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## 'M' Night, Bible meet schedule conflict checked

Schedule conflicts for the Heart of America Bible Conference set for Louisville Nov. 5-7 have been resolved. The event is the second in a series of national Bible meetings sponsored by W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Tex. and James Robison of Hurst, Tex.

At issue is the fact the Bible conference was scheduled at the Southern Seminary chapel on the same date Long Run Baptist Association's 'M' Night was previously calendared there. Some leaders also said limited parking and seating space would be a problem at the seminary for the Bible conference.

The solution is to hold daytime sessions at the seminary, with parking at nearby St. Matthews Baptist Church, night sessions at Louisville's Convention Center and 'M' Night combined with the Bible conference Nov. 5. A fleet of buses will ferry participants between St. Matthews Church and the seminary for daytime sessions.

Bill Self, pastor of Atlanta's Wieuca Road Baptist Church, will address the 'M' Night crowd as previously announced. Adrian Rogers, SBC president, invited by Criswell and Robison, is also expected to speak that night.

## Florence hosts BSUers at 52nd meet Oct. 12-14

A Lewisburg girl who was recently named first runnerup to Miss Kentucky of 1980 will be featured soloist at the 52nd annual state BSU convention next week.

Alice Forgy, a graduate of Western Kentucky University, will perform at several sessions of the Oct. 12-14 weekend conclave at Florence Baptist Church.

Miss Forgy is an admissions counselor at Northern Kentucky University and BSU choir director there. That choir, along with those from Eastern Kentucky and Murray State universities, plus Sunesis of Cumberland College and the Campbellsville College Singers will provide special music during the weekend.

G. Douglas Smith, associate professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be music director for the event.

Principal addresses during the convention will be delivered by Calvin Miller, pastor, Westside Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb.; William M. Pinson Jr., president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Glen H. Stassen, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southern Seminary, Louisville; and John A. Wood, director of program development, SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville.

Howard Bramlette, design editor, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will conduct Bible study on Sunday morning. J. Bill Jones is host pastor.

Other features of the program include a multimedia world missions presentation, summer missions emphasis and fellowship period. Three Kentucky student summer missions teams—SonShare, SonBurst and SonCelebration—will perform.

Eleven seminars will be offered Saturday afternoon and each will be repeated once. Topics and leaders include:

Developing Bible study groups on campus, Danny Flanagan, vice president for student affairs, Campbellsville College; campus evangelism, Jim Fugate, state director of student work, West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, St. Albans; Christian vocations, Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs, Southern Seminary; women in today's ministry, Kathryn Jasper, executive director, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union; what do Baptists believe?, R. Dwayne Conner, pastor, Erlanger Baptist Church; communications, Bramlette; sex and morality, Pinson; Christian writing and creative expression, Miller; our responsibility in race relations, Wood; world peace and me, Stassen; and time management, Charles Gray, director of financial aid, Northern Kentucky University.

Stephen White, a Campbellsville College student, is state BSU president and will preside.

## KBC messengers to converge on Walnut Street Nov. 13-15

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Equipping for Church Advance" will be their theme when Kentucky Baptists gather Nov. 13-15 for the 142nd annual meeting of the convention at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Convention president T. Hicks Shelton of Eddyville will kick off the event with the president's address at the opening session Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Five other major speeches are programmed. Speakers include: Bailey E. Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; Baker James Cauthen, retiring executive director, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Billy G. Hurt, pastor, First Church, Frankfort (convention sermon); William B. Tolar, professor of biblical backgrounds, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Darold H. Morgan, president, SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex.

In addition to electing a new president and other officers, the convention meeting in business sessions will consider recommendations of the executive board (outlined on page 6 this issue), adopt resolutions presented by the messengers, act on reports of the convention's committee on committees and committee on

nominations and transact numerous miscellaneous business details.

Each of the agencies of the convention, and each of the departments of the executive board, will have opportunity for brief reporting of the year's work. Bold Mission Thrust testimonies, concerts by various groups, seminary luncheons and college and school alumni functions are all a part of the week.

At the conclusion of the convention Thursday, Nov. 15 at noon, messengers are invited to an open house in the renovated Baptist Building in Middletown. Open house runs from 2 to 4 p.m. with a brief dedication service at 3 p.m.

Several preliminary meetings precede the convention proper, Monday, Nov. 12:

Executive board, 1:30 p.m., Baptist Building, Middletown; Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, 1:30 p.m., Walnut Street Baptist Church; Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, 2 p.m., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Kentucky Baptist Music Association, 2 p.m., St. Matthews Baptist Church.

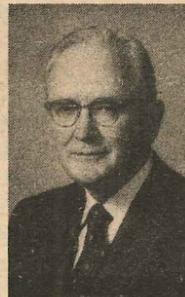
The convention program and preliminary meetings appear on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. Schedules of other groups meeting during the week will be included in a subsequent issue.



Shelton



Smith



Cauthen



Hurt



Tolar



Morgan

## Baptists, Catholics deliberate at Cedarmore

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad, Ky. was the scene last week of a two-day dialog between Baptists and Roman Catholics planned for a year.

About 60 participants, equally divided between the two faiths, took part in two joint worship services,

participated in three group discussion periods and heard major addresses by Thomas J. McDonough, archbishop of Louisville, and Franklin Owen, Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

It was the first such dialog between the two leading religious groups in Kentucky. The meeting was the result of a suggestion by Joseph O'Donnell, official Roman Catholic representative to work with Southern Baptists, to Owen. A former Beaver Dam, Ky. parish priest, O'Donnell has attended Baptist meetings on state and national levels for several years.

C. B. Hastings, assistant director, Department of Interfaith Witness, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, participated in the dialog. He and O'Donnell summarized the event for participants, relating experiences of similar dialogs in other states.

Participants represented a cross section of the two groups. The 30 Baptists included about one-third pastors, one-third laymen and one-third denominational workers. A large number of Catholic laity was present. Lay involvement has been a major Catholic emphasis since the Second Vatican Council.

The discussion groups brought many Baptists and Catholics into face to face exchange for the first time. In the opening period, stereotypes Catholics and Baptists have about each other were listed and discussed. Some expressed surprise at the openness of the discussion and enlightenment afforded.

Other areas dialoged were how Baptists and Catholics view their commitment to Jesus Christ and religious education philosophies and activities.

In closing remarks Archbishop McDonough expressed hope for other such dialogs and O'Donnell said the most important level for such is local congregations of Baptist and Roman Catholic churches. No plans now exist for future dialogs.

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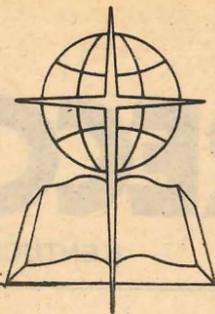
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C. R. Daley

## Daley Observations

### A new dimension of Christian experience

If a few years ago someone had predicted a Roman Catholic archbishop and a Baptist pastor would be roommates at Cedarmore and that Catholic priests and Baptist preachers in a joint worship service would be singing "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand" he would have been considered ready to be institutionalized. I saw exactly that last week and there was nothing artificial or strained about it.

The occasion was the first Baptist-Roman Catholic dialog on the state level in Kentucky history. It was one of those experiences which was deeply satisfying for the participants but which cannot be adequately described to those who were not involved.

The fact is many Western Recorder readers will not be convinced that anything good can come from dialog between Baptists and Catholics. This was my own feeling much of my life. This feeling is understandable in light of our historic understanding of the Catholic view of salvation and their attitude toward non-Catholics.

But Catholicism has undergone profound changes since John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council. Before this council what happened at Cedarmore last week would have been impossible. The decree on ecumenism coming out of this council changed Catholicism almost overnight. This change was as perplexing to many Roman Catholics as it was to non-Catholics. Enough time has elapsed by now to prove the change is real and anyone considering it a ploy or strategy to entice and swallow up non-Catholics is hard put for any proof.

The initiative for this project came from the Catholics and God forbid that we should ever pass up any sincere invitation to talk about our Christian convictions. Baptists have never been reluctant to give reasons for their faith. If our beliefs and convictions are not strong enough to survive and benefit from dialog with other religious groups, we are not what we claim.

The dialog experience proved Catholics are willing to come a long way to relate to Baptists. The joint worship services could have passed for worship services in most any Baptist church. We sang from *Baptist Hymnal*, read scriptures from the King James and modern translations and, from the form and content of spontaneous prayers, one could not tell whether a priest or a Baptist pastor was praying. The Catholics participated enthusiastically in the worship services though they had no elements of the mass which is central in Catholic worship.

There was an amazing openness and warmth from the very beginning of the dialog.

There was an unmistakable spiritual dimension which left participants feeling this is the way it ought to be with fellow Christians by whatever label they are known.

Don't get the wrong impression. Dialog was frank and honest. There was no compromise of basic convictions of either group. This was never the purpose of the experience.

Baptists and Roman Catholics have fundamental doctrinal differences which cannot be ignored nor minimized by any amount of dialog. But these differences can be much better understood and in the process some misconceptions can be corrected. We discovered Catholics have about as many misconceptions about Baptists as we have about them.

Perhaps the most profitable results of the dialog were genuine Christian fellowship and better knowledge of each other's true beliefs and practices. It was inspiring to hear Catholic priests testify to their personal experiences of grace, to learn Catholics do not worship Mary though she is highly venerated by many and, as a Baptist, to feel accepted as a true brother in Christ instead of an alien of the Roman Church outside of which is no salvation.

Those with an openness to new knowledge and new dimensions of Christian fellowship would benefit from properly structured Baptist-Catholic dialog on the local level.

#### Guest Editorial

### An autumn day, somber, stately

by Corinne T. Gregory

A bittersweet sadness lingers. It's autumn. The wild geese rise from a night's rest in the valley. Their leader honks, and a perfect V is formed. The latecomers join in as the flock circles the crisp brown oak at the top of the slope. The southward flight is off—leaving a season and a countryside where, briefly, time stands still . . .

With colors blended, the blue ageratum, the purple ironweed and the tall goldenrod splash their brilliance across the peaceful meadow; while the red of the sumac rivals that of the sassafras along the shallow brook.

Wild canaries, flitting in and out, make pale gold splotches against the blue cornflower growing in the fence row. And down near the pond, where ant colonies are busy in their little factories, the willows bend gracefully and cattails wave proudly at the water's edge.

Nearby, the old black snake bestirs himself and

slithers along the dusty path. Under the trees, he sheds his extra skin and yearns for a long sleep in the quiet earth . . .

Deeper in the woods, ripe pawpaws drop unheeded on the soft carpet of the brown leaves. While red and black haws nod idly in the yellow sunbeams that filter through the thinning branches. And clusters of hazelnuts cling tightly to the bush as a fat squirrel makes his repeated rounds . . .

The golden day is spent—the sunset spreads its pink and apricot streaks across the western sky. There is quiet dignity over the land—a time for remembering . . .

And, as if poised and waiting, the night sounds, ever so gently, take over.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, He has made everything beautiful in his time.

## Baptist Forum

#### Join me for lunch?

Thank you for standing up for the seminaries. I support you all the way in refusing to print the paper submitted by Dr. Harold Lindsell. Dr. Lindsell has spent his life as an independent. He may be a Southern Baptist by name, but by spirit and commitment he has not proven himself to be one of us. He has not paid his "dues" and therefore has not earned the right to be heard. On the other hand, our seminaries and their leaders have paid their "dues" and have earned the right to be heard by Southern Baptists.

It seems unfortunate that such a small minority of extremists can cause such a furor among us, but when that small group is intent on passing off their particular theological position as the position of all of us it is for us to speak up and take a stand.

As president of the Kentucky alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary I would like to appeal to Kentucky Baptists to resist those who would attack our beloved seminary and to let your voice be heard in support of our seminary. Kentucky is indeed fortunate to have this fine seminary in our midst. We cannot stand aside and let lesser men destroy the good name of our seminary and of our teachers there.

Whatever happens this fall at our state convention meeting in Louisville, let us be there to participate in the proceedings. If we will do this I am sure that reason will prevail and those who would destroy and disrupt will fail in their efforts.

Let me also appeal to those who are graduates and friends of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to show your support of this great institution by attending the annual alumni luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

As a graduate or just as an interested friend, if you would like tickets (at \$5.00) to the luncheon write T. A. Prickett, Box 1384, Owensboro, KY 42301.

T. A. Prickett, Owensboro

(Baptist Forum continued on page 7.)

# Christian Education

## Georgetown appoints five to faculty

John L. Butler, academic dean at Georgetown College has announced the appointment of five faculty members.

Mrs. Merle Clemmons has been named associate professor of business administration and economics.

A native Kentuckian, Mrs. Clemmons earned the bachelor's degree at Berea College and the master's and doctorate at University of Kentucky.

Former high school teacher and coach Lee Driggers has been appointed

instructor in physical education.

Born in Orlando, Fla. Driggers is a graduate of Florida Technological University. He earned the master's degree from McNeese State University.

Robert Kruschwitz has been named assistant professor of philosophy.

Kruschwitz graduated summa cum laude with honors from Georgetown College. He earned the master's and PhD degrees from University of Texas, Austin.

Kruschwitz earned the 1975 Dean's Award at Georgetown and an Oldright Fellowship at the University of Texas in 1978.

Named an instructor of health, physi-

cal education and recreation is Linda Markham. Miss Markham earned the bachelor's and master's degree from Western Kentucky University. She worked in the Jefferson County (Ky.) Metro Parks and Recreation Department before coming to Georgetown.

Besides teaching, Miss Markham will coach several women's athletic teams.

Joining the English faculty as an assistant professor is John A. Sadlon, a graduate of University of Pittsburgh and Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Sadlon was a teacher and research assistant at Indiana University of Pennsylvania before being named director of

writing and composition at Butler County (Pa.) Community College.

## Coleman EBREA President-elect

Lucien Coleman, professor of religious education at Southern Seminary, was elected president-elect of the Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association at its annual meeting.

The association is a professional organization for church and denominational religious education specialists. It provides conferences and skill development for members.

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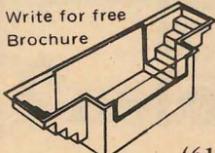
LeRoy Albright

### BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

First Baptist Church  
Bowling Green  
October 5-6, 1979

Baptist men assembled for the first session on Friday at 3 p.m. will hear LeRoy "Buddy" Albright, missionary for 20 years in Rhodesia, Malawi and Zambia. The Pineville native will address the RAs on Saturday morning.

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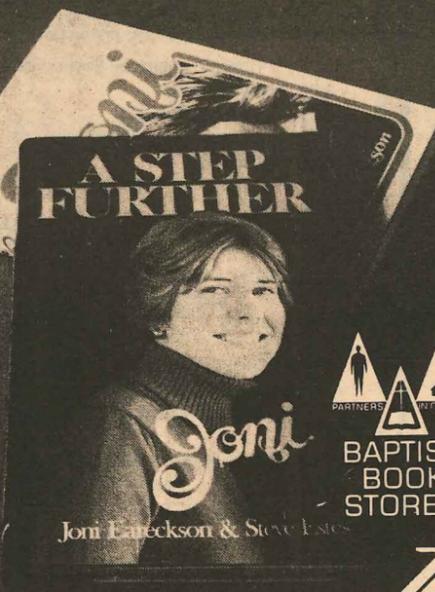
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# Music Association

**Monday, November 12, 1979**

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**

- A.M.**  
11:45 Officers Luncheon
- P.M.**  
1:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal  
Eugene Sutherland, Conductor  
2:00 Call to Order  
Worship  
Concert — Clear Creek Singers, David Hale, Conductor  
2:30 Personal Growth Session: "How to Avoid Disciple 'Burnout',"  
William L. Turner, pastor, Central Church, Lexington,  
Dialog Leader

- 3:30 Refreshment Break  
Browse through Baptist Book Store Exhibit  
4:00 Concert — Handbell Choir, Hartford Church,  
Dean Gray, Conductor  
4:20 Business Session: 1. Election of KBMA Officers; 2. Mission Tour  
Report; 3. Constitution Committee Report; 4. Church Music  
Department; 5. Miscellaneous Business  
5:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal  
5:30 Adjourn for Supper  
5:45 Buffet Supper  
7:15 Evening Concert: Seminary Brass Chorale, Doug Smith, Con-  
ductor; Ron Boud, Organist, Southern Baptist Theological Semi-  
nary; Organ Recital, Daniel Tilford, Georgetown College  
8:30 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**

- A.M.**  
8:15 Doughnuts and Coffee  
8:30 KBC Rehearsal  
9:00 Sing for Pastors' Conference

# Pastor's Conference

**November 12-13, 1979**

**Walnut Street Baptist Church**

"Stir up the gift of God which is in thee." II Timothy 1:6

President ..... Bill Whittaker, First Church, Murray  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Jerry Traylor, First Church, Olive Hill  
Organist ..... W. Austin Roberts, Lexington Avenue Church, Danville  
Pianist ..... Anne Sutherland, Walnut Street Church, Louisville

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**  
"Feed the flock of God." I Peter 5:2

- 1:15 Pre-session Music ..... "Sing and Tell"  
1:30 Prayer and Praise ..... Wayne Halley, Minister of Music  
First Church, Murray  
1:45 "Preaching Themes in Ephesians" ..... Clyde T. Francisco  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
2:15 Music by "Sing and Tell"  
2:30 Message ..... J. Altus Newell, St. Matthews Church, Louisville  
2:55 Praise Him in Song  
3:00 Business Session and Offering  
Message in Music ..... Robert Phillips, Music Evangelist, Franklin  
3:25 Message "The Double Honor Due the Pastor" I Timothy 5:17-19  
Bob Norman, First Church, Belfry  
4:00 Praise Him in Song  
4:05 Message "Pastor's Charge" John 21:15-25  
Lincoln Bingham, West End Church, Louisville  
4:35 Benediction ..... B. A. Houchens  
White Stone Quarry Church, Bowling Green

**MONDAY EVENING**

"Preach the word." II Timothy 4:2

- 6:45 Prayer and Praise ..... Bob Kersey, Minister of Music  
First Church, Paducah  
7:00 "Preaching Themes in Ephesians" ..... Clyde T. Francisco  
7:30 Message in Music ..... Choir, Ninth and O Church, Louisville  
Warren Taylor, Director  
7:45 Message "Preach the Word of Reconciliation" 2 Corinthians 5:19  
Bill Tichenor, First Church, Princeton  
8:10 Election of Officers and Offering  
Message in Music ..... Bob Kersey  
8:30 Message ..... Bill Sherman, Woodmont Church, Nashville  
8:55 Benediction ..... J. Bill Jones, Florence Church

**TUESDAY MORNING**

"Do the work of an evangelist." II Timothy 4:5

- 9:00 Prayer and Praise ..... Gary Southard, Minister of Music  
Rose Hill Church, Ashland  
9:10 "Preaching Themes in Ephesians" ..... Clyde T. Francisco  
9:40 Message in Music ..... Kentucky Baptist Chorale  
Eugene Sutherland, Director  
9:55 Message ..... Bailey Smith  
First Southern Church, Del City, Okla.  
10:25 Benediction ..... 1979-80 President

# Religious Education Association

**November 12, 1979**

Room 195 Norton Hall

**Southern Baptist Seminary**

**OFFICERS**

President ..... Terry R. Hamrick  
Minister of Education, First Church, Somerset  
Vice President ..... William R. Cromer Jr.  
Associate Professor of Religious Education,  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Sharla Stone  
Coordinator of Religious Education, Beechmont Church, Louisville

Theme — "MOTIVATION FOR OUR MISSION"

- 1:00 Registration and Fellowship ..... 196 Norton  
1:15 Tour Seminary Museum; Book Store/Library Browse  
2:00 Welcome and Introductions ..... Terry Hamrick, President  
2:15 Identifying Our Mission ..... Brooks Faulkner  
Supervisor, Career Guidance Section, Church Administration  
Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville  
3:15 Break  
3:45 Getting Ourselves Motivated ..... Brooks Faulkner  
5:00 Dismiss  
5:30 Banquet ..... Mullins Lounge  
Music by SEMINARY QUARTET  
7:30 Business Session ..... Terry Hamrick  
7:45 Motivating Others To Mission ..... Brooks Faulkner  
9:00 Installation of New Officers ..... Terry Hamrick  
9:15 Dismiss

**KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**1979**

# Recommendations of the Executive Board to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

The convention's constitution in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

**A. Recommendations on Cooperative Program Goals and Percentages for 1980-81:**

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These should now be recommended for 1980-81.



	For Comparison 1978-79 Budget	Approved 1978 1979-80 Budget	Recommended 1980-81 Budget
<b>I. Cooperative Program Goal</b>			
<b>A. Operational Budget</b>	8,000,000	8,800,000	9,000,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	2,720,000 (34%)	3,080,000 (35%)*	3,150,000 (35%)*
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	5,280,000 (66%)	5,720,000 (65%)*	5,850,000 (65%)*
<b>B. 1. Bold Mission Challenge</b>	800,000	1,200,000	3,000,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	280,000 (35%)*	420,000 (35%)*	1,050,000 (35%)*
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes***	520,000 (65%)*	780,000 (65%)*	1,950,000 (65%)*
<b>Total Cooperative Program Goal</b>	8,800,000	10,000,000	12,000,000
<b>II. Other Estimated Income</b>	687,649	693,199	700,000
<b>III. Total Budget Goal</b>	9,487,649	10,693,199	12,700,000

**B. General Recommendations To The Convention For The 1980-81 Budget**

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.
2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed Apr. 19, 1981 or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.
3. We recommend Vacation Bible School offerings be given to world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program.
4. We further recommend contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.
5. We approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our child care program.
6. We approve the Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our hospitals.
7. We give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU—Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, Annie Armstrong offering for home missions and the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions in September.
8. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.
9. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.
10. We ask the Sunday schools to observe state missions emphasis day for its institutional and educational value.
11. We instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the dates indicated.

- \* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.
- \*\* The distribution of these items is voted by the Executive Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention.
- \*\*\* These percentages will be used provided the \$8,000,000 1978-79 Operational Goal is exceeded.

## School asks \$2 million

Georgetown College has announced it will request approval of the convention in Louisville to conduct a \$2 million sesquicentennial fund raising campaign.

College officials said the Brown Foundation has offered the school an endowment of \$1 million provided Georgetown raises \$2 million, designating \$1 million of that also for endowment.

KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen explained this motion "failed to get before our (executive) board for its spring meeting, but will be recommended to the board at its November meeting."

The November meeting is the day prior to the opening of the convention. If approved, the campaign will be recommended to the convention proper for action.

Georgetown College is currently observing its sesquicentennial year.

## Baptist Forum

### Is there restoration after forgiveness?

I have read with interest the responses to your editorial of Aug. 22 which dealt with divorced persons serving as deacons. I agree that pastors, deacons and indeed all Christians need to be models of personal purity. Certainly if we are going to preach discipleship to the world, we need to model it for them.

There is another part of the Christian message that also needs to be preached to and modeled for the world and that is forgiveness. It seems to me that sin and forgiveness are never far apart. To call divorce a sin is to imply that somewhere forgiveness is available. What a message it would proclaim to our world if, in our church, a divorced person could find forgiveness, become a new creature and start all over again.

When the father forgave the "prodigal son," the father did not reduce him to the role of a servant, but restored him to the full privileges of sonship. Forgiveness includes restoration. The divorced person who has been forgiven becomes just like the rest of us forgiven sinners who, by the grace of God, have been restored to sonship and are ready for service, wherever he can best use us.

Don Whitehead, Somerset

### Witness on the Belvedere?

In the gospel of John 9:4 Christ tells us "We must work the works of him who sent me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work." As a part of these works I would like to suggest Southern Baptists, possibly in cooperation with other denominations, sponsor a Christian festival next summer, or earlier if feasible, on the Louisville Belvedere and mall, the primary purpose being to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost and those who have fallen away from Christianity.

The celebration would be manned by volunteers to include preaching by ordained ministers and seminary students, counselors, musicians, choirs, free Bibles and free food for the poor.

With much prayer to God for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit this could be a great event for the glory of Jesus Christ and the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Tommye F. Boston, Louisville

### Bibles for the natives

I would like to bring to Western Recorder readers' attention a specific need of which I learned in a missions class at Southern Seminary.

Shelby Castlen, a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, told our class that Southern Baptist missionaries were winning the natives to Christ in large numbers. She also informed the class concerning the situation of Bibles. A very large percentage of the natives being won to Christ do not have the money to purchase Bibles due to inflation and poverty.

I am making an appeal to churches and other Christian organizations in the Louisville area to give their old, unused Bibles to someone who really needs to hear and share God's Word.

Mrs. Castlen has assured me these Bibles will be sent to Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines for distribution to the natives.

I would be happy to collect the

Bibles; any version is acceptable, in any condition. If you have Bibles to give, please call or write: Larry G. Rowell, Box 1443, 2825 Lexington Rd., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 40206, (502) 893-3556 after 5 p.m.

Larry G. Rowell, Louisville

### Is the CCC needed?

A recent article in Western Recorder called attention to the Christian Citizenship Corps, a new agency of the SBC Christian Life Commission. The purpose of CCC was said "to generate increased political involvement among the SBC's 13.2 million members."

The SBC needs this new agency about as much as it needs a diplomatic legation in Pago-Pago. The Christian Life Commission has concluded members of SBC churches are not capable of interpreting national and world events and issues for themselves, and thus must help assuage their political ignorance by properly orienting them to the affairs of the day. Sounds like "big government" on the denominational level. Those who are already ignorant or apathetic in the face of myriads of information-disseminating devices are not likely to be affected by yet another denominational agency.

At a time when SBC leadership is definitely conservative one shudders to think of the inevitable divisiveness to be realized in the SBC when convention leaders differ with CLC leaders regarding current political matters. This is not to say the conservative approach is always right, rather, it is to say the troubles are not worth the hassle. The convention is more important than the individuals in it.

The truth is neither SBC leaders nor CCC leaders nor CLC leaders need to make any public pronouncements at all, except as unofficial, private citizens. Indeed, it is doubtful the resolution recently passed at the SBC convention supporting the SALT treaty was a good thing. I happen to think it was not. As a member of an SBC church, I don't need for anyone or any agency to make pronouncements in my behalf about anything. The concept of the "priesthood of the believer" carries over into the field of political conviction. I will stand on my own personally arrived-at positions, and I will not appreciate my denomination espousing political positions in my name, especially those with which I do not agree.

The New Testament injunction to the church to spread the gospel and alleviate human suffering throughout the world is still primary. SBC workers en masse should be, and are, doing this. But, political persuasion, just as personal approaches to the faith, is private and thus should not be institutionalized.

It may even be the CCC, and the CLC for that matter, should be dispatched forthwith. Local and national social concerns are the business of individuals and individual churches, not the denominational bureaucracy in Nashville. Those on the local scene can be held accountable, those at the distant headquarters cannot. The sad plight of the National and World Councils, as well as their member churches, is indicative of what can happen when a small group of self-anointed super-ethicists attempts to reform the world spiritually by first reforming it politically.

Jim Clark, Danville

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### How the Bible came to be

Under the inspiration and direction of the Holy Spirit, some 40 writers received and recorded God's message with absolute accuracy.

**Jeremiah 36:1-3, 17-18, 32** God dealt with the people of Judah with compassion and patience. Settled in their rebellion and refusing to repent, their chastisement was inevitable. As they headed toward captivity, God sent Jeremiah to them with a written warning saying to repent and enjoy God's favor. Jeremiah's faithful scribe, Baruch, recorded the prophet's message on parchment for preservation and usage, without any personal additions or subtractions.

Jeremiah commanded his secretary, Baruch, to take God's message to the temple and read it to the people. Baruch courageously did so, leaving the results with God. When the scroll was read to Jehoiakim, he cut it into shreds and burned it. Following God's instructions, Jeremiah reproduced the words, then added some words about the divine judgment upon Jehoiakim.

**Luke 1:1-4** Luke acknowledged that others, who were "eyewitness, and ministers of the word" had written biographies of Christ, which he regarded as entirely trustworthy. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Luke sought to add various details about the life, death and resurrection of Christ that had been omitted by the other evangelists. Luke's biography of Jesus contains an account of some of the things, but not all, which Christ said and did while on earth.

**Philippians 2:1-5** Exceedingly anxious for all of the Philippian Christians to be filled with love for one another, Paul urged them to demonstrate unity in the expression of the Christian life. In his appeal for unity of thought, affection and feeling, he informed his readers a favorable response to his appeal would be a source of great joy to his own heart. Paul stressed the importance and worth of humility and unselfishness, and urged them to lose themselves in the service of others.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### Christ's example in service

**Philippians 2:1-11** Grieved by a report of a lack of harmonious fellowship in the church at Philippi, Paul made a strong plea to them for mutual love. Disunity in their fellowship concerned Paul who was anxious to avert the disruption of the Lord's work.

**The exhortation—Phil. 2:1-4** Each of the four grounds on which Paul's exhortation to unity is based is in the form of a conditional clause, which assumes that the condition is true. The first ground on which his appeal was based was the stimulus in Christ (2:1a). Right relationship to Christ stimulates the soul to the noblest efforts in Christian service. The second was the incentive of love (2:1b). The love of Christ flowing to the heart of a believer should be a sufficient incentive to live for him. The third was the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2:1c). When Christians are controlled and led by the Holy Spirit, they are free from bickering and strife, and their hearts are filled with compassion, and their chief interest is in living to please and glorify God. The fourth was compassion in the heart (2:1d). God's children should manifest affection for, sympathy with and compassion toward others.

Paul stressed the tremendous value of humility and unselfishness. He urged the members to lose themselves in the services of others.

**The example—Phil. 2:5-11** Paul challenged the Philippians to imitate Christ in their way of thinking. Christlike living is pleasing unto God. It pleases God because it is characterized by eminent humility, sublime benevolence and supreme devotion. Paul could not have used a better argument for following Christ than the example of the Saviour. If we have his mind, we will not seek our own wills, but his; we will not strive unduly for our own advancement, but for his glory.

After Christ accomplished the work which he came to do, God not only raised him from the dead, but exalted him to the highest place, welcomed him to the glory which he had shared with him before the world was, and gave him a name which is above every name.

## Confused pilgrimage

### Frank Owen

My life pilgrimage as a Baptist has been a bit confusing in one respect. I grew up mostly in the Missouri Ozarks where father's early ministry included several small town pastorates.

I perceived my denomination there at that time to be not quite well-poised and a little short on dignity in worship. Hence, among my personal religious goals was to gain better poise and to build more worshipful sanctuaries than the extremely simple and barren houses of worship that seemed scarcely to merit the name "Holy Place."

About the time I acquired a modicum of good poise as a pastor and conducted more dignified worship services, dignity began going out of style. The guitar began to replace the pipe organ and some music began sounding like the singers made it up as they went along.

Also, and here is my point, I discovered that people don't respond very well to dignified invitations. In fact, people who have not embraced Christ before achieving great dignity seldom ever do. It is not in the more sophisticated churches that we do most of our baptizing.

Maybe my whole denomination has somewhat traveled the same path and arrived at the same place to which I have come. Is this why our baptism records have declined? Have we become too sophisticated to catch or dispense the old-time religion?

I don't want to go back to those Ozarkian ways of that day. They wouldn't work in today's more sophisticated society. But I do believe that there is a compelling urgency for all people on earth who call Christ Savior and Lord, to develop and employ again more fruitful and effective ways to bear valid witness to the Christ who died for sinners.

Are we still really trying to win this world to Christ? Have we become content simply to nurture our own in the faith? Do we have too little confidence in previous methods of reaching people who are not in any Christian fold?

How do we evangelize our day in a manner that is both successful and pleasing to our Lord? This is the burning question for all responsible Christians.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Patricia Brunner named Berea campus minister



Pat Brunner

Don Blaylock, director of the state Student Department, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Patricia P. Brunner as campus minister at Berea College.

Mrs. Brunner, 43, is a member of Berea Baptist Church and a graduate of Berea College.

Mrs. Brunner has been active in student ministries since 1950. While at Berea she was BSU mission chairman and vice president. She was also a student summer missionary.

She hopes to see more participation of Baptist churches in BSU activities and support.

## Evangelist requests 69%

Southern Baptist missionaries in 30 countries rated general evangelists their greatest need as they requested a record 1526 reinforcements for 1980.

But the annual request for new missionaries also includes jobs as diverse as physician, music promoter and business manager to augment the widespread efforts of almost 3000 missionaries in 95 countries.

Sixty-nine percent of all 1980 personnel requests, made by a vote of missionaries in each field, are for evangelism and church development specialists. Some of these would go to Southern Baptists' newer mission fields, such as Burundi and Southwest Africa, where they would join one mission couple trying to witness to a whole nation.

## Parochial schools gaining?

The Christian school movement which swept many Protestant denominations during the early 1970s appears to be gathering quiet but growing support in the Southern Baptist Convention, a denomination long known for its strong advocacy of public education.

A 1976 study by the Baptist Sunday School Board found 189 schools associated with Southern Baptist churches operating in 94 associations with an estimated enrolment of 38,000 to 40,000 students in grades 1-12. A "calculated guess" for 1979, says Bob Couch, church administration consultant in weekday education for the board, is "in the neighborhood of 300" schools with some 50,000 students. The SBC has

35,400 churches.

Other indications Southern Baptist support for parochial education is gathering momentum:

—The Sunday School Board now publishes age-graded Bible curriculum for Christian schools and conducts seminars on Christian school administration.

—A Southern Baptist Christian school rally held during the SBC in Houston this summer attracted about 300 persons.

—A Southern Baptist Christian School Association was formed this year to give impetus to the parochial school movement.

One of the most outspoken proponents of Christian schools is W. A. Criswell, the fiery, conservative pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, which owns and operates First Baptist Academy with 630 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Criswell told the Houston parochial school rally the Christian school holds the key to survival for Americans and for Southern Baptists.

"I'd like for the Sunday School Board, I'd like for the (SBC) Executive Committee . . . to tell me where the great leaders are coming from except from the boys and girls we're training in our Christian schools," he proclaimed. "If we don't train them and guide them in the Christian way, then we have no future as Baptists."

"Racism and classism" were the two principal factors which led Memphis Second Baptist Church to reject a proposal to sponsor an elementary school in the Briarcrest system, even though the church, according to pastor James Hatley, had given "serious consideration" earlier to starting a parochial school.

"Every parent has both a right and a responsibility for the education of his children," Hatley comments. "But the Christian parent has an additional responsibility—to want the same for all parents' children."

Other Southern Baptist churches which have decided to forego any involvement in parochial education have done so on more pragmatic grounds, based on factors such as cost requirements for renovation and new construction, difficulties with accreditation procedures, dual use of the church's facilities and priorities within the overarching objectives of the church.

## No witch hunt says Rogers

Adrian Rogers and Harold Bennett explained the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust and other issues during an hour-long interview with Russell Barbour in an NBC-TV network program Sept. 23.

Rogers, new president of the 13.2-million-member SBC, and Bennett, new executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, fielded questions ranging from Southern Baptists' relationship to President Jimmy Carter to the issue of biblical inerrancy.

In discussing the SBC's Baptist Faith and Message statement, passed by the SBC in 1963 and reaffirmed in 1979, Rogers said he believes there are very few Southern Baptists who would attribute error to the Bible—"I would guess less than five percent."

Rogers said he believes anyone paid

by Southern Baptist money to teach in Southern Baptist institutions should teach what Baptists believe but: "I would not favor a witch hunt but would not oppose a committee if it were fair and honest" to investigate liberalism. He said he had not decided to appoint such a committee, noting Southern Baptists already have procedures to handle such.

He said he hopes the subject has become such an issue those who can't conscientiously support biblical inerrancy would want to teach somewhere else besides Southern Baptist ranks.

## Videotape: wave of future?

Videotapes will become a major factor in Southern Baptist Convention work in the next decade, participants at a video exploration conference at the Baptist Sunday School Board concluded.

About 60 state executive secretaries and workers from state Baptist conventions and Southern Baptist agencies and boards discussed how Southern Baptists can utilize videotapes for teaching, training and communicating.

"It is clear from listening to this group we no longer have a choice about moving in the direction of using videotapes," said Cecil Ray, general secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. "The question is how do we best get on with it."

William R. O'Brien of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said it's reasonable to assume that 10,000 Southern Baptist churches will have the equipment to utilize videotapes by 1984.

Bobbie Sorrill of the Woman's Missionary Union said a method should be found to financially help the convention's smaller churches and associations become involved in using videotapes.

## Christmas TV sponsorship urged

Don Fearheiley, executive producer of "At Home with the Bible," has announced churches and associations may sponsor the series' Christmas segment on local television, cable or radio.

The 30-minute Christmas program will feature Frank Pollard and music group "A Joyful Sound."

Sponsors may obtain an audition tape free by writing or calling Fearheiley at the Sunday School Board. A tape will be sent to the station at no cost to the sponsors in time to air in December.

## Baptists of Alabama and Japan in exchange

Two Baptist churches—one in Japan, one in Alabama—recently combined efforts in an exchange program which brought 27 decisions for Christ, two dedications to full time Christian service and four commitments to foreign mission service.

The pastor and 20 laymen of Shinkoiwa Baptist Church, Tokyo, Japan spent seven days at Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. observing programs and visiting members and neighbors of the church. In April, the pastor and four laymen from Cottage Hill Church witnessed and led services at the Shinkoiwa church.

This exchange, brainchild of Southern Baptist missionary Gerald W. Burch, was to allow each nationality to learn more about the other country, its Christians and the problems and challenges they face and to give them opportunities to share their faith.

Both parts of the exchange were successful, according to Burch and Cottage Hill's pastor Fred H. Wolfe.

## Haiti gets Baptist relief

Haiti has been added to the list of Caribbean countries receiving Southern Baptist relief help from devastation by hurricane David.

The Foreign Mission Board released \$5000 for hunger relief in Haiti. The emergency funds will be used to assist in replanting crops.

Another \$20,000 was authorized for emergency hunger relief in Dominica. Southern Baptist missionaries have been working with relief efforts on that island since the late August disaster stripped the country of its resources. The new allocation will go toward the purchase and delivery of food so missionaries can continue their work in the town of Boetica.

The two new allocations brings to \$135,000 the total amount of Southern Baptist relief money for use in the Dominican Republic, Dominica and Haiti.

## Baptist help in Nicaragua significant, survey shows

Southern Baptists have made a "significant contribution" toward rehabilitation in Nicaragua, but their largest undertaking is yet to come, says an official of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

Following a four-day survey of the strife-torn country, John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for relief ministries, said the emergency allocation in June of \$20,000 for hunger relief made a valuable contribution.

But, he noted, the "major undertaking of Southern Baptists" will be a \$30,000 allotment to be recommended at the October board meeting to help set up employment programs.

"Unemployment is the most serious problem in the country right now," said Cheyne. He emphasized, however, that the "country has made a fantastic beginning in recovery efforts" since open conflict ended.

For more than a year Nicaragua was torn by internal conflict between national guard forces of President Anastasio Somoza Jr. and the Sandinista National Liberation Front, which took control in July after Somoza fled the country.

Cheyne said, "One of the best organized relief programs I've seen" is being formed. He commended the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua for its community development program through which Southern Baptist missionaries in Nicaragua have been working.

The \$20,000 allocation has brought food to 2500 people, provided 150 families with loans of up to \$500 for housing repair, and helped people replace household goods, purchase medicines, restart small businesses and receive basic food subsidy during unemployment, Cheyne said.