



Sound the alarm! Liberals are coming, says Harold Lindsell

It is now time for Southern Baptists to face the issue of biblical inerrancy or suffer the consequences even if it means the loss of 500,000 members, the president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship said in an interview with the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Liberals ought to leave the Southern Baptist Convention just as they left the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, said Harold Lindsell, editor emeritus of Christianity Today and president of the fellowship.

Every mainline denomination except one has fought the battle for theological purity and lost, Lindsell said.

Only the Lutheran-Missouri Synod has won the battle, he declared, citing the resignations of 35 to 40 faculty members at the denomination's Concordia Seminary.

Lindsell discounted the effect of the LCMS's loss of 175,000 members in the process. He said all the liberals should have gone.

If the 13-million member SBC lost 500,000 members in a similar situation, "that would be a small loss.

"I think a person who doesn't believe the way Southern Baptists traditionally believe, I think in good conscience, that person ought to go somewhere else," Lindsell affirmed.

He added, however, that he was not talking about any church pulling out of the SBC, or being part of a pressure group that would lead such a movement.

Lindsell, author of the book, *The Battle for the Bible*, said he will be speaking in several cities across the nation before the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Houston, promoting sales of a new book entitled *The Bible in the Balance* to be released by Zondervan before the SBC meets in Houston.

Michael Clark, religion editor of the Commercial Appeal who interviewed Lindsell, described Lindsell's new book as "an impassioned defense of biblical infallibility in which he asserts that once-conservative seminaries are now rife with liberalism."

The Commercial Appeal article predicted Lindsell's new book "will probably provoke a press conference or two" during the convention in Houston.

The report said Lindsell was in Memphis "to seek support for the fellowship's effort to sound the alarm that the liberals are coming."

Lindsell denied that the Faith and Message Fellowship is involved in reported meetings held in at least 15 states across the nation to encourage the SBC to elect a president committed to inerrancy.

The Baptist Standard and Baptist Press reported recently that Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler have spoken at the series of meetings in at least 15 states.

The meetings, according to the Baptist Standard, have been held "to encourage people in the churches to bring a full constituency of messengers to the convention in Houston" to help elect an unnamed candidate "who believes in the inerrancy of the Bible."

Both Patterson and Pressler said several pastors would be acceptable: Jerry Vines, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.; Bailey Smith, First Southern Church, Del City, Okla.; Richard Jackson, North Phoenix (Ariz.) Church; Adrian Rogers, Bellevue Church, Memphis; Homer Lindsay Jr., First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; and John Bisagno, First Church, Houston.

Both Patterson and Pressler previously have been linked to the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, although Patterson told the Baptist Standard he had never been a member of it and felt the organization had exercised "poor judgment" in the past.

Lindsell, president of the fellowship, said his organization does not want "to get engaged in politics" and would probably not endorse a candidate for SBC president.

Lindsell acknowledged, however, that he plans to attend the convention in Houston and would probably hold a press conference there.



Foreign Mission Board executive director Baker J. Cauthen [l] accepts the deed for a missionary orientation center from Harwood and Louise Cochrane of Richmond. The property is valued at \$500,000.

A good deed

Foreign Board is awarded site for new training center

A 233-acre farm near Richmond, Va., has been donated to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as the site for a new orientation center for missionaries preparing to go overseas.

Harwood and Louise Blanks Cochrane, a couple active in Richmond's Tabernacle Baptist Church, gave the property. Cochrane is chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Co. of Richmond, a trucking firm he founded in 1935 and has built into the eighth largest motor common carrier of general commodities

in the U. S.

The land, conservatively valued at \$500,000, is called "Gold Mine Farm," since at one time prospectors tried unsuccessfully to pan for gold in a creek on the property.

The Cochranes' own farm home is about a mile from Gold Mine Farm. They drive about 25 miles each way to attend Tabernacle Church, where he is a deacon and president of the endowment fund and she teaches an adult women's Sunday school class.

The board now uses facilities at Callaway Gardens, near Pine Mountain, Ga., to provide 14-week training sessions for missionaries going to 94 countries around the world. But with growing numbers being appointed for overseas service, the board voted in April to "look with favor" toward developing its own center in the Richmond area nearer the board's home offices.

A committee has been appointed to plan development of the program and do a financial feasibility study. No estimates on cost of buildings and other facilities can be made until the studies are completed.

About 200 missionaries a year receive orientation at the Georgia resort facility, where use is limited to its "off" season. It is envisioned that the multiple-use center in Richmond eventually would serve a much larger number.

Cochrane, a Virginian who started out driving a horse and wagon for a dairy company in Richmond, decided to go into the trucking business at the age of 21. This year he was recognized by Jaycees as "Free Enterprise Man of the Year" and by Financial World as "Chief Executive Officer of the Year" in motor transportation for 1978.

Mrs. Cochrane is a member of the University of Richmond's board of trustees.

Could a People's Temple happen all over again?

A Congressional investigative report on the murder of U. S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan has recommended stepped-up research on cults, review of Internal Revenue Service rules on the tax-exempt status of churches and the inclusion of the subject of cults on the agenda of a White House Conference on the Family.

The report grew out of the investigation which followed the death of Ryan, a California Democrat, last year in Jonestown, Guyana. It was prepared by a staff investigative group for the House of Representatives committee on foreign affairs.

The report notes that Jim Jones' group, People's Temple, had tax-exempt status as a "church." It recommends periodic review of qualifying status.

The report also deals with the possibility of the People's Temple being revived. It notes signs of an internal power struggle and the alleged existence of a "hit squad" to eliminate opponents. "There is evidence to suggest Jones and some of his key lieutenants discussed and had 'understandings' to eliminate various individuals, including national political leaders," the report notes.

The report recommends "on an urgent basis, that the professional scientific community undertake a concentrated program of research and training aimed at understanding fundamental questions in this area."

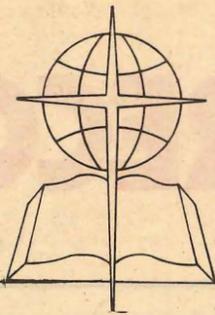
The final recommendation is the inclusion of cults on the agenda of a White House Conference on the Family "with special reference to their mode of operation, the style and tactics of their leaders, and means and methods by which parents and their children can avoid becoming involved with such organizations."

Don't miss page 3!

In a continuing effort to provide our readers with the type of state paper they really want, Western Recorder offers subscribers an opportunity to talk back to us this issue. A single page reader survey form is printed on page three this week. Here's your invitation to fill it out now—before you forget it—clip it out, fold it as suggested, and return it to us for tabulation. Your response will help us better serve you by knowing your preferences in a state paper. May we count on your help?

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

Gene Puckett: A big man for a big job

Kentucky Baptists have provided a considerable share of state and national Baptist leadership. The selection of Gene Puckett as national director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has thrust him into national prominence (page 1, May 23 issue). In this position he stands to make the greatest contribution to religious liberty of any American in this generation.

Gene is a product of the best of Kentucky Baptist life. He spent his early years in the village of Summersville in Green County and was the first native of this county to complete seminary training. Gene did not have all the advantages of most of us. He came from a broken home and though he was helped by his mother and his grandparents, he had to make his way largely on his own.

His ministry has covered several fields and he has excelled in all of them. He served rural pastorates while in college and seminary. After seminary he became the first editor of the Ohio Southern Baptist state paper. From Ohio he went to a Florida pastorate and from there back to Kentucky to be associate editor of Western Recorder.

His journalistic abilities became very evident quickly and it was not surprising he was invited to the editorship of the Maryland Baptist paper. The Maryland paper under his ministry has become one of the strongest influences in Southern Baptist life.

His contributions have not been limited to journalism. In recognition of his abilities he was named to the very important committee on order for the Southern Baptist Convention where his excellent leadership was recognized by convention leaders and messengers.

He was named a trustee of Midwestern Baptist Seminary and chosen by fellow trustees as chairman of the group. In this capacity he led in the proper handling of several delicate issues and once again became recognized for his keen insights and leadership ability.

Gene has the excellent qualifications necessary for the leadership of Americans United. This organization has provided much of the leadership in the nation for the preservation of religious liberty and separation of church and state. Baptists have been prominent in Americans United from its beginnings though it embraces all freedom lovers including Roman Catholics, Jews and non-Christians as well as Baptists and other evangelicals.

This job calls for strong convictions and clear insights. All who know Gene credit him with these. His Kentucky Baptist roots, his interpretation of church history and his give and take in

Baptist life as an editor have all combined to make him ideal for the task.

This ministry also calls for courage and toughness. Gene has an abundance of both. He is a fair fighter but never backs down. He will be something of an American religious liberty watchdog confronting churchmen, Congressmen and Senators and even the United States President if need be.

He is a very effective speaker and this goes with his new ministry. He is also a proven administrator which will be needed for coordinating a staff of 20 or more.

I am personally proud of Gene. I was his college teacher and watched him develop into an outstanding leader. I believe the Lord used Western Recorder in Gene's ministry at a crucial time. At the time we needed someone to succeed George Jewell I learned of Gene's vocational struggles in Florida where he was a successful but unhappy pastor and recommended him to our directors as associate editor of Western Recorder. We ministered together without a single major disagreement and, when he had the opportunity, I urged him to go to Maryland as editor. Through the years Gene and I have disagreed strongly on only one issue and I am not certain he was not right and I was wrong.

Gene Puckett will need the prayers and other support of Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists. I believe the need for Americans United is greater today than any time in the past. Thus, I feel Baptists should give it more support than we have in the past. It is not enough to be proud of Gene. We must join ranks with him in the crucial struggle to preserve religious liberty which is our most precious heritage.

The devil in Houston

The Gen. 3 description of the devil as the cleverest of all beings has been demonstrated even among God's followers in every generation since Adam and Eve. Unfortunately another demonstration of the devil's beguiling may take place next month in Houston when Southern Baptists choose convention officers.

The devil works through persons and often through sincere Christians who are deceived by him. This is the case, I believe, with two zealous Southern Baptists who have been quoted recently in the press.

One of these is Paige Patterson of Dallas, Tex. A news release in the May 16 issue of Western Recorder quoted Patterson as saying he and others of like mind were working actively to get elected as Southern Baptist Convention president one who would move toward eliminating "liberal" teachers from Baptist seminaries. Patterson went so far as to name five Southern Baptist pastors who would be considered acceptable candidates for the convention presidency. They are: Jerry Vines, Bailey Smith, Richard Jackson, Homer Lindsay Jr. and John Bisagno.

In the meantime another would-be savior for orthodoxy among Southern Baptists was sounding off in Memphis (see news story on page 1 of this issue). Harold Lindsell, president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, actually invited 500,000 Southern Baptists to get out of the convention. Apparently this is Lind-

sell's estimate of the number of liberals among Southern Baptists. In Memphis to seek support for his cause and the organization he heads, Lindsell charged that all six Southern Baptist seminaries are failing to teach that the Bible is free from error.

These two men and the movements they represent appear to be working separately for the same goal. Lindsell says the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship does not "want to get engaged in politics," has not been involved in reported meetings in 15 states to encourage the election of a president committed to "inerrancy" and would probably not endorse a candidate. Patterson says he has never been linked to the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship and apparently feels support from this somewhat discredited organization would be more a liability than an asset.

But denominational politics like all other politics make for strange bedfellows and Patterson and Lindsell are of the same stripe. Their views are the same, their lists of acceptable presidential candidates include the same names and their objectives are the same. If one nominates a candidate, the other will support him and if any one of the "approved" candidates is chosen president, Baptist Faith and Message representatives will claim the credit.

It's unfortunate in a way that the five Southern Baptist pastors named above got on an approved list of presidential candidates for these self-appointed saviors. All five are very talented men and doubtlessly would make able convention presidents. But, although they share some of the same views of these crusaders, they probably don't want to be regarded as pawns of Patterson or Lindsell. This is probably why some of them have not agreed to be nominated.

The tragedy of this situation building up for Houston is not that the wrong person might be elected convention president but that a divisive spirit will be generated. And herein is the devil's work. Just as Southern Baptists are about to get launched our greatest missionary and evangelistic effort in history, the devil tries to divide us and we could lose overnight the momentum it has taken many years to generate.

But don't sell Southern Baptists short. A review of convention sessions in the past gives reason for hope and confidence. When the messengers have been made aware of the facts involved in any matter, they generally have chosen wisely. They have not been often stampeded by alarmists and self-appointed saviors. Let us pray that the guardian angel who has watched over us over the years will be in Houston and not the devil who would divide us.

Please help us

It's important for us to know what readers think about the contents of Western Recorder. We are severely limited in space and therefore need to know what material readers find most helpful. We hear from readers who enthusiastically agree and those who strongly disagree with its contents but we need to hear from the host of readers who receive and read Western Recorder each week looking for help. Please spend five minutes and 15 cents to help us by filling out and returning the survey form on page three of this issue.

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An understanding of the likes and dislikes of readers is important to the staff of Western Recorder. By taking time to mark your preferences on the following survey form and mailing it back to us, you can help us get a better picture of reader preferences.

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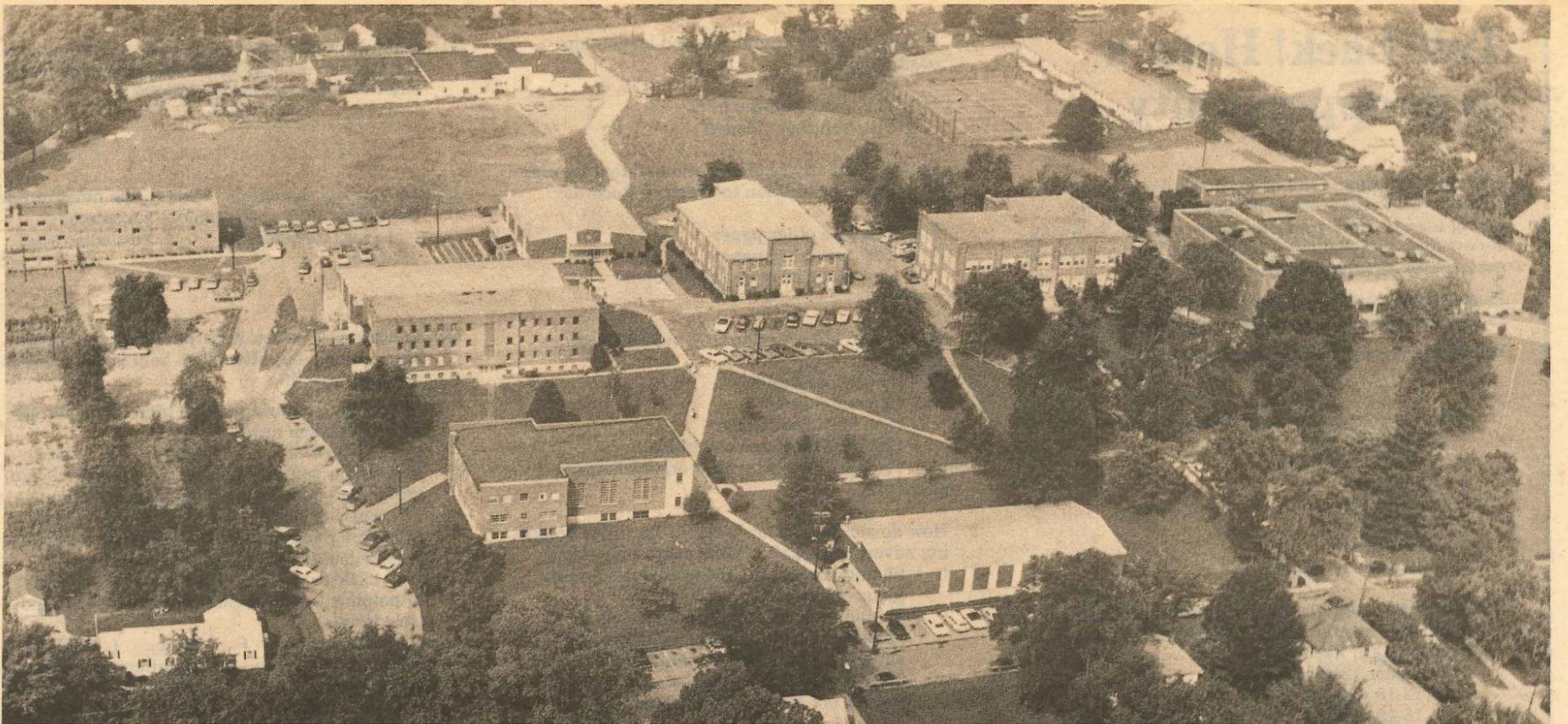
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Campbellsville's reason for being?

What would life be like if it (and other schools like it) hadn't been?

W. R. Davenport, who will soon complete 10 years in the presidency of Campbellsville College, sat in his office one day last month and thoughtfully mused on the future of the small private college in America.

Having devoted three decades of his life to education, Davenport's observations seemed almost as prophetic as they were profound.

From a historical standpoint, he stated that through 1950 half of all degrees granted in the United States were by private institutions. Since that time an accelerated number of publicly supported schools has changed the picture dramatically.

"A lot of private schools have done a lot of soul searching as a result," Davenport declares. "Many have come back to their original purposes.

"The degree to which they are succeeding is in direct proportion to the degree of loyalty they hold to their commitment and purpose."

"How do you justify spending what we do on Christian education?" we asked.

"It is justified by what life would be like if we did not have that influence," affirms Davenport. "The history of our nation has been so positively affected by the small private and particularly Christian institutions, God forbid that we should ever let these schools go."

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Randy Davenport expounds on the future of the small private college from his desk at Campbellsville.

Davenport goes on:

"Public education is largely becoming a godless system. Praise the Lord for the many Christian teachers and educators we do have, but the system itself is diametrically opposed to what we have taught in our own homes."

If you didn't believe before, when you hear Davenport speak from the heart there is almost no alternative but belief. He's that convincing in his arguments.

Discouraging trends of the times

Like other Kentucky Baptist college presidents, Davenport is increasingly concerned about the declining birth rate of the decade of the 60's now approaching college age.

"When the pool decreases, everybody's going to be working hard for his share," he intones.

"If you look at this as part A of the problem, part B is the rising cost of education. Yet even in the face of this I'm excited about the future of the Christian college."

Davenport suggests that Campbellsville College's competition is not Georgetown or Cumberland colleges but the current 87% of Kentucky students enrolling in state schools. He points out that nationwide this average is 80%, but it is disturbingly higher in the Bluegrass State.

To reach its 'share' of the college age market, Campbellsville employs four full time persons who cover the eastern United States, saturating Kentucky and spilling over into its neighboring states in search

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by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

of the elusive student. In addition, the faculty has been swept up in the movement. Faculty members are reminded frequently to use their time and talents in a teamwork approach in recruitment and retention of present students.

Campbellsville stands on the threshold of some major milestones.

Looking toward the school's 75th anniversary in 1981, a series of diamond jubilee financial campaigns is on the horizon. One, already under way, seeks support from present and former trustees. The faculty and staff is a second target group. Campbellsville's local community will also be cultivated, and friends and alumni of the school will be asked for

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support. A \$2 million goal is projected for renovating and modernizing current facilities. While a student center is needed, it is not on the drawing board at this time.

Statistically, a Baptist institution

Campbellsville College, founded by Kentucky Baptists and operated initially as Russell Creek Academy, moved to junior college status in 1923. It became a senior coeducational liberal arts institution in 1959. Approximately 12% of its current \$2.7 million budget is underwritten by Kentucky Baptists through their Cooperative Program.

In the academic year recently ended 72% of Campbellsville's 652 enrollees were Baptists or Baptist-preference students. Eighty percent of all students hailed from Kentucky. Twenty-three states were represented in the student body, with Ohio and Indiana furnishing the greatest number outside Kentucky.

While only 55% of the students lived on campus during the semester just concluded, this may partially be explained by the high percentage—31%—of married students enrolled this past year.

The all time enrolment high, experienced in 1968, was 1069. The rise of community colleges is used by school officials to explain the loss of 417 students over

the years to this spring's 562.

Tuition and fees for the academic year opening in late August are projected at \$1980. Room and board add another \$1470 for students living on campus. This brings the total to \$3450, plus books and incidentals.

Academic vice president Robert S. Clark is quick to point out, however, that Campbellsville students benefited from a financial aid package in excess of \$1 million this past year.

Strong emphasis on academic excellence

We asked Clark about the degrees, major programs and faculty. He listed five degrees—AA (Associate in Arts in secretarial science), BA (Bachelor of Arts), BS (Bachelor of Science), BM (Bachelor of Music) and RN (Registered Nurse, granted in conjunction with the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Louisville). In addition, a dual degree engineering program with Georgia Tech and a medical technology program with Paducah's Lourdes Hospital and Louisville's Methodist Evangelical Hospital are offered.

Clark indicates there are 29 majors currently available at Campbellsville and a "few more minors than majors."

He seems particularly proud of the faculty. There are 46 persons serving on it full time and 16 others part time. They come from more than 100 schools of higher learning. Thirty-seven percent now hold the doctorate and five instructors are pursuing it. Thirty-one percent have at least two years of training beyond the master's degree.

Clark pursued the same theme Davenport gave in a separate interview.

"The future is going to be more difficult, no question about that. We're going to have to have a distinctive purpose.

"Quality education will be a trademark of Campbellsville," he is convinced.

Franklin D. Cheatham, associate professor of math and a Campbellsville alumnus, is even more optimistic.

"I was here as a student, and I'm convinced the quality of education has increased tremendously. The faculty is younger, a third of the students are in church related vocations, there's a 15-to-1 student-teacher ratio and Campbellsville appeals because it is smaller, has a Christian atmosphere and offers personal attention to its students."



Recent graduates Greg Mobley and Lydia Jones are proud of the institution they now call alma mater.

A lot of people can teach you how to use your hands or make a living, but we are in the business of teaching people how to live.

Students agree: it's not easy, but worth it

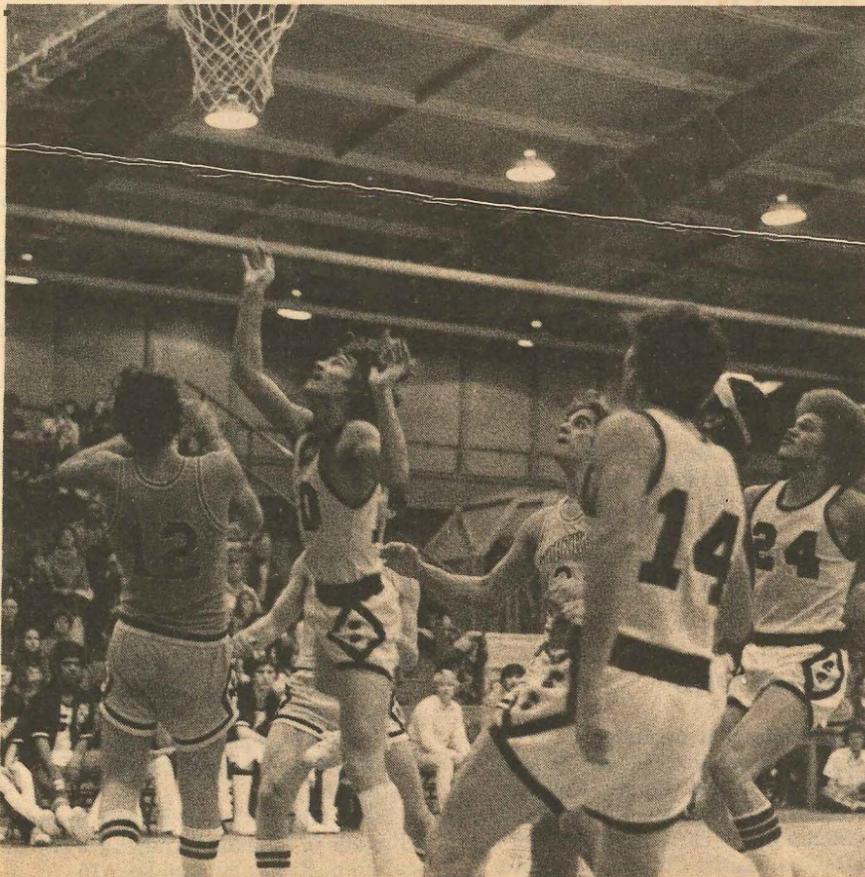
Greg Mobley, whose home is Campbellsville, and Lydia Jones of Akron, O., both of whom graduated from Campbellsville earlier this month, were just as positive about their alma mater.

Says Mobley: "Campbellsville offers an opportunity to integrate academic excellence with Christian commitment. I feel I've been exposed to the same quality education as my brother who attended UK."

Miss Jones suggests that "a student will find himself or herself here (at Campbellsville)." Coming out of an American Baptist background with a Campbellsville graduate for a father, she affirms, "Any small Christian college would have had what I needed, but the Lord led me here."

Davenport sums up the school's reason for being: "We must continue to produce generations of leaders educated more broadly than just having a technical vocational education. A lot of people can teach you how to use your hands or make a living, but we are in the business of teaching people how to live."

If a school can do that, and do it well, it will be justified in its existence and make a vital contribution to an age of Americans yet to be.



The Campbellsville College Tigers won the 1979 KIAC basketball tournament.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Central City hosts puppet seminar
Central City First Baptist Church will host a puppet training seminar June 1.

The training session will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions Inc., San Diego, Cal.

Live and film performances will be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of puppetry as a communications tool.

Registration is limited to insure personal attention. For more information contact John Bogges (502-754-3670).

Youth rally held at Harlan

A youth rally held recently in Harlan featured Lonnie Riley, a Cumberland College student, as preacher.

The rally was sponsored by the Christian Student Union of Southeast Community College and prayer groups from Cawood, Cumberland, Evarts and Harlan high schools.

The event also featured musical groups from several schools. More than 240 students participated in the event.

Harold Patterson, coordinator of special programs at Southeast, was responsible for the program. Patterson, a 1958 graduate of Cumberland College, says he wishes this event would become a semiannual affair.

Tates Creek elects officers

During the April meeting of Tate's Creek Association at Emmanuel Church, Berea, Fred Waldrop, former pastor of Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, was presented a plaque in appreciation for his years of service to the association. The plaque was presented by Ray E. Cooper.

More than 100 messengers heard a missionary address by Eldred Taylor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Somerset.

Special music was by Jan Riddell, a student at Eastern Kentucky University.

The association adopted a \$31,393 budget for 1979-80 and elected officers for the coming year.

Wallace licensed by Forest Park

Forest Park licensed Greg Wallace to the gospel ministry during April Wallace plans to attend Southern Seminary.

Paul Welch is pastor at Forest Park.

FBC Greenville celebrates 110th

First Baptist Church, Greenville, will

celebrate its 110th anniversary Sunday, June 10.

All members, former members and friends are cordially invited to be a part of the worship and celebration. Anniversary services are at 4 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sanders undergoes surgery

Harold G. Sanders, former executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, underwent surgery recently.

The surgery was performed at Louisville's Baptist East Hospital and Sanders has already returned to his regular schedule.

He is pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mines returns from German crusade

Marshall G. Mines, Mayfield, has just returned from Stuttgart, West Germany, where he conducted an eight day "All for Christ Crusade" at Temple Baptist Church.

There were six professions of faith, six additions by letter, 18 rededications and five surrendered to full time Christian service.

Temple has about 125 resident members including six nationalities. It is one of 42 English speaking churches in the European Baptist Convention and related to the Foreign Mission Board. Michael Proctor, South Tahoe, Cal., is pastor.

Mines has pastored Cadiz (Ky.) Baptist Church and is currently interim pastor at Dexter (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Southside pays off debt

Southside Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association recently burned the notes on its education building. The service symbolized the paying off the \$225,000 debt on the facility. It was paid off in less than four years.

Churches find outreach tools

Area churches are finding new ways to use Home Bible Study as a tool for outreach and study.

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, offers its broadcast audience an opportunity to receive the Home Bible Study Guide by writing and requesting a copy. Requests are forwarded to the Home Bible Study office in Nashville. The Guide is mailed directly to each person and the church follows up with a visit to respondents.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, uses Home Bible Study Guide in



Don Lee Preston [l] received a certificate of license to preach from Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville. The license was presented to Preston by Gayle Toole, pastor at Edgewood.

an apartment ministry which is inaccessible to general visitation.

The church prepared a packet containing a Good News Bible and a Home Bible Study Guide. The packet was mailed to each apartment resident along with a letter from the pastor.

Revivals

Twelve decisions at Liberty

Phillip Rosenbaum was evangelist at a recent revival at Liberty Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Thermon Taylor, pastor, reports two additions by letter and 10 other decisions.

During the revival Taylor cooked a country ham for the men's prayer breakfast. Sixteen men attended.

Holland leads Immanuel revival

Immanuel Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, reports a successful revival with 37 decisions.

Charles W. Holland of Louisville was evangelist.

Michael Day is pastor at Immanuel.

Palmer evangelist at Corinth

Jim Palmer, Old Hickory, Tenn., was evangelist at a revival at Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

The revival resulted in six professions of faith, two additions by letter and 28 rededications.

Dover revival results in 24 decisions

Dover Baptist Church, Bracken Association, reports 21 professions of faith and three rededications in a recent revival.

Douglas Brown is pastor.

16 decisions at FBC, Murray

Pastor Bill Whittaker reports a successful revival at First Baptist Church, Murray.

Results included 10 professions of faith and six other additions to the church.

Ordinations

Lester ordained at Belmont

J. Wayne Lester was recently ordained by Belmont Baptist Church, Calhoun, Ga. Lester, who is a student at Southern Seminary, is currently pastor at Hyattsville Baptist Church, Lancaster.

He had previously pastored Rockbridge Baptist Church, Willisburg. John T. Allen is pastor at Belmont.

Green River ordains Hines

Gary Hines, pastor, Deanefield Baptist Church, was ordained Apr. 22 by Green River Baptist Church.

James Cardwell preached the ordination sermon.

Personnel

Harrington to Florida

Ron Harrington, minister of music and youth at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, has resigned to become minister of music at Seminole Heights Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.

Tom Pinner Jr. is pastor at Seminole Heights.

Hendricks resigns Grace Baptist

Jim Hendricks recently resigned from Grace Baptist Church, Pike Association, to become pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Princeton, W. Va.

Hendricks is married to the former Barbara Jean Rock of Hodgenville. They have four sons, Stephen, Daryl, Jonathan and Jerry.

King's Baptist calls Rose

Hal Rose has been called as associate pastor and minister of youth at King's Baptist Church, Taylorsville.

Rose went to King's from First Baptist Church, Bluff City, Tenn., where he was minister of youth.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman and currently a student at Southern Seminary.

Rose has worked with the Home Mission Board super summer conferences in Texas, Florida and South Carolina. He has also been director of the reach out beach project at North Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The pastor at King's Baptist is Jack Naylor.

Green Mount calls Hedrick

Harold Hedrick has accepted the pastorate of Green Mount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Hedrick was previously pastor at Russell Heights Baptist Church, Columbia.

He is married to the former Brenda Higgs of Pikeville. They have two children, Ricky, 20, and Lee, 15.



Bob [r] and Oakie Blevins [c] have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Swakpomund, South West Africa. Beginning in June, Blevins will pastor a mission sponsored by the Baptist church in Walvis Bay and will serve possibly two years under the Volunteer Mission Involvement Program. A graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Blevins has pastored at Leatherwood Baptist Church, Perry County, and Summit Baptist Church near Columbus, O. At left is professor Earl Clark.

Sunday School Lessons

Christian Education



Smith

255 Georgetown grads

Two-hundred fifty-five students were awarded degrees May 19 as Georgetown College observed its 150th spring commencement.

A full schedule of commencement activities including receptions, reunions and recognition of special guests was part of the commencement weekend which began May 18.

Four honorary degrees were presented by the college this year. Carl Fields, distinguished professor emeritus of history at Georgetown; James Henry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Porter Routh, retiring executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the SBC; and Harry Snyder, executive director of Kentucky's Council on Higher Education, were this year's recipients.

Four Georgetown College graduates were named recipients of Alumni Achievement Awards at a May 18 banquet. Recognized for contributions to their churches, professions and communities were Dorothy Pierce Clore, Mariam Sidebottom Houchens, Mary Sampson and J. W. Singer.

The May 18 baccalaureate sermon was delivered by James Henry.

Garry Eldridge, a graduating senior, and Alan Gragg, chairman of the philosophy department at Georgetown, were commencement speakers.

124 at Campbellsville

Andrew D. MacRae, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland, told the 124 graduates of Campbellsville College that "... the future is yours, seize it and use it ..."

Honorary doctorates of divinity degrees were granted to MacRae; James Harvey Currin, executive director of the Baptist General Association of New England; and Robert B. Wilson, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Honored by the awarding of the Distinguished Alumnus Award were John Begley, class of 1963, president of Lindsey Wilson College; L. R. McDonald, class of 1942, past president of Lindsey Wilson College; and Thomas Hicks Shelton, class of 1937, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The valedictorian for the 1979 class is David Brian Rattliff of Campbellsville and the salutatorian is Jerry Ray Pierce of Greensburg.

James H. Currin, executive director of the Baptist General Association of New England, spoke at baccalaureate May 12.

Award for Elrod

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College, received the distinguished alumnus award from the Former Students Association of Ouachita Baptist University during spring commencement exercises May 12.

A 1952 Ouachita graduate, Elrod received the BD and ThD degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary. In 1975 he received the EdD degree from Indiana University.

He served Ouachita as vice president for development from 1963 until 1968 when he was elected president of Oakland City College, Oakland City, Ind. He returned to Ouachita as vice president for development in 1970. He was named senior vice president and director of development in 1978.

Elrod became president of Georgetown last August.

Smith new president

Leland Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, Frankfort, has been elected Baptist Student Union president at Campbellsville College for 1979-80.

A junior, Leland is a history major and Christian studies minor. He is a member of BSU Choir, senator for Student Government Association, student-faculty representative, member of Amicus Curaie, MMUN team and the Ministerial Association.

He is a member of Evergreen Baptist Church, Franklin.

A 3½-day service?

Houston Baptist University will furnish transportation from Houston Intercontinental Airport to downtown hotels for SBC messengers. The service begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 9 and ends at noon Tuesday, June 12.

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LIFE AND WORK SERIES

A portrait of God's love

Hosea 1:2-3 Heartsick on account of the sins of his people, who were attracted to the gods of the Canaanites and spurned by them because they judged him to be mentally deranged, Hosea sought consolation elsewhere. He dreamed of a happy home with a wife whom he could love and trust and who would love and comfort him.

Hosea met a young woman whose name was Gomer, fell in love with her and they were married. Evidently Gomer was a virgin at the time of the wedding, but had latent tendencies toward immorality. In time the young wife presented the poet-preacher their son, to whom Hosea gave a name which was symbolic of the evil times and of the retributive justice of God which was to come upon Israel.

Hosea 2:2a, 5, 8-9 Gomer became entangled in the web of immorality and gave birth to two more children, but Hosea was not the father of either. Hosea hated Gomer's glaring sin, but he loved her still. Hosea pleaded with Gomer to return to her husband and her children, but to no avail.

Hosea saw in Gomer's sinful conduct an apt illustration of the behavior of Israel toward God. As she became a slave-concubine to her paramours for the remuneration she received from them, the Israelites gave themselves to the gratification of their sinful desires. Many fail to recognize God as the source of all their blessings, both material and spiritual.

Hosea 3:1-5 When God instructed Hosea to continue to love Gomer, he was preparing Hosea for his prophetic ministry. At great personal sacrifice to himself, Hosea purchased Gomer out of the slave market and brought her back home. He placed her on probation and taught her forgiveness is not cheap or automatic. Hosea remained true to Gomer, forgave her and gave her an opportunity to prove that there had been a real change in her way of living.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

David spares Saul's life

1 Samuel 26:6-12 David was aware of Saul's intention of taking his life at the first opportunity, but he was never disposed to retaliate by slaying Saul. Instead, he repeatedly fled from Saul's reach. Finally Saul took 3000 men with him and pursued David into the wilderness of Ziph. After planning a daring invasion of the camp of Saul, David asked for one of his men to accompany him and Abishai volunteered to do so. Under the cover of darkness David and Abishai quietly went behind the barricade and discovered Saul, his bodyguard Abner and the others with him asleep.

Concluding this was a splendid opportunity to take the life of Saul, Abishai requested permission to murder his enemy. David refused to grant the request of Abishai and interpreted the situation as being an excellent opportunity to prove mercy should be demonstrated instead of violence. He wanted to leave Saul to God's disposal in his own time and manner. Under no circumstances would he agree to harming one of "the Lord's anointed." Many today could avoid chastisement and personal regret if they would only use the good judgment which David exhibited in refraining from inflicting injury upon "the Lord's anointed."

1 Samuel 26:21-24 Upon awaking and discovering David had been in his presence and had refrained from taking his life, Saul confessed he had sinned in his attitude toward and treatment of David. Saul "played the fool" by becoming conceited, through ignoring his best friends and by leaving God out of his life. Many today are playing the part of a fool and when the time comes for them to reap the consequences they will have to assume the responsibility therefor. God's obedient children can rest assured he will bless and use them in his service.

Skunk hunt

Frank Owen

Our SBC president, Jimmy Allen, in speaking of the upcoming convention in Houston, said, "There are those who would like to change the agenda of the convention from missions to orthodoxy. Such a shift in emphasis would be tragic, ..." he says, and maybe cause us to "... end up on the junk pile of discarded instruments that God is unable to use."

One hears and reads that orthodoxy tests are being proposed on the question of an "inerrant Bible." About all Baptists so deeply revere the holy scripture that we wouldn't have any agreement with anybody who would try to tell us that there is anything ultimately wrong with the Bible. The problem in such a debate is the fact that the term "inerrant" is used a little differently by different people.

When debate on inerrancy breaks out, those of us who are not expert in language feel a little lost. We don't know the Greek or Hebrew well enough actually to prove linguistic inerrancy (or errancy) to ourselves. We have to end up arguing from second-hand information on the basis of our trust in other language scholars.

The inerrancy of spirit, purpose, message and such comes relatively easy but most of us non-linguists must borrow whatever is to be our position from someone else when it comes to literal linguistic inerrancy.

I agree with Jimmy Allen that it would be unwise for us to turn from mission emphasis to disputations over orthodoxy. The questions over which we dispute are nearly always more or less insoluble. That is, we never appear to convince each other of our varied views. (I use the word "varied" advisedly. It fits better than "opposite.") We just don't get anywhere arguing.

When religious bodies get started questioning the orthodoxy of their people they tend to end up in heresy hunts. Such hunts almost never turn out well, even though nobly intended.

My father has always been rather perfectly orthodox, but has always advised against heresy hunts. "It's a good deal like a skunk hunt," he said. "The more successful the hunt, the worse the hunters smell."

News in Brief

Eight SS training locations named

Eight associational and church Sunday school leadership training events are planned across Kentucky in August by the state Sunday School Department, Fred E. Halbrooks, director, has announced.

Associational leaders will be trained from 7-9 p.m. Friday nights while local church Sunday school leaders will receive similar instruction Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dates and locations of the eight meetings are:

Aug. 10-11 — Jonathan Creek Assembly; Rose Hill Church, Ashland; First Church, Leitchfield; Central Church, Corbin.

Aug. 17-18 — First Church, Madisonville; Calvary Church, Lexington; Campbellsville Church; First Church, Prestonsburg

Brotherhood budget up 4% as salaries increase 8%

Staff salaries of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission were increased an average of eight percent by the commission's elected trustees meeting in Memphis. An operating budget of \$2,285,350 for 1979-80 was approved, up four percent from the current budget.

The trustees asked for two missions volunteers to do Brotherhood work. Requested through the Mission Service Corp program of the Home Mission Board, the two volunteers are for field work among Baptist men and circulation promotion of agency periodicals.

The trustees agreed to hold a national meeting in August 1983 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the men and boys missions movement among Southern Baptists.

Up to 4000 expected at Opryland

Between 3000 and 4000 boys are expected at the sixth national Royal Ambassador congress July 10-12 at Nashville's Opryland USA.

The meeting will be held at the Grand Ole Opry House, adjacent to the park featuring 21 rides and 15 live musical shows.

Humorist Grady Nutt of Louisville, yo-yo champion Bunny Martin, basketball star Bobby Jones and home and foreign missionaries are slated to appear. The conference purposes to lead boys to a commitment to assume personal responsibility for sharing Christ with the world.

Adults wishing to bring boys to the congress should complete a congress form available from the state Brotherhood office (Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243). The completed form, plus \$12.50 registration fee per person, should be sent to Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Heading toward paganism at a million people a week

by James L. Britt

E. Y. Mullins in his little book on Baptist Beliefs wrote, "It is a strange and significant fact that Christians for nearly two thousand years generally neglected the New Testament teachings as to the Holy Spirit. When interest suddenly revived in 1860-1900, God blessed the church with an amazing harvest."

As I thought about that statement which I discovered perusing a reprint of that classic, I wondered if God is up to something again. C. Wade Freeman wrote in *Proclaim*, "The current emphasis on the Holy Spirit is more than a fad. It is good fortune. It indicates that God is present and at work in the hearts of hungry people."

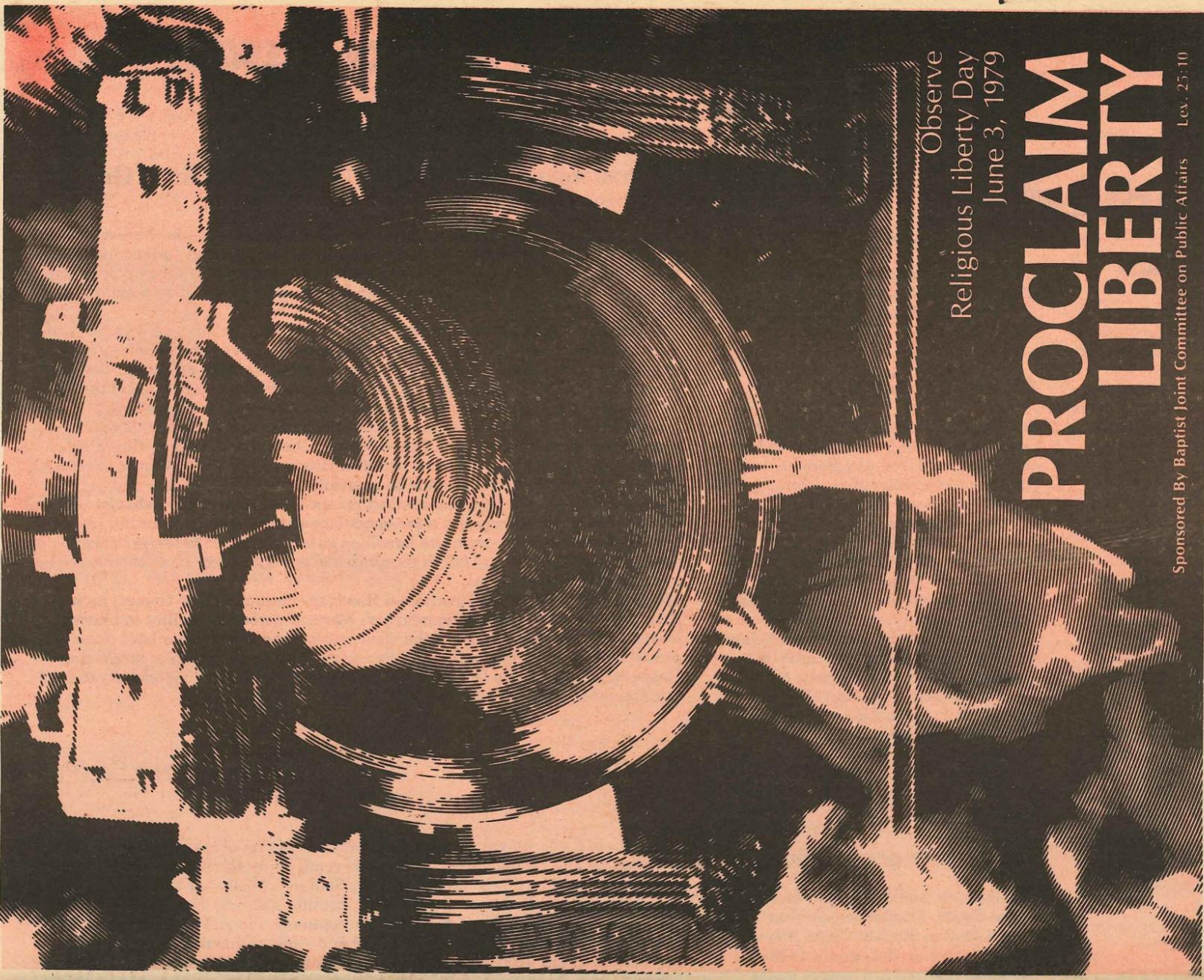
Let's recover the meaning of Pentecost. We observe and keep the meaning of Christmas and Easter which are reminders of the events of the incarnation and the resurrection. Both days were set arbitrarily in the Christian calendar and adopted by most Christians. Pentecost, however, is a part of the calendar of Judaism from whence our roots. On the day of Pentecost God sent his power upon his people. They had the message and were given the mission but were told to stay in Jerusalem until they were "clothed with power from on high" (Lk. 24:48 NIV). When the power came, they became witnesses, just as the Lord Jesus had told them in Acts 1:8 which is the text for our Bold Mission Thrust emphasis. Sunday, June 3 is the day of Pentecost. Reexamination of the event of Pentecost could be the means of the people of God rediscovering the dynamic of the Early Church needed so desperately today. Let it be a day of prayer, proclamation and expectation for God to visit his people in a supernatural way.

We are told the world is becoming non-Christian at a rate of more than one million a week. On any given Sunday in America approximately 10 percent of those holding membership in the churches are present for worship. In our Southern Baptist Convention, it is estimated only 40 percent of those holding membership in our churches attend.

We face a world of growing paganism fascinated by the dark world of the occult. The web of materialism holds many in bondage, and hatred has torn country after country in blood baths. The impotent people of God will not reach out to such a world. The need of the hour is not dynamic pulpits alone but dynamic people.

H. H. Hobbs, former president of our Convention and for many years beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, has stated, "... if we acknowledge him who is power, truth and life, man may well stand upon the threshold of the greatest blessing in the history of the world. This can be only as we are possessed, guided and used by the holy spirit of God."

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