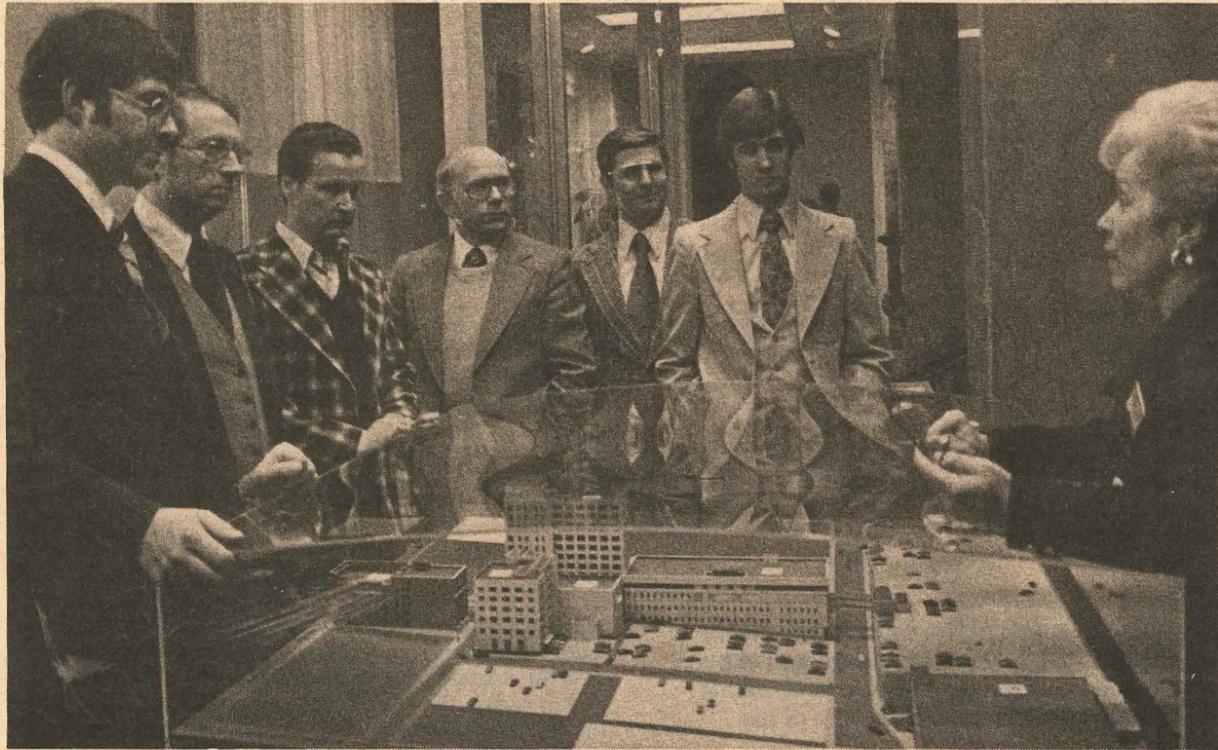


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*She tells the good news of publishing glad tidings*

The glass encased model in the foreground puts the facilities of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville in perspective for groups beginning a tour of the

world's largest religious publishing house. Some 8600 visitors took the one-hour tour through the board's facilities in the last year.

## Georgia editor survives attack by state's fundamentalist crowd

Jack. U. Harwell, editor of Georgia Baptists' newspaper, The Christian Index, survived a heated attempt to have him fired because of his alleged liberal views toward the infallibility of the Bible at the Georgia Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The number of messengers who swarmed to the 158th session for the predicted confrontation topped by 800 the previous record of 2279 who met in Atlanta in 1977. Prior to the convention, a group orchestrated by William A. Powell, editor of the Southern Baptist Journal and long time critic of Harwell and his editorial policies, announced plans to seek Harwell's dismissal.

The Georgia Baptist Convention's executive committee met before the annual session and voted to ask its own administrative committee to meet with the board of directors of The Christian Index to consider the charges against Harwell and to bring a report back to the executive committee at its Dec. 11 annual meeting.

When that action was presented to the convention messengers "as a matter of information" a messenger moved that the Georgia convention reaffirm once again the Baptist Faith and Message statement as its only theological guideline for fellowship and employment.

Harwell's critics opposed that motion, charging that "at least one denominational leader does not believe



Harwell

it." But the convention overwhelmingly approved the motion.

Then, W. Henry Fields, chairman of The Christian Index board of directors, told the convention Harwell had repeatedly affirmed his loyalty to the Baptist Faith and Message.

Fields asked the convention to "express our full confidence in the personal and professional integrity of the editor so

the executive committee in its deliberations will know the sentiments of the messengers."

After brief but heated debate, Fields' motion was approved on standing vote. Observers guessed the vote about 2500 for and about 500 votes against.

Twice during later sessions of the convention Powell's followers sought to raise the issue again but each time were defeated. They also sought to pass several motions related to such matters as "the infallible Bible in its original autograph" and to denominational employees taking part in ordination of women. Messengers overwhelmingly defeated each of their motions.

Harwell termed the outcome of all the parliamentary wrangles and votes a significant demonstration for freedom of believers, the lordship of Christ, the place of creedalism in Baptist life and the role of trusteeship procedures for dealing with employees.

Powell told news reporters, however, he had won a major victory because he had forced the Georgia executive committee to admit there might be a theological problem with the editor that needed investigation. Harwell has been on The Christian Index staff 22 years, the past 13 as editor.

In the midst of all the debate, a messenger moved that the executive committee "tell the world" the name of Powell's publication, Southern Baptist Journal, has no connection whatever with the Southern Baptist Convention, and that they ask Powell to remove that name from his masthead and logo. The motion was greeted with enthusiastic applause and adopted.

Later, Powell told the press he has no intention of dropping the name "Southern Baptist Journal" and that nobody has the power to make him do so.

A related topic of major debate was a move to require Georgia Baptist colleges to hire only Baptists as faculty members. The convention accepted its executive committee report which stated at times the schools might be "unable to employ Baptists with expertise to meet all the needs of the colleges."

Messengers adopted a 1980 budget of \$15.4 million, an increase of \$1.4 million over 1979.

Jim N. Griffith, pastor of Beech Haven Baptist Church, Athens, was reelected president.

## North Carolina Baptists withdraw CP funds from Wake Forest University

Wrangling until literally the 11th hour North Carolina Baptists approved a new relationship between the state convention and Wake Forest University which will allow one-third of the school's trustees to be from "any evangelical Christian body."

Messengers also elected Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, as president and passed a \$17.5 million budget.

The Wake Forest solution, which wasn't cemented until 11 p.m. on the second day of the convention, changes the previous agreement between the school and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which said all 36 trustees must be North Carolina Southern Baptists.

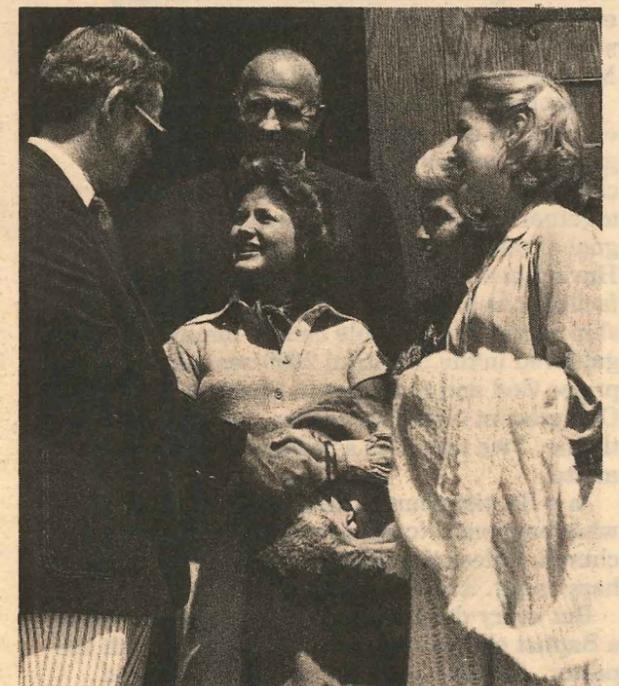
The plan, effective Jan. 1, 1981, will stop regular Cooperative Program contributions to Wake Forest. After that date churches must designate Wake Forest as a recipient if they wish the school to share in their gifts through the state convention. Wake Forest will receive \$1.1 million from the convention budget in 1980.

The amendment specifying out-of-state trustees be evangelical Christians was an attempt to salvage the proposal after an earlier amendment had made it unworkable in the eyes of convention leaders who spent 14 months negotiating it. The early amendment would have required the 12 out-of-state trustees to be Baptists.

"I've always wanted to keep this a Baptist school and it's still very much that way," said Wake Forest president James Ralph Scales after the convention. He is in his 13th year.

Messengers to the 1979 convention refused to pass a resolution recommending the adoption of the SALT II treaty. They collected an offering of over \$5000 for Cambodian hunger relief.

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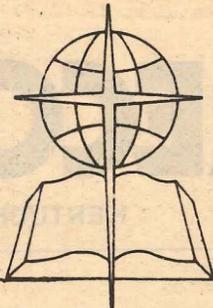


## There's no place like home

Celebrating Togetherness in Christ' is the 1979 theme of Student Day at Christmas. Churches participating in this emphasis have opportunity to acquaint the home church with college religious life of its students and welcome students back after the fall semester. Program suggestions are available in the November issue of Baptist Program.

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

### Putting it together in a Baptist church

The current saying, "they have it all put together," is used to describe persons or organizations which are especially successful. We even say it about churches and I was in a church recently that truly has it all together.

The church is Highview Baptist in Louisville. Only 26 years old, Highview until several years ago was a struggling congregation with limited facilities. In recent years it has become one of the fastest growing Baptist churches in Kentucky and is setting all kinds of records in baptisms, in attendance and in income.

How does a church put it all together? This I reflected upon one Sunday in October when I saw and felt the vibrancy of this congregation.

The occasion was the climactic celebration in a week of dedication services. Earlier various parts of the new facilities were dedicated. The particular emphasis in this final service was the dedication of Highview members to missions and evangelism. Baker James Cauthen, retiring secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was the speaker.

The first overwhelming impression was the excitement and commitment of the large congregation. It was as if the whole church was charged with electricity—people moving together with confidence toward an agreed upon goal of reaching the world for Jesus Christ. Having been so severely limited in the past in facilities as to have to have three separate worship services, the whole church family now was gathered in the beautiful 2000-seat sanctuary to praise God and to rejoice in Christian fellowship. One present could but realize the Highview theme, "we care," is a reality as well as a motto.

In a Baptist church the pew is the heart of what happens. No matter what else is going for a church, unless the people are swept up in what's happening, it will amount to little.

But every dynamic activity has a spark and in a Baptist church the fire always begins with the pastor. Actually so much should not depend upon one person but the fact is people respond to people and not to programs or projects. So as goes the pastor, so goes the church.

Highview pastor Bill Hancock has gathered around him able staff members but it is his spirit that inspires such enthusiastic response. Bill's roots are in the farmland of south Christian County. A dedicated pastor of a small church found Bill and his parents when their interests were other than God and the church. Bill has

never lost the touch of the soil and the common man though with college, seminary and experience he has become one of the most dynamic and effective preachers and pastors of his generation.

Brother Bill, as he is affectionately known, doesn't overpower people with personal magnetism but inspires them with his personal experience of grace, his passion for souls and his fearless proclamation of the gospel.

This inspiring service at Highview had one other human element which is not always pointed out but which is truly important in the life and ministry of a Southern Baptist church. This is the participation of denominational leadership of integrity. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen is the personification of Southern Baptist missionary passion and thrust and every Baptist who has ever known him has confidence in what Southern Baptists are trying to do around the world. Blessed is the pastor who introduces his congregation to denominational leaders who inspire confidence and cooperation.

Truly Highview Baptists and pastor Hancock have put it all together. The human elements are the people, a pastor and denominational integrity but all these have been energized by the Holy Spirit.

Not enough Baptist churches today have it all together but many along with Highview do have. Some because of adverse circumstances and conditions will never report great statistical success but will be high on the Lord's list.

### Guest Editorial

### Freedom of the church press

by Erwin L. McDonald, former editor, Arkansas Baptist News

"If you can't write what you really believe, why be a writer?"

This incisive question was put to a journalist dad the other day by his perceptive teenage son.

Freedom of the press was regarded by President Thomas Jefferson as one of the cornerstones of the American republic. In Mr. Jefferson's first inaugural address, Mar. 4, 1801, he said:

"... freedom of religion; freedom of the press; freedom of person under the protection of the habeas corpus; and trial by juries impartially selected — these principles form the bright constellation which has gone before us, and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation. The wisdom of our sages and the blood of our heroes have been devoted to their attainment. They should be the creed of our political faith — the text of civil instruction — the

touchstone by which to try the services of those we trust; and should we wander from them in moments of error or alarm, let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty, and safety."

Oddly enough, freedom of the press has sometimes had to camp on the front steps of the church, hardly being able so much as to set foot inside the front door. For the church, though basking in freedom of religion, has often been reluctant to practice freedom of the press in its own journals. Church and denominational organs have often not concerned themselves so much with "telling it like it is" or of "telling the whole story" as with telling it like the bishop (or, with Southern Baptists, the executive secretary or the executive board) wants it told.

The state's largest religious body — the Arkansas Baptist State Convention — took a giant step forward last week, in its annual session here at Second Baptist Church as it voted to take the first step toward giving its official publication, the Arkansas Baptist News magazine, the status of an agency with its own board of directors.

Newly elected convention president John Finn, chairman of the program committee of the convention's executive board, presented the proposal, which was adopted by a more than two-to-one vote. Finn cited strong arguments for giving the denominational paper new status.

"Every Baptist state convention needs one agency with a voice to evaluate objectively, probe and challenge all areas of Baptist life," he said. "Full and accurate reporting is an absolute necessity if Baptists are to make the right decisions. A separate board will enable the editor to be more objective and will assure greater editorial freedom."

In a survey Finn and his committee made of papers in the Southern Baptist Convention they learned, Finn reported, that "some editors must submit all editorials to the administration prior to publication."

"Whenever and wherever this is required," continued Finn, "censorship takes place and editorial freedom is limited. . . ."

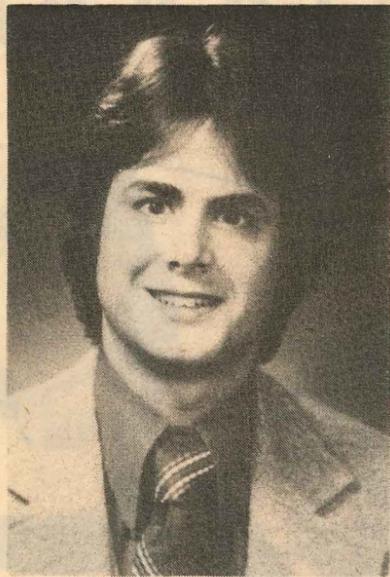
Finn expressed the view that the paper, with its own board, would be freer to report on all areas of Baptist life than it would be if related to the executive board.

Still another advantage Finn claimed for the paper as a separate agency: relieving the convention's executive secretary of responsibility for overseeing the paper's editor.

"The executive secretary shoulders general responsibility for all (executive) board programs and promotion," he said. "With all of the other duties of his office, the secretary can hardly do justice to the involved production of a weekly news and promotional journal . . ."

Of the more than 30 Baptist state papers now published in the Southern Baptist Convention, 12—all of them from the older and stronger state conventions—have their own boards and operate as agencies responsible directly to their respective state conventions. Now, Arkansas, on a trial basis and subject to final vote of the convention in November 1983, joins this distinguished group.

## Baptist News In Brief



Furr

### Ray Furr joins WR staff

H. Ray Furr Jr., 25, of Wisner, La., has been named a Western Recorder staff intern effective Dec. 1.

Furr, a graduate of Louisiana Tech at Ruston, is currently pursuing the MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He expects to enter a career in religious communications following graduation in December 1980.

An active member of Louisville's Farmdale Baptist Church, Furr is also a part time houseparent at Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown.

At Western Recorder he will assist in editing, writing, photography, advertising, layout and proofreading responsibilities.

Furr is one of two seminary students currently assigned as staff interns. He succeeds Jimmy Hester, who is completing his seminary career and who has been called to First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., as minister of education and administration.

### Help your missionaries! Write your congressmen!

In 1978 Congress passed a law requiring U. S. citizens living out of the country to pay U. S. income taxes. Previously the law had excluded the first \$20,000 of their salary.

Few if any missionaries have paid U. S. tax but now all will be required to do so. The Kentucky Baptist Convention, meeting at Louisville Nov. 13-15, adopted this resolution:

WHEREAS, the 1978 tax law requiring all U. S. citizens living out of the country to pay U. S. income taxes failed to exclude religious and charitable workers, and

WHEREAS, many missionaries already pay income taxes in the countries where they work, and missionaries live on a minimum support basis, and

WHEREAS, this tax would mean that some missionaries would no longer be able to stay on the field, and our Foreign Mission Board would face a cost of a minimum of a million dollars this year alone if they help our missionaries with this tax,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge all Kentucky Baptists to write individual letters to their senators and congressmen requesting their support in reinstating the exemption for religious and charitable workers.

## State convention reports

### South Carolina

South Carolina Baptists elected the editor of their state newspaper as president and took a moderate position on the ordination of women during the annual meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

John E. Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier since 1966, is the first editor elected president of the convention in 25 years. He won the position in balloting with Louie Latimer Owens, a Baptist author and historian. Mrs. Owens was the first woman ever nominated for convention president in South Carolina.

The convention accepted as information a study committee's report on the role of women in church and denominational life. The report recognized the increasing number of women being ordained as deacons and as ministers. Messengers refused to take a position on ordination, however, saying those chose not to infringe on local church autonomy.

The convention also heard first reading of two constitutional changes which will be acted on next year. One would reduce the committee on boards from 43 to 15 members. One would require convention messengers be members of a church "which is in good standing" with a local association.

This is seen as a move to refuse to seat messengers from churches which accept persons for membership who were not baptized by immersion.

### Oklahoma

The inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible issue was introduced into sessions of the State Convention of Oklahoma Baptists as messengers called for a study committee to review textbooks, teaching assignments and the doctrinal stance of teachers at Oklahoma Baptist

University in Shawnee.

An Edmond pastor, Jerry Sullaway, introduced a motion commending the school's trustees and administration, but also calling for an investigation of "all other matters pertinent to the instruction and teaching at OBU."

After lengthy debate including information that the OBU trustees already had asked their academic affairs committee to look into the allegations, the motion was passed.

The action was prompted by an anonymously-written 25-page paper distributed at the convention charging certain OBU faculty members of neo-orthodoxy and the university of being a Christian school in name only. The paper was signed by "concerned students and alumni" but was reportedly written by only two students. The anonymous writers also charged that drunkenness, immorality, drug use and homosexuality are prevalent at OBU.

Messengers received a different view of the university during the OBU report when numerous students and faculty members testified to the quality of education, Christian integrity and instruction being given at the school. OBU president Eugene Hall called the charges "silly" and told reporters he felt the paper presented a very minority viewpoint on the part of the students. Hall has received petitions signed by nearly 800 students countering the anonymous writers' claims and calling the paper a very unchristian act.

In other actions, the messengers sustained the convention board of directors' financial arrangement for compensation to Jack L. Gritz, former editor of the Baptist Messenger, and turned down an effort to secure full salary and benefits for him through 1981.

Gritz was terminated as editor by the directors in September, given full salary through March 1980, and offered

an arrangement that, if he took disability or early retirement, would have avoided any financial loss until he reached age 65 in December 1981.

He refused the arrangement, saying he cannot conscientiously take disability and early retirement would penalize him too severely. As voted by the messengers, Gritz will receive some \$45,000 in severance pay, including his full salary through next March. After failing to come to terms with the board of directors, Gritz circulated a letter among state pastors saying that the right, honest, honorable thing would be to pay him full salary and benefits to the end of 1981.

Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, the state's largest church, was elected president of the convention.

A resolution urged trustees and administrators of all institutions to insure the integrity of their institutions with the Baptist Faith and Message statement.

### Utah-Idaho

Baptists in Utah-Idaho targeted 28 areas for new churches in the next four years at the annual meeting of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

Messengers elected Louis Demster, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Caldwell, Ida., as president.

### Minnesota-Wisconsin

Baptists in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Southern Baptist Fellowship elected layman Charles Dunning, a chemist with Kimberly Clark Paper Co. in Neenah, Wis., as president during their 10th annual meeting.

Messengers learned their membership had grown to 10,310 in 67 churches and 23 chapels, including 14 begun this year. They were urged to begin work in the 114 counties in the two-state fellowship that still had no Southern Baptist work.

### A costly stand

Declaring that the First Amendment to the Constitution "has consistently been interpreted in letter and in spirit as prohibiting the expenditure of public funds for a religious service," a federal judge has ruled that the archdiocese of Philadelphia must reimburse the city for expenses incurred in constructing a platform from which Pope John Paul II said mass during his recent U. S. visit.

City solicitor Sheldon Albert, who argued the case for Philadelphia, said the city will appeal.

Judge Raymond J. Broderick, himself a Roman Catholic, ruled that the expenditure, insisted on by Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo, violated all three guidelines of the Supreme Court's three-pronged test for spending public monies for nonpublic uses. He ordered the city to seek reimbursement of more than \$200,000.

### Miss Massey GA editor

Barbara Massey, former minister of children's education, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., has joined the staff of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Massey will edit two magazines — Discovery, monthly magazine for members of Girls in Action, the missions organization for girls in grades one through six, and Aware, quarterly magazine for Girls in Action leaders.

Miss Massey has served as children's consultant for the Virginia Baptist Board, Richmond, and was formerly minister of childhood education, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

She is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and earned the MRE degree from Southwestern Seminary.

## Christian Education

### Clear Creek students are going to jail — often

Most people do not know what a "cell block" looks like or have never seen the inside of a jail. Two men who see the inside every week are Kelly Hunter and Woody Clarkson. They are students at Clear Creek Baptist School and involved in a very unique ministry—a jail ministry to the prisoners in the Bell County jail.

This ministry is unique because few county or city jails have a regular visitation program since many are faced with varied problems such as legal or administrative restrictions.

Although some might say the ministers have a "captive audience" this is far from the truth. Any inmate who chooses not to participate is free to do what he normally does. He may read, listen to the radio or watch television. Most join in.

Clarkson, a member of Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, said in ways their efforts were rewarding and in other ways not so. As he put it, "We sow the seed and sometimes have to leave it for others to water and cultivate." Ministers of established churches seldom encounter this problem.

Another problem is the turnover of inmates. Some may be in lockup one Sunday and released by the next. Others are serving longer sentences from 30 days to six months. Hunter stated, "Some faces become familiar. Others we see only once. We try to talk to everyone and spread the gospel." Hunter is a member of East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

The men divide the jail into two groups. Hunter talks to the adult

prisoners while Clarkson tends to the juvenile inmates. Often the two are in contact with ministers of churches where the prisoners or their families are members. Many times a prisoner's minister is unaware of his incarceration. The jail ministers contact the prisoner's pastor when asked to do so.

When asked if he thought the ministry was beneficial Bell County jailer Ray Siler said, "The men visiting here on Sunday afternoon provide a needed and valuable service to the jail and this area. Many times the inmates have few and often no visitors." The prisoners enjoy having Kelly and Woody to listen to and to talk to."

"These fellows have done more good in just being here than they'll ever know," one prisoner remarked.

Before leaving any cell block the prisoners are asked if they want to have prayer and if they have any requests. Many have requests, such as one wanting to pray for his younger brother who had been jailed in another state for burglary. Another wanted to remember a friend in a hospital from a gunshot wound. Others just bowed their heads and said nothing.

### Campbellville grads back

"Time in a Bottle" is the theme of this year's homecoming at Campbellville College Saturday, Dec. 1.

A parade begins at 10 a.m. in downtown Campbellville. Afternoon class meetings and receptions follow, with an alumni banquet at 5:30 p.m. and the Campbellville Tigers vs. Northern Kentucky in basketball at 8 p.m.

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## 1979 Week of Prayer: a call for sacrificial giving, prayer

"Among All Nations" is both the theme and the objective of the 1979 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

The theme for the eight days of prayer, Dec. 2-9, is taken from Rom. 1:5-6. Like the apostle Paul, Southern Baptists are striving to preach the good news of Christ 'among all nations.'

The objective is to give personal prayer support for 2986 missionaries in 95 nations. Prayer will also reach toward the year 2000 when the Southern Baptist Convention hopes to have 5000 missionaries in 125 foreign countries.

The Week of Prayer will culminate in the world's largest, most meaningful gift, the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. The 1979 national goal is \$40,500,000.

The foreign missions observance is a 91-year custom which provides more than half the funds for the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

The invitation to pray and give for foreign missions this year is a call to sacrificial giving.

The original idea of the Christmas offering was to sacrifice something in order to support missionaries. "Now many Baptists are so affluent they can give without real sacrifice. For Bold Mission Thrust, we need to give our money and our times at a level that again requires sacrifice. God blesses sacrifice," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

WMU has issued a call to 'life changing commitments' for the Week of Prayer. Miss Weatherford explained, "To preach the gospel to every creature, some of us are going to have to change our daily lives."

The pressures of inflation and our own financial problems are so great many of us will be tempted to put our own needs ahead of those of the world.

We will be tempted to cut back not only on our regular giving to the local church and the Cooperative Program it supports, but also on our special contributions.

The 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas offering will test the depths of Christian commitment.

The cost is high. But it will cost even more not to give. Southern Baptists need the blessings that come from sacrificial giving, the spiritual renewal individuals and churches experience as they give because of a love for God and man.

We need to give boldly to prove to ourselves and the world that Bold Mission Thrust is more than just words.

We need to give because others' needs are even more crucial than our own.

Increased funds are necessary to witness to the masses. Last year, over 99,000 were baptized by the million overseas Baptists with whom Southern Baptist missionaries work. The remaining multitudes will not wait.

Increased offerings are crucial to support, equip, transport and care for the growing numbers of missionaries. From September 1978 to September 1978 there was a net gain of 117 missionaries bringing the total to 2977. An increase of two countries resulted in a missionary presence in 95 countries. This growth complicated by worldwide inflation and dollar decline, added over \$5 million to foreign missions costs this last year.

Similar needs are represented by urban challenges, mass media opportunities, health ministries and agricultural projects. With 95% of the world's population living outside the United States the need for an increased offering is imperative. Because of the support provided by Cooperative Program gifts every penny of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goes to minister to those beyond our borders.

Careful budgeting, more economical mission methods and enlarged offerings by overseas Baptists have allowed continuing advancements. However, the day could come when a lack of funds would deprive missionaries of needed tools to do their work. God did not bring us to our greatest challenge in order to default because the price was too high. Our commitment to missions must still overcome selfish reasons that put our own needs first.

We cannot achieve such a commitment through our own might or power. It is only possible through the power of his spirit—a power available to us through prayer.

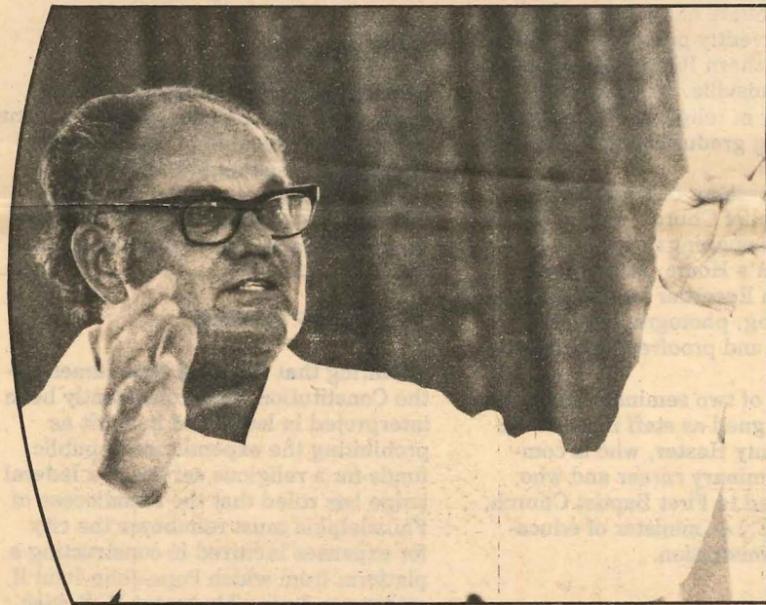
Funds help with the financially costly items, but they don't touch the priceless human investment missionaries and their families make—this is where prayer comes in.

### Foreign missions hotline

It used to cost the caller but now Foreign Missions Hotline—bringing the latest in Southern Baptist overseas missions information—will be free for most Southern Baptists.

The Nov. 14 through Dec. 14 three-minute telephone recording of current news and urgent prayer requests for missions around the world has a toll-free number—(800) 446-2725. Callers in Virginia, Alaska and Hawaii, however, who cannot use the WATS line, must dial (804) 355-6581 and pay for a station-to-station call.

Recorded messages will change each Wednesday morning during the five-week period.



Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
December 2-9, 1979  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
National Goal: \$40,500,000

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## School teacher, missionary, evangelist

In 1873 she was a 33-year-old school teacher on her way to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. There she worked for almost 40 years as an evangelist with women and as a teacher. It was her suggestion that helped galvanize Southern Baptists to form Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, in order missionaries might receive more consistent support. Lottie Moon also gave WMU its first and biggest project—a Christmastime offering for foreign missions. First taken in 1888 the offering came to be known as the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

Through the fall of 1879 Western Recorder printed a diary by Lottie Moon. The following excerpts reveal some of her work until she collapsed of old age, exhaustion and malnutrition at Christmastime in 1912.

"We have worked hard since getting here. The people come immediately after breakfast, when the native preacher reads, talks and prays. About 10 girls and women have shown a real eagerness to learn and I have taken delight in teaching them. . . .

"... I am usually tolerably patient, but sometimes, when I'm tired out, and they begin to finger my clothes and ask dozens of personal questions, I feel ready to go wild. But they never feel acquainted until they know all about one's father, mother, daily work, food, what one's clothes cost, etc. . . . One learns to know the torture of being under human eyes during these country tours.

"We had a busy time yesterday going to one village in the morning and another in the afternoon. . . . On getting back to our quarters the people came crowding in. I gave my last lesson to some girls I have been teaching for several days. It was touching. . . . I felt more than usually sad to part from the little girls who have been so pleasant, affectionate and eager to learn. . . .

"We left there this morning and came here, where we propose to remain for several days. The people have been crowding in ever since we came asking the thousand usual questions. I must conquer my unwillingness to talk and be fingered, and teach the children.

"At one village this morning I had a long earnest talk with, or rather to a group of men. I sometimes feel very serious doubts about the propriety of addressing a crowd as we are sometimes almost forced to do, but to sit down and quietly talk in a conversational tone to thoroughly respectful men who listen with profound interest—I can only thank God that he gives me the opportunity to tell them of the saviour.

"I have never gotten so near the people in my life as during this visit, never had so many opportunities to press home upon their consciences their duty to God and the claims of the savior to their love and devotion. I feel more and more that this work is of God and he is, in a wonderful manner, opening the hearts and homes of the people to receive us."

Lottie Moon eventually settled in Pingtu, China, an inland county, 120 miles from any other foreigner. There she lived in Chinese fashion and established a church. From Pingtu she wrote the moving letters which helped cause the organization of Woman's Missionary Union.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering contributes to the education of missionaries just entering the field. In Costa Rica, for instance, \$7300 of the annual Christmas offering for foreign missions will go toward missionary language study. . . . Missionary Dutton A. Bonnell baptizing a new Christian in an outdoor baptismal service in Benin, West Africa. . . . Jack W. Ford, missionary associate, witnesses at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza. . . . Southern Baptist missionaries in Tanzania are requesting \$50,000 from the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for the Tanzanian convention's new assembly near Iringa. . . . At the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore, India, mothers study nutrition as well as the Good News. . . . Otis W. Brady preaches in Belize [Middle America and Caribbean].

Foreign Missions  
1979  
Christmas Offering  
\$5,500,000

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Congregations

**Unusual marathon at East Cumberland**  
East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, recently observed a 24-hour prayer fast and preaching marathon.

A ladies prayer brunch kicked off the event Saturday morning followed by visitation by Sunday school departments to every home in the east end of town.

The prayer fast began at noon and lasted until noon Sunday. Twelve hours of preaching, featuring members of the church who are students at nearby Clear Creek Baptist School, began Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Spurlows, a nationally known singing group from Florida, provided concerts during three services.

K. Maynard Head is pastor of East Cumberland Avenue.

**Pastor reports growing Corinth**  
Pastor W. L. 'Dub' Henderson reports attendance has increased from 38 to a high of 151 during the past year at Corinth (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Henderson also reports 19 baptisms since the beginning of the church year.

**Dry Ridge goes old fashioned**  
Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, observed 'Old Fashion Day' Oct. 21. There was a hymn sing during the morning worship led by minister of music and youth Phil Quinn. The message was delivered by Chester Young of Cumberland College.

After the noon meal the church held a gospel sing. Members wore old fashioned attire for the day's activities.

Raymond Lawrence is interim pastor at Dry Ridge.

**Kenwood celebrates 35th**  
Kenwood Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will celebrate 35 years with a note burning service at 3 p.m. Dec. 9. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Dec. 4. Harvey L. Richardson is pastor at Kenwood.

**Yanceys honored at Central**  
Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Yancey were recently honored for eight years of service to Central Baptist Church, Burna. Yancey is pastor; Mrs. Yancey

is church organist. The couple was presented a money tree by the church.

**ACTION at Sonora First**  
First Baptist Church, Sonora, recently completed an ACTION campaign. There were 103 enrolled in Bible study. Allen Baugh, associational missionary for Severns Valley Association, assisted the church.

## Revivals

**52 decisions at Cedar Grove**  
Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Nelson Association, recently completed revival services. There were 52 decisions; 22 being additions. Thomas Smith is pastor.

**Trinity revival features variety**  
Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, recently completed an October revival-preaching mission. There was a different evangelist for each service. Participating were David Perkins, Mike Watts, Jim Highland, Wayne Ward, Ralph Hodge, George Munro and Dale Moody. Bob Hickman directed music. Bob W. Brown is pastor at Trinity.

**Five decisions reported at Calvary**  
Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, recently completed revival services. T. L. McSwain was evangelist; George Thompson directed music.

Ernest Martin, pastor, reports a "70 year old gentleman accepting Christ as personal savior." There were also two other professions of faith and two coming for believer's baptism.

**37 decisions at Quinton**  
Quinton Baptist Church, Bronston, recently completed revival services with Noel Dodson as evangelist. There were 37 decisions: 14 for baptism and three by transfer of letter. Kenneth E. Sanders is pastor.

## Personnel

**Greensburg calls Corbett**  
Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has called David Corbett as minister of music. Corbett is a graduate of Furman University and a student at Southern Seminary.

Corbett is married to Bonnie Rabon,



Members of Cave City Baptist Church witnessed the burning of notes for the purchase of a van and for construction of a new pastorium. Participating were [l-r] pastor Gerald McCants, Tommy Pruitt, Charlie Smith, Carol Stilts, Charles London, Roy Hatcher, W. R. Rock, Aubry Wilson and James Richardson.

a student at the University of Louisville.

George Price is pastor at Greensburg.

## Salvisa receives Shepherd

Jerry Shepherd has been called as minister of music to Salvisa Baptist Church. He comes to Salvisa from Green River Memorial Baptist Church where he was minister of music while a student at Campbellsville College.

Larry D. Koch is pastor.

## Roaden faces heart surgery

Ray Roaden, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board, is having open heart surgery at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Nov. 30. They will do three by-passes. The family requests prayer.

## Embry to Friendship

Larry Embry has begun as pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Warren Association. Embry moved to Friendship from a four year pastorate in Gasper River Association. While there he was evangelism chairman for three years.

## Clark resigns Hebron

Dale Clark has resigned as pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, after three years. Kenneth 'Shorty' Cole will be interim at Hebron.

## Williams resigns Midway

Don Williams has resigned as pastor of Midway Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, to accept a pastorate in Tennessee.

## Pastors begin at Laurel River

Three pastors have recently begun work in Laurel River Association: Virgil Vandeventer, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church; Kenneth Wilhoit, Slate Lick Baptist Church; and Tom Gray, Long Branch Baptist Church.

## Booneville Association gains three

Three pastors have recently begun work in Booneville Association: Gary S. Evans, Bacon Creek Baptist Church; Raymond Jones, Watson's Chapel Baptist Church; and L. T. Fincher, Antioch Baptist Church.

## Ordinations

**Deacons installed at Oaklawn**  
Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah, recently installed four deacons: Homer Golden, Clarence Travis, Rudy Goad and E. M. Jeffrey.

## Two ordained at Lebanon

Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association, recently ordained two deacons: Merle Bagley and Frank Sprogens Jr.

## Missions

### Kentuckians honored by FMB

Louisville native Melvin E. Torstrick recently received a 25-year service pin from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Torstrick, associate secretary for missionary personnel, works with candidates who live in eastern United States.

He and his wife, Shirley Lee of Louisville, began service with the board when they were appointed missionaries to Chile in 1954. Before going to Chile Torstrick was pastor of Sand Spring Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.



Kentuckians attending a recent seminar on church growth at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board are [front row, l-r] Kit Yeaste, David Hawthorne, Wayne Newby, Paul Godsey,

Wilbur Powell and Bruce Grubbs, growth leadership consultant; [back row, l-r] Drew Martin, W. Louis Walters, Malcolm Lunceford, Ron Burdon and Fred E. Richardson.

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## Need for authentic revival

Malachi's prophecy was occasioned by the unfaithfulness of the people toward God. He prophesied approximately a century after the return of the Jews from their exile in Babylon. At first their religious fervor and enthusiasm were such as to give one the impression they were prepared to do whatever might be necessary to establish a new nation upon the faith of their ancestors. In an outburst of their religious enthusiasm they had rebuilt the Temple.

**Malachi 1:2a, 10-13** Not long after the completion of the Temple and of the walls around the city of Jerusalem, there was a grave declension in the spirituality of the people. There was a spiritual lethargy and a declension in morality throughout the land, and both the priests and the people were affected by it.

Before God rebuked the people for their unfaithfulness and disobedience, He showed his love for them. Because of his great love for them, their sins were terrible indeed. The bad example of the priests, who had been expected to do right, had a corrupting influence on the people. However, not all the blame went to them because the people were also responsible for their own wrongdoing.

The priests knew it was their duty, as well as that of their people, to fear, reverence and honor God, but instead of doing that they made contemptible his name by refusing to pay due regard to his authority and by neglecting to present their offerings and sacrifices as becometh men in their position.

**Malachi 2:8-9, 13-14, 17** Their questioning God's love and offering to him far less than their best in worship opened the floodgates of evil. They were dismissing their wives with thoughtless gestures of disdain, deserting their children and marrying foreign women who were idolatrous. God refused to condone their putting away of their lawful wives of long standing and their marrying heathen women.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## Christ: source of full life

**Colossians 2:6-15** Paul was fearful the Christians at Colosse, who were free in Christ, might be captivated and led astray by the false philosophers. Knowing that any philosophers who leave God out of their lives are deceitful and dangerous, Paul urged his readers to be loyal and true to Christ.

Gnostics and others propounded philosophies on the assumption the cultivation of the mind was sufficient. Concerning these Paul reminded his readers they were after the traditions of men and were not after Christ. He emphasized the acquiring of knowledge does not guarantee the acquisition of salvation. The Judaizers promised the Colossian Christians they would experience real fulfillment provided they would heed the elaborate teachings which they were imparting to them. To this offer Paul responded with the reminder they had already come to fulfillment or fullness of life in and through Christ. In every respect Christ was, is and ever will be of God. He was God incarnate in flesh. Salvation by Christ leaves nothing lacking. Apart from a personal trust in Christ as Saviour one need not expect to be saved.

Legalism was one of the heresies which threatened the freedom of the Christians at Colosse. Grieved deeply because some of them could not rid their minds of the notion true religion consists of observing rules and regulations, Paul reminded them of their spiritual condition before Christ saved them. Before they were made alive in Christ, they were dead in their sins.

Paul warned his readers not to follow the legalistic requirements. Since they were complete in Christ, he told them it was not necessary for them to observe rules and regulations about food, drink and festivals. Possessing freedom in Christ, there was no justifiable reason for them subjecting themselves to the regulations of men as expressed in human words.

## Double victory

## Frank Owen

I have heard only appreciation for a great convention, both the attendance and the spirit of it, the number of people who stayed for the close (my favorite session). All the way through it was a real fine meeting.

I rejoiced also at the crowd of folk who stayed over for the dedication of our new Baptist Building Thursday afternoon following the convention's noon closing.

The chapel was filled to its capacity of approximately 250 people as we dedicated the building. I have heard only praise, pride and satisfaction for this new beautiful structure and the provisions it makes for our Baptist life.

The occasion, itself, was so very well done. Thanks to every staff member and person who had a part, including a good building committee. A number of people told me the open house and dedication service was to them the highlight of the entire convention week.

In occupying and dedicating this distinctive structure there was still more victory than readily met the eye. We had a two-acre plot of ground to the west of the building from whence it is best seen and appreciated under contract for purchase and because of the incompleteness of the transaction at the time of dedication we mentioned it only casually. We have now completed the purchase of this property. I told business manager Barry Allen the next day after we signed the final papers that this quiet Friday after the convention was perhaps as great a day as the Thursday that closed the convention and dedicated the building.

When one owns land he can always hope and dream of getting enough money to build a fitting building on it, but the only time and place that one may acquire needed property is when and where it is available. To have gained this strategic property on which to locate further needed parking and to control what might ever be built at our front door was in some respects as great a victory and answer to prayer as the building we dedicated. May God bless and use the entire location and facility always to bear fruit for his kingdom.



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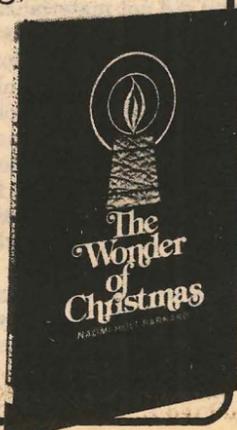
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## State convention reports

### Illinois

Illinois Baptists adopted a host of hard hitting resolutions and reelected president Joe Bob Pierce to a second term at the annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Messengers adopted a \$5,413,927 budget, including an anticipated income of over \$3 million from Illinois Southern Baptist churches. Forty-one percent of the Illinois income is designated for the SBC Cooperative Program.

In other action, a collection for hunger was taken from the 1158 messengers and visitors that raised over \$1000. Messengers granted another year to a committee to complete its feasibility study of beginning a four-year Baptist college in Illinois.

A resolution on inflation asked churches to surrender plans for unnecessary and costly construction and use the financial resources instead to help the poor.

A resolution on aging called on Christians to honor and provide for aged parents and asked the state legislature to review provisions for licensing for homes for the aged.

An energy resolution called on Illinois Baptists to develop a new ethic of energy consumption in which conservation is esteemed and waste is disdained.

Another affirmed the right of everyone to basic health care and urged restraint in the use of insurance-covered benefits.

Other resolutions called for greater emphasis on family life and for media to present the biblical idea of family; encouraged Baptists to reexamine their lifestyles and live more simply to help overcome world hunger; and encouraged the governments involved in the political strife and famine in Southeast Asia to allow relief shipments of food.

### New England

The Baptist General Association of New England adopted a 1980 budget that includes a special fund to assist in preparation for convention status by 1982 and reelected Marion Hayes, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., as president during its annual convention.

Elected messengers adopted a 1980 budget of \$915,000, including an anticipated \$142,380 from association churches. Twenty percent of the association income is designated for world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

Of the local revenue, \$9277 represents a challenge budget for funds to organize as a convention. If the 1982 constituting goals of two associations are met, New England would be the 36th state or area convention within the Southern Baptist Convention. There are currently 34 conventions covering Southern Baptist work in all 50 states and Iowa Baptists plan to become the 35th state convention in October 1982.

Leaders unveiled plans for "Good News New England." In March, Virginia Baptists will furnish Sunday school growth experts to the 50 New England congregations and will send musicians and evangelists for a Good News Crusade. Probe teams and youth groups from Virginia and other states will conduct church growth activities in

the summer that will lead to a projected 20 new congregations.

Resolutions included a request that Southern Baptist churches help resettle Southeast Asian refugees and a telegram of encouragement to the interdenominational coalition of pastors in Boston that is trying to bring peace to that racially distraught city.

### New York

New York Baptists, meeting in the city where they organized as a convention 10 years ago, received the gift of a song and reelected Wallace A. C. Williams, pastor of Milton Baptist Church, Milton, Conn., as president.

Ken Medema, Christian musician and composer, wrote a song, "We Belong" for the 10th annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York in Syracuse and will designate the royalties from its publication to mission work in the convention, according to Jack P. Lowndes, executive secretary-treasurer.

Lowndes and Paul S. James, executive secretary-treasurer emeritus, were recognized for their five years of leadership in the convention that covers Southern Baptist work in New York, northern New Jersey and western Connecticut.

Elected messengers adopted a \$1,470,575 budget for 1980, including an anticipated income of \$357,718 from the 20 churches and chapels in the convention. Twenty percent of the local income is designated for world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

Messengers adopted resolutions urging Southern Baptists to greater personal sacrifice to confront the spiritual challenge of the 1980s and urging Southern Baptists to sponsor the resettlement of a refugee family.

### Ohio

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio celebrated its 25th anniversary and honored the man who has led them throughout the quarter century.

Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the convention during its entire history, was honored at a dinner. The churches in Ohio presented a love offering of about \$6000 to Roberts, who retires Apr. 1, 1980. Tal D. Bonham, evangelism director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has been elected to replace Roberts.

The 750 messengers adopted a \$3 million budget. Two million dollars is expected in receipts from Ohio churches. Thirty-eight percent will go to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

The convention adopted resolutions on world physical and spiritual hunger and received \$1100 in an offering for hunger. Another resolution urged Baptist families to sponsor Vietnamese refugees.

The resolution on hunger criticized the government of Cambodia for policies that have "led to starvation in their land." It lauded the American government for attempts to provide food and called for immediate United Nations action to feed the starving.

T. J. (Jack) Tichenor, retired pastor from Cincinnati, was reelected president.

### Pennsylvania-South Jersey

Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptists adopted a \$1.18 million budget and elected James E. Ward, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, York, Pa., as president during their ninth annual convention.

The budget, a 15 percent increase over 1979, anticipates income of \$304,175 from convention churches and designates 26 percent to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

The 200 elected messengers learned there was an increase of nine new churches and chapels in the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey last year and an increase of over 10 percent in baptisms, to just over 1200. The meeting emphasized reaching the unchurched millions in the two state convention area.

### Texas

Texas Baptists voted to reaffirm their expectations for trustees and administrators of their institutions to "fulfill their responsibilities in line with historic Baptist beliefs."

In other action, the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Lubbock resolved to accent their belief in biblical authority. The resolution endorsed "the fullest implications of the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement."

However, 70 percent of the messengers rejected an amendment proposed by Jay Cauthon of Lazbuddie, Tex., which would have added "in the original autographs (of the Bible) God's revelation was perfect and without error—doctrinally, philosophically, historically and scientifically."

Similar wording about the Bible being errorless "doctrinally, historically, scientifically and philosophically" was used by Wayne Dehoney of Louisville at the 1979 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June in discussion preceding the convention's vote on his motion to reaffirm the Baptist Faith and Message statement.

The motion regarding trustees and administrators grew out of a controversy over the textbook, "People of the Covenant," co-authored by H. Jack Flanders, chairman-elect of the Baylor University religion department, when he was a professor at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

The book has been described by Eulees, Tex., pastor James T. Draper "as liberal, dealing with the Bible as man's attempt to explain God rather than as God's inerrant Word." Draper chairs the academic affairs committee of Baylor's trustees. He is also president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

A motion calling for Flanders' dismissal did not materialize as expected, probably due to a request by Baylor's faculty and administration before the meeting that the academic affairs committee review all textbooks and matters pertinent to the department of religion.

Carlos McLeod was elected Texas Baptist president on the first ballot. Some reports indicated McLeod was the candidate of a group pushing the issue of biblical inerrancy.

However, McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Plainview, Tex., told a news conference after his election he

belongs to no group contending for teaching of inerrancy in Baptist institutions. He said, however, he believes the Bible is the inerrant word of God.

In other actions, Texas Baptists adopted resolutions on alcoholic advertising, violence, television programming, citizenship responsibility, dignity of human life, church assistance and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

They awarded the 1979 Texas Baptist Communications Award to Louis A. Moore, religion editor of the Houston Chronicle, emphasized the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust effort, and voted a \$34 million budget of which 34.5 percent will go to the SBC Cooperative Program.

### West Virginia

West Virginia Baptists bid farewell to the only executive secretary-treasurer in their nine-year history and planned a major evangelism thrust for 1980 during the annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

Executive secretary-treasurer John I. Snedden, who will retire Dec. 31, received tribute and a gift check. A scholarship was established in his name to help educate men and women preparing for the ministry.

Convention messengers adopted a \$661,277 budget, including anticipated receipts of \$304,862 from West Virginia churches. Messengers designated 24.5 percent of the state income to the SBC Cooperative Program.

The 1980 evangelism thrust will include lay evangelism schools statewide in the spring, Sunday school growth campaigns in September and simultaneous revivals in the convention's 101 congregations Oct. 5-12, with a goal of 1000 baptisms for the year. Pastors from South Carolina will be enlisted to preach the revivals.

Fred Morgan, a layman from Parkersburg, was reelected for a second one-year term as president.

Messengers adopted resolutions encouraging congregations to participate with the Home Mission Board to sponsor the relocation of Southeast Asia refugee families; opposed legislation that would open the sale of alcohol to private business instead of being a state-run enterprise; and urged congregations to express concern over immoral, obscene and lewd use of television programming.