

Alcoholism:

Religious conference scores use of alcohol

Creation of an "American Dachau for alcohol related killing" for the 205,000 Americans alcohol kills annually would "dramatize the wastage of human life by the alcohol beverage industry," Jimmy Allen told a national conference on the impact of alcohol and other drugs.

Allen, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was one of a series of speakers at the conference sponsored by an ad hoc committee from 40 denominations and religious groups.

Citing research, Allen declared that alcohol related costs in the United States total \$43.5 billion each year. "If we could dramatize the wastage of financial resources in the nation's alcohol experience," said Allen, "a citizenry worried over inflation and using deflated dollars might pay attention."

Allen said that figure includes \$19.6 billion in lost production, \$12.7 billion in health and medical costs, \$2.8 billion in violent crimes, \$1.9 billion in social responses, \$5.1 billion in motor vehicle accidents and nearly \$500 million in fire losses.

Several factors—the entrenchment of profit makers, the complexity of the problem and indifference and confusion—make the problem more difficult, Allen said.

He called on religious people who believe in abstinence and those who believe in moderation not to spend time attacking each other—but to get over emotional approaches and deal realistically with the problem.

"As we deal with these complexities, let us not overlook the simplicities," he charged. "Sometimes a troubled person does not need an expert as much as he needs a friend. The Spirit of God is at work using us to lift up the fallen. The grand schemes of which we dream must not be used as smokescreens behind which we hide from doing the obvious deed close at hand."

Abstinence is the only option

Foy Valentine, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, delivered "a clarion call for total abstinence from alcohol" at the National Conference of Religious and Lay Leaders on the Impact of Alcohol and Other Drugs.

"I believe alcohol abuse can best be prevented by abstinence from alcohol," Valentine declared of a problem all conference participants recognized as probably the nation's number one public health problem.

"Abstinence from alcohol prevents alcohol problems," he said. "I believe abstinence is the only live option for churches which expect to deal successfully and effectively with the alcohol problem."

Valentine said "the notion of 'responsible drinking' is a misnomer. In this culture, in these times, all drinking is irresponsible."

He told his listeners he has no ambivalence about alcohol. "I believe that what this country needs is not to spend ever-escalating tax dollars to talk about alcoholism and to have programs for alcoholics—even though I believe we should help people recover from problem drinking and alcoholism. What this country and the church both need is to engage in an effective program of preventing alcohol consumption."

Criticizing current national efforts to combat alcoholism, Valentine declared, "I believe the present qualifying, excusing, sweet-talking, soft-pedaling, pussy-footing approach to alcohol and alcohol problems is religiously hypocritical, morally reprehensible, socially irresponsible and culturally suicidal."

Alcohol linked to Iranian crisis

The current crisis in Iran is the result of United States' use of personnel who offend the Iranians by their personal habits, including use of alcohol and other drugs, according to columnist Jack Anderson.

Anderson told the national conference on the impact of alcohol and drugs that "the ugly American

has turned much uglier overseas because he has become a carouser."

There could be other Irans, Anderson predicted, if the U. S. continues to send abroad people to represent the country who take drugs or drink liquor.

"Our strength (as a nation) is undermined by these personal habits," he said. "Drunkenness corrodes society. The problem is real. There is something about morality that either makes a nation strong or saps its strength."

No respecter of persons

Women and youth rank among American groups hardest hit by the abuse of alcohol, said John R. DeLuca, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "Alcoholism is not just a man's disease. It is the leading cause of death among persons aged 15 to 24."

DeLuca painted a picture of tragedy among young people hooked by what they think is a "safe way to get high."

After the wide abuse of illegal drugs in the 1960s, youth "may be returning to what they perceive to be 'safe,'" DeLuca said, "and parents may be relaxing because their children are 'just' drinking."

But alcohol is trapping a growing number of youth who use it excessively. "Youth need to make a decision on facts rather than peer pressure," he said.

DeLuca hailed the efforts of the religious leaders—Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Jew—sponsoring the conference. "The strongest network of organizations available to deal with this extensive public health program are religious groups," he declared.

Politicians defended

Former U. S. Senator Harold E. Hughes, D-Iowa, lashed out at comments by columnist Jack Anderson during the conference on drug and alcohol abuse.

Hughes admitted he was angry about Anderson's portrayal of a large number of governmental officials as drunken, boisterous politicians.

"Sure we have had our failures," retorted Hughes, a self-proclaimed "recovered" alcoholic. "But there is no greater percentage of drunks in government than any corporation in America. They are just more visible."

Hughes declared there is "another side to the story" about Washington.

He described prayer groups and Bible studies meeting now in all branches of government. "There are men and women in Washington searching for the will of God for their lives and for this country," he said.

Hughes objected to Anderson's failure to finish the stories of some of the politicians with drinking problems whom he mentioned. "Wilbur Mills, whom Anderson alluded to, is now traveling around the country trying to help other alcoholics. He is saying 'Yes I'm a drunk,' but God has healed me."

The church must be involved

The church must be a loving, caring, supportive, serving community if it is to be effective in dealing with the root causes of alcoholism and drug-related problems, said Lucius Walker Jr., director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

The church's role is "not to browbeat, but to heal, not rejecting any of God's children no matter their condition in life." It must be inclusive and must not "be silent in the face of exploitation. It must be prophetic, willing to take risks, lose friends, see budgets shrink and even lose jobs." To be less will decrease its ability to deal with the problems addressed, he added.

The knowledge explosion produced ill effects as well as healing effects, he said. "We had assumed a war on alcoholism could put the sickness on the run. We have come to the rude awakening that we must face the reality that we are dealing not with root causes but with symptoms."

He urged the banding together of churches as the only means of having an impact or making a contribution to the lessening of the problems. "We have not addressed the problems which contribute to alcoholism unless we understand that our calling is to participate with God," he said.

Sect wins, UPC loses in high court actions

In a pair of church-state actions, the U. S. Supreme Court refused to disturb lower court decisions upholding the right of members of religious sects to move about freely making solicitations in public places and declared that a California congregation which withdrew from the United Presbyterian Church owns its local property.

The high court declined without comment to review a ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals that a policy of the state of Indiana—which would have confined members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Hare Krishnas) to a booth at the Indiana State Fair—violated the sect's free exercise of religion.

By declining to take up the California church property case, the high court left standing a state court ruling that the majority of members of the Community Church of Palm Springs, Calif., hold title to their church property in spite of their withdrawal from the United Presbyterian Church.

The denomination had claimed it owns all local church property and that title to such property reverts to the mother body when a local congregation votes to withdraw.

Indiana executive says he'll retire early

E. Harmon Moore, executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, has announced his retirement effective Jan. 1, 1981.

Following Moore's surprise announcement to the convention's executive board, Garland Morrison, a pastor from Marion, Ind., moved that R. V. Haygood, associate executive director and director of missions, be named executive director-elect immediately, foregoing normal search committee procedures. The motion was delayed until the board's meeting Feb. 26, 1980.

Meanwhile, Glen Flowers, executive board chairman, has invited pastors and church members to suggest possibilities, including names, addresses and biographical data.

Moore, who will be 65 in May 1981, could have remained until age 70 under current retirement guidelines in Indiana.

Liberian convention celebrates centennial

Liberian Baptists will celebrate their centennial in 1980 with a new building, publication of the convention's history and the adoption of goals and strategies for the next century.

The history of Liberian Baptists is intertwined with the history of the republic. The first president of the convention was Joseph J. Cheeseman, also president of the country. The current president of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., is also president of the Baptist Convention and pastor of Zion Praise Baptist Church in Benton City.

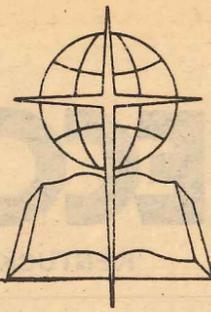
Liberia was never the colony of a foreign power. Free black men and women from the United States traveled to this part of Africa under the auspices of the American Colonization Society. They intended to live on the continent which was the homeland of their ancestors. Some had been slaves and had bought or been given freedom; others were born free.

This group established the first church on Liberian soil, what is now Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia. Lott Carey, one of their leaders, became the first pastor of that church.

Monthly centennial days in each church will mark the start of the centennial observance. A thanksgiving service at Good Hope Baptist Church in Marshall Territory on Apr. 4 will mark the anniversary.

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

Taking a moral stand

There are many kooky projects financed with public funds but one now being proposed in Bowling Green is one of the most outlandish. It is the proposal for a federally guaranteed loan of \$664,000 to build a liquor store adjacent to the Greenwood Mall in Bowling Green. It should incense every taxpayer.

Here's the story. Federally guaranteed loans are available for constructing businesses which would upgrade or better economic conditions in rural areas. Since rural areas are defined as those with 50,000 people or less, Bowling Green qualifies. One such project approved earlier is a Ben Snyder's department store in Bowling Green employing 155 people. The Ben Snyder project was approved for a \$2,500,000 loan guaranteed by the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA), the federal agency approving such loans.

Now comes along J. K. Travelstead of Bowling Green proposing to construct Greenwood Spirits Shoppe on the outskirts of Bowling Green at a cost of \$830,000. (What a liquor store!) The loan application for which Mr. Travelstead wants the FmHA guarantee amounts to \$664,000.

Such applications in being processed are considered by the directors of a 10 county regional agency known as Barren River Area Development District (BRADD). Mr. Travelstead's liquor store was included in a group of projects which was scheduled for consideration by the BRADD directors. The projects are not finally approved nor rejected by BRADD directors but the directors do serve in an advisory role.

Now enters the disturber of the plans. Joe Carrico, veteran Baptist pastor in Russellville and widely known for both his moral convictions and his community involvement, is a BRADD director. Upon noting the liquor store was lumped together with other projects to be recommended in one vote, Carrico announced he could not approve the liquor store project and therefore would have to vote against all the projects.

Carrico suggested that the liquor store be excluded from the other projects for separate consideration. Other directors including Logan County Judge Brown, Russellville Mayor Daniel, Franklin Mayor Wantland and Henry Broderson of Franklin voted with Carrico.

But now enters the behind-the-scenes dimension. Jack Eversole, BRADD executive director, noted that such projects as the liquor store are granted in order to gain "city" support for rural projects. In other words it's a swap-out. "You have to trade something to get something," said Eversole.

Carrico replied, "You don't have to trade your morals for a morsel of bread."

Director Broderson added, "It's a moral question of federal, state or city government

financially supporting an alcoholic spirits establishment."

Mr. Eversole claims he agrees with Carrico and other directors that the liquor store is not the best use of FmHA funds but he also claims the BRADD directors are not supposed to decide whether they like a project or not, nor to decide on moral issues. They are only to check the application to see if it is proper and does not conflict with any existing regulation or projects. Eversole holds that the Travelstead application meets the criteria.

Eversole goes further to warn that if BRADD directors prevent a loan guarantee without some legal reason, they can be personally liable for a businessman's failure to get his loan. This sounds like intimidation and the directors are wisely proceeding to learn the legal technicalities of their position.

In the most recent meeting of the directors John Ringwald, a high FmHA official, reported that the liquor store project had not been approved and that it is very questionable on the grounds that it would require the expenditure of \$62,166 per job created while the average expenditure per job is about \$20,000. Ringwald reminded the directors that the final decision rests not with them but with FmHA. There is where the matter stands now.

The tragic truth is that this kind of thing is pulled off too often without being exposed. Every community has those who search for ways to use available government funds and services for personal profit while completely disregarding moral considerations.

For many of us it is unthinkable that tax funds would be used to guarantee a \$664,000 loan to construct a \$830,000 liquor outlet. And to regard such a project as one to "upgrade or better economic conditions in rural areas" is ridiculous.

Thank God for a Joe Carrico who will blow the whistle on such an attempt and for other BRADD directors who have moral convictions and who will stand up for them.

How to have a Merry Christmas

In this selfish and materialistic age we sometimes wonder if compassion and sharing are forgotten virtues but then along comes something to restore our faith in humanity. The current response to hungry and suffering humanity in the world today is one of those expressions that restores hope for humanity.

The Cambodian tragedy especially has touched the hearts of Americans. Southern Baptists have never been so generous in providing funds for relief of hunger and disease. Messengers in as many as a dozen state conventions meeting this fall spontaneously gave thousands of dollars for relief programs of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Churches and individuals in Kentucky by the hundreds have given offerings in recent months and are planning to give more.

Baptists are not alone in their compassion and generosity. The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Louisville is taking an offering for the Cambodian starving which has already netted over \$118,000 with other parishes to report. Such an offering is being taken among all Roman Catholics in America and millions upon millions of dollars will be given. Specific information on the response of other denominations is not in hand but some of these will equal or exceed what Baptists and Roman Catholics are doing.

Churches are coming up with all kinds of

creative approaches to challenge their members to be generous. One of the most interesting is a project of the deacons of Franklin Crossroads Church near Cecilia, where Thomas Stokes is pastor. These deacons are leading a drive for a special offering for world hunger to match dollar for dollar the Lottie Moon Christmas mission offering this year. And since a Lottie Moon minimum goal of \$600 is guaranteed (underwritten in the church budget), the hunger offering will amount to that much or more. All this is in addition to a hunger offering in the church earlier this year.

Pastor Stokes and Franklin Crossroads Baptists want to challenge other churches to take similar action. They feel that the Christmas season and Bold Mission Thrust make both offerings very appropriate this year.

This editorial reaction to such a project is a prediction. Franklin Crossroads Baptists will exceed the \$600 goal for each of these offerings, the regular December contribution will equal or surpass the 1979 monthly average and it will be the merriest Christmas this church can remember.

Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Guest Editorial

Working out Baptist problems

by Presnell Wood
in Baptist Standard

It is no news that Baptists have problems, but it is news when Baptists are willing to face up to their problems and work together to solve them.

This principle has recently been affirmed by two of our Baptist leaders.

Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told a press conference at Southwestern Seminary that he did not feel a special committee to get the liberals off the faculties of our Southern Baptist seminaries was necessary.

Rather Rogers said that it was best to work through the "existing mechanism" of the board of trustees of the institutions and then resort to other processes only if the trustees fail to work.

James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Church, Eules, and president of the Pastor's Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention, made a similar remark last week.

Speaking about the request of the department of religion of Baylor University for the board of trustees' academic affairs committee, of which Draper is a member, to "give counsel" in the "present dilemma over the choice of textbooks for . . . freshmen courses" and to "look at their entire program of teaching," Draper said "this is the way Baptists work through their problems. Our Southern Baptist way is not to have a lynch mob on the floor of a convention, but work through elected officials."

Rogers and Draper have affirmed a vital truth in Baptists working through problems in our educational institutions through the elected trustees.

The department of religion of Baylor is commended for voluntarily inviting a study of their department by the trustees. The conservative statement of belief by the faculty of the department of religion voluntarily given is appreciated.

Draper also told of prayer meetings that some of the trustees of Baylor had with each other as well as with the faculty of the Baylor department of religion.

Baptists are indeed diverse, but there is a Christian way to disagree without being disagreeable. And Texas and Southern Baptists continue to learn that when we cannot talk ourselves together, we can pray ourselves together.

Baptist Forum

Clergy oversupply considered

I was appreciative of your front page article in Western Recorder Oct. 31, 1979. I do not know Norman Jameson, however I know what he said is true. He made it very clear we are headed for a clergy oversupply. I have contended this for five years, but not many people want to hear this. To face this fact means the following things will probably happen.

1. Young people hoping to enter full time church vocation positions will have to be told there may be a possibility there will be no positions.

2. Young people entering church vocations will also have to be told they will probably be over educated for the people they will be dealing with and will be taught many skills they can never use. The people they serve will not understand what they are trying to do for them, much less accept the expertise of these skills.

3. These same young people will have to face the fact they will have to possess two definite skills: one secular, one ministerial or church related. With this in mind we would do well to begin teaching such skills in related programs in our seminaries and Bible schools or at least advise students to secure a secondary skill.

4. Our seminaries are going to have to face the fact every person in a church vocation does not need to have a doctoral degree to be able to minister. There is much room for rural pastors, but not much room at the top in the denominational structure. Some deny such a structure exists; I personally know one does.

5. More emphasis must be placed on schooling such as Boyce Bible School and Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville.

6. We must face the fact the pioneer areas are not attractive to many people and a selling job for the Lord must be produced to attract vocational people to these areas.

I thank you for the good coverage and honest approach you give Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptist news. Though I no longer pastor in Kentucky, I still receive Western Recorder and appreciate each issue.

Deryl G. Watson, Rutherford, Tenn.

BSU convention . . . another view

The state Baptist Student Union convention was a worthwhile experience for those of us who attended. We must object, however, to the coverage given in a recent article in Western Recorder.

The article, instead of being a comprehensive report of the BSU convention, was a summary of one speaker's oratory. While Rev. Treas was an amusing speaker he was certainly not the most interesting nor the most stimulating.

Calvin Miller, pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Omaha, Neb. and author of such widely acclaimed books as *The Singer and The Song*, led many inspirational and thought provoking Bible studies. His thoughts focusing on the convention's theme of being, going and giving were listened to and appreciated by all.

Glen Stassen, professor of ethics at Southern Seminary, was another honored guest. His analysis of the problems of nuclear energy and nuclear weaponry which face our generation

was eye opening and stimulated much thought and discussion.

Also John Wood from the Christian Life Commission spoke extensively on the racial problems of our era and challenged us to take responsibility in this area.

These three men in particular made the 1979 BSU convention memorable. Christian responsibility in our world is an appropriate emphasis for a student convention. Rev. Miller, Dr. Stassen and Mr. Woods provided this emphasis. We thank these men for their contribution to our educational experience.

Alice Stewart, University of Kentucky

Protests 'biased reporting'

I am writing this letter to lodge a protest in regard to the biased reporting in the Nov. 14, 1979, issue of Western Recorder concerning the Heart of America Conference scheduled Nov. 5-7 held at Southern Seminary.

An example of this was the contention that the theme was "a call to forget semantic arguments and begin preaching the gospel to the world." The theme of the conference was one that insisted that the gospel preached to the world be the biblical gospel rather than theosophical speculation.

Another particularly offensive instance was the subtle discounting of James Robison by a staff writer who wrote on the front page, "I felt only one minor flaw, a thorn in the flesh so to speak, existed in the conference. I was at first offended by the abrasiveness of the evangelist presiding. My first reactions were ones of hostility and anger. But as I heard him speak my reaction became one of concern for I felt he reacted to situations out of a need in his life." One can almost hear the prophet Amos (among others!) being dismissed as "reacting out of needs in his life." How pathetic!!

Editorial comments are appropriate as a forum for sharing opinions, but please, don't mimic secular media systems by blending interpretations of events with reporting of the events themselves.

Kentucky Baptists have a proud heritage of adequate decision making when given the facts. I would appreciate it if Western Recorder would allow this process to continue "unaided" by an unbecoming editorializing style of reporting.

I would offer an interpretation that differs from the standard "party line." Could it just be possible that a prophet from God was in our midst and threatened us all by his boldness? Have we perhaps discounted uncomfortable, prophetic utterances given to us by God through a vessel like James Robison because of a vested interest in maintaining the status quo? I would offer this as a different interpretation of events from one who also attended the conference.

It will be interesting to see if an alternate opinion such as this will find expression in Western Recorder's column for comments.

Roger D. Martin, Morning View

Baptist News in Brief

Central Baptist Hospital opens cafeteria

Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, recently opened a renovated cafeteria and 160-seat dining hall. The cost of the renovation was over \$250,000.

According to Dennis A. Hall, executive vice president, one feature of the cafeteria is a dual serving line, one line for short orders and one for complete meals.

Lemarr-Noe Design Associates planned the decor and furnishings and Johnson and Romanowitz were architects. The cafeteria is managed for the hospital by Morrison's Food Services. Bill Hamby is resident director.

Managers seminar set

The organizational meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian School Administrators will be held Feb. 21, 1980 at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in conjunction with a Christian school management seminar Feb. 18-22.

Topics scheduled for the weeklong seminar are motivation, pastor-principal roles, curriculum development, leadership styles and discussions relating to current activities. Fund raising and endowment are two areas to be covered.

The organizational meeting of the administrators will be a dinner session Feb. 21 and will cost \$7 in addition to the \$35 registration fee for the seminar. All of the meetings will be held in the board's Church Program Training Center.

The seminar is for Christian school principals, administrators, pastors and school board committee members in priority areas of management.

To register for the seminar send the \$35 registration fee to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.

College elects Criswell

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Dallas Baptist College.

The board also adopted the Southern Baptist Convention's 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message as Dallas Baptist College's doctrinal statement. Trustees, administrators, faculty members and staff of the school will be required to sign the statement.



Baptists pledge support for Cambodians

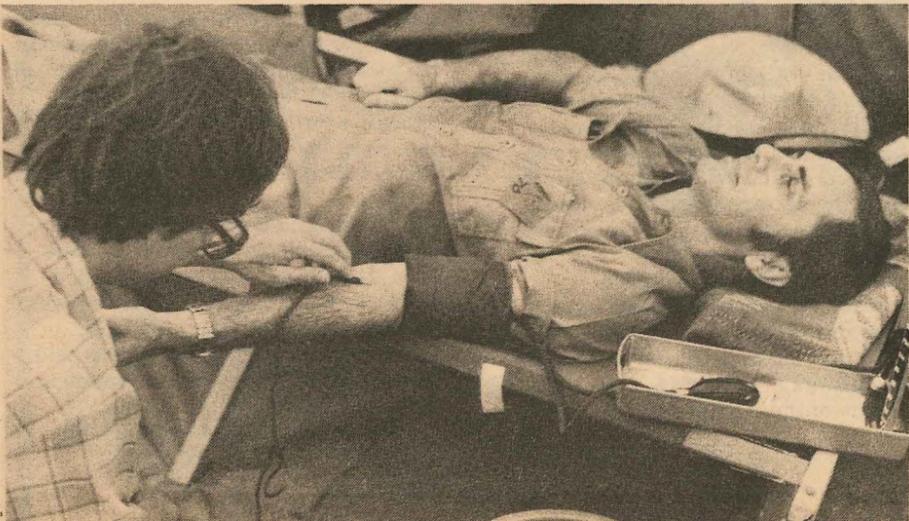
In the face of continuing refugee flow from Cambodia, the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand has accepted responsibility for 25,000 refugees in two holding camps for the next six months.

Baptists will deliver and distribute food supplied by international relief agencies and foreign governments to a maximum 25,000 people in the Kam Put and Mai Root camps.

Kam Put, located near Chanthaburi in the southeast corner of Thailand, is already established and shelters about 8000 Cambodians, according to John R. Cheyne of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board who recently returned from a visit to the camps.

Mai Root, which will be established further down the thin strip of Thailand between the Gulf of Siam and Cambodia, is expected to hold 20,000 Cambodians.

Besides delivering and distributing food, Baptists will take responsibility for a supplementary diet consisting of milk and/or "Vita-Soy," fish meal, beans and/or other vegetables. "Vita-Soy" is a high-protein, milk-like product without lactogen, a substance which malnourished people find difficult to digest.



Southern Baptist missionary Donald V. Phlegar from Virginia donates a pint of blood at the Sa Kaew refugee camp in Thailand.



Reed at his desk in Eighty-Four, Pa., headquarters for the Ellsworth-Butler Division, Bethlehem Mines Corporation. As industrial relations coordinator Reed makes frequent visits to coal mining facilities of the corporation.

Competitive spirit important for outstanding Cumberland alumnus

Charles Reed of Washington, Pa. goes about his daily tasks as an industrial relations coordinator for Bethlehem Mines Corporation in an unobtrusive manner that belies the competitiveness of his years at Cumberland College.

But beneath the mild manner of the former track star is the cool determination to succeed. Perhaps this stems from growing up as the youngest of nine children in a period of economic hard times in eastern Kentucky.

It's been four years since Charles Reed, 27, was graduated from Cumberland with a degree in psychology, but the college has not forgotten his contributions in track and field, as well as in the classroom, and his impact on fellow students, faculty and administration.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, J. M. Boswell, president of Cumberland College, announced the establishment of the Charles Reed Track and Academic Scholarship at the annual alumni banquet held on the Williamsburg campus during homecoming activities. Reed was also selected as the recipient of the outstanding alumni award.

The new scholarship, which represents the first combined sports-academic award at Cumberland, will go to a deserving athlete who also excels in classwork.

Some of the track records set by Reed

while at Cumberland still stand.

Scholastically, he was named to the dean's list the last four semesters and while a senior in 1975 assisted the business administration department by teaching classes.

He was named to Who's Who Among Athletes in American Colleges and Universities in 1972 and to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities in 1975. Also in 1975 he was awarded the T. J. Roberts campus leadership award. Reed also co-founded and became the first president of the Black Student Union.

Alvin Sharp, track coach at Cumberland and sponsor of the new scholarship, got to know Reed well during his college years. "He was a great inspiration to our track team and to the school. He set the highest possible standards of achievement for himself and worked diligently toward those goals." Sharp said Reed had a strong desire to succeed in any endeavor he undertook.

Currently the record holder for the triple jump and long jump in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, District 24, Reed was awarded the Most Valuable Track Athlete Award for the years 1972, 1974 and 1975.

"In out-of-state meets," Sharp said, "he would also take the top awards in the triple and long jump events."

Reed, who is six-feet one-inch tall

and maintains the physique of a competitive athlete at 175 pounds, attended Cumberland College on a full four year scholarship for the athletic prowess he developed and displayed at Jenkins (Ky.) High School, located near his birthplace of McRoberts.

In 1970 when he graduated from Jenkins he was named most valuable player in track, basketball and football. While captain of the school's track team during his senior year he set records in the triple jump, long jump and low hurdles.

Even though he handled a football for the first time in his senior year he scored 20 touchdowns for Jenkins that season from his right halfback position.

Reed realized in his high school years the only way he would ever go to college would be through some type of outside financial assistance based on his athletic abilities.

"My family had no money to send me to college," he recalled. His mother, Julia, who still resides in McRoberts, raised her nine children by herself from the time Charles was an infant.

Reed entered Cumberland in 1970 but dropped out during the 1972-73 school year and worked for the Beth-Elkhorn Corporation, headquartered in Jenkins, in a salaried position. He returned to school in September 1973. He also worked summers for Beth-Elkhorn while he was a student.

He was selected as a member of the 1975 management training program of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, parent company of Bethlehem Mines, upon graduation from Cumberland. Later

that year Reed was transferred to Bethlehem's Ellsworth-Butler Division based in Eighty-Four, Pa., where he works today.

He is married to the former Clara Mae Higgins who was also born in McRoberts and graduated summa cum laude from Cumberland in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in sociology. She also received her master of science degree in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977 and has completed some studies toward her doctorate degree.

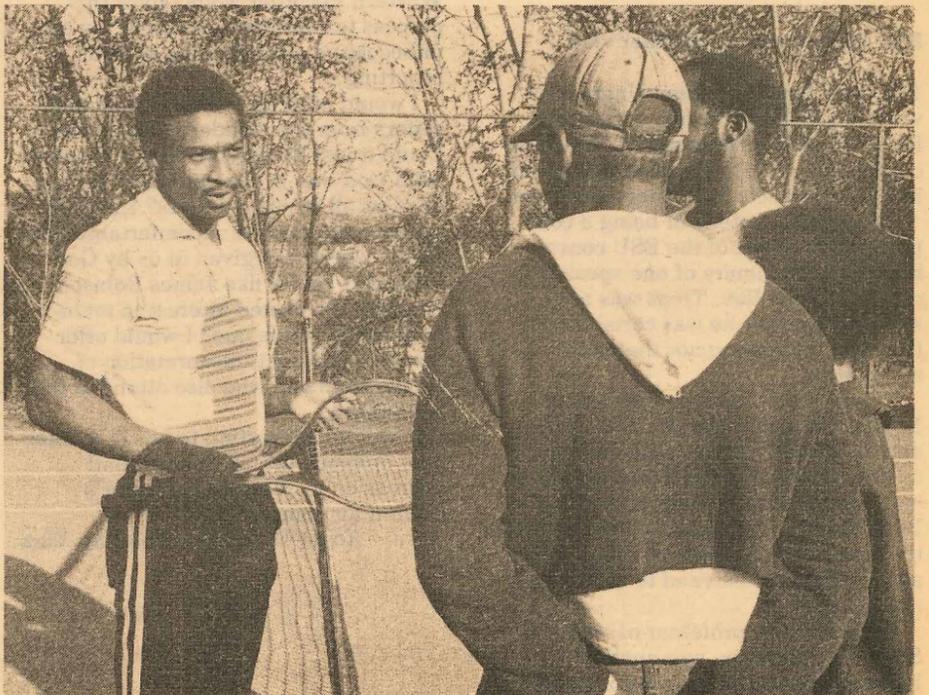
The Reeds, who have one child, Crystal, age 4, reside in a new home completed this year in an attractive Washington suburb.

"I'm constantly reevaluating my goals to see how they fit into the broader scope of things down the road, five, 10 and even 20 years from now," Reed said. "The important thing to me is to set realistic goals; ones I can achieve, but not goals within easy reach."

Active in youth programs in his community, he is a member of the board of directors of Lemoyne Center in Washington, which works with minority youths. In addition to teaching various sports he provides counseling in the area of job opportunities at the youth center.

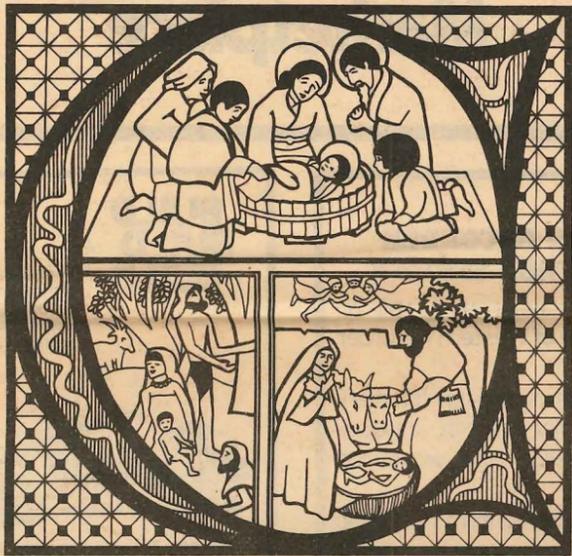
"I try to point out to these young people the importance of having a positive attitude in life and some idea of where they are headed. I also try to instill a sense of competitive team spirit."

Coming from Charles Reed, that's good advice.



Among Reed's activities with the youth at the Lemoyne Center is giving tennis lessons.

among all nations



Throughout history, artists have related the nativity scene to their own culture—Japan, Africa, Switzerland.

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Personnel

Pruitt to Buena Vista

Buena Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, has called Jewel Ray Pruitt as pastor. Pruitt, a native of Bowling Green, comes to Buena Vista from First Baptist Church, Winchester, Tenn.

Pruitt is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. He has pastored churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. Pruitt has held positions on committees and in organizations in several associations.

Pruitt and his wife Marilee have one son, Adam, five years old.



Pruitt



Triplett

Triplett retires in Tennessee

Carl Triplett retired Oct. 1 after 47 years in the pastorate. For the last 17 years Triplett was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, Tenn.

Triplett attended Clear Creek Baptist School and received the Diploma of Christian Ministries from Fruitland Baptist Institute, Hendersonville, N. C.

Before moving to Tennessee Triplett pastored in North Carolina and Virginia. He will reside in Morristown and continue to preach as supply and interim pastor.

Harrod called to Central

Allen F. Harrod, former pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, has been called to the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Lebanon.

Harrod has pastored churches in Texas, West Virginia, Mississippi and Tennessee before returning to his home state of Kentucky.

The author of one book, *Preaching the Word*, he has also edited a book of sermons, *Timely and Timeless*. Harrod is a frequent contributor to religious journals and magazines.

Harrod has been a guest professor on the college and seminary level. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

While pastoring in Tennessee Harrod preached at the pastor's conference of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. His

sermons have appeared in *The Minister's Manual*, a nationally known interdenominational work. He was honored earlier this year by the Southern Baptist Convention when one of his sermons was chosen for inclusion in *Award Winning Sermons*.



Harrod



Mollette

Mollette to Stamping Ground

Stamping Ground Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, has called Glenn Mollette as pastor. Mollette moves to Stamping Ground from Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church in Midway.

Mollette has pastored churches in Paintsville, Lexington and Dayton, O.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Mollette is completing work on the MDiv degree at Southern Seminary.

Mollette's wife Karen, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., is a graduate of Wright State University. She is a student at Georgetown College working on a master's degree.

Tapscott to Mt. Zion

Richard Tapscott has begun as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Tapscott has been pastor of Pleasant Grove, Locust Grove and Pleasant Hill Baptist churches in Christian County Association; churches in Wildersville and Union, Tenn.; and Second Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Tapscott attended Bethel College, Austin Peay College and Luther Rice Seminary. He has participated in the Seminary Extension program.

Tapscott and his wife Nell have two grown children: Tommy, minister of music in Clarksville, Tenn., and Jan, employed in Madisonville.

Revivals

Six decisions at Cropper

Cropper Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, recently completed revival services. There were six decisions: four professions of faith, two by letter.

Russell Bennett, director of super-

vised ministry studies at Southern Seminary, preached. Tom McWhorter is pastor at Cropper.

19 professions of faith at Sonora

Pastor Jack Mercer reports 19 professions of faith, six joining by letter and numerous public decisions during a recent revival at First Baptist Church, Sonora. Evangelist was Herb Reavis Jr. from Thomasville, Ga. Music was led by minister of music Joel Walker.

Congregations

FBC, Bowling Green leads WMU

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of credits received by the Woman's

Missionary Union this past year. The church was awarded 57 credits.

Mrs. Doris Mullendore was president of the WMU in 1978-79; Mrs. Larry Elliott is the current president.

Mill Creek burns note

Trustees of Mill Creek Baptist Church, Nelson Association, recently burned an \$8000 note. The note was made for five years but the church paid it in 13 months. The money was for repairs and renovation of the church building.

In the picture at the right (on page 7) are (l-r) Joe Stephenson, pastor; Harry Rucker; Red Shewmaker, chairman of the trustees; Robert Cecil; Vernon Burns, former chairman of the trustees; Wayne Wells, former chairman of the trustees; and Dave Karedeema, minister of music.

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God honors those who honor him, and makes his blessings available to his children who do their best for him. God instructed Nathan to tell David he was going to build a house for the king, including the uninterrupted bloodline which culminated in Christ the Messiah, whose kingdom is everlasting.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 To his people who were dwelling in the darkness of their sins and sorrows, Isaiah wrote to assure his readers the terrible darkness that was existing would not last forever and their only hope was in God. Envisioning the coming king as the star of hope, Isaiah wrote of a coming day when their joy would be increased immensely. Isaiah had a clearer vision of the coming Messiah than any other prophet. Writing more than seven centuries before the birth of the savior, the prophet presented a glorious and detailed picture of the Christ—his character and his accomplishments.

Isaiah pictured him as being unique, remarkable and truly wonderful. Christ was and is wonderful in his person—Son of God and Son of man, wonderful in his purpose—the revelation of God to man, the redemption of man from sin, and the reconciliation of man to God, and wonderful in his power—his ability to save, to sustain and to supervise. As a counsellor he is incapable of error. As the mighty God he has infinite powers as Creator of all things and upholder of all his creation. As prince of peace he has brought peace to the hearts of all who have trusted him.

John 18:33-37 In a private interview Pilate asked Christ, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Christ replied, "Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?" Confused and incensed, Pilate inquired, "What hast thou done" to create this situation? Christ affirmed the fact of his kingship. Concluding Christ was only a harmless enthusiast and not a rival of Caesar, Pilate returned to the multitude and announced his verdict: "I find in him no fault."

To each his own

Frank Owen

Father's baptismal record at Elvins was very high for such a small place. The education program of the little church didn't amount to much. The cultural level wasn't very high in those days. Leaders weren't plentiful—not much organization. Elvins didn't give much to missions. There wasn't much to give.

Father's next and larger pastorate at Flat River had a little higher cultural and educational level and more financial strength. The baptismal rate was still high but proportionately less than at Elvins. The church had a better organized program and gave more to missions.

Next we moved to Charleston, again a bit larger, with more emphasis on culture and a great deal more wealth. Much of the town's business and professional leadership was in the church. Charleston gave a great deal more to missions and had strong church organization. However, the fewer baptisms tended to be somewhat limited to children from the church families.

At Cape Girardeau and thereafter father served mostly more sophisticated churches, with greater financial capacity—greater mission giving. His preaching, still strongly evangelistic, was compelled to address itself a bit more to the larger proportion of intellectual hearers. His baptisms in these more structured churches remained strong but proportionately quite less than in the smaller churches with less money and less sophistication. With all the good learning, culture and wealth, they can also stultify and intimidate!

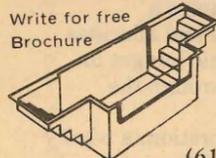
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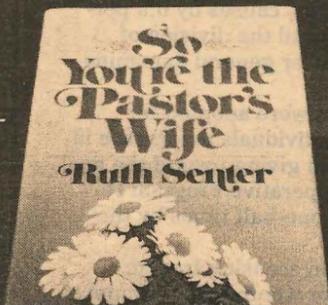
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State convention reports

Florida

Messengers to the annual meeting of the Florida Baptist State Convention questioned the division of their gifts between state and world mission causes and sought to make salary information of convention employees more readily available.

The \$9.7 million budget adopted by the messengers allocates 52 percent for Florida Baptist Convention mission causes and 48 percent for world mission through the Cooperative Program.

A question over the division of funds arose when the state Board of Missions recommended all funds received over the basic budget be designated for the development of Blue Springs Baptist Assembly in Marianna, debt retirement of capital expenditures and for Florida Baptist institutions.

The recommendation was adopted, but as last year, objections were raised to the allocation of potential overage. Some messengers felt all Cooperative Program gifts should be divided according to the 52-48 percentage formula.

The Florida Baptist Convention, which cannot set a budget exceeding receipts of the previous year, this year had an income of \$1,225,185 over the budget.

Messengers included a recommendation requesting the state Board of Missions to "restudy the percentage division of the Cooperative Program dollar with the purpose of determining a percentage division between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes which shall apply to all Cooperative Program dollars received by the state convention."

A motion by Joe Bamberg, pastor of First Baptist Church, Milton, asked that "all information concerning salaries and fringe benefits of the Florida Baptist Convention employees be made available to the state Board of Missions and from them to the constituents of this convention." After considerable debate and parliamentary maneuvering, the motion was postponed until the next convention when more time would be available for discussion.

Messengers elected Edwin L. Mason, an attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, as president, and took up an offering of \$1835 for world hunger.

Arkansas

Arkansas Baptists challenged the requests of messengers from three churches to be seated and moved to put their state newspaper under a separate board during the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Messengers elected John Finn, director of missions for the North Arkansas Association, as president and moved to meet the timetable of when state budget receipts would be divided evenly with the Cooperative Program supported ministries.

The seating of messengers from Russellville First Baptist, Hot Springs First Baptist and Vanderbilt Avenue Baptist in West Memphis was challenged because of their alleged practices of open communion and accepting persons baptized by immersion in another denomination for church membership.

The three churches in question were all seated but were warned that continuation of such practices would likely mean they would not be seated at next

year's convention.

Messengers adopted a budget of \$7,095,097, of which 42.7 percent is to go to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program. The executive board was given a year's extension to derive a plan that will divide convention receipts equally between state and national SBC causes by 1985.

Messengers also adopted executive board recommendations to proceed with plans for an adult leadership conference center planned on convention property at Paron and to set up a three-year trial period for the Arkansas Baptist newsmagazine to function under a separate board.

Messengers also adopted resolutions to use Baptist assemblies and camps for the cause of Christ and reaffirmed the convention's support of the Baptist position on inerrancy and commitment to "believing, teaching, living and preaching the Bible as the infallible word of God."

Indiana

Indiana Southern Baptists reelected their entire slate of officers with one exception and adopted a \$1,668,738 budget during their annual meeting.

Bob Nall, an Evansville pastor, was reelected president. The only change was assistant recording secretary.

The budget anticipates income from Indiana Baptist churches of \$1,216,000. Of that, \$96,000 is a "victory doubling advance" toward the goal of doubling convention receipts by 1982. Thirty-one and a half percent is designated for world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

Resolutions urged Indiana Baptists to conserve on their Thanksgiving dinners and give the difference in cost to the suffering in Southeast Asia. One resolution stated "we believe in the infallible, inerrant word of God and believe it to be the power of God unto salvation unto all who believe."

Virginia

Virginia Baptists elected V. Allen Gaines, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Newport News, as president, and called for para-church groups to pay taxes on their business enterprises that compete in the marketplace.

Messengers to the 156th annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia adopted a resolution asking para-church groups to publicly disclose the source and expenditure of their funds before they are forced to by state and federal regulatory agencies; and decrying persons using their Christian faith for capital gain, especially by politicizing certain theological positions. No agency or individual was specifically named.

Messengers adopted a \$9.25 million budget for 1980, including \$3,525,000 for world mission causes through the Cooperative Program. After short debate, the messengers voted to retain the 3½ percent budget allocation to the University of Richmond.

Messengers instructed their general board to study church representation at the annual meeting and bring a report next year.

The messengers had prayer for peace and the Iranian situation and collected a world hunger offering of \$2500.

Maryland

Messengers from Maryland and Delaware reelected James Willey, pastor of Middle River Baptist Church, Middle River, as president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and adopted a \$2,336,560 budget at their 144th annual convention.

Baker James Cauthen, retiring executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, led in the commissioning of 15 student summer missionaries who will go to Panama and Appalachia. He was recognized with a gift for his 26 years as a missions leader, as was Albert McClellan, director of program planning for the SBC Executive Committee, for his 30 years of service with that agency.

The 1980 budget includes anticipated receipts from Maryland and Delaware Baptist churches of \$1,586,300, of which 40 percent is designated to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

Women played a major role in the meeting, leading in prayer at the opening of all sessions. Alma Hunt, retired director of the Woman's Missionary Union, conducted opening devotions for each session.

Messengers adopted resolutions expressing opposition to the legal sale of non-prescription drug paraphernalia and urged their state legislatures to end it; urging churches, individuals, associations and the state convention to utilize their resources to help Asian refugees; and urging churches to use the channels of the Foreign Mission Board to help Cambodians.

Alabama

Alabama Baptists strode toward their commitment to Bold Mission Thrust by approving a \$14,030,000 budget, significantly upping the percentage going to worldwide causes and adopting a program for the eighties aimed at strengthening the local church for growth in mission service and financial support.

Messengers to the 157th annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention elected Drew J. Gunnels Jr., pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, as president, then refused to give the president voting privileges on all convention committees and boards of agencies and institutions.

The new budget allocates 45 percent to Southern Baptist Convention causes after both conventions share in the cost of promoting, collecting and disbursing funds. If the goal is achieved Alabama's gifts to the Cooperative Program will increase by 18.8 percent in 1980.

The budget also calls for increasing the amount to SBC causes by 0.5 percent each year until the division of funds is 50-50 after general denominational causes.

Specific plans were adopted for churches and individuals to increase in membership and giving toward the goal of doubling Cooperative Program receipts two-and-one-half times by the year 2000.

In a resolution accusing Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini of committing an "inhumane act" in refusing to lead in freeing American embassy personnel, the messengers called for support and prayer for President Jimmy Carter and other leaders during the crisis.

Another resolution called for Baptists

to miss one meal per week and give the money saved to relief efforts of Cambodian refugees, while another sharply criticized the Alabama legislature for its "frivolous and callous disregard for the facts about the destructive force of beverage alcohol." It also asked a bill be passed next session raising the legalized drinking age to 21.

Louisiana

Louisiana Baptists adopted an \$11.2 million budget and approved a new "church site plan" during their 132nd annual convention.

Elected messengers also heard Charles W. Colson, convicted after his Watergate involvement, challenge them to resist the current "me" generation by following the biblical imperative of "serving God as we serve our fellow-man."

The 1980 budget includes a \$900,000 challenge goal and allocates 33.25 percent of the basic budget to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

The church site corporation, a wholly owned, non-profit, subsidiary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention's executive board, will provide funds to acquire property for construction of new churches. Funds will be obtained from interested persons who will donate \$25 "shares" into the corporation.

Messengers elected John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, as president and elected their second woman officer in two years: Mrs. Beverly Durham of Bunkie, second vice-president. She is vice president of the trustees at Louisiana College.

Messengers passed resolutions to alert Baptists in Louisiana of the moves to spread legalized casino-type gambling in the state and that encouraged churches to support efforts to help the desperate people of Southeast Asia.

Mississippi

Mississippi Baptists reelected Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, as president, passed an \$11.2 million 1980 budget and offered resolutions concerning world hunger, gambling, abuse of beverage alcohol and television immorality.

The \$11.2 million budget allocates 33 percent to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

Messengers recommended participation in World Hunger Day, Aug. 6, 1980, encouraged churches to observe an anti-gambling education emphasis in January 1980 and pointed out biblical principles contrary to gambling.

Messengers voted to ask for a study by the Southern Baptist Education Commission to help determine the future of Clarke College in Newton, a junior college with enrollment of 149, operated by Mississippi Baptists.