



State editors: 9 lasted decade —a couple, 2

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Some time ago (Aug. 29) Western Recorder carried an article suggesting the decade of the seventies was, in Southern Baptist life, the decade of change. The assumption was based on leadership changes among the executive heads of the denomination's agencies, institutions, commissions and auxiliary.

The article pointed out of 21 SBC agency heads on the job at the start of the seventies, only two are now serving.

Some recent transitions among the editors of the 34 state Baptist newspapers have prompted research of their membership. The facts are equally surprising:

- At the start of the seventies, only nine of the 34 editors now serving were already in their present slots. Included are: Hudson Baggett, Alabama Baptist; Jack U. Harwell, Christian Index (Georgia); Robert Hastings, The Illinois Baptist; C. R. Daley, Western Recorder; C. Eugene Whitlow, Baptist New Mexican; J. Marse Grant, Biblical Recorder (North Carolina); John E. Roberts, The Baptist Courier (South Carolina); Darwin E. Welsh, Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Witness; and Julian Pentecost, The Religious Herald (Virginia).

- Of these nine, only two were serving in their current capacities a decade earlier—Daley and Grant. Daley signed on at Western Recorder July 1, 1957. While Grant was elected in North Carolina 20 years ago this month, he officially assumed the editor's office Jan. 1, 1960. He will be recognized by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in November for completing two decades with the Biblical Recorder and another decade (1949-59) with Charity and Children, published by the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes Inc.

- The recent departure of Jack L. Gritz as editor of Oklahoma's Baptist Messenger after 30 years and six weeks of service leaves Daley the undisputed dean of the state editors now in office.

- The recent election of Larry E. High as editor of The Maryland Baptist puts yet another state Baptist paper in the hands of a younger man. High, 29, is the youngest of all the editors. Others under 40 include James Lee Young, editor of Colorado's Rocky Mountain Baptist, and Bob Terry, editor of Missouri's Word and Way, both 36; and Lynn P. Clayton, editor of Louisiana's Baptist Message, 39.

- Several editors have served more than one state Baptist paper, including Clayton of Louisiana, formerly editor of the Baptist Digest (Kansas-Nebraska); Don McGregor of Mississippi's The Baptist Record, who earlier was with The California Southern Baptist; and Alvin Shackelford, editor of the Indiana Baptist before going to Tennessee's Baptist and Reflector.

- Several editors were associates on the papers they serve, including Harwell of Georgia's Christian Index, McGregor of Mississippi's The Baptist Record, Terry of Missouri's Word and Way and Roberts of South Carolina's The Baptist Courier.

- Seven of the 34 editorships are held by state executive secretaries who fill dual roles. These include The Alaska Baptist Messenger, currently vacant; James A. Langley, Capital Baptist (District of Columbia); Robert Wilson, Michigan Baptist Advocate; Jack P. Lowndes, New York Baptist; Roy W. Owen, Northern Plains News (the Dakotas, Wyoming, Montana); Ellis M. Bush, Penn-Jersey Baptist, and Welsh, Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Witness.

- Combined circulation of the state papers was 1.6 million at the close of the decade of the sixties, when there were 11.3 million Southern Baptists. Ten years later readership of the state papers has climbed to 1.85 million while church membership is 13.2 million.

- And in case you're wondering, Western Recorder didn't fare so well. With a circulation of 63,000 a decade ago, we're trailing with 61,000 now. There are 724,342 members of Kentucky Baptist churches.



Richard and Marilyn Douglass

Oklahoma pastor, wife murder victims

A Southern Baptist pastor and his wife, Richard and Marilyn Douglass, were shot to death Oct. 15 during what may have been a robbery of their rural home near Okarche about 20 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

The Douglasses were both pronounced dead at the scene. Their two teenaged children underwent sur-

gery in Oklahoma City. Leslie, a 13-year-old daughter, and Brooks, a 16-year-old son, were listed in 'stable condition' at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City.

According to unconfirmed reports by a deacon of Putnam City Baptist Church, Douglass, pastor of the church since 1972, apparently answered the door about 8 p.m. at his home. Two men asked for assistance. It's not known whether the men asked to enter or forced their way in, the deacon said.

All four family members were bound and gagged. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were shot in the head. Leslie was shot two or three times and Brooks once. Leslie managed to get loose and untie her brother. The two drove to a physician's home in Okarche where the doctor notified authorities.

Police are unsure of the motive. Canadian County Undersheriff Jerry Russell said robbery has not been ruled out but it has not been confirmed.

The Douglasses are former Southern Baptist missionaries to equatorial Brazil. Appointed in 1968 they were language students in Campinas, 1969-70. From 1970 until their resignations in 1972 they did evangelistic work in Belem, Para, Brazil.

Douglass, 43, an Oklahoma native, was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Texas before missionary appointment.

A prolific writer, Douglass frequently wrote for Southern Baptist publications and had a regular column in the Rocky Mountain Baptist, the Colorado Baptist paper.

Mrs. Douglass, 36, the former Marilyn Sue Lacy of Shawnee, Okla., was a graduate of Altus (Okla.) Junior College and attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary.

Stevens, Radio-TV trustees patching up their differences

Paul M. Stevens said he and the members of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission trustees have "had an experience of healing."

And Frederic W. Isaacs Jr., trustee chairman from Cosby, Tenn., said the commission is moving toward naming a new president, that the list of prospects has been narrowed from "about 60 to fewer than 10" and a person may be named by Jan. 1.

Stevens and Isaacs made the observations at an Oct. 18 news conference in Ft. Worth after the fall meeting of the commission's trustees.

According to the commission's public relations staff the conference was held at the request of Jack Tinsley, editor of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. Isaacs said he had no knowledge of the conference before that morning. Stevens came to the conference with a prepared hand-written statement.

Stevens, who had headed the commission for 26 years, was forced to retire as president by trustees last February. They made the retirement effective Oct. 31 but relieved Stevens as chief administrative officer. Among reasons cited for the trustees' action were unhappiness with commission management and programing and Stevens' retirement package. Estimated to be worth \$50,000-\$60,000 a year, the

package includes \$27,000 a year from a special non-participatory annuity initiated for 16 key commission executives in 1966, another \$13,000 from an annuity participated in jointly by Stevens and the commission and use of a commission-owned house.

Isaacs said at the press conference that the special non-participatory annuity which drew much criticism has been terminated and will receive no further commission funds.

Stevens said he met with a trustee retirement committee Oct. 16 and was told his retirement package would remain intact. He subsequently invited the commission members to his home for coffee and then he and Mrs. Stevens attended a dinner with the trustees Oct. 17. In his statement at the press conference Stevens referred to the events as "miraculous," noting they "probably could not occur anywhere except in a Christian world where men and women of proper and Christian spirit can disagree and at the same time be mature enough to find a common ground."

Harold E. Martin, then executive vice president, assumed the role of acting chief administrator after Stevens stepped down. Martin resigned in September to take a teaching post.

During Martin's tenure many long time commission employees were terminated or left the commission and others had their responsibilities changed.

Charles Roden, a long time commission employee, has succeeded Martin as acting chief administrative officer pending election of a new president.

Stevens alluded to the actions involving the employees in his statement. "I am not unmindful of the damage done to the Radio and Television Commission or to the lives and careers of many fine dedicated former staff people," he said. "No one knows to what extent that damage is, but time will tell."

Stevens said he had been sending \$100 a month to the commission as a "gift of love" which the board of trustees knew nothing about. He will now begin sending \$200 a month, he said.

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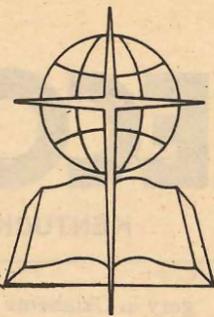
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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Help with a deadly enemy

People who work around rattlesnakes eventually forget the danger and lose their fear. Yet the snakes are as dangerous and deadly as they ever were and ought to be treated so.

So it seems to me to be the case with alcoholic beverage. It has become so much a part of American society that its deadly effects are more and more ignored. Only when it claims a close friend or family member does its deadly nature impress us.

There are many signs indicating even those once doing bitter battle with the alcoholic beverage industry are being lulled to sleep. Consider Southern Baptists, for example. We once preached total abstinence as absolute virtue but this is heard less and less from Baptist pulpits and classrooms and is more and more reserved for an occasional visiting temperance speaker. Regular temperance lessons in Baptist Sunday schools have gone by the way and in their place is an occasional reference in regular Sunday school materials to the dangers of alcohol.

Statistics on the evil effects of alcohol are staggering but they no longer arouse much concern. It seems not to bother us that about as many American young people die each day in alcohol related accidents as died each day in the Vietnam War.

Every area of modern life is seriously threatened by alcoholic beverage. It is one of the chief enemies of the American family and is often involved in marriage breakups. The loss in production and man hours of work from drinking is incalculable. A whole army of part time workers is required to fill in on Mondays for those not recovered from weekend drinking.

Very little is said about it but one of the greatest concerns for managers and owners of professional sports teams is alcoholic beverage. How absurd then that beer advertisements give the impression that truly successful athletes drink and how out of place that one of the main sponsors of televised sports is breweries!

I am no champion of tobacco but I marvel how much this industry has been moved in on while the liquor industry remains almost untouched. It appears to me that while tobacco slays thousands, alcoholic drinks slay tens of thousands.

Churches, of all organizations, have the responsibility to address this widespread social evil. Many pastors and church leaders feel this way but hardly know how to go about addressing the problem.

There is a new organization which offers some hope to help churches. It is not an organization of churches or religious bodies but of outstanding individuals from all churches and all walks of life. It is headed by Owen Cooper, an extremely

able Baptist layman.

This organization is offering clergymen and laymen an unusual opportunity to learn something about what is being done and can be done by churches to meet the dangers of alcohol abuse. This opportunity is a national conference to be held Nov. 26-28 in Indianapolis (see news article on page 3).

The proximity of this conference to Kentucky makes it possible for many of our churches to send at least the pastor and/or one layman to Indianapolis to learn and to bring back specific information on what a church can do.

Remember this is not restricted to Baptists. Some of those participating will not share Baptist convictions on total abstinence but this will not prevent helpful learning from one another.

Those interested can have more information by writing Owen Cooper, Box 355, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

Churches need to appoint messengers

The furor over messenger registration and voting at this year's Southern Baptist Convention should serve to remind Kentucky Baptist churches to appoint messengers properly for the state convention in Louisville in November. Actually the proper procedure is simple but it should not be overlooked. The convention's credentials committee should not be asked to approve messengers who have not officially been chosen by churches.

The first thing to be determined by a church is how many messengers it is qualified to appoint. Then these should be appointed in a regular or a called business meeting of the church. In the meantime official messenger cards should have been requested and obtained from the state office. Those cards will also be available at the registration desk at the convention.

Here is the exact wording of Article III of the Constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention:

The membership of this body shall consist of messengers from cooperating Baptist churches as follows:

(1) Two messengers from each church having one hundred members or less, which is in friendly cooperation with this Convention; is sympathetic with its purposes and work; and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

(2) One additional messenger from each such church shall be allowed for each additional two hundred members, but no church may be allowed more than ten (10) messengers.

This is not difficult to interpret. Questions could arise about what constitutes "in friendly cooperation" with the convention but only in rare cases. It is worth remembering that each level of Baptist organizational life is autonomous and cooperation or non-cooperation with one doesn't qualify or disqualify a church from participating in another. In other words a church can cooperate with a district association and not with the state convention or a church can send messengers to the state convention without being a member of a district association.

There is no specific constitutional provision for appointing alternate messengers though presumably a church could approve a list of potential messengers from which the appropriate number could register. Of course only bona fide members of churches qualify which rules out honorary or associate members from serving as messengers.

State conventions are generally uplifting ex-

periences and this year's promises to be one of the best. Reports of our work will be mildly encouraging. Interest always surrounds the election of the convention president and the reconstructed Baptist Building is worth any Kentucky Baptist's trip to Louisville. It should be a happy time because of all places we meet Walnut Street seems most like home for the Kentucky Baptist family.

Baptist Forum

CCC: SBC's moral guide

As the Kentucky representative on the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, I wish to respond to the recent letter (Oct. 4, 1979) by Jim Clark of Danville, Ky. entitled, "Is the CCC needed?" In the first place, the Christian Citizenship Corps hardly represents "a new agency of the SBC Christian Life Commission." It would be much more accurate to refer to the Christian Citizenship Corps as one of a number of emphases and programs of the Christian Life Commission. The Christian Citizenship Corps has been thoroughly investigated by and recommended to the Christian Life Commission by the program committee of the commission. The members of the program committee are selected from among the total membership of the Christian Life Commission. The Christian Citizenship Corps is one of several areas of emphases under the direction of Dr. William H. Elder, director of Christian Citizenship Development. It would be well for Mr. Clark to remember that any program or emphasis under the direction of the Christian Life Commission is investigated by and approved by the entire membership of the Commission and is, furthermore, finally answerable to the Southern Baptist Convention.

It might be well for your readers to be reminded of the purpose of the Christian Life Commission as described in a program statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1972, "The purpose of the Christian Life Commission is to assist Southern Baptists in the propagation of the gospel by (1) Helping them to become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relationships, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, world peace, and related fields; (2) Help them create, with God's leadership and by his grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective. This emphasis in the field of applied Christianity is pursued with the full awareness that the chief concern of the Christian Life Commission is in the area of Christian social ethics, which is understood to mean the application of Christian principles in everyday living. The Commission seeks (1) To assist the churches by helping them understand the moral demands of the gospel, and (2) To help Southern Baptists apply Christian principles to moral and social problems."

To that end the Christian Life Commission has instituted and will continue to do so, a number of programs relating to those areas of moral and social concern. The Christian Life Commission is not now, nor will it ever be, a purveyor of partisan political opinions. But the Commission will continue to urge Southern Baptists to exercise their best moral and spiritual judgment as expressions of their total Christian stewardship.

Mr. Clark's insinuation that the Christian Citizenship Corps has been formed for the purpose of taking partisan political positions is both demeaning and incorrect. Furthermore, Mr. Clark's apparent conclusion that the Christian Citizenship Corps and the Christian Life Commission should be "dispatched forthwith" is, in my opinion, untenable, unreasonable and destructive of evangelistic, moral and spiritual concerns which should occupy the attentions and efforts of Southern Baptists.

Billy G. Hurt, Frankfort

Baptist News in Brief

Rooms, rooms, everywhere rooms

There is an abundance of available rooms left during the KBC week Nov. 12-15.

Only two motels, Continental Inns and Stouffer's, report no double occupancy rooms available. They do have a minimal number of singles left.

Travelodge still has 35 available rooms for the week.

All other motels report reservations are coming in slowly. Some motels report no KBC reservations.

The number for Holiday Inn Midtown was incorrectly printed. The correct number is 589-6410.

The convention is not promoting River City Property for those of you who have called Holiday Inn Midtown. The receptionist said she had received "a lot of calls for Holiday Inn within the month." She was very understanding about the mix-up and even offered to refer future callers to the Holiday Inn Midtown.

Ministers' wives plan banquet

The Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives will have their annual banquet at Walnut Street Baptist Church dining hall on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m., according to Patricia Wood, the group's president. Tickets will be on sale during the pre-convention meetings.

The theme of the dinner will be "A Festival of Praise." A program of music will be presented by "JoySong," a singing group from First Baptist Church, Paducah.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at the dinner.

NABF elects WMU head

The North American Baptist Fellowship's general committee took several historic steps and spotlighted Hispanic evangelism and enlistment during its meeting in Mexico City.

Meeting for the first time in Mexico the NABF general committee elected its first woman chairman, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, and its first Mexican officer, Ernesto A. Uriegas, as vice chairman. Uriegas is pastor of Getsemani Baptist Church, Mexico City.

Charles F. Wills was named secretary, and Fred B. Rhodes, treasurer, by virtue of their respective roles as associate secretary and treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance. NABF is one of several regional fellowships operating under the umbrella of the BWA.

Ballenger resigns post

Southern Baptist missionary Isam E. Ballenger has resigned as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, effective Apr. 30, 1980.

The action came during a seminary executive board meeting in Ruschlikon. It followed a period of more than two years when Ballenger was both seminary president and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board field representative. In the latter capacity, he served as a personal link overseas between

Southern Baptist missionaries in Europe and board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

In accepting Ballenger's resignation, the seminary board "acknowledged with understanding" that Ballenger could not continue as seminary president and also as field representative on a long range basis.

Abortion opponents win

Abortion foes appear to have won another point in the ongoing battle to stop federal funding of abortions.

In a compromise worked out between the Senate and House of Representatives in 1977 federal funding for abortions has been allowed when the life of the mother is endangered, in the case of rape or incest, or if "severe and longlasting physical health damage" to the mother would result from the pregnancy.

This year, after weeks of bitter negotiating, the Senate agreed to drop the provision allowing funding for abortions when the mother would suffer lasting damage to her health. Anti-abortion members of Congress, especially in the House, want to eliminate any federal funding of abortion and have been steadily chipping away at Senate resistance. The Senate has held a more liberal view of abortion than the House.

\$250,000 relief fee

More than \$250,000 in relief contributions will be needed to follow through with plans for teams of Southern Baptist laymen to reconstruct houses damaged by Hurricane David, according to Eugene Grubbs.

Grubbs, coordinator of disaster relief for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said the money will be used to buy building supplies for 80 to 100 houses on Dominica and 300 to 500 houses on the Dominican Republic.

Even construction of those homes will solve only part of the need, said Grubbs, who noted that contributions may be marked for "Caribbean Disaster Relief" and sent to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Bible study previews set

Five January Bible study previews are scheduled during November for Kentucky Baptists. John Polhill, professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, will lecture on this year's study of Ephesians.

Previews are scheduled Nov. 19 at Murray First, Nov. 20 at Greenville First, Nov. 27 at Hazard First, Nov. 28 at Lexington Porter Memorial and Nov. 29 at Ashland First. (This is a corrected schedule from what appears in the 1979 state Baptist diary.) The previews will be from 7-9 p.m. except in Lexington where the session will begin at 12 with lunch and adjourn at 3 p.m.

For information on registration contact the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Pastors consider bylaws

The pastor's conference meeting at Walnut Street Baptist Church Nov. 11 and 12 in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention will consider a set of proposed bylaws.

'Rough it' at the convention

Bob Young, associate pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, has announced accommodations for recreational vehicles at the November Kentucky Baptist Convention.

There will be a fenced area adjacent to the church for self-contained recreational vehicles and campers. The area will be locked at night.

Young stated there would be no charge for using the area. Written reservations, accepted on a first come first serve basis, can be made to Bob Young, Walnut Street Baptist Church, 220 West St. Catherine, Louisville, KY 40203.

Alcohol/drug abuse meet set Nov. 26-28

The national conference of religious and lay leaders on the impact of alcohol and other drug use on contemporary life will be held Nov. 26-28 in Indianapolis, Ind. The conference is being sponsored by an ad hoc committee of interested church leaders from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations.

The purpose of the conference is to learn from various sources in society what is being done that can offer help to the local church and national religious bodies in alcohol and drug abuse.

National leaders, religious and governmental, will address the conference. Workshops, exhibits, films, books and materials will provide information on alcohol and drug abuse.

For more information, contact Owen Cooper, Box 355, Yazoo City, MS 39194. For room reservations write Bureau of Housing, Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capital Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46225.

David Wilkinson named journal associate editor

David R. Wilkinson, director of news and information services for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, will become associate editor of the Brotherhood Commission's World Mission Journal on Nov. 1.

He was elected by the executive committee of the commission, publisher of the monthly newsmagazine for Baptist laymen. Jim Newton is editor of the 45,000 circulation publication.

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Wilkinson joined the SBC social action agency in 1977 as a staff writer after working as a communications specialist at the SBC Sunday School Board.

As a student at Oklahoma Baptist University, Wilkinson was editor of The Bison, the school paper, worked for a period in the school's public relations department, wrote sports for the Shawnee News-Star and was youth director at Calvary Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wilkinson of Muskogee, where his



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father is minister of education at First Baptist Church. He is married to the former Melanie Orton of Pine Bluff, Ark.

HMB names Lockwood

Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named Quentin Lockwood to direct the board's department of rural-urban missions and approved 37 other persons for mission service during the board's fall meeting.

Lockwood, a home missionary since 1961, will supervise Home Mission Board work with rural churches and churches in cities with populations under 50,000 persons.

He has been pastor of churches in Kentucky and Georgia and was a director of missions in Nebraska, 1961-68. He was named assistant secretary of the board's pioneer missions department in 1968 and became associate director of church extension in 1971.

Lockwood is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Seminary.

Among those approved for missions were two missionaries, four missionary associates and 31 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

Appointed missionaries were Morris and Twyla Jean Vickers of Baltimore, Md. Vickers will direct associational missions for the Arundel Association in Maryland.

Approved as missionary associates were Michael and Diana Hogue of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jose and Ines Rivas of San Antonio, Tex.

SBTS sets conference

A conference on "Strengthening families in a changing world" will be held at Southern Seminary Nov. 6-8.

Conference leaders include Margaret Sawin, author of "Family Enrichment with Family Clusters"; Dick Stafford, Southern Baptist singles conference leader; Mike Horton, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex.; Joe Hinkle, Family Life Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Kathryn Chapman and Robin Rogers, religious education faculty members at Southern.

The conference begins Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and concludes Thursday at noon. Registration is \$50.00. To register contact Continuing Religious Education Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 40206.

C. R. Daley Sr. succumbs

C. R. Daley Sr. died Oct. 18 at his farm home near Newington, Ga.

Daley, father of Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley Jr., had been depressed since his wife's death in 1976.

The younger Daley was in Georgia at the time on the occasion of his father's 84th birthday Oct. 20.

Memorial services were held at Newington Baptist Church Oct. 21.

The family requests memorial expressions be made to the Bold Mission Fund of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, 88800 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40222 or to Western Recorder Foundation, Box 43401, Middletown, KY 40243.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Broadway honors retiring pastor



Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, has declared Sunday, Oct. 28 "June and Edwin F. Perry Day" on the occasion of the retirement of Perry as pastor of the church. A service of appreciation and farewell will be held in the church sanctuary at 11 a.m. A reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Perry will be held at Crescent Hill Woman's Club, 2641 Grinstead Dr. in Louisville from 4 to 6 p.m. Friends of Broadway Baptist Church and the Perrys are invited to both functions.

Perry has been pastor of Broadway for almost 31 years having been called in January 1949. He is believed to be the senior Baptist pastor in Louisville, having been at one church longer than any other pastor.

Perry came to Broadway when the church was going through the transition from downtown Louisville to its present location on Brownsboro Rd. Under his leadership and the support of his wife, the church has grown to over 1200 members.

Perry has been active in community and denominational affairs. He was the first president of the St. Matthews Interfaith Association, forerunner to St. Mam (St. Matthews Area Ministry). He is thought to be the first pastor Baptist minister in Kentucky to join with a Roman Catholic priest in a marriage ceremony. He has actively pursued human rights issues for women and racial minorities and has promoted interdenominational dialog.



Rachel Whitler, daughter of Western Recorder business manager Paul Whitler, poses for a picture with teachers and students beside the school where she teaches in Davao City, Philippines. Miss Whitler, back row, second from right, has been a missionary journeyman since August 1978. During the week she teaches nine missionary kids; on the weekends she works with youth in local churches.

Perry has been president of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care and president of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has held positions on the governing boards of Kentucky Baptist hospitals and the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Perry has been active in leadership roles in Long Run Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fern Creek celebrates 25th
Fern Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will be celebrating 25 years of service Sunday, Oct. 28.

Allen West, executive director of Long Run Association, will offer greetings; Harold Sangster, former pastor at Fern Creek, will preach in the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Following a luncheon in the Christian Life Center there will be an anniversary service at 2 p.m. Allen Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education at Southern Seminary, will offer greetings. Graves is a former interim pastor at the church. The sermon will be a delivered by pastor Jim Willmoth.

FTB campaign success at Central
Central Baptist Church received an offering of \$25,000 in its FTB campaign. FTB means "fill the bucket to finish the basement." Architects are drawing preliminary plans for the additional space.

Knoxes Creek 175 years old
Knoxes Creek Baptist Church celebrated 175 years of service Sept. 30. Over 300 people participated in the day-long services.

The morning message was delivered by David L. Druien, pastor of the church from 1929-35. Other former pastors present were Leon Larimore (1943-51), Bruce Chelf (1942-43) and Elmer Varnadore (1967-74).

Messages were read from former pastors unable to attend. These included Robert Simpkins (1974-77), Harold Meers (1959-61), Ed Briggs (1961-65) and Paul Horner (1952-55).

Thomas R. Moore, present pastor of the church, said, "The people at Knoxes Creek have recognized they are

somebody with a rich tradition. They have realized God has worked in and through this local body of Christ for 175 years."

Hughes honored at Union
Union Baptist Church, Henry County Association, honored its pastor, Robert Hughes Oct. 7. Hughes will leave the church in December for mission work in Nigeria.

Revivals

Nine decisions at Brownsville
Brownsville Baptist Church, Edmonson Association, recently completed revival services led by pastor Donald G. McConnaughay. There were three additions by letter and six professions of faith.

12 decisions at Friendship
Friendship Baptist Church, Blackford Association, reports 12 decisions during a recent revival. The Hancock County church received five by profession of faith and seven joined by statement or letter.

Ordinations

Rayburn ordained at Antioch
Antioch Baptist Church, Logan Association, ordained James Rayburn to the ministry Oct. 21. He has been called as pastor of West Grove Baptist Church, Christian County.

Jordan ordained a deacon
Robert Jordan was ordained a deacon Sept. 23 by Friendship Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. Doyle Smith led the questioning, Charles Turner prayed the ordination prayer and Nasby Mills preached the sermon.

Oak Hill ordains Akridge
Oak Hill Baptist Church, Lynn Association, ordained Mike Akridge to the ministry Sept. 30.

New Bethel ordains two
New Bethel Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, ordained as deacons Sept. 23 Joe Sugg and Rudell Elliott.

David Stephenson brought the message and gave the charge. Pastors and ordained men from the association formed the council.

Herschel B. Jennings is pastor at New Bethel.

Pleasant Grove ordinations
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, recently ordained Donald Hagman and William M. (Rod) Kuegal Jr. as deacons. Bill Roberts is pastor at Pleasant Grove.

Henderson Memorial ordains two
Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, recently ordained two men as deacons. Bob K. Eaker and James Lyons were ordained during the morning worship service Aug. 26.

Personnel

Fendley to Shively
Kenneth 'Skip' Fendley has begun as minister of youth at Shively Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He moved to the Louisville church from Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, where he was minister of educa-



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tion and youth.

Fendley is a student at Southern Seminary working on the MRE degree.

Fendley is married to Mary Beth Binkley. They have three daughters: Kim, 11; Kara, 5; and Laura, 2.

Champion leaves Mt. Tabor
Earl Champion, pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Logan Association, has resigned. He has moved to Ledbetter.

Hamlin called to Auburn
Auburn Baptist Church has called Steve Hamlin as minister of music. Hamlin, a native of Alma, Ga., is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a degree in music education.

Hamlin was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Alma in 1979. He is a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Lyons resigns Mt. Pleasant
Roy Lyons has resigned as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Shelby County, effective Oct. 28. He will do evangelistic and supply work.

Moxley enters evangelism
Arnold Moxley entered full time evangelism effective Oct. 1.

Moxley, a native of Breckinridge County, graduated in 1965 from Bethel College, a Bible school in New York.

The resident of Fordsville was ordained by Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He has pastored for over 20 years in churches in Hancock and Ohio counties.

Moxley can be reached at Box 78, Fordsville, KY 42343, 502-276-5513.

Gould Jeffersonville music director
Jeffersonville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, has called Jerry Gould of Lexington as part time music director.

Chapman to Lexington Avenue
Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, has called Gary Chapman as minister of education and youth. Chapman moved from Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He follows Skip Fendley who entered Southern Seminary this fall.

Chapman is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and Southern Seminary.

Chapman is married to Jane Allen Christopher, a native of Winchester.

Austin Roberts is pastor at Lexington Avenue.

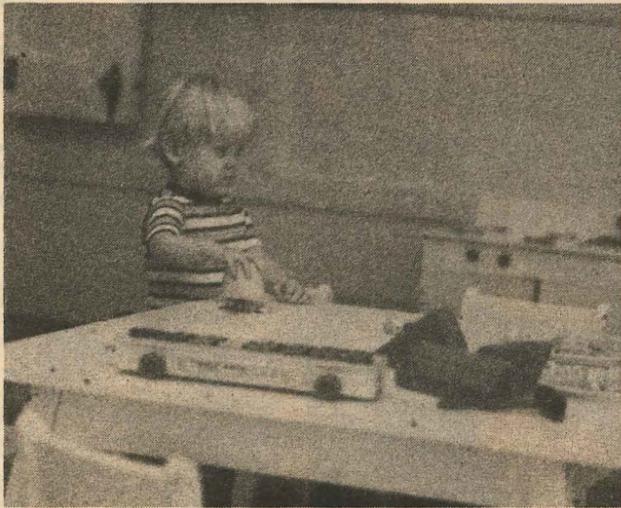
Gunn resigns at Richland
J. C. Gunn, pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, recently resigned.

Pitts to Heidelberg Baptist
Heidelberg Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, has called Edward Pitts as pastor. The church ordained Pitts Sept. 30.

Deaths

Miss Erma Hicks dies
Miss Erma Hicks, 97, died Oct. 8 at Moorman Home in Louisville where she was a resident.

Miss Hicks was a member for over 50 years of 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association. She was church secretary and Sunday school teacher for years. Miss Hicks was well known in the Southern Baptist Convention.



You can't speak their language, read their words or understand their culture. You're all alone in a strange land with no one to understand who you are or what you feel.

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

Wives Friendship International: Building bridges

Each year hundreds of internationals face the anxiety of being transported to the new culture of the United States. They soon find themselves surrounded by confusion and apprehension. They are unable to carry out the normal functions of daily existence due to a lack of communication skills and an understanding of how and why people function in this new environment.

In 1974 an organization to help internationals overcome fears, adjustment problems and language barriers was established in Long Run Association.

Mrs. Phronsie Quinn is current director of the international wives program, Friendship International.

Mrs. Quinn says she became concerned about reaching internationals years ago. "I would see them in the grocery store and wonder how I could reach out to them. I would see them on the street and wonder if they were making it all right." This concern is not a new one for the Quinns who have been an international host family, sponsoring students from the University of Louisville, for at least four years.

In 1974 Mrs. Quinn met Betty Allen, who had moved from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, to Louisville. Immanuel had started a program of international fellowship. Mrs. Quinn and other interested women visited the ongoing program. With the help of state WMU, brochures inviting all interested people to attend an organizational meeting were distributed. Aided by leaders from Immanuel an orientation meeting was held in the spring of 1974. The Long Run Association of International Wives became a reality with 40 internationals and approximately 10 teachers.

Since its beginning the program has grown and flourished. Last years' enrolment totaled 165 wives representing 35 countries. In addition there were over 100 children, infant to preschool, registered in the child care program.

Attendance varies from week to week with new additions to the program each week. Classes are held each Wednesday morning, excluding holidays, September through May.

Mrs. Quinn says the fellowship receives some of its contact names from University of Louisville and Southern Seminary, but the biggest resource of students comes from repeat attendance and those who have recommended the program to friends.

A few students have been in the program since its birth. "Some of the students who didn't need a lot of help with their English have taken every class offered," Mrs. Quinn declares. "They find everything challenging and exciting. They are always so eager to learn and so receptive to our help."

Some of the goals of Friendship International are to provide a means of discovering new friends, improving conversational English, developing creative skills, sharing cultures, increasing world awareness and sharing Christian ideals.

Two unique classes offered are driver's education and citizenship.

The American citizenship class prepares the student to take the naturalization test. The teacher for this class is briefed on requirements for the natur-

alization process prior to the class.

Internationals may complete the classroom requirements of driver's education and obtain a driver's permit.

All of the teachers participating in the program are volunteers. Many are retired school teachers. Each year workshops are conducted to aid the volunteers in teaching.

The fellowship provides each participant with a Bible in his native language. Mrs. Quinn affirms students are given opportunity to attend a Bible study, but this class is not emphasized more than the others.

When the program started this year no one had signed up for the Bible study class. A little disappointed, Mrs. Quinn asked Mrs. Ruth Garland, the Bible teacher, to lead in a short devotion and prayer during one opening session. Soon afterward Mrs. Susan Smith, missionary on furlough from Thailand, informed Mrs. Quinn some Thailand girls wanted to study the Bible in their native tongue. Mrs. Smith volunteered to lead the girls in the study, which has led to a profession of faith by one of the six girls.

A new feature of the program is providing bus transportation. Buses have been offered by St. Matthews, Cedar Creek and Ralph Avenue Baptist churches in Louisville. Bus schedules and maps are provided for each participant. In addition a van has been provided by Bethlehem Baptist Church. If participants do not have access to the buses or van, automobile transportation is offered by one of the volunteer teachers.

Mrs. Quinn feels the transportation and child care

Mrs. Quinn extends a personal welcome to each new student. During each opening session new internationals are asked to introduce themselves and identify their country.

Classes vary in size from individualized study to groups of 15. This advanced English class is one of the larger ones.

One of the teachers stated, "Ministering to the children is the most rewarding and challenging part of the program." Language is no barrier to these two-year-olds.



services offered are the two most influential factors of the program. She says, "Consider the international whose husband is probably in school all day. She is in an unfamiliar place with no transportation and usually with small children. Fellowship international provides both services to her at no cost."

The fellowship is funded primarily by individual churches. This year there are 26 sponsoring churches. In past years sponsoring churches have been asked to donate \$100, but this year churches were asked for any type of assistance they could offer.

In addition to the sponsoring churches the state and Long Run WMU offices aid in financing the program.

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, has been the host church since the program's beginning.

Mrs. Quinn shares, "The ideal of the program is to assign an international with a Baptist woman in a special friend program. However, not enough Baptist women were willing to participate to make this possible."

Not only does the program function as an international bridge builder in the Long Run Association, but it acts as a contact agency for students when they move from the area—wherever they move. If the student moves back to his home country or another country contact is made with a Southern Baptist missionary there. If the student moves within the U. S. his name is forwarded to a contact person within the association.

"As a result of this program I can honestly say I have friends all over the world," claims Phronsie Quinn.



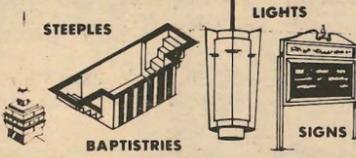
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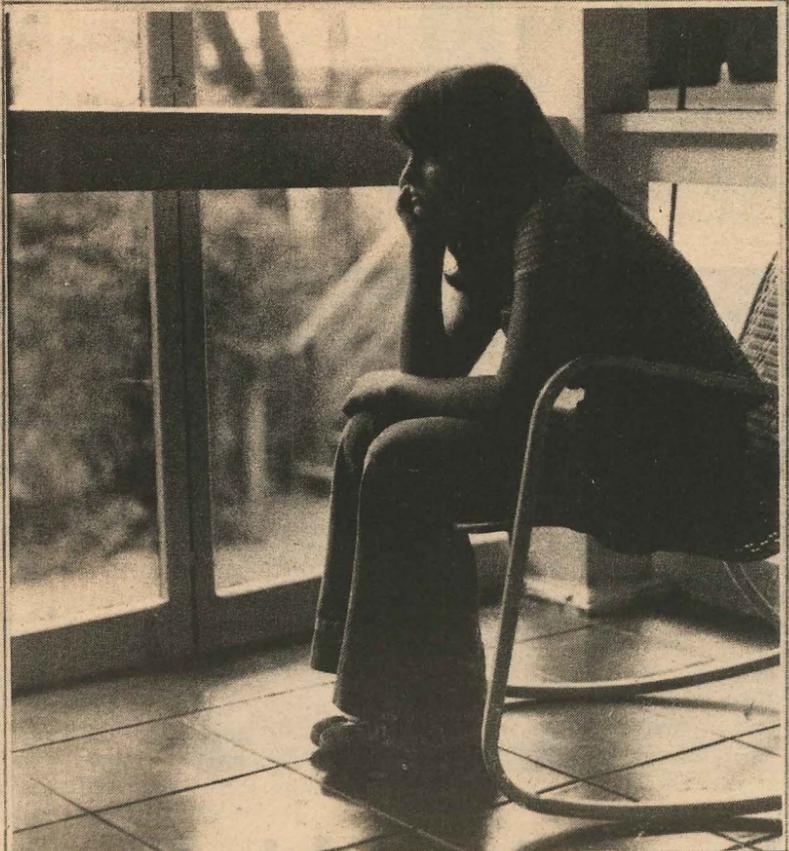
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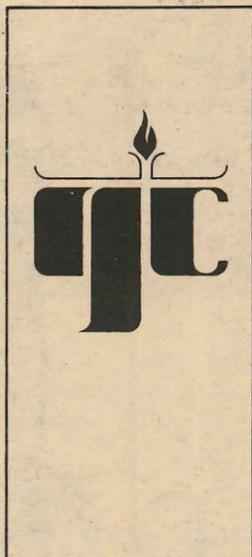
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Christian Education

Cumberland adds three to faculty

Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell has announced the appointments of Thomas Fichter, Kim Carnes and Robert Williams to the faculty.

Fichter has been appointed scene designer and instructor in the speech and theatre department.

Originally from Florida, Fichter earned his BA from Stetson University and his MFA from University of Georgia in theatrical scene design. He has done further study at Kent State University.

He is a member of Theta Alpha Phi honor society in theatre as well as the Phi Alpha Theta honor society in history.

Miss Carnes is the new department assistant and speech instructor.

A native of Ohio, Miss Carnes received her BA from Cumberland and has done further study at Eastern Kentucky University.

She helps edit poetry for the SNOWY EGRET, a small literary magazine.

Williams was named head librarian. He earned his BA at Cumberland and his MA at the School of Library Science, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. He has done further study at Peabody.

Williams graduated summa cum laude with highest honors from Cumberland. He is a member of Beta Phi Mu, an academic society.

Reed new associate in SBC Extension Dept.

James Everette Reed, a doctoral candidate at New Orleans Seminary, will become associate director for home study education for Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department Dec. 1.

Seminary Extension's administrative committee, made up of the presidents of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, elected Reed unanimously. He will join two other associates on the department staff, directed by Raymond M. Rigdon.

He will work with 2000 individuals who have enrolled for correspondence study of one or more of the

theologically oriented courses offered by the department.

Reed, 35, has completed all residence requirements for the DRE degree which he expects to receive next spring. He is a native of Mathiston, Miss., and a graduate of Clarke College, Newton, Miss., and Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Ex-Kentuckian to pastor

Nobel Brown, vice president for student relations at Golden Gate Seminary, will become pastor of First Baptist Church, Maryville, Tenn.

Brown has been at Golden Gate since 1974, filling the posts of director of admissions and student concerns, dean of students, and adjunct professor of Greek and New Testament.

Prior to that, Brown, a Kentuckian, was an editor in the young adult section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. For 10 years he was a Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, serving as head of the New Testament and Greek department at Nigerian Baptist Seminary in Ogbomosh. His pastorates have included churches in Kentucky and California as well as several interim positions.

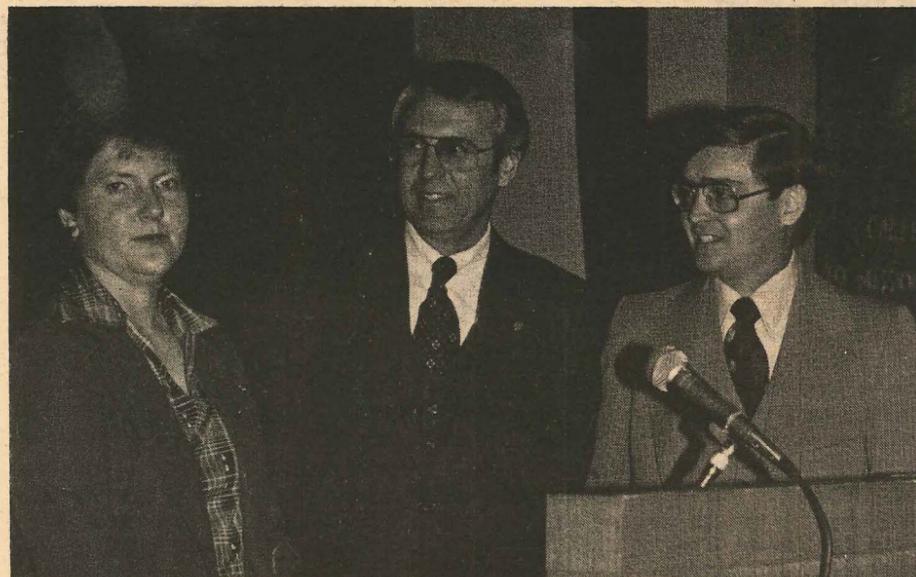
A Cappella Choir performs at convention

The Georgetown College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of W. Wayne Johnson, will sing Nov. 2 at the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, at Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton.

Each year the choir performs in a number of churches. They have performed at Kentucky Baptist Music Association, Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

The choir has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony in the world premiere performance of Peter Menin's Cantata, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

Johnson is a native Kentuckian. He received his graduate degree from the Indiana School of Music. He joined the Georgetown College music faculty in 1955 and became director of the A Cappella Choir in 1959. He was named chairman of the music faculty in 1971.



Midwestern alumnus David Bunch [c], HMB coordinator of Mission Service Corps, dialogs with Kentuckians Paula Settle [l], and Richard Graham [r] during World Mission Day Oct. 4 at Midwestern Seminary. Both Miss Settle and Graham are MSC volunteers. Miss Settle, a native of Owensboro, serves as church training director and director of media services for the Iowa State Convention. Graham, a native of Greenville, and his wife minister in Salt Lake City, U. Both are Southern Seminary graduates.

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Christ in the new community

Ephesians 1:11-23 Through their union with Christ believers have become God's heritage. Their realization they are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" should call forth their greatest praises of him who made it possible.

Paul's great prayer is recorded in verses 15-23. In this remarkable prayer are three noteworthy elements:

I. Thanksgiving. 1:15-16. Paul assured the Ephesians he spent considerable time in praying for them. After thanking God for what they were and the progress which they had made in the Christian life, he commended them for their faith in Christ as manifested through their genuine love and good works.

II. Intercession. 1:17-19. He prayed for what he wanted them to become. He requested him to give unto them spiritual discernment and wisdom, in order that they might be able to understand more clearly three things:

1. The hope of God's calling. 1:18b. This calling looked to the time when God summoned sinners to salvation in and by Christ, and it became effectual when they believed on Christ and he saved them.

2. The glory of God's inheritance. 1:18c. Paul prayed that they might know the riches God possessed in them, for whom he had paid a tremendous price—the precious blood of Christ, so they are precious to the Father.

3. The greatness of God's power. 1:19. Paul asked God to let the Ephesians know the greatness of his power which he was prepared to exert toward them, if only they were willing to receive and use it.

III. Adoration. 1:20-23. God has exercised his power in raising Christ from the dead, exalting him to the place of honor and authority and in giving him supremacy over all things, and has made made this same divine power available to his children. It certainly behooves all of them to adore him and bring to him all the

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God with a plan

Genesis 12:1-3 While Abraham was living in Ur, a summons came from God, get away from his kindred and go into a land which had had chosen for him. God wanted to get him away from his pagan forebears and their worship.

God called Abraham to become the founder of a new nation through which he could work out his redemptive plan. God pledged himself to make of Abraham a great nation, bless him, bless those who blessed Abraham, curse any who cursed Abraham, and through him bless all the families on the earth.

Genesis 22:15-19 To reveal the quality and maturity of Abraham's faith in him, God made this shocking request of him: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering." Abraham's faith triumphed and he proceeded to carry out God's instruction. To Abraham that was a real test, but to God it was a demonstration.

When Abraham lifted the knife to slay his son, God interposed and stayed his hand, indicating he regarded the sacrifice as actually offered. The will was taken for the deed. Having pleased God, Abraham was filled with joy and praise. Faith works itself out in obedience to God and brings peace and restfulness to the believer who exercises it.

Genesis 28:10-15 Jacob took unfair advantage of his hungry brother in a moment of extremity and defrauded Esau of his birthright. Angry Esau resolved he would murder Jacob at the first opportunity. As he fled from the wrath of his brother, Jacob was overtaken by darkness in an uninhabited place, so he threw his weary body upon the earth and sought rest. During the night he received a vision of God pushing a golden ladder out the window of heaven and placing the base of it on the ground where he lay. The ladder impressed him with the nearness to earth, as well of heaven to earth, as well as the fact that there was an open pathway between the two places.

God promised Jacob he and his seed would possess the land and all the world would be blessed wonderfully through them. God then promised Jacob three things of great importance: his presence, power and protection.

Don't crawl

Frank Owen

A great many people believe today whatever you think you ought to say and whatever you feel you ought to act. There is much talk of being honest about what you are thinking and what you are feeling. "Openness" is a catch word. Relate freely with others, we are counseled.

These are noble goals in part but too great extreme in anything tends to error. That is why the apostle Paul said, "Let your moderation be known to all men" (Phil. 4:5).

I am frank to confess that now and then I have thoughts I don't think ought to be expressed. Whatever is dishonest about suppressing them for the good of others, I think it is better than to express them. Sometimes I am even ashamed of thoughts that occur and I would be doubly ashamed if I should make the error of expressing such.

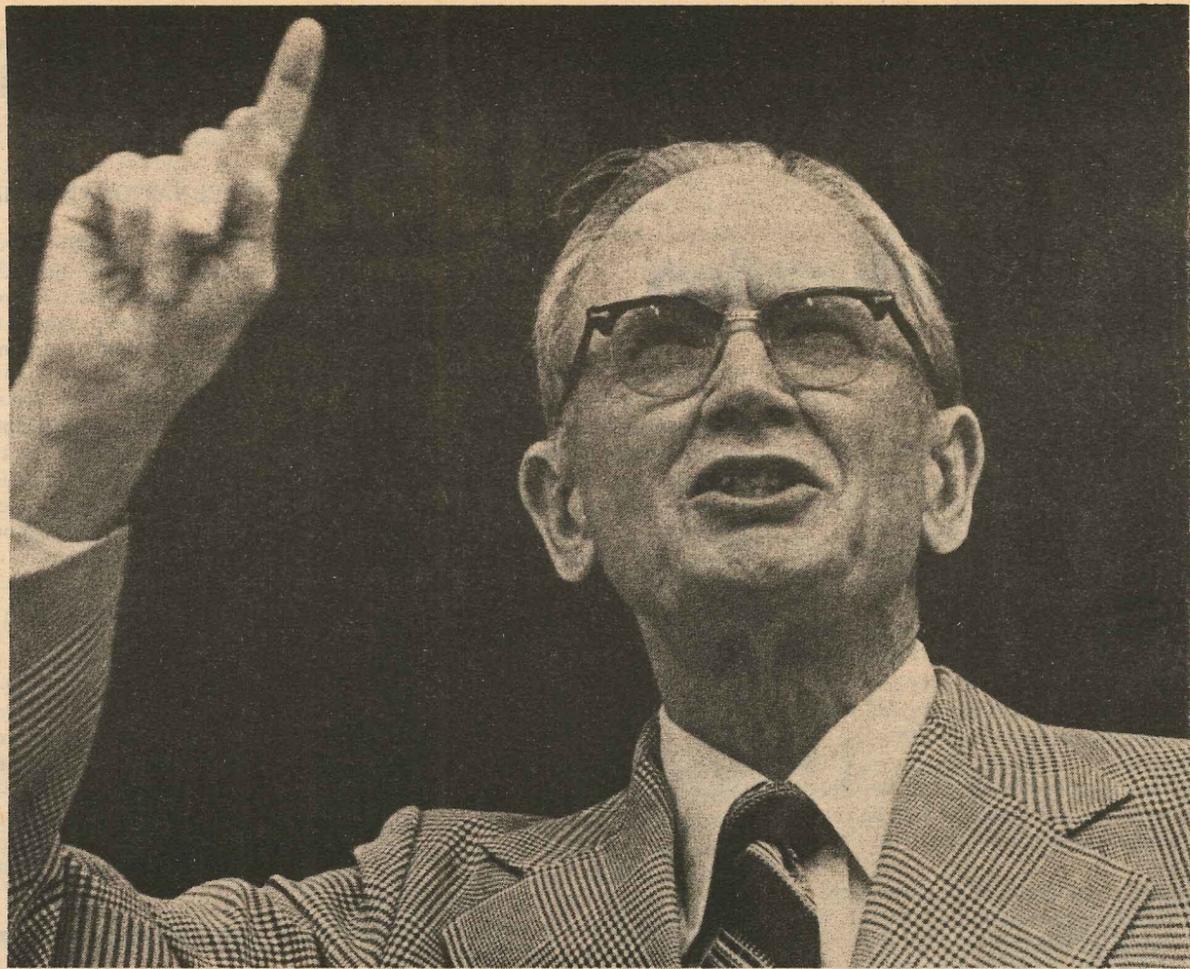
I, too, believe the calling of the Christian is to try to relate in love with others. On the other hand I think it is also possible to over relate, especially if the only way to relate involves questionable procedures. We should express that which is good and helpful, but suppress the unworthy inclination.

Ours is an age that cries, express yourself, be fully open and honest in your relationships, dress like you please, do what feels good, say whatever comes natural. I tell you this can be overdone. I remember a "wise crack" common during my youth—"act your age, but don't crawl."

The permissive society is beginning now to reap some rewards. There certainly must be a connection between riots and permissiveness, between the weakening of marital structures and permissiveness; and there may be a connection between some recent unspeakable crimes and permissiveness. It just could be that people who have grown up under the emphasis of "let yourself go" are letting themselves go in dreadful things, in sadistic acts that spring from "openness" on the part of minds that are twisted.

Freedom, openness, liberty, honesty, relate freely, be uninhibited, act as you feel, etc., etc. It is all good but "let your moderation be known."

*After 26 years as
executive director of
the Southern Baptist
Foreign Mission Board,
Baker James Cauthen
considers himself . . .*



First and always called to preach

by Ruth Fowler

The face of the 69-year-old administrator was transformed. Baker James Cauthen became a young man again, caught up in the memory of his surrender to preach 53 years ago.

God has used Cauthen not only as a preacher but as a teacher, a missionary in China and for the past 26 years as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. But the call to be a preacher-pastor has remained basic in Cauthen's life.

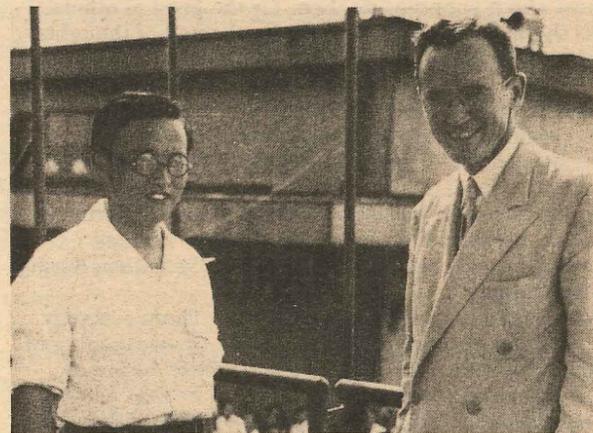
With shining eyes Cauthen recalled the Baptist pastor who believed in the abilities and the call of the 16 year old boy from Lufkin, Tex. As the boy Cauthen grew, that feeling of being believed in became more important.

"Somehow, when people believed in me, it seemed to be something that would stimulate me, turn me on, make me have a feeling of great responsibility," he reflected.

Now, looking toward his retirement at the end of 1979, Cauthen still sees his years of Christian service from a pastor's perspective. "I've always had the concept that being a pastor is a basic thing in any kind of service for the Lord," Cauthen said. "Always, whether as a missionary on the field or later in the responsibilities of administration, I've said in my heart, be a pastor."

The pastor's touch is most evident at the appointment of new missionaries when Cauthen gives words of encouragement related to their personal testimonies and a charge to do God's work.

"So much is dependent upon the person's heart commitment as he goes," Cauthen explained. "And therefore if you can help to strengthen that commitment and to refine that idealism in the heart of each individual standing on the platform to be appointed it



Cauthen as secretary of the Orient, 1945-53, met with Japanese pastor Noboru Arase. Cauthen was a missionary to China from 1939-45.

may be something that will be cherished throughout the remainder of his life."

In recent years he has watched and advised as committed missionaries served and struggled through wars in Africa and the Middle East, times of famine and hunger in Africa and Asia and growing governmental limitations to work in communist countries of eastern Europe.

But he has been somewhat disappointed in the numbers of Southern Baptists making themselves available for mission service.

"We have never been able to appoint more than 25 percent of the number of missionaries that are urgently requested from all over the world," Cauthen said. "These are needed missionary personnel whom people have prayed for, whom people have longed for; if they were available they would be warmly welcome and have work to do that would be challenging."

Financial limitations also have been a concern to Cauthen.

"Foreign missions has been like fighting a great runaway fire in the city with nothing but a garden hose to fight it," Cauthen reflected. "A great emergency, a great need, but a very limited supply."

With an edge of urgency in his voice Cauthen talks about the needs of people of the world. "I do not believe I could express adequately what I believe lies as a potential for Southern Baptists if we do what God wants done, if we really will lash ourselves to the great commission and let it command us.

"If we do this, really do this, we may discover God will use us beyond anything we've ever seen or anything we've ever imagined. God's concern for the peoples of the world is far beyond our concern."

In the context of all he believes about the power and love of God Cauthen sees Bold Mission Thrust objectives to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to the entire world by the year 2000 as real possibilities.

"There are two things that are going to be absolutely essential," Cauthen says of the expansion of Southern Baptist missions. "One is there must be the power of God resting upon us. This means we must have the challenge of intercessory prayer. We must go into the depths of prayer, both individually and as a denomination, beyond anything we've ever experienced.

"Also, all Christian people must pick up and do what God has allowed to them. We must say 'come' to all our fellow Christians; whoever you are, find your way to do whatever God lays upon your heart to do."

Unprecedented growth occurred during the Cauthen years. At the close of 1953, when Cauthen assumed administration of the board, Southern Baptists had 908 missionaries in 32 countries. Today

there are 2997 in 94 countries.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, an indicator of Southern Baptists' financial commitment to foreign missions, has increased from almost \$3.3 million in 1953 to \$35.9 million in 1978. The number of local members in overseas churches has also increased dramatically, from 214,767 in 1953 to over one million in 1979.

Cauthen gives great credit to his wife Eloise. "She's a wonderfully profound Christian and I have admiration for her that is far beyond any capacity of mine to express," he explained.

Mrs. Cauthen's role has never been more vital than during the last two years. First a heart attack and then a lengthy case of shingles almost incapacitated the executive. But he came back with determination.

During the long recuperations he kept in touch with work at the Foreign Mission Board. His wife would read memos and correspondence to him when he could not read and he insisted that work be brought to him at home when he could not go to the office.

It is Cauthen the preacher that will be best remembered by Southern Baptists. Always, the message is evangelical, centering around the lost and what Southern Baptists are called to do.



Eloise Cauthen, one of the most powerful influences in the life of Baker James Cauthen, stands with her husband at a recent honors luncheon.