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## Baptists' No. 1 concern? For the 80s, it's family life, says Morton Rose

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"The most critical issue facing Southern Baptists in the eighties is family life," a denominational exponent said in a futuristic thinking seminar in Louisville last week.

"According to the most sophisticated research we can obtain, family concerns have moved into first place in priority among Baptists," according to Morton Rose, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's office of planning.

He said family needs were ranked second at the beginning of the seventies and have since replaced training church leaders as the primary concern across the denomination.

Rose suggested that before the decade of the eighties is over denominational leaders will begin moving from age level specialization to a family and peer-oriented specialization in their programing attempts.

He also predicted an increased multicultural approach in the decade just ahead, striking down language and ethnic barriers and communicating love to the masses in words they can understand.

Rose cited recent statistics indicating that in only 16% of American families today is the husband-father the sole provider. He also emphasized the tremendous growth of singleness—individuals who have never married, whose partner has died or who have been divorced. A show of hands of those present indicated many of the churches represented have singles ministries today while none existed a decade ago.

Also addressing the futuristic seminar James E. Rennell, director of church services, Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Fellowship, warned, "We have reached a saturation point in Baptist meetings." He called for denominational leaders to come forward with a new model to communicate with the people in the eighties.

"The person that's going to reflect change in Baptist life in the future is the doer," said Rennell. "He's a risk taker and a decision maker. The paralysis of a church is its inability to decide."

Rose contributed to the theme.

"The reason we can't meet the challenges and opportunities of our day is we give little thought to direction," he inferred.

"While we cannot plan our future, we can plan alternatives. Under God's leadership, we ought to be in control of that."

The futuristic thinking seminar was sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department.



Rose



Rennell

## SBTS trustees pick Crabtree

T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., has been elected chairman of the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He succeeds Joseph Stopher of Louisville.



Doris Mullendore

## Bowling Green woman, Mrs. Doris Mullendore, elected FMB's first veep

Mrs. Ray Mullendore of Bowling Green has been elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

An active member of First Baptist Church of her city, Mrs. Mullendore told Western Recorder in an interview two years ago, "I don't know why the Lord called me to serve on the Foreign Mission Board but it's definitely been the most rewarding time of my life."

Doris Mullendore was first elected to the board in 1973 and to a second term in 1977. She will be ineligible to serve another term when the current one expires in 1981. She has also been the board's recording secretary.

Other officers recently elected include John W. Patterson, pastor of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., president; John Goodwin, pastor, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., second vice president; Mrs. L. G. Hicks Jr., Clarksville, Ga., recording secretary; and Elizabeth Minshew, Richmond, Va., assistant recording secretary.

## New congregation begun from charismatic division of North Carolina church

E. W. (Buddy) Price Jr., who resigned recently as pastor of the 2867-member Green Street Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., has accepted the pastorate of a newly organized congregation in High Point to be known as Grace Baptist Church.

Price and three staff members resigned at a church conference two weeks after the congregation approved 10 guidelines recommended by deacons in response to spread of the charismatic movement in High Point. The staff felt enforcement of the guidelines would create a restrictive situation.

The new 300-member congregation, formed out of the Green Street Church, also has called the three staff members who resigned at Green Street Church at the time Price did. They are Melvin B. Anderson, minister of religious education; James Davidson, minister of music; and James A. Purvis, minister of youth.

Plans call for the church, which was to hold its first worship service May 6, to cooperate with the Central Baptist Association and the North Carolina and Southern Baptist conventions.

The church has adopted a statement of "common commitment" at its first organization meeting. It reads, "We are committed to the building of a Southern Baptist church, a fellowship that is completely autonomous but cooperating with other Baptist churches in common missionary endeavors."

## Carter says human rights activists in Soviet Union have not been forgotten

While declining to predict future agreements with the Soviet Union such as the one that brought Russian Baptist pastor Georgi Vins and four others to this country, President Carter declared "we have not forgotten any human rights activist in the Soviet Union."

Responding to a question at his Apr. 30 news conference Carter said the recent exchange of the five dissidents for two convicted Soviet spies "was the result of long and tedious and detailed negotiations" which extended "at least over a six-month period."

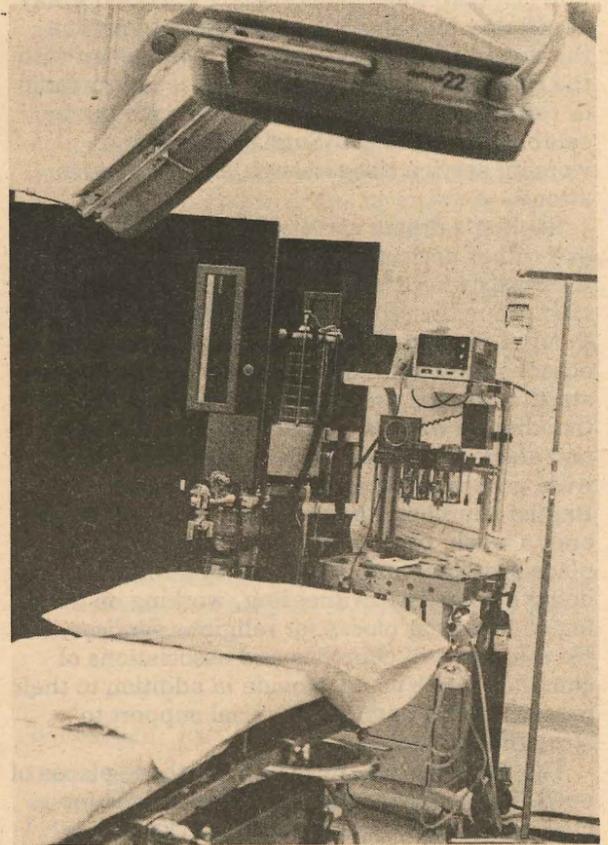
The President declared "the final agreement was approved personally by me and, I presume, by President Brezhnev."

He also revealed the negotiating process was prolonged at least in part by his repeated rejection of names on possible exchange lists submitted by the Soviets. "The identity of the human rights activists who came here from the Soviet Union was one that was the subject of detailed negotiations. When the Soviets would put forward names, . . . we would assess those names and repeatedly reject them because we did not think they were adequate," Carter said.

"In my final judgment . . . I felt that the list of names was a fair exchange and therefore approved them," he said.

In declining to predict future similar exchanges, the President also said he could not reveal "any more details" about the exchange. That final comment would appear to leave open the possibility that negotiations for the release of other dissidents may be underway already or pursued in future months.

## Medically speaking

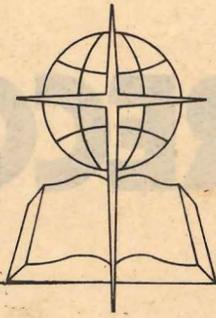


The new surgical suite and recovery room at Highlands Baptist Hospital, Louisville, boast the latest in equipment and furnishings. Renovated and fully equipped at a cost of \$800,000, the unit includes modern surgical lighting, piped in anesthetic gases, piped in nitrogen for air powered equipment, a washer sterilizer and ultrasonic cleaner for instruments, a room for sterile supplies, enlarged recovery room and more efficient control desk.

*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

*Matching resources with needs*

### A convention president's dream

Kentucky Baptist Convention president Hicks Shelton has a dream. And being a practical man, Shelton wants to see his dream become a reality. His dream is prompted by the conviction there are available resources among Kentucky Baptists to confront every Kentuckian personally with the gospel now. His goal is to fit these available resources to the existing needs.

Shelton has always been mission minded. In his early ministry he struggled with the decision to become a missionary. Though this didn't turn out, he led the congregations he served as pastor to establish and support several new missions and churches. His 12 years as evangelism director for Kentucky Baptists were also used to foster his missionary zeal. The first two years of his official retirement were spent as an associational missionary.

When he was elected president of the convention last November Shelton took it as God's way of offering him another opportunity to pursue the dream of confronting every Kentuckian with the gospel. His idea of doing this is not by radio or television or other haphazard means but by establishing a regular Sunday school and worship service close enough for everyone to attend.

Shelton's dream and Bold Mission Thrust fit each other perfectly. Why not seek out places in Kentucky where there is no gospel witness and start a Sunday school and worship service, thought Shelton. He shared his ideas with some others and found ready response. Shelton understood a mission program is going on all the time but he wanted something extra and over and above the present efforts. He knew there were groups of persons in many Kentucky Baptist churches who are ready to give a weekend, a week, two weeks or more in some remote place searching out prospects for a mission, doing evangelistic witnessing, working on building or repairing places for religious services, etc. He also knew of churches and associations of churches which could provide in addition to their present giving ongoing financial support to struggling situations.

The first step was to search out these places of need. Generally the first direction to look for missionary opportunities in Kentucky is the mountains where, due to isolation and other factors, there are many families and communities in remote areas without a Baptist witness.

And so began a three-day mission journey week before last of Shelton accompanied by Kentucky Baptist mission director Bob Jones and Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley.

With modern highways it is easy to reach the mountains in a short time. After a stop in Rich-

mond for a lunch of bean soup and cornbread and another stop to see the new facilities of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Berea, we moved rapidly through the rolling bluegrass land into the mountainous terrain of Jackson and Clay counties.

Our first major stop and examination of mission opportunities was in Hyden and Leslie County which is truly a challenging opportunity. In Hyden Walter Campbell, community missionary as well as pastor of the Hyden Baptist congregation, became our guide. In a van we made a seemingly impossible journey up Heller-Sartin Creek. Several miles up the creek we arrived at Kaliopi where an abandoned church building owned by the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination stands. Campbell has become burdened for some regular witness at Kaliopi on Heller-Sartin Creek and has a promise to use or lease the Christian and Missionary Alliance building. He needs both money and men for such an effort because the Hyden congregation is short of both.

A bright spot in Leslie County witness is the recently reopened church at Confluence, located at the headwaters of Buckhorn Lake. Here a group of Crabtree Church in Owensboro has come each summer for several years to conduct vacation Bible schools and revivals. As a result the mission now has a pastor and regular services.

From Hyden it was on to Hazard and Perry County. On the way was Wooten, a strong work growing from a small beginning several years ago. A new pastorium at Wooten is almost complete.

Another stop before Hazard was Big Creek. Here is a very strong church with a very able pastor, Drew Martin. The sanctuary is entirely too small for the growing congregation but an educational and activities building big enough for Perry County is under construction.

We arrived in Hazard too late for a visit with Herb Jukes of First Baptist Church or the pastors of other Hazard Baptist congregations. Business is good in Hazard as attested by the fact there was only one motel room available in which all three of us slept.

Our first stop the next morning was Whitesburg. Now there's a church and there's a pastor and staff unsurpassed anywhere. Pastor Bill Mackey is recognized as one of the ablest anywhere and has been offered other pastorates and denominational jobs only to stick to the work there. At least three strong missions with two new buildings have been started in recent years and a fleet of buses brings children and adults from remote areas to Whitesburg and to its missions.

There's little doubt that at the present rate Mackey and his congregation will reach every unchurched area in Letcher County before many years. But they do not have the financial nor human resources to do all of it. They depend upon many groups from all over the country to come in, especially in summer, to conduct vacation Bible schools and revivals, to build buildings and to do countless other things. The task of coordinating so many activities and projects keeps Mackey busy.

In Jenkins in Letcher County on the Kentucky-Virginia line we were greeted by pastor Glen Noe who once was Mackey's associate and who shares his ability and insights. Here we found a ready made project for a group of outside men or several families who want to go to a mission field

and give some time in mission service. The Jenkins congregation after three years of conducting vacation Bible schools at Dorton has recently voted to begin a regular Sunday school and worship service there. The vacation Bible schools enrolled as many as 80 children.

Noe admits the manpower and money for such a venture are limited and would welcome some outside help. He preaches at Dorton which is actually in Pike County instead of Letcher at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and hastens back to Jenkins for the regular morning service.

After Jenkins came Pikeville and Pike County, the largest county east of the Mississippi and one of the most challenging. Almost 90,000 souls live in Pike County and more are coming for the coal industry and its related businesses. On the average mobile homes have increased in Pike County at the rate of 40 per month since 1970.

Pikeville's First Baptist Church is another strong one. In Pike County there are already 19 Baptist churches and four missions but association mission director John Pate pointed out 11 additional places where Baptist work is now needed. In spite of the witness of present Baptist churches and other denominations, Pike County is 78 percent unchurched.

Our mission tour was slightly sidetracked Friday afternoon and night for a visit with Enterprise Association Baptists who were having their first split session associational meeting at Maytown. It was devoted entirely to fellowship and preaching and is a story in itself.

On Saturday morning we headed back west in the rain. On the way we stopped at West Liberty in Morgan County and Frenchburg in Menifee County. These are the only active Baptist churches in these counties. Both churches are trying to reach out to areas unchurched but often find their own home bases too weak to be very effective in outreach. At Means in Menifee County we found another place in dire need of a Baptist witness.

What did the three-day missionary journey teach us? For one thing whatever it taught us, we did not become experts. Bob Jones has a clear insight and a firm grasp on mission opportunities all over Kentucky and especially in eastern Kentucky where he has spent most of his ministry but Shelton and I gladly sit at the feet of men like Jones and Bill Mackey. We made no radically new discoveries but had some things confirmed in our minds.

We learned that missionary work in eastern Kentucky is difficult like it is elsewhere. The people do not gladly hear and are slow to accept what they hear. Children are ready to reach but many men seem to feel religion is for women and children.

We learned that there's far more religion in eastern Kentucky people than there is structured Bible study and church life. Many who claim an experience with the Lord do not follow through with baptism and active church involvement. In a county like Pike nearly 80% may be unchurched but many of the 80% have some form of religion though it doesn't relate them to churches. This makes it more difficult to reach them than if they had no religious experience at all.

We learned that the greatest need in some places is to shore up and make stronger the churches that already exist. Too many congregations are not strong enough financially nor in human resources to be effective in starting new missions. The pastor often has most of the load

to carry.

We learned some of the finest churches and ablest pastors and staff members are to be found in the mountains. Most of those who serve in these churches are there by choice and conviction and not because of attractive conditions. Mountain people love their pastors who stay with them long enough to be known but they are not inclined to accept a newcomer until he proves himself.

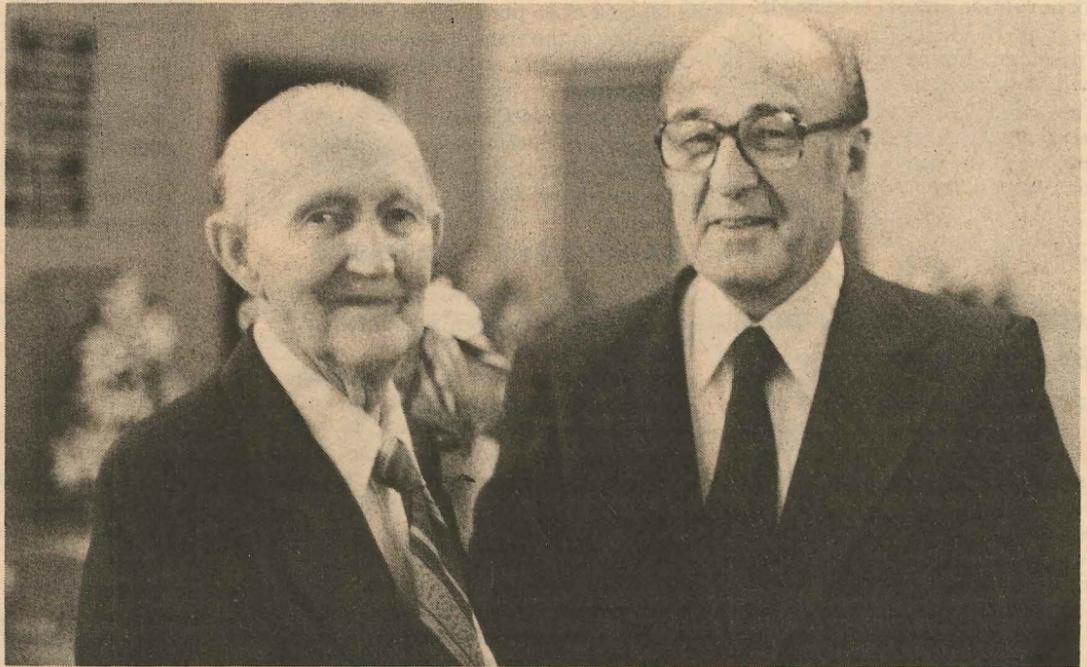
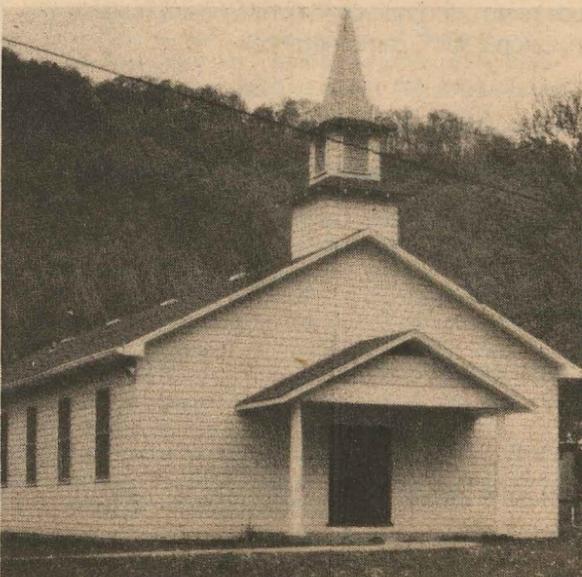
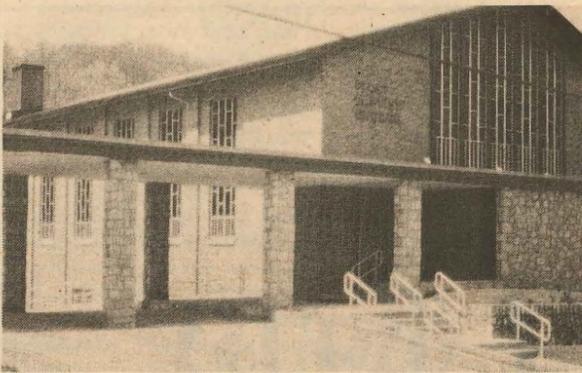
We learned that any new work started should be tied to a local church. A mission in the mountains cannot be directed from the Baptist Building in Middletown.

We found in the mountains what is hard for outsiders to comprehend. Building sites for churches or finding any places to meet in are almost impossible in many communities. Land level enough for construction is rare and building lots sell for as much or more than choice building sites in Lexington or Louisville.

It was a brief tour but we saw enough in three days to know there are enough needy places for every church or association of churches to have a place for outreach ministry.

Finally, what are the most pressing needs to be met? What are some of the things churches and individuals can do to help reach everyone in Kentucky with the gospel?

- Encourage and strengthen existing churches which are weak. One pastor lamented that there were only two men in his congregation to help him. What a place for Baptist men's renewal group to go for a weekend of witnessing and revival! The pastor feels his community and church needs to meet men who are actually committed to the Lord and to a church.
- Assist in beginning new work. A group from



**Tommie Moore [1], 92-year-old Baptist layman, posed with convention president Hicks Shelton following his**

**unaccompanied solo at the Enterprise Associational fellowship meeting Apr. 27.**

a church could come in and give a week or two weeks at their own expense in making a thorough survey of a community to discover prospects and give a sincere witness.

- Assist in revival preparation. Come to the community ahead of the revival date, visit every family in the community and lead as many to the Lord as possible.
- Assist in Bible schools and summer revival music and witnessing. Youth groups often do this.
- Provide equipment for special ministries. Transportation in many places is a problem. Roads are poor and ordinary vehicles won't do. Vans, buses and some four wheel drive vehicles are desperately needed. New ones are important because of the problem of maintenance on bad roads.
- Ongoing financial help. Most churches in eastern Kentucky simply do not have enough material resources to respond to obvious needs. Sometimes it is need for money to purchase property and building material for a mission. Sometimes it is for a dependable bus or van. It

may even be need for a staff worker such as a youth or recreational director to strengthen the home base.

A one time gift is good but the need is for ongoing assistance making possible ongoing ministries and projects.

Of course all this is to be an over and above effort. To divert money presently given for mission ministries around the world would be self-defeating.

Shelton is dedicating the rest of his time as convention president to challenging congregations with human and material resources to meet known needs in all areas of Kentucky. There are pressing needs in other areas of the state as well as in the mountains.

Individuals and churches can become involved immediately with a telephone call to Hicks Shelton (502) 388-2714 or Bob Jones (502) 245-4101.

**Top left:**

**First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, is the base for an extensive mission program in Letcher County in far eastern Kentucky.**

**Bottom left:**

**One of the success stories of missions efforts in eastern Kentucky is First Baptist, Wooten, located between Hyden and Hazard. Now without a pastor, the Wooten congregation has a new pastorium almost completed.**

**Bottom right:**

**The abandoned Christian and Missionary Alliance church building at Kaliopi on Hell-fer-Sartin Creek in Leslie County is possible meeting site for a new Baptist mission of the Hyden Baptist Church.**

# Baptist News in Brief



Gloer



Newell



Olive



McKenzie

## How to make a motion

Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., has been appointed chairman of the resolutions committee for the Southern Baptist Convention annual sessions in Houston June 12-14.

SBC president Jimmy Allen appointed Myers and nine others to the committee which will screen resolutions to be heard during miscellaneous business sessions at the convention.

Persons submitting resolutions should send them to Myers at Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Dr., Jackson, MS 39204.

## Transportation, child care provided for messengers

Houston Baptist University will provide transportation from Houston Intercontinental Airport to downtown hotels for Southern Baptist messengers attending the convention.

Transportation service will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 9 and will end at noon Tuesday, June 12.

All correspondence concerning this service should be sent to: Dr. Barney Walker Jr., Development Office, Houston Baptist University, 7502 Fondren Rd., Houston, TX 77074. Telephone 712-777-0171.

Deadline for travel information is

June 1.

Preschool child care will be provided at South Main Baptist Church for out-of-town messengers only during the general sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A cost of \$5 per child per session is payable at the time of registration.

The church is at 4100 S. Main St., Houston.

Child care facilities will open one hour before each session and close 30 minutes after the session. No food service will be available.

## Youth week: fun in sun

Four summer youth weeks, June 18-July 13, have been scheduled at Cedarmore.

The weeks will consist of morning worship, workshops, recreation, campfires, fellowships, creative worship, Bible study and films.

Three BSU summer mission teams—drama, music and creative ministries—will assist camp pastors with programming.

Camp pastors will be Hulitt Gloer, minister to new members, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; J. Altus Newell, pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville; Doug Olive, pastor, Dehaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange; and Jim McKenzie, pastor, Russell First Baptist Church.

## Owen set for the ladies

Kentucky executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen will be featured during the national meeting of Woman's Missionary Union June 10-11 at the Civic Center Music Hall in Houston, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Owen will represent Kentucky in a segment called "Churches Reaching Out in My State and Around the World" June 11 at 9:30 a.m.

## For whom the Bell tolls?

Arvine Bell, director of Camp Crestridge for Girls since the camp opened in 1954, has resigned to become principal of the Christian Day School of First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, Fla.

Prior to coming to Camp Crestridge Miss Bell was a teacher at Ouachita Baptist University. She holds the BA degree from Ouachita and graduate degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, and Indiana University, Bloomington.

Camp Crestridge, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is part of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

## WR selects Jimmy Hester

James Paul Hester Jr., 30, a native of Greenville, S. C., has been named a student journalism intern at Western Recorder effective May 7, according to James H. Cox, associate editor.

Hester is pursuing the MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. A graduate of Furman University, he is married to the former Kimberly Bledsoe of Greenville. She is a seminary secretary.

Hester has been Christian activities director, minister of education and summer youth worker at Eastlan Baptist Church, Greenville. In the summer of 1978 he was a children's worker at Louisville's Hazelwood Baptist Church. He has also been a pastoral intern at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville.

Hester is open to God's leadership in vocational choice, which may include religious journalism. He will serve full time at the Recorder during the summer months and part time next fall.

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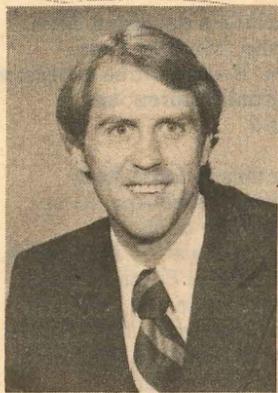
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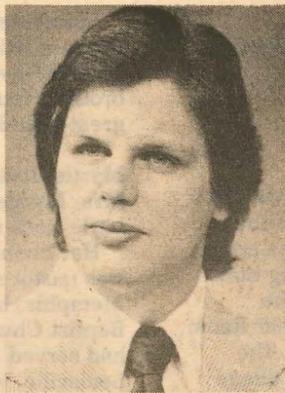
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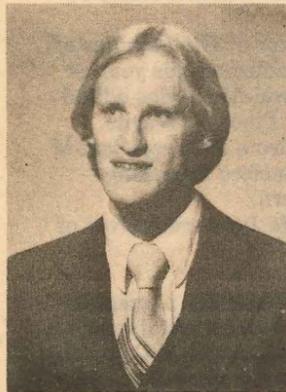
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Hester

## Where have all the interns gone?

*Their bylines have gone 'by by,' but many are still writing elsewhere*

Six years ago next month Western Recorder began something unique in the annals of Southern Baptist state newspapers—journalism internships utilizing seminary students.

In the 75 months since then 16 persons have received seminary field education credit, a small remuneration, a locad of appreciation from the staff and a lot of back-breaking responsibility and toil for their tenures. But more than that has gone with it.

Bill Webb, who departs this 'good life' at the close of May, observes, "One of the real advantages has been to function professionally as a Christian journalist within the framework of a strong state convention.

"Meeting and interviewing Baptists from across Kentucky and forming friendships in several areas of Southern and Kentucky Baptist life has been particularly helpful and enjoyable. My day to day involvement has helped me focus more sharply on the role of state papers as a ministry to Baptists."

Others who have been there before echo these sentiments. They suggest that a Western Recorder internship is not only a lot of hard work under intense deadline pressure, but often a prelude to their chosen vocation.

We thought you'd like to know where the names and faces you've seen on the pages of Western Recorder over these six years have gone. Avid readers may remember several of them. We are proud of them all. Pictures are included of those on file.

• Larry High, for instance, initiated the intern program in 1973. When he left us a couple of years later, he joined The Maryland Baptist, state newsweekly in his native Maryland, as associate editor. He still occupies that position.

• Christopher Conally Evans, a Kentuckian, went from Western Recorder to the public relations staff of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal. Subsequently, he moved to secular newspaper slots in Amarillo, Tex., Lakeland, Fla. and currently Leesburg, Fla.

• John Phillip Wesley of Kentucky was called to pastor Irvington (Ky.) Baptist Church following seminary. He is now living in London, Ky.

• Gregory Lee Hancock of Lexington left us in June 1975 to become director of communications at the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care. Two years ago

he was called to the pastorate of Stanford (Ky.) Baptist Church, although he still dabbles in photography and newspaper writing on the side.

• Tommy Smith, an Arkansan, our full time summer intern in 1975, graduated from seminary last December and is now pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville. He is also a staff member of the county weekly published in Shepherdsville.

• Phil Burgess, of Belton, S. C., who served with us two years, 1975-77, became editor of Crusader magazine at the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. In March of this year he joined the Baptist Sunday School Board staff as editor of Bible Learners materials in the Sunday School Department.

• Deborah Jean Harris, from Owensboro, became Mrs. Adrian Quintin Apr. 7. After two years at Western Recorder she became communications specialist with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Bridgeton, in July 1977.

• Ellen Fleming of Franklin, Ky. married David Hughes a couple of summers back and is now Mrs. David Fleming-Hughes. She has been a housewife and held part time positions since graduating. They will move to Chicago in June.

• William R. (Nick) Nixon Jr., a native of Carthage, Tenn., resigned his internship to accept the position of director of public relations at Louisiana College, Pineville, in the fall of 1977. He's still there.

• Mrs. Laurie K. Taylor, a Dallasite, has become a mother in the year since she left us. Her husband, Johnny, is minister of education at Whitesburg's First Baptist Church. Laurie is enjoying freelancing for denominational publications and being a mother.

• Rebecca Martin has been a youth worker at Cumberland, Ky., and is continuing her seminary career. She is a Tennessean.

• Steve Higdon of Chattanooga, Tenn. is also still a seminarian, moving on to larger opportunities. He was named editor of Towers, campus publication, earlier this academic year. He plans a career in editorial design or communications.

• William R. (Bill) Webb is continuing his seminary training but is moving into secular employment to support his family while in Louisville. His intention is to pursue a full time career in religious journalism when seminary days are over in 1981. Bill hails from Mt. Vernon, Ill.

• John Hughes, an Alabaman, is continuing his seminary studies and considering a religious communications career. He left us a few months ago to devote more time to a position with The Louisville Courier-Journal.

• Gail Rothwell, current intern, hopes for a denominational PR or writing career. She is from Illinois.

• James P. (Jimmy) Hester Jr., of Greenville, S. C., was appointed to an internship only recently. He is seeking God's will in his career plans, and believes this may include full time communications.

These are the 16 who have served internships thus far. Eleven men, five women and five of the total number are from Kentucky—more from the Bluegrass State than any other. Ten of the 16 were married before serving their internships while two have married since. Six of the 16 are Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students today.

To keep these 16 in touch with one another, a monthly newsletter, Picas & Scribes, is published carrying the interns' own news. It's been coming out for two years, and each time a new intern is announced, one more name is added to the small but growing list of subscribers.

The exclusive clientele is apparently devoted to the paper. Nixon, of Louisiana, calls it "better than a love letter from home." Evans, of Florida, acknowledges, "We read every word." They scan it for information about what the others are doing professionally and in their own homes and family lives.

In addition, a reunion of intern alumni is held each year during the Southern Baptist Convention.

James H. Cox, supervisor of the intern program for four years and WR associate editor, is pleased with the program's success.

"The young people who have served alongside us have been spiritually and educationally refreshing. They continue to keep us in touch with the age in which we live. Their enthusiasm, willingness and joy in serving reassure us that everything spent on today's youth is not wasted."

Intern responsibilities include news and feature writing, editing, photography, layout, advertising and proofreading. Interns cover as many meetings and events as their schedules will allow, working about 15 hours weekly and full time in the summer.

# Mountains to the Mississippi



Kemble



Chaney

## Ordinations

**Princeton First ordains Brown**  
Princeton First Baptist Church ordained Tommy Brown to the gospel ministry Sunday Mar. 4.

Brown, a student at Mid-Continent Bible College, is presently interim pastor at Fredonia, Ky.

**John Walker ordained to ministry**  
John J. Walker was ordained to the ministry Mar. 18 by Grays Baptist Church, Gray.

Ordained men from churches in Lynn Camp and North Concord Associations made up the council.

Orville D. Hickey, pastor of Grays Church, preached the ordination sermon. Deacon Ezra Cox presented a Bible to Walker.

Walker has been music and youth minister at the church for 2½ years.

**Red Bird ordains two deacons**  
Red Bird Baptist Church, South Union Association, ordained Gary Lovitt and Luther Smith deacons Mar. 23.

Lester Cox was moderator; district missionary Janus Jones was interrogator; and Leon Mullinax preached the ordination sermon.

Joe Burnette prayed the ordination prayer and Gordon Brown was the clerk.

The two new deacons join Red Bird deacons Merida Steely and Early Bryant.

## Personnel

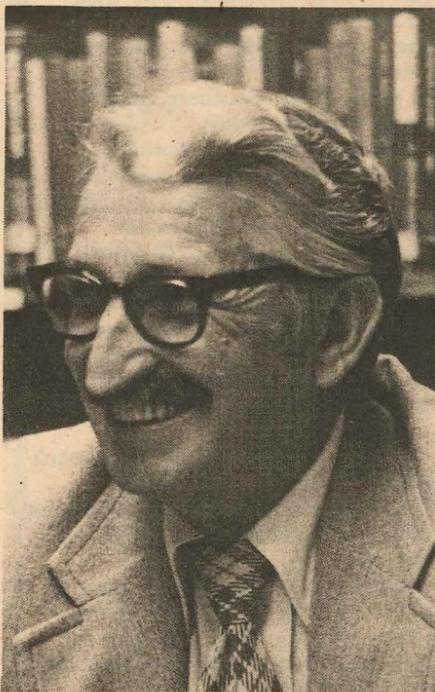
**Chip Miller switches roles**

Charles D. 'Chip' Miller, minister of education at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, for almost two years, has changed roles.

Apr. 1 he became administrative pastor, a new staff position created to relieve the load of pastor J. Altus Newell.

Miller said he will work closely with committees of the church, the church council and lay leadership of various ministries.

He will also work closely with the



**Cass Bolton was recognized recently by East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, for 27 years as church treasurer. A plaque was presented to him by interim pastor K. Maynard Head.**

family ministry program and supervise the program of activities in a new multipurpose addition, as well as overall use of all the church's facilities.

**John Hewett to Graefenburg**

John Hewett was called as pastor of Graefenburg (Ky.) Baptist Church, Shelby County Association. He begins May 13.

He came from Elmburg (Ky.) Baptist Church where he had been pastor four years.

Hewett holds the BA degree from Stetson University and the MDiv from Southern Seminary. He is currently a PhD candidate in Christian ethics at Southern.

Hewett is author of *The Families of Suicides* to be published this year as part of the Pastoral Aid Series edited for Westminster Press by Wayne Oates. He was also a 1976 recipient of the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award at Southern.

He and his wife June are natives of Palatka, Fla.

**Kemble named Camp Joy manager**

Dan Kemble, a Warren County native, has been named manager of Camp Joy Baptist Assembly, Brownsville.

Kemble, 21, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. He also holds a teaching certificate.

A summer counselor at Camp Joy in 1973 and 1974, he was involved in the Royal Ambassador program at Smiths Grove (Ky.) Baptist Church.

He is a member of Brownsville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

**Chaney accepts Indiana pastorate**

Stanley Chaney has resigned from Eminence Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Gateway Baptist Church, Newburgh, Ind.

Chaney has been at Eminence three and a half years.

**Butler resigns at Red House**

F. S. Butler has resigned as pastor of Red House Baptist Church, Tate's Creek Association.

He is available for supply and may be reached after 5 p.m. at (606) 623-8471.

**Oliver to Daviess-McLean post**

Michael Oliver has been named director of Christian social ministries and religious education for Daviess-McLean Association. He began Apr. 16.

Oliver was formerly on the staff at Glen Dale Children's Home.

He holds the MRE degree from Southern Seminary and the MS from the University of Louisville.

He and his wife, the former Deborah Brown of Mason, O., are the parents of an infant son, Andrew Michael.

**Larry O'Bryan to West London**

Larry O'Bryan was recently called as pastor of West London Baptist Church, London, in Laurel River Association.

For the past two years he has been an evangelist. He attended Cumberland College.

He and his wife, the former Virginia C. Dixon, Paintsville, have three children: Patrick, 12; James, 11; and Elissa, 4.

O'Bryan is the former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Pikeville.

**North View calls Clarence Riley**

North View Baptist Church, Lexington, called Clarence M. Riley as pastor. He

is to begin this month.

He comes from Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Covington.

## Congregations

**Cumberland alumni meeting May 20**

Cumberland College alumni in the Louisville and southern Indiana areas are invited to a special meeting Sunday, May 20, from 1-3 p.m. The meeting will be in the King Lear Room, Marriott Inn, Clarksville, Ind. The speaker will be Cumberland College president James Boswell.

**Alice Kinder writes a sequel**

Kentucky author Alice J. Kinder has written a sequel to her *Mama's Kitchen Window*.

A story of life in the Kentucky hills, the book, *Papa's Neighbors*, portrays Papa as the neighborhood confidant and seer.

The book is \$2.50 postpaid and may be obtained from Alice J. Kinder, Rte. 6, Box 666, Pikeville, KY 41501.

**Casey doing well after surgery**

Hayward Casey, pastor of New Union Baptist Church, Russellville, recently underwent heart surgery at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

He is at home now and reportedly recuperating nicely.

**Hall Street honors Mable Reynolds**

Hall Street Baptist Church passed a resolution Apr. 4 honoring Mrs. Mabel Reynolds on her retirement from teaching in Sunday school.

She had taught for 43 consecutive years.

Pastor W. O. Spencer said Mrs. Reynolds and her husband A. L. had made many contributions to the life and ministry of the church.

**Fire guts Hindman church**

Fire destroyed Hindman Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, early the morning of Apr. 10.

Former pastor J. S. Bell held the distinction of preaching the first and last sermons in the building. He preached the first 33 years ago and supplied the pulpit the Sunday before the fire.

**St. Matthews dedicates additions**

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, recently dedicated two new wings, culminated a \$1 million building and renovation project.

One of the wings is a three-story education structure while the other is a multipurpose addition with facilities for such activities as volleyball, basketball and roller skating.

The new construction cost about \$800,000.

The church also did extensive renovation of existing facilities.

Charles 'Chip' Miller said the construction and renovation will allow the church to accommodate 1000 in Sunday school.

Ground was broken on the project on Palm Sunday 1978 and the additions dedicated exactly a year later—on Palm Sunday this year.

## Deaths

**Curtis Hayden dies at 73**

Curtis Hayden, 73, Beulah, died at his home Mar. 20. A minister, he was a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs.

Barbara Kilcoyne, Murray; a son, Modell Hayden, Beulah; three sisters; a brother; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Myrtle Bostick dies in Little Rock**

Mrs. Myrtle Bostick died Apr. 21 in Little Rock at the age of 95.

Her husband, the late W. M. Bostick, was pastor at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, before coming to Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, 1930-40. He had served 18th Street Baptist Church, Louisville, while in seminary.

After his death in 1945, Mrs. Bostick became a housemother at Georgetown College and remained there until 1958.

A memorial service was held in Little Rock with burial in her native Durant, Miss.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown, and Mrs. W. O. Vaught Jr., Little Rock, and four grandsons.

**Virginia Fields dies in Oklahoma**

Mrs. Virginia Fields, who worked with the child care program of Kentucky Baptists in many capacities, died recently at her home in Tipton, Okla.

In 1944 she was named assistant to the superintendent of what was then known as the Louisville Orphans' Home. When superintendent A. M. Vollmer resigned that position in 1946 Mrs. Fields became acting head of the home.

The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home became Spring Meadows in 1947.

## Revivals

**Twenty-four accept Christ at Calvary**

Twenty-four persons accepted Christ in revival services at Calvary Baptist Church, West Irvine.

More than 30 dedicated their lives. One hundred ninety-three were present Easter Sunday for high attendance Sunday, according to pastor Bob Pryor.

**Six conversions at FBC, Combs**

Six persons accepted Christ and were baptized and others made rededications in revival services at First Baptist Church, Combs.

## Missions

**Shemwells make MSC commitment**  
Former Kentuckians James and Donna Shemwell are to be appointed Mission Service Corps volunteers along the Texas-Mexico border of El Paso County.

They will work with First Baptist Church, Clint, Tex., to involve laity in missions thrust and help start house churches in rural towns along the Rio Grande border.

Mrs. Shemwell is the former Donna Maggard of Cold Springs. Both are graduates of Cumberland College, where he founded and directed the Love In Action ministry.

He has also been pastor of Gatlif Baptist Church and associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

They plan to move to the El Paso area in May after graduation from Southwestern Seminary.

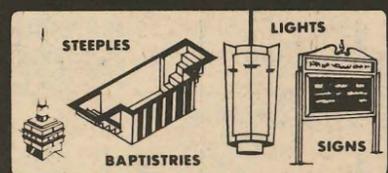
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## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### Encouraging dependence on God

**2 Kings 6:8-10** Even though Benhadad knew that the Israelites enjoyed the protection and blessings of God, he continued to war against them. He caused numerous predatory raids to be made into Israel, carrying away people, animals and property.

Repeatedly Benhadad sought to kill Jehovah from ambush, but all such attempts were frustrated by Elisha. Benhadad had clever plans, but he made a terrible mistake in leaving God out of his calculations.

**2 Kings 6:11-13** Benhadad suspected that a traitor from among his officers or intimate advisers was conveying information about his plans to the Israelites. He called his servants together and demanded a confession. His associates unanimously protested his accusation and denied any part in it. One of them declared that what Benhadad said was being proclaimed by Elisha to the king of Israel.

Upon being informed that Elisha was the one who had frustrated his designs and plans, the indignant king resolved that he would capture the prophet. He issued an order to locate the prophet in order that he might be captured. It was reported that Elisha was in Dothan, a place that was fairly accessible without any great danger.

**2 Kings 6:14-17** Benhadad had Dothan surrounded. It was a very large number of soldiers to send against one man, but they were very inadequate for the task, since the one who was to be seized was God's prophet.

When Elisha's servant awoke, he was terrified at the sight of that host which had encompassed the town. Frantic with fear, the servant inquired as to what should be done. Elisha assured him that there was no reason for being afraid because "they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

He asked God to open the eyes of his fearful servant so that he might see the great number that were present already. When God revealed to the young man the protective hosts, that vision changed the coward into a hero. He came to realize that God always protects and defends his own.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### The ministry of reconciliation

**2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2** Paul asserted that it was "the love of Christ" which impelled him to do the things which his critics thought were the result of a deranged mind. It was Christ's love for Paul that held him to his task of serving his Lord devotedly. Christ's love for us, as expressed through his death for us, should cause us to refrain from wrong living and constrain us to live godly and obediently.

When one is regenerated by God's grace, he is in a new position—"in Christ," is a different person—"a new creature," has a new perspective—"old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," and has a new pursuit. In Christ he acts from new principles, according to new rules and with new purposes.

Inasmuch as God is reconciling people to himself through the gospel of Christ, every Christian is commissioned to bear the word of reconciliation to the unsaved everywhere, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God and to assume the right attitude toward him in all things.

As an ambassador for Christ, Paul had a perfect right to plead with others for the acceptance of the grace of God, for he had accepted it and it had done so much for him and through him. God has been gracious in saving us and making us his partners and permitting us to be his spokesmen. As we work together with him and with one another the divine power will be manifested in and through us and others will be benefitted greatly.

Salvation is needed so much by those who do not possess it and it has been provided so graciously by the Saviour. The present is the only time of which we can be sure, for seeking to get people reconciled to God, so let us make the most of it.

## Perpetuity

## Frank Owen

Churches that instruct our office to distribute their Cooperative Program monies differently than voted by the convention need to think on the problems and long-term results of such action. Let me hypothecate rather than give a specific example:

Let us suppose that a pastor or church member is displeased by a policy or a person in one of our convention agencies. He persuades his church in a business meeting to exclude that agency from its Cooperative Program gifts.

Unless the church also tells us exactly what to do with the withheld portion, our office has a problem. Shall we simply put it where we want to? Or shall we put the withheld portion back into our general treasury, which is the Cooperative Program fund. In the latter case a percentage of the withheld portion still goes to the excluded agency; or, shall we withhold a portion from that portion? How many times? A fraction always remains.

Another question: The Cooperative Program is the convention's voted distribution plan. Technically, it is incorrect to call funds otherwise distributed "Cooperative Program." Yet, when we publish our receipts from the churches we list under Cooperative Program the amount received from churches that have specified some other manner of distribution than what actually is "Cooperative Program."

Most important of all is the regrettable fact that as the years go by the whole circumstance changes. The denominational employees whose policies were objected to move or retire or die; or perhaps the policy is changed back to what the objector would have liked. Yet, the instruction in our office remains as our permanent record. The church membership has changed. The present membership doesn't even know, and may not favor what we are still doing with their money.

Our office is under such exceptional instructions from 77 churches in Kentucky. I wonder how many of their current members are aware of it or would consciously approve it? I wish they all would again consider trusting the convention's vote as to how Cooperative Program funds are distributed.

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### Vins worships with Carter

Two days after his dramatic release from internal Soviet exile, dissident Soviet Baptist pastor Georgi Vins worshipped at Washington's First Baptist Church, the invited guest of President Jimmy Carter.

Vins was waiting outside the church when President and Mrs. Carter arrived shortly before Sunday school Apr. 29. Along with First Baptist pastor Charles A. Trentham they walked into the church building where Vins listened to an interpreter translate Carter's Sunday school lesson dealing with the theme of justice.

During the worship service which followed Trentham told the overflowing congregation: "We are in one of the great moments of history. Last summer I was privileged to travel in Russia, visiting in the home of Mrs. Georgi Vins, praying with her and interceding for her husband. This is a high moment of triumph as we celebrate the release of Georgi Vins from a Soviet prison camp."

### A treat to beat yo' feet on the Mississippi mud?

The "Mighty Pearl" River, in a rampage beyond its banks, left all Mississippi Baptist churches dry but damaged the homes of more than 400 Baptist families.

Four Jackson churches reported nearly 400 families with homes under water. Colonial Heights Baptist Church, in one of the hardest hit areas of Mississippi, counted 140 families, one-third of its membership, with flooded homes.

Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church has at least 100 families affected by flooding; First Baptist Church, 75; and Northminster Baptist Church, about 30.

Dozens more were flooded in the Pearl and Flowood areas and further downriver.

### Leta King, Brown win annual youth events

"I have chosen to follow Christ and to live the life of a Christian because I believe in God and want to obey his teachings. Being a disciple gives me the opportunity to in some way express my love for God forgiving my sins. It gives me the opportunity to tell others that he is truly the light, the truth and the way."

The quote is from the winning speech of the 1979 state youth speaker's tournament Mar. 30-31 at Cedarmore.

The youth Bible drills (grades 7-9) and speaker's tournament (grades 9-12) are annual events sponsored by the Church Training Department.

This year 68 youth entered the Bible drill and 21 in the speaker's tournament. To enter, participants must be associational winners.

Leta R. King, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, gave the winning speech titled "I am a disciple." She is the daughter of Lawson and Rachel King.

Runnerup was Bobby W. Hancock, son of Bill and Edna Hancock. He represented Highview Baptist Church, Louisville.

Parker Craig Brown, Arlington First Baptist Church, was winner in the Bible drill. His parents are Beth and Noble Brown.

Alternate for the Bible drill is Carla Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson. She represented Dawson Springs First Baptist Church.

The two top winners, King and Brown, will represent Kentucky at a Church Training week at Ridgecrest in July. Their expenses will be paid by the Church Training Department.



Miss King



Hancock



Brown



Miss Johnson

### Wood firm on IRS stand

Proposed Internal Revenue Service rules threatening the tax exempt status of church schools which fail to prove

they are racially nondiscriminatory ought to be scuttled, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs reiterated in testimony before a Senate subcommittee.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Washington-based agency, told the Senate subcommittee on taxation and debt management that the Baptist Joint Committee "has a long-standing commitment to the protection of human rights and to the elimination of discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex or age...." But he said, "The fundamental issue which is raised (by the IRS proposal) ... is religious liberty and the separation of church and state...."

He acknowledged that government has a role in furthering what he called "an altogether meritorious public policy of abolishing racial discrimination," but not at the expense of the religion guarantees of the First Amendment.

Wood's appearance before the subcommittee came just days after staff members of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville endorsed the IRS procedure on grounds "that racism is totally inconsistent with the Christian gospel."

### Such a comfort on bus

The Kentucky WMU will sponsor a bus leaving Louisville at 7 a.m. Aug. 4 to Ridgecrest, picking up passengers along I-64 and I-75. Approximate cost for transportation, housing, meals and conference fee is \$163.00.

A block of reservations will be held until June 1 for WMUers who want to ride the bus or drive to Ridgecrest. Contact: WMU Office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, phone (502) 245-4101.