

## Executive board reaffirms duty for the people of the Bluegrass

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Responding to the challenge of its chairman, the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention last week underscored its obligation to present the gospel to "two million Kentuckians without Christ."

Meeting at the state Baptist Building in Middletown Dec. 10-11 the board adopted goals proposed by chairman and state convention president John Dunaway, pastor of Corbin's First Baptist Church, "to reach every person in the commonwealth."

Dunaway referred to Kentucky as "our immediate world," saying Kentucky Baptists have accepted the challenge of witnessing to every Kentuckian by 1982.

"There are 735,000 Kentucky Baptists and about the same number of all other denominations who name the name of Jesus," he continued. "This means more than half the population—youth and adult—are lost."

He cited Pike County as a prime example, where 85% of the population does not profess Christianity.

"In eastern Kentucky, along the Kentucky-Tennessee border, among our sister black churches and with different language speaking churches in other cities



Dunaway



Jagers

### Bill Jagers will chair administrative committee of state executive board

William D. Jagers has been named chairman of the administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board.

Jagers, pastor of Cynthiana's First Baptist Church since 1977, earlier served First (formerly Irene Cole Memorial) Church, Prestonsburg, for 16 years. He is a native of Elizabethtown and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Jagers was appointed chairman of the 11-member administrative committee of the executive board by board chairman John Dunaway, pastor of Corbin's First Church.

Raymond Ward, pastor of Rineyville Church, was named vice chairman and M. A. Winchester, Whitley City physician, is secretary.

The administrative committee consists of five committee chairmen of the executive board, plus six members at large. The chairmen and their committees are:

Winchester, business and finance; George Munro, Ft. Thomas, church services; M. A. Reese, Barbourville, agencies; Darrell Cruse, Georgetown, missions; and Malcolm Lunceford, Frankfort, nominations and program evaluation.

The six at large members include Jagers; Ward; Carson Bevil, Owensboro; Hobert N. Reynolds, Inez; George A. Jones, Newport; and Jerrell White, Murray.

Ex officio members of the administrative committee are executive board chairman Dunaway and Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

let us rally to a Bold Mission mission thrust," he admonished.

With the conviction that "business as usual in our churches will not do the job," Dunaway urged four goals which were later adopted by the executive board:

#### Strategies proposed by Dunaway

1. Asking the executive board to authorize the bold mission planning section of the executive staff to set a date in spring 1981 for a Bold Mission mission thrust.

2. Asking the executive board staff in conjunction with appropriate leaders in areas of need in the convention to pinpoint target areas and secure through pastors and lay leaders cooperation of churches and missions for teams from other churches (lay people, youth and pastors) to invest a week or more in an intensive mission evangelistic thrust.

3. Asking churches of our state to share their pastors, lay people and youth at their expense to participate in the mission thrust of 1981.

4. Asking an ad hoc committee of three from each region, including a pastor, layman and lay woman be formed to provide inspiration, information and assist where funds need to be raised for projects.

Dunaway suggested, "Instead of many of us sending our youth and others out of state this summer (1980), youth mission tours might take place in Kentucky where needed." This could result in an ongoing relationship between struggling congregations or mission points with stronger, firmly established churches, including prayer, financial and other means of support.

In summation, Dunaway averred, "I hear two calls—one from Jesus, who said, 'Go into the world,' and one by the Macedonians, who said, 'Come over and help us.'"

"My prayer is that Kentucky Baptists can be like Isaiah, who responded to a call with, 'Here am I, send me'."

#### Beleagued publication reports

The executive board also deliberated at length following a report by editor C. R. Daley of Western Recorder on the publication's financial condition.

Daley acknowledged that the state Baptist paper suffered a year of deficit spending in the last fiscal year, ending the year Aug. 31, 1979 \$17,000 in assets behind a year earlier. He announced that while circulation had increased 10,228 last year, 9712 subscribers canceled, for a net gain of 516.

Daley pointed out that nearly 19,000 subscribers had canceled subscriptions in the last two years, a period when the paper's directors hoped to see the permanent circulation base increase by at least 10,000. "When inflation hits the local church," he explained, "the state paper is often among the first items to be cut."

"At this moment, we are nearly \$5000 short in having enough to pay salaries and postal bills which are due this very week," Daley continued. He cited unprecedented postal rate increases, spiraling printing costs and cancellations by so many churches as primary factors in the paper's economic dilemma.

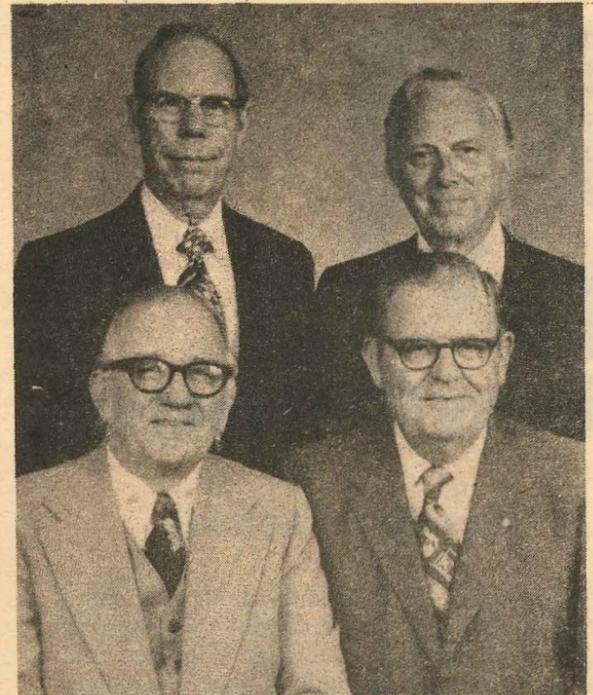
Several executive board members whose churches print their own church news weekly on the paper's back page testified to the advantages of the plan, citing economy and convenience for the church and its staff.

The board responded sympathetically to the paper's report, but took no official action.

"Whatever the cost," said one member, "we must have the state paper. It is our primary means of communication. If the churches won't pay for it, then the Cooperative Program will have to."

#### Next session announced for spring

The next meeting of the state executive board is set for May 5-6, 1980 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, Ky.



Seated [l-r]: Harold Moore, R. B. Hooks Sr. Standing [l-r]: O. G. Lawless, Francis R. Tallant.

## Ex missionaries never die—at least they don't at Bowling Green

by Charlene Tallant

A unique situation exists in Bowling Green, located in Warren Association. The last four missionaries serving the association still live in Bowling Green!

When Francis R. Tallant began as director of missions he followed O. G. Lawless who served from 1966-72 before accepting the pastorate of Bowling Green's Calvary Baptist Church. The associational office then occupied a room in a cottage owned by Calvary Church. Mrs. Lawless was associational secretary.

"This could have been an impossible situation with some, but Lawless was one of the greatest leaders the association could have had," Tallant reflects.

Before Lawless there was R. B. Hooks Sr. whose service included the period 1959-65. He continues to live in Bowling Green and is much in demand for supply and interim work. During his term the first office was established in a house on property owned by First Baptist Church.

Harold Moore was missionary from 1951-58. He is now pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and also teaches school.

Tallant concludes, "I am privileged to have these predecessors as workers in the association and as friends. They have been blessings to have nearby. I am grateful for the contributions of each man."

Mrs. Charlene Tallant, Francis' wife, is office secretary for Warren Association.

## Move over, Lottie, Annie is alive and doing well

The Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions has edged over the \$14 million mark for the first time in history. Contributions now stand at \$14,083,896.

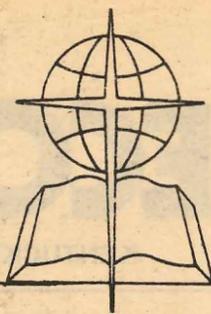
"The total represents an increase of 15.33 percent over last year and is nearly 94 percent of our goal of \$15 million," according to William G. Tanner of Atlanta, Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer. "We are very grateful for this. We could not do our work without the generous support of Southern Baptists."

Tanner said he expects the offering will reach \$14.1 million by the time the Home Mission Board's books close Dec. 31.

The current goal of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions is \$40.5 million.

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

### A superficial season

The world in 1979 needs the announcement of the angel to the Judean shepherds 2000 years ago about as much as anytime since that first Christmas night. It would indeed be a joyous Christmas if all the world really believed a savior has been born.

Christmas in America in 1979 leaves much to be desired. We are harrassed on every side by forces that don't believe the world has been visited by Jesus Christ and often we don't act like we believe it. The Russians, who recognize no God, have the weapons to destroy us in minutes and we have no reason to think they wouldn't do it if they were not afraid of retaliation. Iran, in the name of their god, is humiliating us by holding Americans as hostages while daring us to use military power to free them.

We have made ourselves virtual hostages of the Arab nations by becoming dependent upon them for fuel. By stopping their sales to us they could bring the economy of our nation to a painful crash and plunge the world into economic depression. As a nation we are about as helpless as anytime since our birth 200 years ago.

There's reason to wonder if America really has any friends in the world other than those whose favor we buy or those who look to us for protection against their enemies. On the contrary the attitude of other nations, including some on our side, seems to be that we had it coming and they are not too sorry to see us get it in the neck.

Like many fellow Americans my blood has boiled over what Americans are being subjected to in a number of places in the world. I love America and my life would be little to give in return for what my country has done for me.

But true patriotism should not blind. We have asked for much we are now getting. It is the immutable law of sowing and reaping.

As a nation our concerns most often have been selfish. There is compassion in many American hearts but more of our food and other relief efforts through government agencies has been used to win friends rather than to relieve suffering. Our government has used subversive methods to overthrow existing foreign governments and has supported dictators while preaching human rights. Within our own land we have treated minority groups shamefully and criticized the courts who took their side.

In short, as a nation we really don't believe righteousness exalts a nation but we are living proof that sin is a reproach to a nation. Ever since we became a world power our trust has not been so much in God as in the sword. Secular history as well as the Bible teaches us that those who ignore God's command for holy living are doomed but we go on becoming more and more every day like all the great past civilizations that perished because they ignored God.

All this does not mean there is no hope for us. Indeed, the world has always been the way it is now. Consider Bethlehem in the first century. The shadow of mighty Rome haunted the world. Inflation was a fact of life and people worried over how to find money enough to pay their taxes and buy the necessities of life.

The true hope of the world 2000 years ago was not in Caesar, freedom from Caesar or in a strong economy. It was in the form of a baby in a Bethlehem stable. He was overlooked then and also mostly so today. Until what he came to give mankind is received into our hearts and his teachings practiced in our national and international life, Christmas merriment will be superficial.

### Everyone has the greatest gift to give

Gifts come in many forms and the most prized gift of all is often overlooked. Such a gift blessed my Christmas this year.

It arrived one day with the rest of the mail. It was not wrapped in Christmas paper. In fact, it was not a package; it was a letter written on regular stationery. There was no mention even of Christmas in the letter but I couldn't miss its Christmas spirit.

The letter was from an outstanding Christian lady whom I once taught as a bright student in a college Bible class. Her concern was that she didn't always find a dimension in the Western Recorder editorials she had learned about in the Bible class. That dimension was understanding love for others no matter what they had done. She has discovered through the years that understanding can grow to the point that we simply don't pass judgment upon one another.

Because Western Recorder editorials sometimes do pass judgment upon others, her words were a kind of rebuke but a rebuke so gentle and tender that it couldn't be resented. More than that her words were a window to her heart allowing me to see her very soul. As I reflected upon the letter and its intent, I realized this person had reached out in concern to touch me and with the letter she had enclosed herself.

As a gift of self her letter communicated more than any other gift that could ever be selected. It sounds so simple but it is a profound truth that to give oneself is the highest act of giving.

The supreme example of this truth is God's gift to humanity. In the beginning he gave man life and all that sustains life. Then he gave mankind moral instructions for the good life and when his people strayed he gave them prophets to call them back to him. All this having failed, he finally gave himself as the ultimate act of love.

Christmas presents in moderation are in order but they can never replace the gift of self. Unfortunately too many husbands and wives will give each other lavish presents this Christmas but will not give themselves to each other. The same goes for too many parents and children.

No one then need despair because limited income and inflation limit Christmas shopping. The best gift of all requires neither cash nor a credit card. And this gift is not a once-a-year matter. Those who learn to give themselves discover it is not a seasonal activity but a way of life that makes every day merry.

### Help

Jim and Barbara Spaulding, Southern Baptist missionaries to Scotland, are in Kentucky for a four month furlough. First Baptist Church, Danville, is providing them a furnished home. They need an automobile to use for the six months. Anyone wishing to share with them should immediately contact Al Gisler, pastor, First Baptist Church, Danville, telephone (606) 236-2276.

## Baptist Forum

### Making our business yours

I appreciate the space given by Western Recorder to our unfortunate situation here in southwestern Indiana. As the article stated our church stands totally on the autonomy of the local church in deciding the questions of church membership and scriptural baptism. Our association constitution reads: "These churches shall not practice alien immersion, open communion or be affiliated with any interdenominational council of churches."

The association will be attempting to define alien immersion and open communion within the next year.

I would like to appeal to pastors and laymen to write our church, North Park Baptist Church, 5015 First Ave., Evansville, IN 47710, stating your definitions of these terms and your opinions about this situation. It may help our church in deciding the direction it should go.

Terry E. Belew, Evansville, Ind.

### SALT II up in arms

The nation's attention will soon be focused on the nuclear arms race as the SALT II treaty comes before the Senate for debate. It was believed the intention of the SALT debates was to provide a genuine opportunity to halt the buildup of nuclear arsenals which have brought the world to the brink of total war and then begin disarmament. Instead, SALT II guidelines will allow both sides to increase the size of their arsenals to meet SALT II limits and permit the development of the most sophisticated and dangerous new weapons the world has ever seen.

Senator Mark O. Hatfield has offered an alternative. Senator Hatfield has offered a moratorium amendment to the SALT II treaty which would establish a moratorium on all further development, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons. The first step toward disarmament is to bring the escalation to a complete standstill. Some senators have offered amendments to the treaty which would in effect "kill" the treaty's chance of approval by the Soviets. The moratorium amendment, rather than scuttling the SALT II treaty, has the sole purpose of saving the treaty as a means for ending the arms race. The moratorium amendment would return SALT II to the intention of halting buildup and beginning disarmament.

The vote on the Hatfield amendment will show the true conviction of the Senate on the nuclear arms race. Each senator will be forced to vote yes or no to halting the arms race. I urge you, as a fellow Kentucky Baptist, to show your support for a complete halt to the nuclear arms race by writing Senators Ford and Huddleston and urging them to vote in favor of the Hatfield amendment. Simply write the senators in care of The United States Senate, Washington, D. C. 20510.

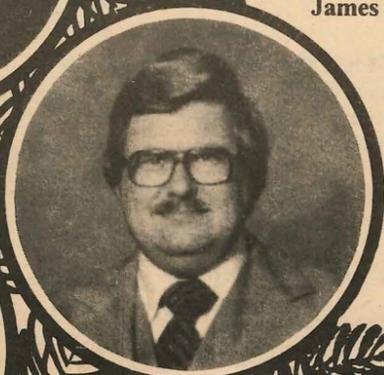
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*May peace and joy  
abide in your heart  
this holy season*

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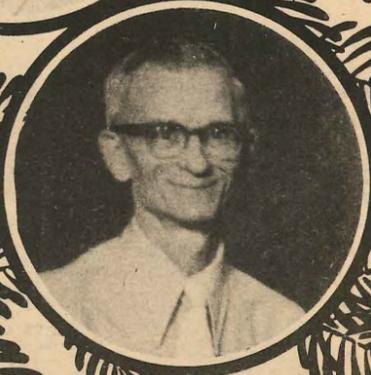
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Host and Bible teacher Frank Pollard [r] discusses the meaning of giving gifts at Christmas with Ken and Lois Holland during the Christmas segment of "At Home with the Bible." The Hollands are members of the program's singing group, 'A Joyful Sound.'

**Baptist radio-TV show  
Christmas segment  
airs Sunday most places**

The biblical account of the birth of Christ is the focus of the Christmas edition of "At Home with the Bible," a weekly radio and television program produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission.

Scheduled to air Sunday, Dec. 23 in most areas, the program features host and Bible teacher Frank Pollard and 'A Joyful Sound,' the music group which appears each week.

Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., uses a brightly wrapped Christmas package "to remind us that the greatest gift of all comes from God . . . and it's for all of us.

"Of course, it's something you can't stick in a box and wrap with tissue paper. It's the gift of God's son . . . Jesus Christ."

In addition to traditional Christmas carols, other musical selections are taken from *Celebrate Life*, a musical drama by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney.

At the conclusion of the program, Pollard encourages persons to consider the meaning Christ's birth can have in their lives.

"Jesus was born . . . he lived . . . and died . . . but he rose. And because he lives, you too may live. God is offering you the gift of eternal life. Accept Jesus as your lord and saviour."

Check local newspapers and TV and radio listings for the time and station in your area.



Additional members of 'A Joyful Sound' appear on the Christmas segment, including [l-r]: Fes Robertson, Sandra Bradley and Mark Blankenship. All members of the music group are Nashvillians.



# Christmas: A time to celebrate with music

by Jimmy Hester, Staff Writer

Christmas is a time when Christians celebrate the birth of Christ through a variety of religious experiences. Included in these services is music. Congregations singing carols, choirs singing cantatas and children sharing simple but meaningful songs are all a part of the Christmas celebration.

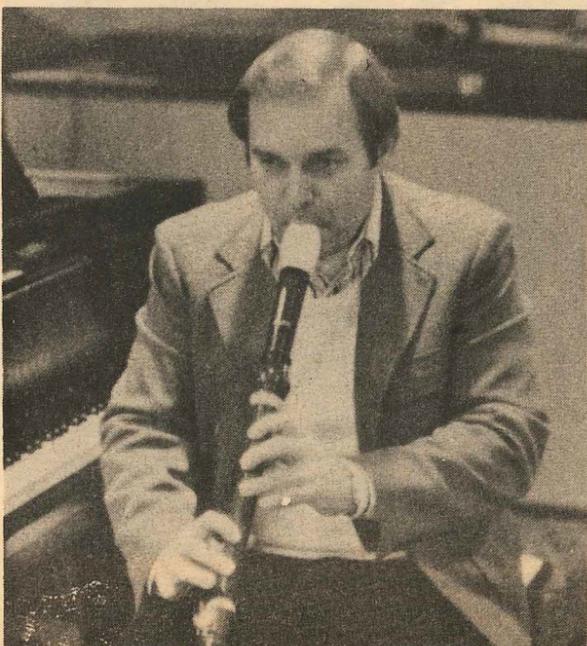
Ministers of music across Kentucky are busy preparing choirs for programs, selecting music for services and taking care of the details involved with music of the season. What better time of year when music is so vital to our Christian faith to consider the staff position of minister of music?

Western Recorder visited Jerry Douglas, assistant pastor in music at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, and discussed his responsibilities on the church staff.

## The man and his church

Douglas, 41, is a native of Paducah. He has been on the staff at Westport Road for two-and-a-half years. Before that he was at Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville.

Douglas has a background in music and education having received a music degree from Murray State



University and the MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

"I have always wanted to be prepared in more than one area," he explained. "I feel I am more useful since I have a background in music and education. Before I came to Westport Road I was on a staff as minister of music and youth and on another as minister of education and youth."

At Westport Road, Douglas is part of a staff which includes pastor Jim Lewis, assistant pastor in education George Hollander and part time assistant pastor in youth Jan Deans.

"Having a staff this size is a new experience for the church," Douglas said. "I began almost three years ago as the second full time minister and this past spring we added a full time minister in education." Westport Road has a membership of approximately 1000.

## Choirs, choirs and more choirs

How does the minister of music fit into the scheme of things? "Westport Road has several choirs and a children's music program," the minister answered. "I am responsible for finding leadership for all the choirs."

"I direct the adult choir, youth choir, older children's choir, adult ensemble and one of the handbell choirs," he declared. Along with these choirs there are two other children's choirs, a preschool choir and two more handbell choirs.

"Because our church work is done together my wife Shirley is involved with the music ministry. She directs a children's choir and sings in the adult choir," Douglas said.

When asked what other responsibilities he had on the staff Douglas explained the staff delegated tasks as they arose.

"I do hospital visitation but not on a regular basis. I have responsibilities with our Wednesday night supper program. Primarily, though, we work duties as they happen."

"Ours is a team approach," Douglas continued. "We have a good relationship on the staff. Communication is constant. If something needs to be done, one of us does it. Everyone's door is always open."

## Music ministry is not exclusive

When considering the goals of his ministry at Westport Road, Douglas thought for a moment and continued, "The music ministry does not stand alone. It is part of the total ministry of the church. The church's goals are ours."

Two primary areas Douglas suggested were the

quality of music and meeting people's needs for service. "We are continually striving to improve the quality of music to enhance the worship experience," Douglas explained. "Music is a definite part of the worship service."

"Also, the music ministry provides an opportunity to church members for service. Music can involve missions," Douglas suggested. "Last year our adult choir presented a Christmas cantata at a nursing home. This summer our youth hope to conduct a state park ministry on weekends using the choir, handbells, puppets and drama."

Music also plays an important part in the expression of a person's theology. "We have to be careful about the music we select for services because a lot of our theology is tied to music. We must make sure our theology is sound," Douglas declared.

At Westport Road Douglas suggested they were "middle-of-the-road" when it came to style, providing a variety of music. "I would like to think one style did not dominate our music," Douglas said.

## Pressures not beyond handling

As with any ministry there are frustrations involved. Douglas mentioned two he has had to deal with in his ministry. "The pressure of having to have music ready to go every Sunday is a frustrating thing at times," Douglas responded. "It is tough to meet a deadline each week with a quality piece of music."

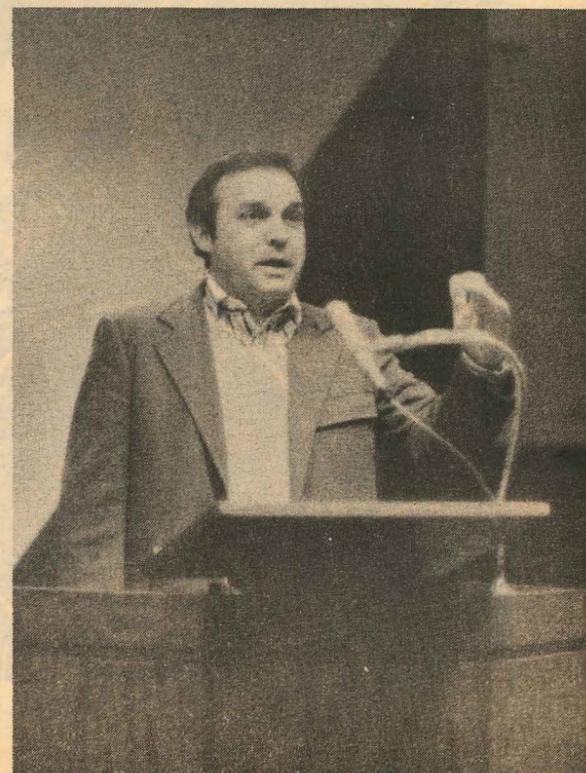
"It's not true at Westport Road, but staff relations could be a frustrating thing if the staff did not function as a team," he suggested in passing to his second frustration.

"The other frustration I have had to deal with is in relation to seasonal music," the minister shared. "It is dealing with a letdown after a big service. After putting weeks of work into a service, the service happens, you find it is over and you must begin again."

Westport Road is presently preparing a Christmas cantata, "Unto Us a Child Is Born," arranged by Ron Huff. Douglas has been working with the youth and adult choirs for weeks. If history repeats itself, another "letdown" is approaching. But he is probably not alone with ministers of music across Kentucky working diligently this Christmas on services that will make significant contributions to our celebration of Christ's birth.

The music ministry at Westport Road Baptist Church provides a variety of musical ensembles. Jerry Douglas demonstrates the tenor recorder which he plays in a recorder quartet.

Jerry Douglas, assistant pastor in music at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, leads congregation singing in worship services.



## Baptist News in Brief



Allen



Cauthen

### Jimmy Allen heads Radio-TV Commission

Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Tex., immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected president of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since 1968 Allen, who hopes to begin his new duties Jan. 15, 1980, has been pastor of the 9500-member First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., the sixth largest SBC church.

Fred Isaacs of Cosby, Tenn., chairman of the Radio and Television Commission's trustees, announced Allen's appointment Dec. 11 at a news conference after a called meeting of the agency's full board of trustees. Isaacs headed the search committee which submitted Allen's name for consideration by the board.

Trustees pledged full support to the 52-year-old Allen, who was elected unanimously to succeed Paul M. Stevens, commission president for 26 years, who was forced by trustees to retire last February. They made Stevens' retirement effective Oct. 31 but relieved him immediately as chief administrative officer. Harold E. Martin, executive vice president, who has since left to take a teaching post, and Charles P. Roden, a long time commission employe, have served as interim chief administrators during the search for a new president.

Isaacs said Allen will receive a basic salary of \$45,000 per year, plus a 10 percent annuity contribution of \$4500 and \$9600 in housing allowance.

Although noting that he's "in grief" over leaving the pastorate, Allen said he is excited about the challenge of exploring the limitless possibilities of spreading God's word through the broadcast media. It is "a plow I must put my hand to," he said, adding that "God's leadership" caused him to rethink an initial reaction to refuse the opportunity.

### Baptist program honored

"At Home with the Bible," weekly Southern Baptist television program, will receive the National Religious Broadcasters award of merit for best Christian television program of the year.

The program, the second TV show to ever receive the NRB award of merit, began airing in October 1978. It is a joint production of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission.

The NRB will present the award at its annual convention in Washington, D. C., attended by representatives of the 900 member organizations which produce religious radio and television programs and operate religious stations.

### No Recorder next week

Due to postal restrictions limiting Western Recorder to 50 issues per year, there will be no edition next week. As a result, two weeks of Sunday school lessons are included in the current issue. The next Western Recorder will be dated Jan. 2, 1980, beginning the 154th year of service to our readers.

In his 12 years at First Baptist Church, San Antonio, he led his church in a program of evangelism and social ministry, which included baptisms ranging from 225 to 558 a year, a street ministry, counseling service, hunger program, a free medical clinic, three Spanish language missions, and extensive work in refugee resettlement. In 1979 the church has baptized 417 persons.

Allen has had an unusual combination of backgrounds in ministry and media. For four years, he hosted a youth discussion and music program on KMOL-TV, San Antonio, and appeared regularly to present the "Moral Side of the News" as a segment of KSAT-TV, which also broadcasts the church's Sunday morning worship service. He also has written a weekly column for the San Antonio Express News for 11 years.

### With a wave, Cauthen exits

Having closed his last missionary appointment service as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Baker J. Cauthen raised his hand over his head for a joyful wave to the thousands who shared the occasion with him.

"God bless you everyone," were his parting words, ending a three-hour service filled with missionary testimonials, special presentations and messages from Cauthen and Adrian P. Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Held in Hampton Roads Coliseum at Cauthen's request the service, which drew about 6000, was hosted by five Baptist associations—Blackwater, Mid-Tidewater, Norfolk, Peninsula and Portsmouth. Fifty-one persons responded to an invitation at the close. Some made professions of faith and others committed themselves to Christian service, possibly on the mission field.

Addressing the 28 persons appointed to mission service Cauthen recalled that he and his wife stood where they were 40 years earlier. He said someday they would stand, like him, a few days from retirement and say, "What is my testimony? My testimony is 'my cup runneth over'."

Greeted by a standing ovation, Cauthen yielded most of his time to Rogers and then introduced his successor, R. Keith Parks. Parks, veteran missionary and board administrator, has had "25 years getting ready for the task that now awaits him," Cauthen pointed out.

"God blesses us primarily through people. Through Baker James Cauthen, he has blessed literally the people of our world," said Parks.

The year's final appointments brought the total for 1979 to 332, the second highest figure in board history. The record was set in 1978 when 350 persons were appointed. That marked the first time that more than 300 missionaries were named in a single year.

Appointees from Kentucky included Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Atkinson, assigned to Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Dobbins, to Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Sharp, to Hong Kong and Macao; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Taylor Jr., to North Brazil.

## The first voice you hear

by Ray Furr, Staff Writer

"Kentucky Baptist Convention. One moment please." Have you ever wondered who was behind that warm gentle voice when you called the state Baptist Building?

Some refer to Esther Weller as the "First Lady of the Baptist Building" because she is the first voice you hear over the phone and the first person you encounter when you enter the building. Mrs. Weller is the switchboard receptionist.

A native Missourian, Mrs. Weller moved to Kentucky in 1951 when her husband entered Southern Seminary. She worked as a switchboard operator for the Child Care Guidance Center in Louisville. She also worked nights transcribing letters for a psychologist so her husband might attend school. Later she entered the religious education program at the seminary and graduated with an MRE degree in 1957.

Mrs. Weller was employed as a secretary in the Baptist building in 1963. In 1964 she was offered the switchboard receptionist position. "I sure was glad, too. I don't like being cooped up in an old office every day," she whispered. "I would rather be out where I can talk with people."

Esther Weller says she gets all kinds of calls and meets all kinds of people.

"I remember one day when a man called thinking he had Central State Hospital. He thought I was the person he wanted and he began telling me things I would never say in public. When he finished I referred him to the correct phone number."

Mrs. Weller says people do not always know what they want when they phone. They may call for the Brotherhood Department when in actuality they need the Evangelism office.

The switchboard receptionist is also a guide for those visiting the Baptist Building.

"When we moved into the new build-



Mrs. Weller

ing in October I didn't think I could tell anyone where they needed to go. Thank goodness they gave me a map and I have so far had no problems."

The new Baptist Building brought with it a new telephone system. "When I became the operator in 1963 we had a little old small box that was obsolete when we received it. We used it until 1973 when we got a longer box that wasn't much of an improvement."

She likes the new switchboard. "I don't have as much spare time with the new system but I like to stay busy," she declared.

Indeed she does remain occupied even when she is not on the job.

She spends her free time going to Broadway and Fine Art series at Macauley Theatre as well as Louisville community concerts. However, her true love lies with being involved in the local church. Her late husband was a pastor in Owensboro where she shared an intricate part in ministry. She has been a Sunday school teacher, WMU president and director of a youth department. She was director of training for two years at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville where she is a member.

Music has special meaning to Mrs. Weller. Recently she resigned from the adult choir at her church because of a throat illness. She plays in the handbell choir. Mrs. Weller donated the handbells to St. Matthews in memory of her husband. "I want them to ring out the beautiful message of Jesus Christ," she said with tears in her eyes.

If you call or visit the state Baptist Building make it a point to say 'hello' to Esther Weller. Chances are, if you have spoken to her over the phone she will probably already know you.

## 35 cents buys daily food

President Carter and his economic advisors keep telling the American people to practice austerity to keep down inflation. They need to talk to Irene Prall, 73, a member of First Baptist Church in Dupo, Ill.

She's been waging her own war on poverty since 1937—and winning! Would you believe her average grocery bill is less than 35 cents a day?

"I practically live out of my garden," she says. "It's about 40 x 40, but I use every inch of space, then can and freeze as much as possible. The other day, I picked a water bucket of butterbeans and had enough extra to share with five neighbors."

"Much of my garden space I use twice—where I planted potatoes earlier this spring, I came along and planted corn the same day I dug the potatoes," she explained. "Oh, I buy my sugar, coffee, flour, canned milk, shortening and the like, but no prepared foods, pastries, soft drinks—nothing in a package!"

Mrs. Prall's husband died in 1938, leaving her with two girls and a small insurance policy. "I crossed the river into St. Louis and found two jobs. I never took welfare—didn't want to.

And we made it. Each day I worked in the men's alteration shop at Famous-Barr until 5:30, then walked up the street to the J. D. Carson Furniture Company, where I began work in their credit office at 5:45. Ate supper at my desk. Then caught a bus back to Dupo, which got me home about 11:00 p.m."

When Mrs. Prall bought a small home in 1969 she completely redid it.

"I tore out the walls and floors, rewired the whole house, hauled sheet-rock home in a trailer, made the house into a duplex so I could have some income, and laid the carpet."

Mrs. Prall can also do simple plumbing, and built her own garage, even laying the block. "What I know I learned by watching other workmen," she said. "If you want to, you can. My wants are simple. I never learned to want much, so I don't need much. But I have what I need."

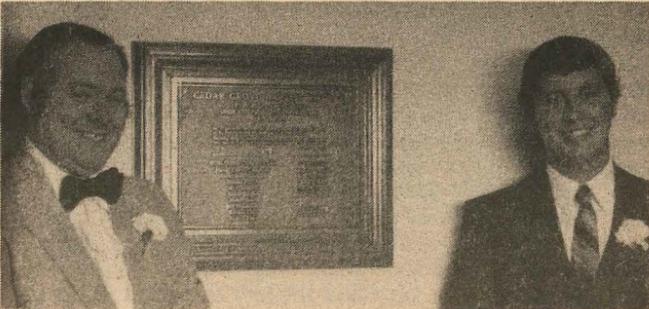
"What I really enjoy is travel," she said, her eyes lighting up. "I've been to Hawaii twice, vacationed in Europe, and plan to visit Israel as soon as I can get around to it." And she's a tither, giving 10 percent of her income through her church.

Does Irene Prall enjoy life? Irene's pastor William T. Evitts said, "She's the happiest woman I know in Dupo." The laughter in her eyes also tells you she is. And her little notebook will tell you what she spends at the grocery store—and sure enough, it's about 35 cents a day, a little less than \$10 a month.

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Congregations

### Cedar Grove dedicates sanctuary



David Cross [l], chairman of the building committee, and Tommy Smith, pastor, pose by a plaque commemorating the dedication of the worship center at Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Homecoming and the dedication of a worship center highlighted a day of activities Oct. 28 at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.

Over 300 people attended the Sunday morning worship. The church set a record in Sunday school with an attendance of 150.

Following a challenging sermon by former pastor James Holt members and guests adjourned for lunch. The dedication service followed.

Calvin Fields, associate Brotherhood director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was featured speaker. He was assisted by Holt and Marc Bramlett, Cedar Grove pastor in 1960-62.

The Cook Family Singers entertained. A potluck meal followed the singing. The day's activities concluded

with the film "The Hiding Place."

"We're thankful for the way God has blessed and is blessing us. This new building is the result of answered prayer and we are certain God is going to continue to bless us as we faithfully serve him," Tommy Smith, pastor, noted.

## Revivals

15 decisions at South Greensburg South Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, reports 13 decisions during a recent revival. There were eight additions to the church, three for baptism and five rededications. George Ray Gaddie of Salem Baptist Church, Campbellsville, preached.

39 decisions at Lily Lily Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, reports 38 rededications and one profession of faith in a recent revival.

## Ordinations

Scoggin ordained Steven Nolan Scoggin was ordained Nov. 25 to the ministry by Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville.

Scoggin will graduate from Southern Seminary with the MDiv degree in the spring.

He is minister of youth at Farmdale and plans to be a hospital chaplain.

## Personnel

### Beauman to Richland

Howard F. Beauman has begun as pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Owenton. He was at First Southern Baptist Church, Camden, O. He has served other churches in Kentucky.

A graduate of Morehead State University, Beauman is a student at Southern Seminary.

Beauman is married to Charlotte Antrobus of Versailles. They have two sons: Bryan, 8, and Brent, 3.

### Cline resigns Bethlehem

Volen Cline has resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, to become pastor of North Corbin Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

### Northcutt accepts S. C. church

Frank Northcutt has resigned as pastor of Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to accept a church in South Carolina, his native state.

Northcutt is a graduate of North Greenville College, Gardner-Webb College and Southern Seminary.



Dan Aleshire [l] of Louisville and Hank Ellington of Lexington are writers for the 1981-82 youth Church Training curriculum. Aleshire will be writing for "The Youth Disciple," the senior high curriculum, and Ellington for "Youth Alive," the junior high curriculum.

Northcutt's wife, Toni, has worked in the business office at the Baptist Building.

### Lester resigns Highland Park

Doyle Lester has resigned as pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, to accept the pastorate of Corinth Baptist Church in the same association.

### Fletcher to New Hope

Henry C. Fletcher, Charleston, W. Va., has been called to the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

### Smith resigns Verda First

Hoyle Smith has resigned as pastor of Verda First Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

### Green leaves Dione

Philip Green has resigned as pastor of Dione Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Ewing, Va.

## Marketplace

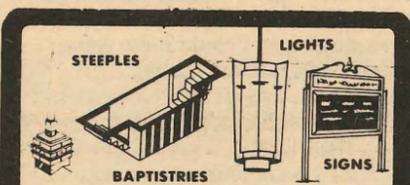
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## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### John the Baptist

**John 1:19-34** God chose, equipped and commissioned John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. He bore a faithful witness to the eternal Christ who had shared the glory of the father before the creation of the universe. He gladly testified Christ was far above him and all others and he always would be.

John the Baptist attracted great crowds and stirred the people deeply with his messages on sin, judgment, repentance and forgiveness. It was inevitable such positive and powerful preaching would create an awareness of need on the part of many listeners.

A deputation from Jerusalem was sent to interview John the Baptist and to ascertain whom he claimed to be. When this deputation asked him if he were the Messiah, or Elijah, or the prophet who had been promised, John the Baptist quickly declared he was neither but only "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," and he was dedicated to the glorious task of delivering God's message to those who needed it so much.

After Christ had submitted to baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, which was the culminating point in the ministry of the forerunner, and had been subjected to the temptations, he returned to the place near the Jordan River where John was preaching and baptizing his converts therein. When he saw Christ approaching, John the Baptist said: "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," which was the first public designation of Christ. Instead of pointing to Christ as the great moral example and the great teacher of love and holiness, John the Baptist proclaimed him as one who had come into the world to be the great sacrifice for sin.

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### The new covenant

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** These verses contain the promise that God would make a new covenant with his people. At Sinai God had previously made a covenant with the nation of Israel. The old covenant had two parties involved in it, God and the people. When the people did their part, God always did his part. Alas, the people disregarded the will of God and went farther from him. Even though God was patient, forgiving in trying to effect their restoration, they continued in their disobedience.

The new covenant was entirely different from the old one. It would succeed because God alone was the responsible one, and he was not in the failing business. As an expression of his marvelous grace God makes all of the promises and he is capable of keeping and fulfilling them.

The prospectus of the new covenant of grace can be summarized briefly.

1. Regeneration. To all who are regenerated by the Spirit of God he will work into their hearts a strong desire to conform to his expressed will and a special delight in doing that will.
2. Relationship. When one has come into this new relationship, he is no longer related to God as a slave, but as a son.
3. Revelation. From the least to the greatest every person shall know God when the new covenant reaches its fullness in Christ.
4. Remission. This message of forgiveness and cleansing through the substitutionary work of Christ at Calvary was and is sorely needed.

**2 Corinthians 3:12-18** When Moses came down from Mount Sinai his face was shining with the glory of God. Aware the people would be hesitant about gazing upon his face, he placed a veil over his face. Each time Moses entered the presence of God and talked with him, he removed the veil from his face.

While the glory which shone in the face of Moses was temporary, the glory which was revealed in the face of Jesus Christ was both bright and permanent. Christians who abide in his presence are increasingly changed into his likeness, and they earnestly keep on striving to do God's will.

## "He that hath an ear" (Rev. 2:7)

The response of the shepherds to the heavenly messengers proclaiming our Lord's birth affords a lesson of value.

I wonder how many shepherds did not go or how many did not even hear, and whether the ability to hear was related to the spiritual sensitivity of those in earshot.

God has made us to be free, to pay heed or to ignore even his mighty works among us. The cultivation or neglect of listening or watching for his direction in the affairs of the world sharpen or deaden our abilities to see and hear his activities among us.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us" (Lk. 2:15). Thus spoke the shepherds who had heard and whose interest in whatever God was doing was kindled. I wonder how many didn't hear and whether spiritual alertness had to do with which ones heard and which ones did not.

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

### God cares

**John 3:16** God's wonderful love has been manifested in order that all who will may have eternal life. God's love, as expressed in this verse, has rescued multitudes from despair, brought hope into their hearts and influenced them to put their trust in Christ alone for salvation.

**Matthews 9:35-38** Instead of establishing a residence and dispensing his favors to all needy applicants. Christ toured Galilee, teaching, comforting and blessing.

1. The condition. Matt. 9:35. As Christ surveyed the overpopulated villages and crowded towns he saw multitudes of unsaved people in dire need.
2. The concern. Matt. 9:36-37. Observing the condition of the masses in those populous centers the Lord Jesus was moved with compassion toward them.
3. The command. Matt. 9:38. Our Lord readily acknowledged "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." He expressed regret the laborers were so few. Christ uttered a definite command as to how to obtain a good supply of laborers: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

**Matthew 11:2-6** While John the Baptist was in prison for condemning Herod Antipas and Herodias for living in adultery, he decided to send two of his disciples to inquire of the Lord Jesus if he were really the Messiah or should they look for another of a different kind than Jesus. Most likely this inquiry was due to John's lack of patience rather than an insufficiency of faith. Christ told John's disciples to report to him what they had heard that he was saying and what he was doing, knowing, of course, that would be sufficient for John, whose real trouble was that Christ was not doing what he had been expecting him to do.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

### Jesus' family

**Jesus' mother had implicit confidence in him—John 2:1-5** By invitation Jesus, his mother and disciples were in attendance at a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. For some unexplained reason enough wine had not been provided for the occasion. The exposure of this fact would cause embarrassment to all concerned, Mary promptly turned to her son. Her words were meant as an appeal to him for help.

Since his life was regulated by the will of God, Christ did not grant his mother's wishes by providing wine at that moment. With no thought of disrespect, Jesus simply sought to remind Mary that since his public ministry had begun, his orders were to come from his heavenly father rather than from his earthly mother. He made it clear he did not use his miraculous powers merely for the advantage of others, but would gladly use them for the glory of God.

Mary meekly accepted Christ's rebuke, submitted to his will, proved her confidence and faith in him by saying unto the servants: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Unhesitating and unconditional obedience to Christ will be for our best interests and abiding happiness.

**Jesus' brothers did not believe in him—John 7:3-5** Jesus' brothers were presumptuous enough to tell him what they thought he should do. Lacking the sort of confidence in Jesus which Mary had, and thinking that if he would venture abroad and perform miracles publicly he could gain the applause of the people and the approbation of the rulers, they advised him to perform miracles publicly at the greatest national festival of the year. When Jesus refused to do this, they were displeased.

**Jesus made provision for the care of his mother—John 19:25-27** At the time of his greatest anguish, while hanging on the cross, Christ Jesus provided for his mother the best care available in the home of one whom he knew he could trust to do his very best for her. What filial affection and marvelous compassion which led him to forget his own sufferings and to think of the needs of his mother.

## Frank Owen

I wonder how many heard but whose involvement in the cares of the world about them so preoccupied them they were not sufficiently interested to go see about it. Some of God's mightiest acts among us fail to get the attention of men who are wedded to this world.

Human nature does not change much. People give about the same response today. Many have no ears to hear the heavenly harmonies. They have neglected them so long their spiritual hearing has atrophied.

God has not absented himself. He is still around—still active; it is still his world. There is still music in the air. We just can't hear, or won't listen.

God is at work in the world. His hand is in many things all about us, both great and small. His voice can be heard by the spiritually alert. His star can be seen by "wise men" who still open their eyes to heavenly vistas.

It's a holy season. Christmas is coming! "Let us go now even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us."

# Christian Education



Miss Gregory



Miss Henderson



Peffer

## Clear Creek staff attends conference

D. M. Aldridge, president, Leroy Peterson, dean, and Tommy Holtzclaw, director of admissions at Clear Creek Baptist School, attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Bible Colleges.

AABC is an accrediting association for Bible colleges. Clear Creek was advised to proceed with candidate status, the self-evaluation study toward the next phases of accreditation.

## Beck honored at Georgetown College



Beck

Coming from as far away as Washington, D. C., friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Beck honored them and their family at an appreciation dinner Nov. 30 in Georgetown College's Lee E. Cralle Student Center.

Beck, Georgetown's director of business affairs and treasurer, has announced his retirement effective this month.

Words of appreciation for Beck were offered by Carl Fields, distinguished professor of history emeritus at Georgetown College; Karl Warming, business vice president at Berea College; Howard Thompson, associate professor of education at Georgetown College; Randall Fox, chairman of the business affairs committee of Georgetown's board of trustees; U. S. Congressman

Carroll Hubbard, a Georgetown College trustee; Robert L. Mills, Georgetown's chancellor; and Ben M. Elrod, president of the college.

Also included on the program were Richard Allison, the Becks' pastor at Georgetown Baptist Church, and Dan Tilford, associate professor of music at Georgetown College.

Beck joined the staff at Georgetown nearly 30 years ago. Earlier this year he was named an honorary life member of the Southern Baptist Business Officers' Conference.

The Becks will move to Louisville when his tenure at Georgetown is completed.

## Southern's 'minister to ministers' retires

Southern Seminary's minister to countless ministers is retiring in December.

During his three years as seminary chaplain O. Norman Shands has listened to and talked with members of the seminary community who have looked to him for counseling and understanding during particularly difficult times in their seminary careers and their personal pilgrimages.

In addition to counseling he interpreted scores and results from tests administered during orientation and ministry readiness interviews.

He also acted as a campus liaison or host for Southern's 51 international students and as worship leader for three weekly chapel services on campus.

He also has been director of admissions and financial aid, director of student development services and acting dean of student affairs.

Shands was a seminary trustee from 1948-63, serving as chairman of the board during his last two years in office. He also was president of the Alumni Association in 1963-64. In 1971 he returned as coordinator of development services.

Shands brought over 30 years of pastoral experience to his office as chaplain, serving churches in Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Missouri.

In addition to being a pastor-counselor Shands has been director of the

Baptist Student Union and director of religious activities at Mercer University and president of Limestone College.

He is a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, where he is chairman of the personnel committee, and is a board member of Personal Counseling Service.

Mrs. Shands, the former Catherine Land, has some chaplaincy experience of her own. She recently retired after seven years as secretary in the chaplain's office at Louisville General/University Hospital.

Upon retirement they plan to move to the Atlanta area.

## SWBTS, Golden Gate set December grads

Linda Yvonne Gregory of Franklin and Carolyn Teresa Henderson of Hopkinsville will receive the MRE degree during commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary.

President Russell H. Dilday will present degrees and diplomas to 270 candidates of the seminary's three schools.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, will be commencement speaker.

George Anthony Peffer, son of Mrs. Lorraine Peffer of Grayson, is among 29 students who will graduate from Golden Gate Seminary.

Peffer will be awarded the MDiv degree. He holds the BA degree from Morehead State University.

He is married to the former Myra Holmes. They have one child, Charity.

While at Golden Gate, he served the pastorate of Parkhaven Baptist Church, Concord, Cal. Following graduation he plans to continue there.

Robert D. Hughes, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, will deliver the commencement address.

## Ministers commute total of 750 miles

by Teresa Sanders

A total of 750 miles is a long distance for a minister to travel each weekend to and from his or her church.

Eight ministers do that weekly when they head north Friday afternoon to their fields in Michigan and Ohio. They are students at Southern Seminary and are a part of Southern's van ministry to these two pioneer mission areas.

The two vans head north toward different areas of the state—one van goes

through the center of Michigan to the Lansing area and the other van travels to the Detroit metropolitan area.

The Michigan group—ministers by weekend and students by weekday—include Herber Copeland, Romulus (Detroit area); Rodger Branson, Clare; Mike Gillion, St. Louis; Dwight Adams, East Detroit; Lowell Donnelley, Sandusky; and Wanda Bickings, a church extension worker who serves Macomb Association in Lynn.

Enroute to Michigan they drop off two fellow workers at Ohio mission points—Howard Germany in North Baltimore and Randy Wilkerson in Toledo.

Copeland is a "charter member" of the van ministry which began in August 1977. The vans were provided by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Michigan ministry was the pilot program for Southern's van fleet which also goes to Illinois and Indiana.

Copeland is a firm believer in the van ministry. "Michigan is a pioneer state with great needs. The program tries to help meet those needs by transporting seminary students where they are needed to pastor new churches and missions."

The religious education student said "the Lord is working fast" in Michigan. Most of the state's population lives in the lower one-third of Michigan. He ministers in the Detroit area of Wayne County, where over 2½ million people live.

In 1951 Southern Baptists had seven churches in the state. That number increased to about 50 churches and missions by 1957. At last count there were 185 churches and 50 missions in 15 associations.

Much remains to be done.

Pioneer missionaries hope to open up more than 60 new missions in Michigan and to double the number of churches by 1990.

"We have so many people who are not being reached by existing churches," Copeland said.

For instance, several counties in his association do not have Southern Baptist churches and some missions do not have pastors.

Copeland and Gilliom head home every weekend when they travel to Michigan. Both their families live there. Copeland has lived in Michigan "off and on for 20 years" and Gilliom moved his family there last summer.

The students warn that pioneer missions can be addictive. Some of their fellow van ministers graduated from seminary and then returned to Michigan as pastors.

## Kentucky journeymen share assignments

Western Recorder received word from two missionary journeymen from Kentucky who are currently doing mission work at Hong Kong Baptist College, Hong Kong.

John Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Martin, Crittenden, and graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, is directing the student recreation center at the college. The center, Lion's Den, is the favorite gathering place for students with free time and affords Martin opportunities for counseling every day.

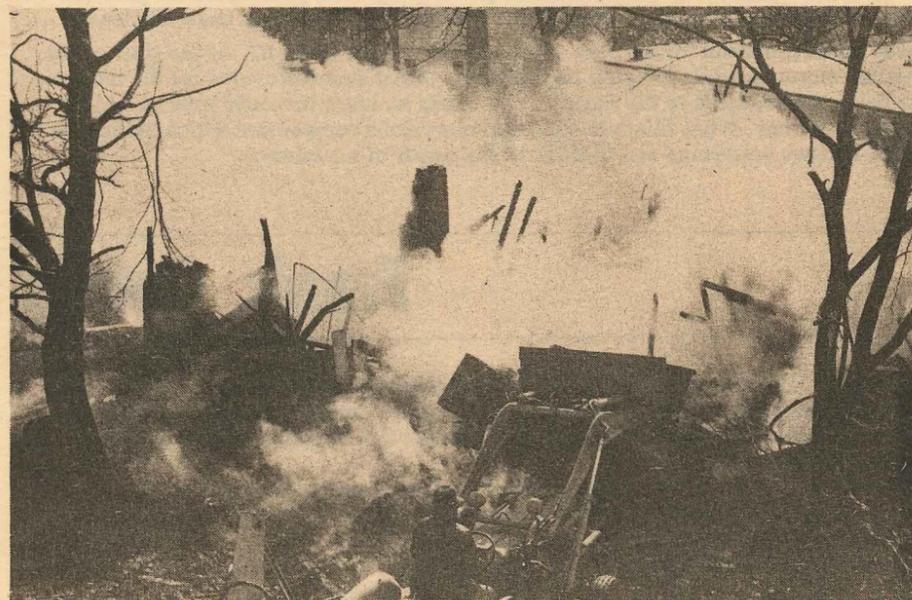
Martin also spends six hours each week studying the Cantonese language. Although language study is not

required for journeymen, Martin says, "I really feel my efforts to learn their language has been my strongest point in building sharing relationships with the students."

Shelby White has been assigned to teach English composition at the college.

He responded "... it is really rewarding to see measurable progress in the two months I've been teaching. The students at Hong Kong college are exceptionally sharp."

White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby A. White of Richmond. He is also a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.



Friday, Nov. 30 an early morning fire destroyed the Cumberland College psychology department and damaged the nearby structure housing the school's sociology department. According to Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell, the building and its contents were totally destroyed. Until suitable facilities can be found the psychology department is operating out of rooms in the school's Norma Jean Perkins Hagan Memorial Library.