge.

Every earnest Christian should consider it a privilege and a duty to avoid doing anything that will be displeasing or offensive to God, or that will cause another person to do wrong. Any Christian should be willing to forego his own

Celebrate and proclaim

1. It is a practice. The silent bread and voiceless wine tell the onlookers that Christ died in order that sinners might receive eternal life through his broken body and outpoured blood.

2. It is a proclamation. His death for us is what is held up to view in the Supper, and that should give gratitude to our hearts, purity to our thoughts, quality to our words and tone to our actions.

3. It is a prophecy. Every time we observe the Lord's Supper we proclaim that Christ is coming again according to his own promise.

1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Each member is rightfully and earnestly admonished to indulge in a personal self-examination, with thoughtful consideration being given to his spiritual condition—confession his personal sins to God and receiving divine forgiveness for wrong attitudes and actions, his motive for participating in the observance of this ordinance, and his being careful to avoid doing so unworthily.

When church members disagree

personal liberties if the exercise of them should cause another person to sin or impede the progress of the Lord's work.

Romans 15:1-3, 7 Addressing the strong Christians, Paul urged them to recognize their obligation to manifest a vital interest in and concern about the weaker brethren. True Christians are to devote themselves to the task of helping others, even though it may involve embarrassment, unpleasantness, numerous difficulties and lack of appreciation. Christ did not give up and quit working with those who needed him, even though they did not respond favorably to his overtures, and neither should we. Those of us within the fellowship of the redeemed must not set any limit to our brotherly love that Christ has not set. God's glory is the supreme end in all Christian attitudes, actions and activities, whether private or public.

Frank Owen

Consensus leadership

There are different kinds of leaders and leadership. Some are called leaders but really are not. They are drivers. They drive the people to do what they want them to do, often by scolding and bluffing. Possibly drivers are sometimes required. It depends on the kind of people. For example, I have always heard you can cluck to a thoroughbred and he will give you his very best but if you cluck to a mule he might kick you. Mules have to be driven rather than led and maybe mulish people must be driven to get anywhere. Even so, I don't recommend such leadership. Better that we train people beyond their mulish ways.

Then, there is that strong-headed leader who knows where he is going and simply contends for his point until the people give in. Maybe he even comes to the meeting, having already talked with the Lord and reached a conclusion. The people are simply given a choice, whether to support him and the Lord or to oppose them. Occasionally I

have seen this kind of leadership make strong headway for a season. Possibly this is better than the driver but again I cannot quite endorse the leader who conspires with the Lord and puts the people in an "either-or" position to follow, or else.

I recommend the consensus leader. He is a man who strives to gather other minds and thresh things out with them, putting together a reasonable consensus of leadership core and continuing to grow that circle of agreement wider and wider, enlisting his entire congregation or at least the overwhelming majority of it on the road together. He lets the people feel they have a thoughtful part in things. They feel the project is theirs and they are doing it together rather than just supporting the pastor's project. This is leadership—consensus leadership.

It may not get quite as far, quite as fast, but the gained ground will be better held and better consolidated. It takes patience, pastor. Sometimes you have to wait for the people but it is the way to get all the flock (or at least most of it) across the chasm.

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Aug. 1, SBC World Hunger Day

Aug. 1 has been designated World Hunger Day in the denominational calendar. Churches are urged to plan an emphasis on that date or another suitable time.

The executive board work group on world hunger is preparing resource material to be mailed in April. The Christian Life Commission, Home Mission Board, WMU and Brotherhood Commission of Southern Baptist Convention are also preparing material.

For Kentucky Baptists, the channel for giving is through the executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Monies collected in Kentucky are forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board. Because of the Cooperative Program and a network of missionaries on the field, every dollar given can go for the specific need of world hunger.

Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists lead in support of ABS work

The Southern Baptist Convention broke its own record of regular American Bible Society giving last year with contributions of \$309,204, an increase of \$57,296 from 1977.

This is the first time any denomination — through regular contributions alone, exclusive of special one-time gifts — has gone over the \$300,000 mark.

The Southern Baptist churches have topped the list of contributors to the American Bible Society 14 times in the last 15 years.

Six denominations are having their highest year ever of regular giving to support the ongoing program of the ABS. They are: Southern Baptist Convention, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Seventh-Day Adventists, Apostolic Christian Churches of America, Church of the Nazarene and Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, is a nonprofit, nondenominational organization whose sole purpose is the translation, publication and distribution of the holy scriptures without doctrinal note or comment.

HMB directors act on world hunger

Directors of the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board showed their concern for world hunger during their annual spring meeting with an "austerity meal."

The directors voted to continue the observance on an annual basis and to invite other Southern Baptist groups — even the SBC annual meeting — to join them in their observance.

During the "austerity meal" directors ate soup and bread, contributing the difference between that and a full meal to world hunger relief. "We generated about \$200," said Bill Turner, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, who proposed the idea and then made the motion to continue the observance.

"The semi-emptiness of our stomachs may have sensitized us to the plight of more than 400-million people around the world whose lives are threatened

by hunger," he said. "World hunger is not going to go away; the only way we can combat it is through a sustained response."

Turner said world hunger has become a "personal concern" and added the Kentucky Baptist executive board has participated in an annual "austerity meal" observance for several years.

The funds will be sent as a designated offering to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

NLRB may not force unionizing

A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that the National Labor Relations Board may not force administrators of parochial school systems to permit their lay teachers to unionize.

In a 5-4 opinion the high court avoided addressing directly the constitutional issue raised by the Roman Catholic bishops of Chicago and Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc., that NLRB jurisdiction over union activities in parochial schools violates the no establishment of religion clause of the First Amendment.

Instead the court declared "there would be a significant risk of infringement of the religion clauses of the First Amendment if the National Labor Relations Act conferred jurisdiction over church-operated schools."

Pastoral chair assured at SBTS

Lawrence Hoover, Baptist layman from Alexandria, Va., has provided in his estate for the permanent endowment of a named professorship at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as part of the seminary's \$10 million "Resources for Excellence" campaign.

This action guarantees the completion of the endowment for the Lawrence and Charlotte Hoover Chair of Pastoral Care, which Hoover has already partially funded with major cash gifts.

The new chair brings the total raised in the campaign to \$5 million.

Ridgecrest retreat scheduled for married young adults May 25-28

"Making Good Marriages Better" is the theme of the third annual Memorial Day Weekend Married Young Adult Retreat to be held at Ridgecrest May 25-28.

The conference will include sessions on relationships, communication, conflict and worship. A book, Making Good Marriages Better, by Robert D. and Carrie Kondy Dale, will be a basis for the session content.

Resource persons will include Wallace and Juanita Denton, Lafayette, Ind., David and B. J. Dean, Mobile, Ala. and Larry Phillips, Hickory, N. C. David and Linda Ford, Nashville, Tenn., will lead the music.

"This conference provides a time for a couple to assess their marriage and determine goals for strengthening their relationship," said Dennis Conniff, coordinator of the retreat which is sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.