

Kentuckians in BWA spotlight — McCall nominee; Denny retiring

Duke K. McCall, 64, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been selected as official nominee for the presidency of Baptist World Alliance. His election and installation will be next summer when the Baptist World Alliance meets in Toronto.

McCall's nomination to become the leader of 30 million of the world's 31 million Baptists was approved in Brighton, England by the 250-member general council of the alliance.

The nomination was brought to the council by a search committee in unanimous agreement. James L. Sullivan, past president of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention and former executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was chairman of the search committee.

McCall will succeed Hong Kong businessman David Y. K. Wong who has been president since 1975. The term for president is five years.

McCall plans to continue as president of Southern Seminary, a position he has held since 1951. As president of the alliance, he would travel extensively. He said he would ask the seminary's board of trustees to "give me some relief" in order to meet obligations related to the job.

The Baptist World Alliance represents almost 113,000 churches in 115 conventions in 121 countries. With headquarters in Washington, D. C. it has area offices in Hamburg, West Germany and Sydney, Australia.

At the Brighton meeting the council also nominated Gerhard Claas as general secretary of the alliance, the chief administrative post. Claas will succeed Robert S. Denny of Lexington.

Denny will retire in 1980 after 12 years as general secretary. Before serving the alliance Denny was director of Baptist activities on college campuses and worked on the Student Department staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

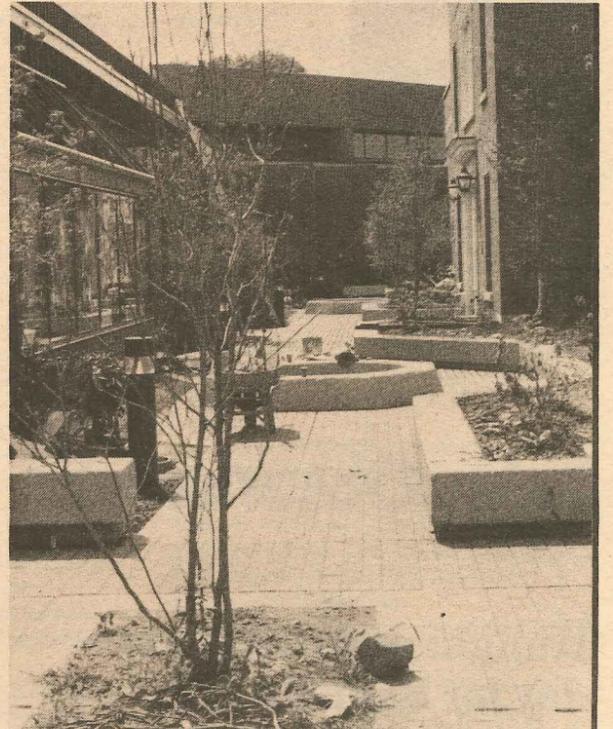
McCall, who is the senior member of the council having served since 1947, will begin preparation for his position as president next month. He will travel to Monrovia, Liberia to meet with Liberia's president William R. Tolbert Jr. Tolbert was president of the alliance from 1956 to 1970.

McCall will also attend a North American meeting of alliance members in the fall in Mexico City.

McCall will be the second president from Southern Seminary to be president of the alliance. E. Y. Mullins held the position from 1923 until his death in 1928.

The last American to hold the post was V. Carney Hargroves. Hargroves, a Southern Seminary graduate and retired pastor of an American Baptist Church in Philadelphia, was president from 1970 to 1975.

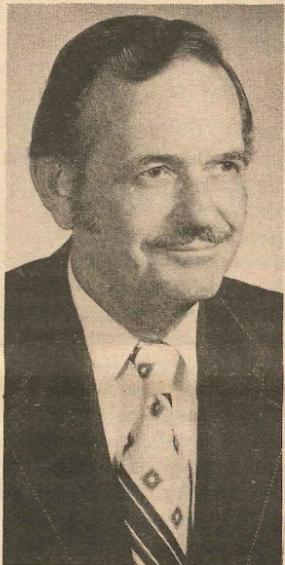
"I am pleased with this and grateful for it," McCall said. "One of my goals is to get larger participation of the third world nations. This is a place where representatives of the third world countries can sit down as peers to plan what we can do together as Christians to make this world better."



Behind the jasper walls

An inner courtyard is developing between old and new structures of the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown. When completed, it will offer a landscaped garden with fountains surrounded by glass-enclosed corridors of the new facade fronting the old facility [r]. At the upper end is a new chapel. Western Recorder and the state WMU moved to newly renovated quarters at the rear of the old building in June. Departments of the executive board occupy renovated space as it is available.

(Photo by James H. Cox)



O'Shields



McCall

O'Shields, Radio-TV staff differ on retirement story

A former employe of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has taken exception to an announcement about his retirement.

Claud O'Shields, who served the Ft. Worth-based agency for 14 years from an office in Wilmington, N. C. as its eastern representative, was the subject of a Baptist Press story issued July 5. The story, composed by commission officials in Ft. Worth, implied O'Shields, 64, had accepted early retirement for health reasons.

"But in fact," said O'Shields in a telephone interview, "I had no reason to retire or intention of retiring."

He said he was told on the closing day of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston that he would be retired and his office officially closed June 30. The commission trustees agreed to continue his salary until his 65th birthday next March.

The news release said O'Shields, who has high blood pressure, notified the commission recently that his doctor had requested his blood pressure be checked daily before deciding whether to work each day. O'Shields reported that his wife, not a doctor, checked his blood pressure daily.

The official news release stated "this presented a dangerous situation for a person who spends the majority of his time traveling." O'Shields refuted the statement by saying, "This is conjecture on their part, and is in fact not so."

He said he felt obligated to "set the record straight" concerning his abrupt departure from the agency.

O'Shields may assume a role in radio and TV ministries with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina on an advisory or part time basis.

He coordinated the first statewide Baptist communications conference held in Kentucky last March in Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Cunningham, ex-Kentuckian, rites held

Mrs. J. Edward Cunningham, native Kentuckian, died July 7 in Decatur, Ga. at 51. She had battled cancer for many months.

Burial was July 11 at Clinton, Ky., her home.

Mrs. Cunningham, the former Mary Queen Jewell, received two degrees in childhood development from the University of Kentucky and later taught there. She also taught in Decatur.

She was the wife of Ed Cunningham, regional secretary for the American Bible Society in Atlanta for seven years. Earlier he was Kentucky Baptist Convention mountain missionary 13 years and pastor at Campton, Ky. three years.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Cliff, 22, and Craig, 19; mother, Mrs. Linda Jewell, Clinton; two sisters, Evelyn Jewell, Oakland, Cal. and Mrs. Robbie Kelly, Arlington, Ky.; and a brother, Billy Jewell, Montgomery, Ala.

Expressions from friends may be made through the American Cancer Society or the Mary Queen Scholarship Fund, University of Kentucky Home Economics Department.

Borrow carefully: West

G. Allen West, executive director, Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, has developed guidelines for churches planning building programs in an effort to prevent church financial disasters.

"When a church defaults on its bonded indebtedness it is sad news to the congregation and tragic news to those who bought the bonds and loaned the money," said West. "It also affects other church congregations for there are always those who are ready to use infrequent examples of financial failure to show that the church is not doing what it said it would."

West suggests to churches planning to build:

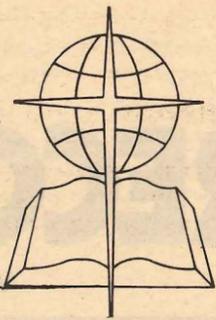
- Plan carefully and intelligently to meet needs.
- Seek the best financial advice available and follow it before and during the building campaign.
- Do not incur an indebtedness more than three and one-half times the annual budget. Some churches should not incur that much, while a few in more affluent areas could carry a little more.
- Borrow from a lending institution if possible.
- If you do decide to sell bonds, seek the advice of reputable and well established firms.
- Try to raise as much money as possible before starting construction and before any money is borrowed. Have on hand at least a third of the amount needed.
- Don't sell more bonds to pay off other bonds unless that is clearly stated as the purpose of the new bond issue, and then only within limits of the ratio of debt to budget income.
- Money given or borrowed for building purposes or capital needs should never be used for operating expenses.
- Avoid borrowing from two or more sources simultaneously.

"The congregation should have faith in God and in themselves," West surmised. "But faith should not be presumption. One should not let the heart run away from the head."

He cited Luke 14:28 (RSV): "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

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

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Daley Observations

Hunger and judgment day for Baptists

I have something in my heart to say and want to say it in a way no reader can ignore it. It has to do with priorities of Southern Baptists as seen in our church and denominational budgets and in our individual giving.

I believe as Southern Baptists we will be humiliated when we stand before the Son of Man when he comes as king to judge all of us. When we remind him of our great emphasis upon missions and evangelism through the centuries, he will reply, "These you should have done but not left other urgent matters undone."

When we inquire what things he means he will list among other things the physical hunger of millions which for the most part has been ignored by Southern Baptists, at least until recent years.

"But, we didn't know, Lord, how you felt about this. Why didn't someone tell us? Most of what we heard from pulpits and Sunday school classrooms had to do with saving the lost and building a strong home base."

"Ah, but," the king will say, "you boast of being people of the book. You could at least have read what I said about this judgment day when I was on earth. Matthew 25 records my actual words."

This passage disturbs me more and more every time I read it. It sounds so unbaptistic. It's the "social gospel" which has always been a whipping boy for orthodox Baptist oratory. Oh, I know it must be interpreted in light of all other biblical teaching but I see no way to avoid the conclusion that those who ignore the physical needs of those around them will be sent to hell and those providing for these needs will be welcomed into heaven.

The way Southern Baptists spend their time and energies sometimes doesn't make sense. Consider the last month, for instance. Thousands and thousands of words have been spoken and written in debating terms like "infallibility," "inerrancy" and "truth without mixture of error." While we were debating 390,000 humans died of hunger or hunger related diseases.

How much better off are we for all the debate? What we think about the Bible is truly important but our theories about its inspiration mean nothing if we ignore its teachings. If Southern Baptists had heard the word "hunger" as many times in the last month as they heard these theological terms we might be more prepared for

judgment. It's a wonder many sincere Baptists hearing our rantings and seeing the antics of our leaders don't write us off and find another group through which to minister.

There is some reason for hope for Southern Baptists in this problem of hunger. The cry of the hungry millions has not gone unheard by all of us. In the last several years world hunger needs have been presented to many Baptist congregations and, as usual, when needs were presented, response has been encouraging.

"World Hunger Day" is now on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar and that is something. This year it is on Wednesday, Aug. 1 or, if not convenient, on any other day a church chooses. Churches that serve dinner on Wednesday nights should consider meeting at meal time not to eat but to fast, to pray and to give an offering for world hunger. Other churches should find another time to do this.

To assist churches and individuals in world hunger observance we are including in this issue an excellent guest editorial by David Sapp and a very practical article distributed by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission (page 8).

A lovely lady with a fitting name

No lady ever lived up to her name more completely and magnificently than Mary Queen Jewell Cunningham whose death account is on page 1 of this issue. She was truly a jewel and queenly in every respect. No one who ever knew her could forget her example of excellence and courage.

Blessed with unusual talents and spiritual gifts, she developed all of them and used them in serving God and fellow humans. She had the highest professional standards to which one could aspire and excellence describes everything she ever did. Along with an amazing professional career, she found time to be an ideal wife and mother.

True saints of God demonstrate their greatness not in times of prosperity but in times of adversity. When malignancy was discovered in her body she faced the facts realistically and proceeded to squeeze out of life all that was possible. She did not ask God for some special dispensation but determined her last days would be the best and they were. She kept working and serving long after most would have given up and by determination added years to her life and ministry.

She was truly a queenly jewel ready for heavenly enthronement.

Guest Editorial

Can we put a stop to world hunger?

by W. David Sapp

The cover picture this week says, "CAN WE PUT A STOP TO WORLD HUNGER!" Can we? Is the slogan an overstatement? Isn't it true that no matter how much we do, some people will still starve? Here is some information to help you decide:

—The United States has six percent of the world's population, but consumes over one third of its food resources. This means that the excess consumption of our nation alone would feed the 480 million people in the world who are chronically malnourished.

—The United States Department of Agriculture predicts for the ten year period between 1975 and 1985 developing nations will have a deficit of 47.6 million tons of grain, while the wealthy nations will have a surplus of 51.9 million tons of grain. There will be enough to feed everyone if we can just get it to them!

—In 1977 India produced twice as much grain as it could store. Consequently, much of that grain never got to hungry people. Similar problems exist all over the world and can be remedied by steps as simple as building more silos.

—Each year the United States uses enough fertilizer for golf courses, cemeteries, lawns, flower gardens and other non-agricultural purposes to feed 100 million people.

—Nearly 30 million Americans and uncounted millions of others around the world are hungry only because they cannot afford an adequate diet.

—One survey shows even in the face of such tragic need the average American church member gives less than one penny per month to feed the hungry.

—The Bible says God will provide enough of what we need: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

What do you think? Can we put a stop to world hunger? There is and probably can continue to be enough food for everyone. The scientific evidence for that is clear. What we lack is the will to share, otherwise known as love. We say that political and economic barriers prevent us from getting food to the starving. But those barriers were erected by human beings; and they can be destroyed by human beings. They are difficult, but conquerable, barriers; they will yield to an onslaught of Christian love.

You can help with the onslaught by stopping world hunger wherever you find it. World hunger is really personal hunger repeated millions of times. Ultimately, we will put a stop to world hunger only when we stop the hunger of persons, little girls and boys, desperate adults, old men and women. Christians have a God given responsibility to feed the starving: "I was hungry and you fed me" (Matt. 25:35). World Hunger Day can help you get started. Observe it in and through your church Aug. 1.

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Baptist News in Brief



Halsell



Hayes

WMU extends deadline

The deadline for reservations for the WMU mission tour to Chicago has been extended to Aug. 1, 1979. The tour is scheduled for Oct. 22-24, 1979. Anyone interested should write Chicago Mission Tour, WMU Office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Sounds of rejoicing in Music City, U.S.A.

Music City U. S. A. responded to the gospel at an average of over 27,000 per night during the recent Nashville Central South Billy Graham Crusade at Vanderbilt University Stadium.

A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, H. Franklin Paschall summarized, "The Billy Graham evangelistic thrust is a phenomena. I have not seen anything like it anywhere. The greatest miracle of it all is the invitation. When he calls for response they come. I am a local church man and Billy Graham has done more for the local church than any other evangelist."

Owen urges BMT support

In a recent letter to pastors in the state, Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, asked churches to consider Bold Mission Thrust in planning their budgets for next year.

According to Owen the Southern Baptist Convention is urging state conventions to ask churches to double Cooperative Program giving between 1977 and 1982. "The Kentucky Baptist Convention can only achieve its proportionate part as it is done in local churches," said Owen.

The emphasis upon money is important. "Money is the medium of exchange which we employ and pay the expenses of missionaries of every sort and with which we operate institutions and agencies of witness and service for Christ beyond where we are."

Hymnal adds sight to touch

Just to touch a church hymnal would be counted as a small blessing to many people.

A version of the 1975 edition of *Baptist Hymnal* has just been released where touch is everything.

Baptist Hymnal, Braille Edition, is available through the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

With hymn words, responsive readings and indexes, the hymnal requires four volumes on 667 pages. Cost of the hymnal is \$85, including shipping.

Music department personnel suggest churches buy a copy for each blind member and leave them in a reserved section of the sanctuary. This will allow a blind person to participate in all aspects of worship.

Shots, seeds Baptist gift

Almost 2000 packages of vegetable seeds, together with flower seeds, have been flown to the volcano damaged island of St. Vincent in the West Indies as a gift from Baptists of the world.

Baptist World Alliance officials said that the seed valued at \$4450 was flown to St. Vincent by Eastern Airlines in a joint effort by the BWA and Eastern to help restore crops and beauty to the 150

square mile island inundated by lava.

The BWA also is at work in St. Vincent as one of four current projects in its Year of the Child immunization crusade. The work began in May and 175,000 immunizations had been given to 45,000 children by June 10. This touches almost half the island's 100,000 population.

Halsell to head W. Va.

Thomas Earl Halsell, evangelism and stewardship development director for Indiana Southern Baptists, has been elected as the second executive secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

Halsell, 58, a native of Benton, Ark., will succeed the retiring John I. Snedden Jan. 1, 1980. He will join the West Virginia Convention staff Oct. 1, 1979 as executive secretary-treasurer elect. Snedden will retire at age 65.

Before joining the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana in 1973 Halsell was pastor of Alberta Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. five years. He was a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, 1955-69, where he was president of Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary and professor of New Testament and evangelism.

He earned master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Hayes to raise TV money

Carlyle B. Hayes will move from director of management services to director of development at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Hayes, also a senior vice president at the commission, will develop endowment gifts to undergird the commission's operating and capital needs programs.

SBC to resettle 1000?

Southern Baptist associations of churches are being asked to commit themselves by Oct. 1 to the resettlement of 1000 Indo-Chinese refugee families.

The challenge came from a special committee for refugee resettlement created by William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The committee's challenge to Southern Baptists ask that each association promote and enlist churches as sponsors of the refugee families, and as soon as a commitment is made to notify the state coordinator of refugee resettlement.

Directors of missions are asked to contact their state refugee coordinator at their state Baptist convention offices or the Refugee Resettlement Office, Home Mission Board, with word of their commitment.

Court orders 16 reinstated

In an unusual if not unprecedented action, a county court judge has ruled that a South Carolina Baptist church must reinstate 16 former members who had been voted out of the fellowship following months of controversy.

The church, which earlier did not contest the suit brought against it at a hearing before a court-appointed "referee," says it will not abide by the decision because it is contrary to the historic principle of separation of

church and state.

Judge O. A. Rankin, presiding over the Horry County Civil and Criminal Court, handed down the order June 22 against Hickory Grove Church in the Waccamaw Baptist Association. It rendered the church's vote to oust the group "null and void and of no effect." Rankin is a member of First Baptist Church, Conway, S. C.

B. C. Pigg, pastor of the church for five years, says the deacons solidly support refusing the court order while vowing to appeal the case. "We don't want to seem un-Christian in this matter," he says, "but we believe that the state has no right to say who can be members of our church. We (deacons and pastor) will not recommend to the congregation that they (the former members) be reinstated—not based on a court order, anyway."

The lawsuit stemmed from controversy over church polity. It was the church's procedure to issue an annual "call" to its pastor, or what Pigg called a "vote of confidence."

Viewing the procedure as "a divisive thing," Pigg, backed by the deacons, asked that no further votes on extending his call be taken. Petitions calling for continuation of the "call" were circulated.

A group representing signers of the petitions met with deacons and were directed to stop the petitions. Two who did not were dismissed from membership.

The other 14 voted out of the church had persisted in meeting as a separate Sunday School class, or, as one informed source said, "a church within the church."

SS meets set

The theme "Bold reaching and teaching" announces this year's small Sunday school leadership weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers.

The Ridgecrest conference will be Aug. 27-31. Information can be obtained by writing Ridgecrest Baptist Conference, Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

The conferences are for Sunday schools with less than 150 enrolled.

Ridgecrest will also offer a small Sunday school leadership retreat Nov. 22-24. Information can be secured by writing Ridgecrest.

'Make sure love is there'

A former Moonie urged 1860 Southern Baptists at Glorieta Baptist Assembly to use the weapon of love to blunt the advances of sects in America.

Chris Elkins, who left the Unification Church and became a consultant for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said "Moonies and Mormons are using love to draw Southern Baptists into their fold."

"Jehovah's Witnesses baptized over 100,000 persons in one year and over 40 percent of them were disgruntled Baptists," Elkins claimed. "The same percentage is true of the Mormons."

Sealift urged for refugees

An immediate sealift to aid refugees who have been forced out to sea in unseaworthy boats has been urged by the executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

In a letter to President Jimmy Carter, William G. Tanner requested implementation of an "immediate sealift to

rescue those otherwise doomed persons."

The letter to the President came after Malaysia deported thousands to Indo-Chinese refugees, forcing them out to sea in boats of questionable seaworthiness. The deportation of the refugees from Malaysia was coupled with reports Thailand has forced more than 45,000 Cambodians back into their war-torn country.

Meet me in St. Louis?

Housing plans are already in progress for the 1980 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Groups wishing reservations of a minimum of 10 and maximum of 50 rooms must make reservations before Sept. 1, 1979 by writing the SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219, or calling (615) 244-2355.

No reservations for individuals will be accepted by the SBC Housing Bureau in St. Louis until Sept. 1. Any received before that time will be returned, said Tim Hedquist of the Executive Committee staff.

Hedquist said no shuttle bus service will be provided in St. Louis, as it was in Houston for the 1979 SBC. He said messengers will have plenty of public transportation and parking around the convention center.

FMB appoints 38 more

Thirty-eight new missionaries and almost a half million dollars in relief ministries projects received approval from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in July.

Board members also were urged to support U. S. Senate Bill S. 1372, introduced by Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, which would restore a \$20,000 U. S. income tax exemption for missionaries and other qualified employees of public charities and religious organizations serving overseas.

Elimination of this exemption, which occurred under the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, stands to cost either Southern Baptists' 2900 missionaries or the Foreign Mission Board about \$1 million this year alone if the exemption is not restored.

The 38 missionaries, plus two re-appointments, bring the year's total to 96, with 123 missionary journeymen scheduled for commissioning July 20 in Richmond and another relatively large group at the board's August meeting in Glorieta, N. M. The 96 include 20 re-appointments of missionaries.

Russian Baptists to jail

In two recent trials in the Soviet Union three leaders of unregistered Baptist churches have received sentences ranging from 18 months to five years in labor camp.

The first trial took place in Zaporozhe, Ukraine in February. Fyodor Korkodilov, pastor of the local unregistered Baptist church reportedly was sentenced to two-and-a-half years imprisonment and Vsevolod Bugaenko, an evangelist in the same church, to 18 months.

In the second trial, in Dzhabul, Kazakhstan, pastor-evangelist Yakov Skornyakov was sentenced to five years in a strict regime labor camp and confiscation of property.

You spoke—we hear you!

Five hundred thirty-eight of the reader survey cut-out forms included in the May 30 Western Recorder were mailed back to us giving us the first comprehensive look at what Kentucky readers think of their state paper in more than two decades.

Based on the survey, we discovered more than three-fourths of all readers are laymen or laywomen in their churches rather than professional church staff members. We heard you say acceptable advertising of all kinds in Western Recorder is not objectionable but preferable in order to keep subscription prices low. We were not surprised to discover that you read Western Recorder to find out first and foremost what Daley is thinking and saying on the issues, and while you may often disagree with him, you believe he is overwhelmingly fair and willing to let the other side be heard.

We were pleased to learn you are loyal to your state paper, more than half of you having subscribed two or more decades—some, for many decades. Three-fourths of you are middle aged and above, and half of you read nearly all of your state paper every week. The education level of Western Recorder readers is also exceedingly high.

Countless hours were spent by the staff tallying what you said. Of course,

we had our favorites among your answers. One, from Middletown, went like this: "Today I sneaked a peak at my mother-in-law's copy of Western Recorder and noticed your coupon for a poll of readers. Since I dare not use the mother-in-law's vote, I just wanted to let you know that any time I find a Western Recorder I always read Dr. Daley's column. And I have yet to find one that I didn't find meaningful and well written. So let me cast a Methodist vote for a fine column. It is always appreciated."

From an Owensboro reader: "My mother lived to be 97 years old. She learned her 'ABC's' on the Western Recorder and loved it. It was next to the Bible. Every time I burn a copy, I feel like she is watching me but I can't keep them all. In my 91½ years it has come every week."

And, finally, a lady in Barbourville included this comment: "It is hard to tell when you've read it all. I now sew sections together on the machine. It works." For that original idea, we thank you, mam, and we thank every reader who took the time to write. This is your paper, and we will try to keep it what the majority of you want it to be. On these pages is a visual portrayal of what you said. We hope you find yourself in the majority.

THE READERS

Readers' ages in household

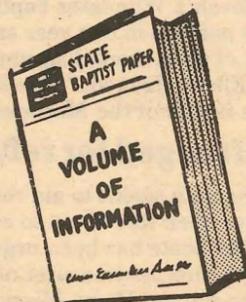
Years of age	Number	Percentage
Under 12	7	(.9)
12-15 years	9	(1.2)
16-19 years	25	(3.2)
20-24 years	26	(3.3)
25-34 years	111	(14.1)
35-49 years	173	(22.0)
50-64 years	233	(29.6)
65 and over	202	(25.7)
Total	786	(100.0)

Length of readership

Length of readership	Number	Percentage
Less than 2 years	25	(4.7)
2-5 years	43	(8.1)
5-10 years	62	(11.6)
10-15 years	57	(10.7)
15-20 years	69	(13.0)
20 years or more	276	(51.9)
Total	532	(100.0)

Personal reading habits

Reading habit	Number	Percentage
Read practically all of every issue	263	(50.7)
Read practically all, but not every issue	33	(6.4)
Read articles of interest in every issue	198	(38.1)
Read articles of interest, but not every issue	22	(4.2)
Read the paper whenever I have a chance	2	(.4)
Seldom read the paper	1	(.2)
Total	519	(100.0)



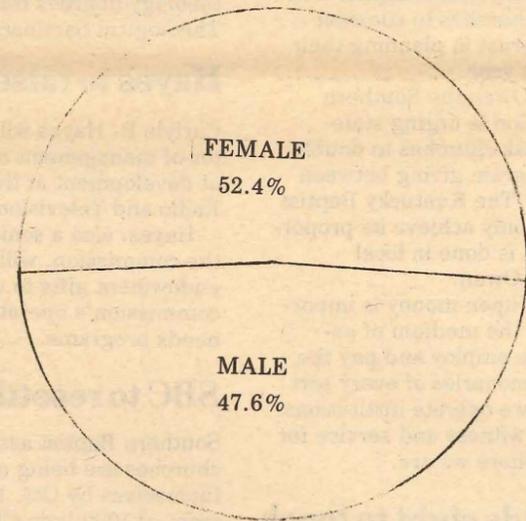
Formal education

Education level	Number	Percentage
Elementary school	30	(5.9)
High school	39	(7.7)
High school graduate	81	(15.9)
Attended college	84	(16.5)
College graduate	73	(14.4)

Graduate study	201	(39.6)
Total	508	(100.0)

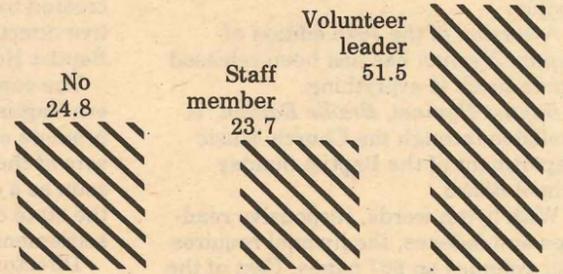
Sex

Number reporting — 504



Church-elected leadership positions

Leadership position	Number	Percentage
No	129	(24.8)
Yes, paid staff member	123	(23.7)
Yes, volunteer leader	268	(51.5)
Total	520	(100.0)



Readership of other state Baptist newspapers

Readership of other state Baptist newspapers	Number	Percentage
No	400	(75.6)
Yes, one other paper	73	(13.8)
Yes, two other papers	24	(4.5)
Yes, three or more other papers	32	(6.1)

WR subscription payment

Subscription payment method	Number	Percentage
By your personally	90	(17.3)
By your church	388	(74.5)
By a friend or relative	8	(1.5)
Provided by state convention	28	(5.4)
Provided by some other organization or agency	7	(1.3)
Total	521	(100.0)

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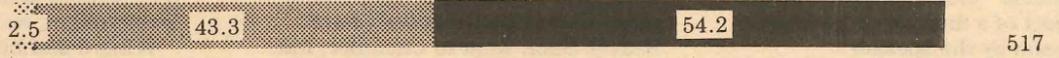
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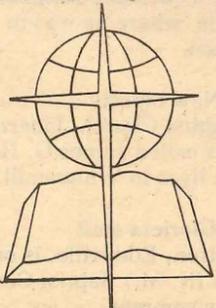
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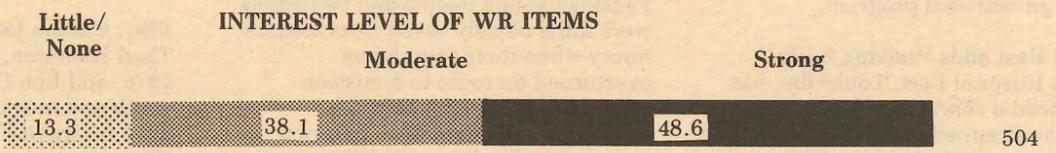


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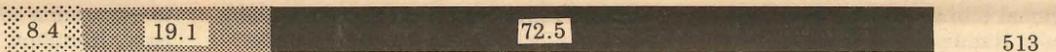


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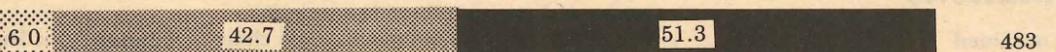
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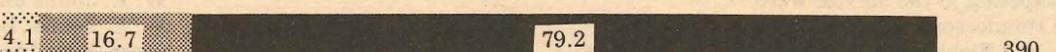
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Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

"God and country" honored East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, conducted a worship service July 1 honoring the founding of America as a nation.

The theme "God and country" was the subject of a musical presentation and sermon by the speaker.

One of the largest attendances in the history of the church was present.

DeHaven launches mission
DeHaven Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, began a mission in May in the LaGrange Elementary School building. Formal opening services were held June 17.

Henry Beach, a semiretired minister, is pastor. He was pastor for many years of churches in Louisville.

The mission has enrolled 48 in Sunday school. During the first month attendance reached 35 in worship. Offerings for five Sundays total \$3361.02.

Plans are to take a religious census to launch an outreach program.

Baptist East adds "talking books"
Baptist Hospital East, Louisville, has announced a service available to its visually handicapped patients. Through an arrangement with the free public library, a division called the Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, cassette players and tapes (talking books) on subjects such as religion, humor, sports, history, mysteries, adventure, the classics and historical novels are offered. Portions of newspapers and periodicals will be offered as a part of the service in the near future.

Springfield recommends clinic
Temple Baptist Church, Springfield, recently held a layman's witnessing clinic. Paul G. Horner, assistant to the president at Campbellsville College, led the clinic.

Various aspects of Christian witnessing including the importance of witnessing, the task of the soul winner and the responsibility of the church in a

follow-up program were studied and discussed.

David Sampson, pastor of Temple, reports a good response from the church and recommends the clinic for other churches in the state.

Beaver Dam on mission for HMB
Twenty-five youth and eight adults from Beaven Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam, went to Chandler, Ind. recently on a choir mission tour. The assignment was made by the Home Mission Board.

The group conducted backyard Bible clubs, survey work and musical presentations.

The six backyard Bible clubs had 115 enrolled. One child made a profession of faith.

Over 800 homes were surveyed in the Newburgh, Ind. area. This was an effort to locate prospects to start a mission church nearby.

The choir presented three concerts. Minister of music at Beaver Dam is Brenda M. Thomas.

Mission group "miraculously saved"
Fourteen young people and two adults were miraculously saved from serious injury when their church bus overturned en route to a mission vacation Bible school June 22.

The young people were part of a group of 21 from Sunrise Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. They were aiding Frenchburg Baptist Church, Red River Association, in a vacation Bible school at their Indian Creek Mission.

The entire group camped throughout the week at Natural Bridge State Park. The accident occurred on Rte. 77 as the group traveled toward Frenchburg.

Their new church bus appeared to be a total loss as it turned over on its top and rested against a tree. The tree prevented the bus from continuing several hundred feet down the mountain. All in the bus escaped with only minor injuries.

Richard Easterling, the Frenchburg pastor, regards the escape from serious injury as a miracle. He reports that the Bible school was very fruitful with two adult women being saved and a total of 84 enrolled in the school.

Morris and his wife, Juanita, are active in their church and association. He is a Sunday school teacher and choir member. Morris is also moderator of Grayson County Association, a position he has held three years. Mrs. Morris is church clerk and clerk of the association.

The charge to the candidate was given by George Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leitchfield. Eddie Majors, chairman of the board of deacons at Caneyville, presented the charge to the church. The ordination sermon was delivered by Bob Sutton, pastor of Caneyville.



J. D. Morris

Ordinations

Payton ordained
Rex Monroe Payton was ordained to the gospel ministry June 17 by Karnes Grove Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Payton is pastor of Barnett's Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Williams ordained by Valley Creek
George M. Williams was recently ordained by Valley Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to the gospel ministry.

Participating in the service were Wayne Henderson, proclaiming the charge, and Richard Barnes who delivered the ordination sermon.

Williams is pastor of Gilbert's Creek Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association. He is a graduate of Clear Creek School.

Morris ordained
Caneyville Baptist Church, Grayson County Association, has ordained J. D. Morris deacon.

Personnel

Willard to Rockbridge
G. Alan Willard has accepted the pastorate of Rockbridge Baptist Church, Monroe Association.

Willard, a Virginia native, is a second year student at Southern Seminary. He is working on an MDiv degree.

Willard and his wife Leigh live in Louisville.

Douglas to Third Baptist
Charles Douglas has been called as minister of music to Third Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Douglas, his wife Janie and their two sons, Daniel and David, will begin their work at Third Baptist in July.

Wes Roy leaves Latonia
Wes Roy, associate pastor/minister of education at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, has resigned to accept a similar position at Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.

Roy will begin his ministry at Grace Aug. 1.

FBC, Clinton loses staff
Thad Hamilton, pastor since March 1976, and Ron Goodwin, minister of youth and music for over two years, have resigned First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Hamilton and his wife, Camille, move to a traveling evangelistic crusade ministry. Hamilton will preach and his wife will be in charge of music and work with women. They will make their home near Asheville, N. C.

Goodwin moves to the staff of Bellevue Baptist Church, Paducah, as minister of music and youth.

Bryant resigns at Corinth
Don Bryant has resigned as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

The Allens to Goshen
Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Charles Allen as minister of youth and Pam Payne as minister of music. They became Mr. & Mrs. Charles Allen July 14.

Deaths

Sharon Irvin Hutchins dies
Mrs. Sharon Irvin Hutchins, 32, died July 3 at St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington. She was a member of Georgetown Baptist Church where funeral services were conducted July 5.

Mrs. Hutchins is survived by her husband, Steve; a daughter, Michelle, 3; and two sons, Robert, 10, and Peter, 10 months.

Mrs. Hutchins was the daughter of Chester Irvin. Irvin is pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville.

W. E. Johns dies
W. E. Johns, Baptist deacon for 66 years, died June 3 after a short illness. Johns had been a member and deacon of East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, since 1935.

Johns is thought to be among the longest serving deacons in the state. A Southern Baptist publication, *The Deacon*, will carry an article on Johns in January 1980.



Will Reckart and family

Reckart to Ormsby Heights
Will Reckart has been called as associate minister of music and youth to Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Reckart came to Ormsby Heights from Bartow, Fla. where he was in music evangelism.

Horn called to New Liberty
New Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty Association, has called James G. Horn as pastor. Horn lives in Whitesmill.

Kentuckian on Glorieta staff
Lucinda Lee Patton, Eddyville, is on the staff of Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center this summer.

Poplar Ridge calls Coons
Poplar Ridge Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Robert L. Coons as pastor.

A native of Kentucky, Coons has pastored in western Kentucky and Ohio.

Coons has completed his first year at Southern Seminary. He and his wife will live in Louisville.

Lacy to Sligo
Terry Lacy, a student at Southern Seminary, is summer youth worker at Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Crew resigns FBC, Williamsburg
Roger Crew is leaving the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, to return to seminary.

Revivals

Revival at Sidney Missionary Baptist
The Sidney Missionary Baptist Church, Pike County, has experienced revival recently, according to James M. Hisel, pastor.

Five youth, along with the father of one of the youth, have made professions of faith and were baptized.

The church had an average attendance of 103 for vacation Bible school.

During a Sunday evening service, 21 adults made commitments of rededication.

Three decisions at Kirk Memorial
Kirk Memorial Baptist Church, Greenup Association, reports a successful revival. There were three professions of faith. Masen C. Branham is pastor.

15th at Hickory Grove
The recent celebration at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence, was for the 15th anniversary of pastor Colburn Hooten instead of the 25th anniversary as reported June 6.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

A mission to people

It was encouraging to Barnabas and Saul to know they were chosen by God to make disciples through preaching Christ to those who had not heard.

Acts 13:38-39 Paul understood sin as self will which finds expression in rebellious actions and forgiveness of sin as an act of grace. He proclaimed to his listeners removal of sin is available to those who repent and believe on Christ as saviour. The blessing of the forgiveness of sin cannot be obtained and enjoyed any other way.

Acts 13:42-43 Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia made an impression on those who heard it. Many requested Paul to address them again the next sabbath. Speaking to the Jews and religious proselytes who followed them, Paul and Barnabas "persuaded them to continue in the grace of God."

Acts 14:8-10 When opposition grew unbearable, fruitful service was no longer possible. Enemies were plotting to kill Paul and Barnabas so they journeyed to Lystra. There a pious Jewish woman, Eunice, resided. Her Greek husband had died. Eunice and her son, Timothy, lived with her mother, Lois. Both women were devout Christians.

While preaching in Lystra Paul observed an eager listener who was cripple. The man was there by divine appointment. Paul felt led of the Holy Spirit to perform a miracle, so he commanded him to stand. The man leaped to his feet and walked. This sudden cure astonished the people.

Acts 14:21-23, 27 Jews incited a mob to stone Paul. Thinking he was dead, they dragged his body out of the city. But, God did not forget his own. God enabled Paul to arise and enter the city again. The next day he proceeded to Derbe. After a successful ministry there, Paul and Barnabas returned home by way of the cities where they had ministered. They exhorted the converts to remain in the faith, assisted them in securing leaders for their churches and warned that they might be called to seal their devotion to Christ with their blood. Then they reported to their home church what the Lord had done among the Gentiles.

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Amos calls for genuine religion

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Amos 1:1 Amos, a herdsman and gatherer of sycamore fruit, was a resident of Tekoa, a village in Judah six miles from Bethlehem. His income was not sufficient as a herdsman so he gathered and sold sycamore fruit.

During the reign of Jeroboam II, God called Amos from his work in the field and commissioned him to warn the people of the punishment which he was about to send upon them because of their great wickedness. His task was to proclaim God's message to the people of his day and make predictions concerning events to come. **Amos 5:6-7** With penetrating insight Amos took note of the spiritual, moral, social and political deterioration throughout the land. Abhorring the wickedness of the people, Amos called upon them to repent of their sins, get right with God and live in obedience to the divine commands. "Seek the Lord, and ye shall live."

Using the term "the house of Joseph" as a synonym for Israel, Amos indicated the fire of God's wrath would fall upon the people unless there was a change in their living. Their lack of righteousness, widespread practice of injustice and participation in violence and oppression would not be tolerated by Jehovah. Amos spoke of the possibility of averting severe judgment through genuine repentance, godly living and devoted service to God.

Amos 5:14-15 Amos admonished the Israelites to turn from their evil ways and be zealous in doing good. He did this hoping "it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious." God longed for true righteousness in their lives. But apart from being right with him and doing right before others they should not expect his presence and power to be with them.

Amos 5:21-24 The people observed many religious assemblies and feasts, but underneath the outward show there remained many corrupt practices and terrible sins. All the pomp and display which characterized their religious services was an offense to God. God did not take pleasure in their religious services.

God refused to hear their prayers (vs. 21). God declined to accept their worship (vs. 22). He closed his ears to false praise and instrumental music (vs. 23). God longed for true righteousness (vs. 24).

Pro Christian education

Frank Owen

Every now and then a rash of criticism breaks out against our Baptist schools. It possibly serves a good purpose (in part) by keeping our institutions more conscious of our grass roots relationships. However, worthy critics must guard against extreme statements and accusations that exceed the measure of existing faults. Excessive negative declarations may destroy confidence that can scarcely be entirely rebuilt, sometimes unfairly, and stir up criticism of higher education.

We have great schools that in my judgment deserve their Cooperative Program portions even when they are found with some faults. My giving to our schools is because I believe in the institutions and their Christian influence in the academic world. I know they can't achieve perfection, much less maintain it. Everything I support has some faults (even my own stomach).

I am taxed to support state institutions that teach no Christianity at all. I give to Christian education despite its faults just like I give to my church despite its faults; and like good people gave to the church treasuries that paid my salary through more than 38 years as a pastor despite my faults.

I give to our Baptist institutions despite their occasional faults because I believe in the slow but sure, self-correcting, repurifying process of a Holy Spirit-led democracy. Baptists don't vest final authority in any one man or group of people to "zap" things in order by summary act of authority. Such manner of government is dictatorship and we don't tolerate it.

But we have to wait on democracy. It can't respond as fast as dictatorship. Sometimes it isn't as efficient but it does respect individuals and their rights. We don't want to destroy or weaken the system that allows men to be tall and free.

An era of criticism, if kept wholesome and constructive, can be good fruit; but slowly, in season. We must "wait upon the Lord" and his people and institutions. They will respond if given time and honorable freedom. Hastily lit fires are apt to destroy.

Osborne to Corn Creek

Wayne Osborne has accepted the call to pastor CornCreek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Osborne will complete work on the MDiv degree at Southern Seminary in December. He plans to do graduate work at Southern.

Jobe resigns at Riceville

Charles Jobe has resigned as pastor of Riceville Baptist Church, Fulton Association, after 15 years.

Jobe stated he was "grateful and thankful for what the Lord has done through the efforts of the church in these years."

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- Limit your family to no more than two children, even if you, personally, can afford more than two. One additional child born in America will consume more of the world's resources than 60 children born in India. For those who like large families and love children, adopt them from broken homes or orphans.
- Become informed. Read about the problem. Find out what the situation really is. Bring it to the attention of others.
- Pray. Confess your own sin of overindulgence, of wasting resources. Pray for strength and discipline to do something about the problem.
- Skip one meal each week (or more) and give the money instead to world hunger relief. Cut back on overall consumption, especially meat.
- Grow your own garden.
- Reduce or eliminate consumption of "junk food."
- Oppose use of grains for brewing beer and whiskey. American breweries and distilleries use about 16,000 tons of grain a day, enough to feed 128 million people for an entire year.
- Sponsor meetings of concerned individuals to discuss the world hunger problem. Invite policy makers and government leaders to attend. The U. S. Congress is in recess during August and this is a good time to meet your congressman personally and talk with him/her about your concern for world hunger.
- Contact Bread for the World for current information on legislation before Congress concerning world hunger. Consider joining this Christian political-action

oriented organization. Address: 207 East 16th St., New York NY 10003.

- Support legislation in Congress to increase appropriations for food aid to the elderly and food stamps. Support legislation to provide emergency grain reserves for droughts overseas and world hunger crises.

• Give more than money. Give your life. Write to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230, if you feel God might be leading you to become personally involved as a career missionary or volunteer for one or two years in hunger relief, medical missions or agricultural missions.

- Give sacrificially of your money, over and above your tithes through the church. Designate your gifts for "Hunger relief" through the SBC Foreign Mission Board or through other "responsible" hunger relief organizations.
- Occasionally practice the biblical injunction to "fast." Not only will it clean out your system, it'll give your stomach a new awareness of what it means to go to bed hungry every night. Give money saved to hunger relief.

• Return to a one car family; use public transportation. Encourage legislation to upgrade public transportation systems.

- Eat more fresh vegetables/fruits; can or freeze products at home. Buy from vegetable markets and stands.
- Do something to feed hungry people who live right in your community.
- Feed pets table scraps, instead of commercial pet foods which are made from foodstuffs edible by humans.
- To become better informed on Southern Baptist world hunger efforts, subscribe to SEEDS, a monthly magazine published by Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Dr., Decatur, GA 39939.
- Make sure that world hunger offering envelopes are placed in pew racks at your church. Promote the world hunger offerings from the pulpit.
- Talk about worldwide hunger problems; tell friends of the need; encourage them to contribute to alleviating the crisis.
- Promote sacrificing a meal or other hunger relief methods in your club, business, church, civic organization.