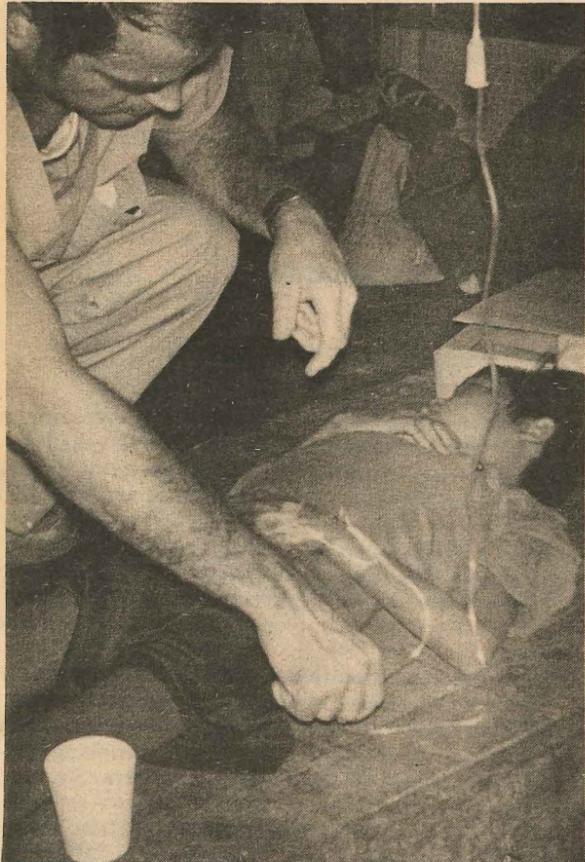


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A cup of cold water in my name . . .

Robert J. Adams, family practice resident at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Gadsden, Ala., checks a disease-ridden Cambodian refugee boy suffering from malnutrition, accumulated fluids, malaria and respiratory disease. Adams was part of the first Baptist volunteer medical team working with the newest wave of Cambodian refugees.

Bill Reynolds terminated

William J. Reynolds, 59, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department since 1971, has announced early retirement effective Apr. 30, 1980.

Changing philosophies and administrative conflicts were cited as reasons for Reynolds' retirement.

"Dr. Reynolds has led Southern Baptists well for many years in the field of church music," said Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board. "He is an extraordinarily gifted musician and a man of the highest moral character."

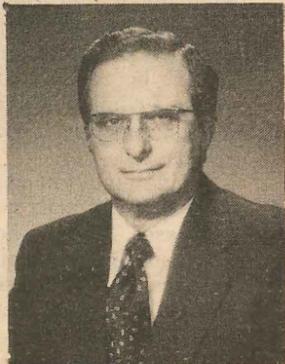
Ralph McIntyre, director of the church and staff support division, said, "In recent years there has been a widening philosophical gap related to kinds of music for Southern Baptist churches. We have experienced administrative problems in the music department which we have been unable to overcome."

Reynolds said his plans include continued involvement "in the activities of my profession—as a composer, writer, congregational song and worship leader, music consultant and choral clinician."

"Among the immediate tasks at hand will be the completion of plans for the music at the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June and the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto in July," Reynolds said.



Reynolds



Cothen

Medical volunteers stunned by what they see in Thailand

Malnutrition beyond imagination. . . . Living conditions worse than any seen before. . . .

These are some of the impressions of trained, seasoned doctors and a nurse, members of the first medical team sent by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to work with the recent wave of Cambodian refugees in Thailand.

The team, organized at the request of Thailand's prime minister and the Thailand Baptist Mission, arrived in Bangkok Nov. 8. In orientation the next day they heard about the refugees' conditions, available medications and Thai cultural taboos during a morning lecture. That afternoon they went to work with the refugees at the camp at Sa Kaew.

These dedicated medical people thought they were prepared for what they would see. But they weren't.

About 35,000 refugees live at Sa Kaew under multicolor sheets of plastic on bamboo poles. The whole camp is surrounded by barbed wire. Flies are everywhere. Sanitation facilities are primitive.

"The whole thing is really overwhelming," said Robert J. Adams, family practice resident at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden, Ala. "It looks like it was staged for a movie. I have never seen human beings alive in such terrible conditions. I couldn't believe people could live like that."

Daniel E. Thor, medical director for the team, physician and professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, said he had never seen that many people so critically ill. "There are very, very few of them who are not starved. That's the most severe kind of malnutrition," he said.

Sa Kaew served only as an orientation camp for the team. When representatives of the various volunteer agencies met to decide where each group should concentrate efforts the Baptist medical team was asked to work at the already established Kam Put camp, farther to the southeast.

Shortly after they arrived at Kam Put, where the International Red Cross already had established a hospital, a wave of refugees crossed into Thailand, fleeing Vietnamese forces. Besides dealing with malnutrition and resulting diseases the team also treated war wounds.

Although some of the refugees weren't sure who they could trust others were eager for help.

"Some of them were willing to receive vitamin and iron injections right there," said L. William B. Rasberry, obstetrician and gynecologist from Bryan, Tex. "Although not as much as the refugees at Sa Kaew, the people were malnourished and quite anemic. Many had malaria. Some had filled their little bamboo water containers to boil their rice from a small creek of stagnant water nearby."

"Some who said they had been fighting looked like they were nine or 10 years old, but I learned they were 15. They just stared off into space, hardly noticing the surroundings," Rasberry continued.

The team established an outpatient clinic in Ban Laem and began what was to become a daily routine of treating starvation, anemia, malaria, respiratory diseases, dysentery, leprosy, cholera and tuberculosis. The sickest were sent to the Red Cross hospital at Kam Put.

The team members' first day at the border exposed them to one of the saddest situations the refugees have to face. Two Thai soldiers came rushing into the camp carrying a bamboo pole hammock with a tiny little knot wrapped in a blanket. The "knot" was an emaciated little girl they had found all alone in the forest.

Because mothers cannot run well while carrying babies or small children and because their crying alerts the enemy to the group's location, many babies are left behind or killed.

This little girl was rushed to the Red Cross Hospital after Rasberry located a vein to start her on intravenous feedings. The next morning, on their way to the border, the team stopped by the hospital to check on her. She was sitting up in bed, eating. She is one of the lucky ones.

The first team was to arrive back in the states Dec. 19. Another medical team, organized by Harold E. Hurst and consisting of seven physicians and four nurses, is scheduled to leave for Thailand Jan. 6 for a six-week stay. Hurst is the Foreign Mission Board's associate consultant for health care ministries.

Georgia editor retained

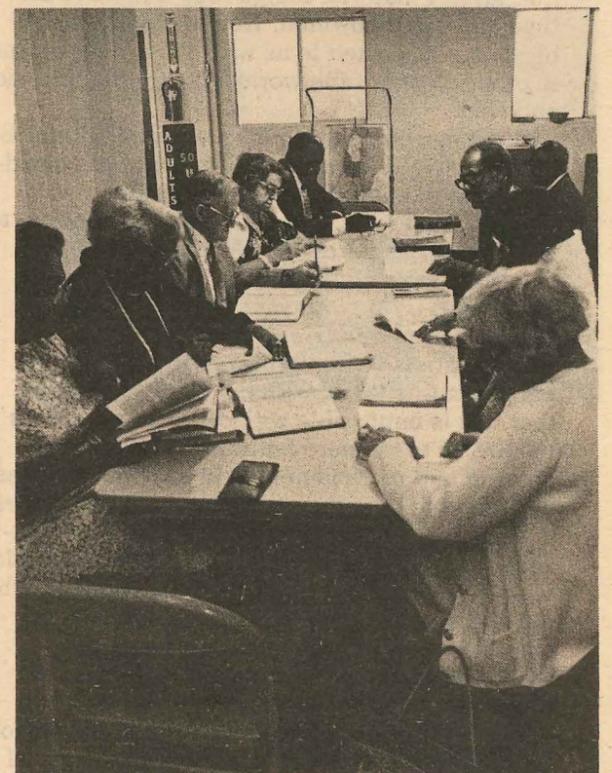
The executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention has affirmed its intention to retain Jack U. Harwell as editor of The Christian Index, the convention's news journal.

The action follows failure at the recent annual meeting of the convention in Savannah by persons seeking to generate support to have Harwell fired because of his theological views. William Powell, editor of The Southern Baptist Journal, publication of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, organized to find Southern Baptist "liberals," led the effort to fire Harwell.

Before the convention the executive committee met and voted to ask its administrative committee to meet with the board of directors of The Christian Index to consider charges against Harwell and bring a report back to the executive committee. The charges involved Harwell's interpretation of the Adam and Eve account in Genesis, written in a personal letter five years ago, not theological content of The Christian Index itself.

The convention in Savannah approved, by a four to one margin, a motion to "express our full confidence in the personal and professional integrity of the editor so that the executive committee in its deliberations will know the sentiment of the messengers."

In the joint meeting of the administrative committee and the newspaper's directors Harwell reaffirmed his "acceptance of and adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message statement" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 and later by the Georgia Baptist Convention.



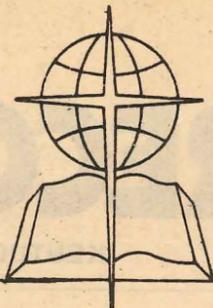
20,000 churches study 1 at Ephesus

Adults at Bristol Memorial Southern Baptist Church, Compton, Cal., will be among those in more than 20,000 Baptist churches studying Ephesians as part of the annual January Bible Study emphasis in 1980.

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 prayer for 1980

Praise be to thee, our father in heaven, who alone made this world with all of its wonders and who did create us in thy image to enjoy earth's marvels and to experience mankind's supreme glory which is fellowship with thee.

Praise be to thy son, our savior, whom thou didst send to reveal thy love for us, to crown that love by dying in our place for our sins and to grant us eternal life.

Praise be to the holy spirit who has enlightened and strengthened those of any age willing to follow his guidance, but who since Jesus left the earth has taken up permanent residence in the lives of all true disciples.

With sincere gratitude for thy help in days past we look to thee for guidance as we enter another year. We realize we always fail when we trust in our own resources but with thy help all things are possible.

In a world characterized by much darkness give us the hope that has always sustained thy people.

Grant us each day of the year the provisions needed for our sustenance while reminding us that love of material things robs us of love for thee and our fellowman. Help us to share thy blessings entrusted to us with those near us and in other places of the world who are hungry, sick and cold.

Bless our homes with true love and with commitment to thy teachings. Help us to be considerate of one another, loving one another as husband and wife, understanding and helpful to one another as parents and children. May we resist the evil and degrading influences which are always trying to invade our homes and corrupt our morals.

As Baptists committed to confront every person in this world with thy gospel, show us that this is impossible with our present efforts. Inspire us to be more faithful in our own witnessing and more generous in providing means for others to take the good news to other places.

Bless our nation, God, with peace and righteousness. Help us to be strong in character, slow to seek revenge but quick to be reconciled with our enemies. Guide negotiations between our country and Russia in finding ways to limit terrible weapons of destruction and spare the world of a nuclear holocaust.

Be with our government leaders in these most difficult days. Bless the president with special insight and wisdom and let all in places of power be united in doing what is right instead of serving selfish ends.

Guide the American democratic process in the coming year in such a way that the United States president elected along with others chosen to lead our nation, our state and communities may

be pleasing to thee and may serve thee while serving us. Remind us to pray for them each day.

Be with oppressed people all over the world and especially those in religious oppression. Bless and make strong those forces working for deliverance.

In our personal lives teach us the necessity of staying close to thee. Forbid that we should ever begin a day without asking for thy help or end a day without seeking thy forgiveness.

Grant these and all the other blessings we need to make this the best year of all of our lives for Jesus' sake.

In the name of Christ Jesus.

Radio-TV Commission makes wise choice

The choice of Jimmy Allen to head the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is gratifying but not surprising. His acknowledged ability along with the high visibility he had as president of the convention made him a top prospect from the beginning. In fact, he had been mentioned as a possible choice for every high denominational post which has been filled in recent years.

Allen brings the qualifications needed for this important place. First of all he is a person of known integrity and his coming will restore the image of the Radio and Television Commission as a faithful steward of Southern Baptist trust and a careful handler of Baptist material resources.

This new leader is also deeply committed to the current world evangelistic and mission thrust of Southern Baptists. He is known as "Mr. Bold Mission Thrust" and deservedly so since he has likely done more for this effort than any person among us. This gigantic project will have to make the most extensive use of all the resources of radio and television if it ever comes close to its goal.

Jimmy Allen is an excellent preacher and communicator. He also has been around enough to be familiar with those who are in control of the communication media in America. Instead of taking several years to become familiar with his job he can hit the ground running.

Finally, he is skilled as an administrator. Restoring order and organization to a somewhat demoralized staff will be his first responsibility. There is every reason to believe Allen will get the job done.

The commission is to be commended for the choice of Jimmy Allen and he richly deserves the support and prayers of all Southern Baptists.

Guest Editorial

Drug pushers

by John A. Wood,
Director of program development,
Christian Life Commission, SBC

The term "drug pusher" conjures up images of either the Mafia-type criminal or the punk in the shadows near the street corner. But it is the far more sophisticated pusher that is contributing most significantly to alcohol addiction and to the rising rate of alcohol-related problems today. Alcohol is the most abused drug in history; and alcohol is the most abused drug in the nation today.

Here are some examples of how the alcohol pusher work:

(1) Airline stewardesses hard-sell the high-profit alcohol beverages at all hours of the day and night. On long flights the heavy drinkers become loud and boisterous. In addition, some of these drinking passengers stagger off the airplane and drive. So, airlines are drug pushers.

(2) The Kitty Hawk Lounge at the O'Hare Hilton highlights Monday Night Football with a "Wheel of Fortune." When either team scores a touchdown or field goal, they will spin the wheel; and the table with the winning team and number will receive a round of drinks for one cent per drink. Big name hotels are drug pushers.

(3) An outdoor sign at a roadside store in Nashville reads, "If you can still read this sign, you need another beer." Convenience stores are drug pushers.

(4) Many party hostesses serve alcohol and then move compulsively to keep everyone's glass full. They encourage irresponsible consumption in order to keep the party going. Housewives are drug pushers.

(5) Prime time television viewers see alcohol consumed about two-and-one-half times per hour. A youngster too young to drink alcohol will view 10 drinking acts on television during a typical day's viewing, adding up to 3000 favorably-portrayed drinking experiences a year. Drinking is not only fully accepted but is aggressively promoted in television land. The television industry is a drug pusher.

What can be done to counteract this drug pushing? Write kind but firm letters of protest to business establishments (airlines, hotels, restaurants, etc.) who promote alcohol consumption. At this point we are not able to keep these businesses from selling this drug for a profit; but we are able to press them in the name of decency and common sense not to push this drug.

Work with party hosts and hostesses to share the dangers of alcohol and the fact that there are many excellent beverages that are non-alcoholic. For example, over 50 special recipes for non-alcoholic drinks are included in the "Wonderful World of Luscious Libations and Pretty Party Potions" published by the Alcoholism Center of the Psychiatric Institute of America, 1010 Wisconsin Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20007.

Use special discretion in going where alcohol is served and pushed. Some abstainers who enjoy the company of their friends and fellow workers go to social gatherings where alcohol is served but experience real discomfort as abstainers in the midst of free flowing booze. As God's salt and light we can help create a climate in this nation where non-drinking is more acceptable at social gatherings than drinking now is.

Wringing our hands about the problems caused by alcohol won't really help. What is needed is active witnesses, letters, phone calls, educational programs for youth and political action. We can give input to our local, state and national lawmakers on alcohol-related legislation that emerges each year.

We can either curse the darkness or light a candle. If enough of us light a candle, we will see some changes.

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FMB appoints Kentuckians

Six Kentucky couples were among 28 named as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The commissioning service was Dec. 11 in Hampton, Va. Each family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga. in January for a 14-week orientation.

Howard and Elizabeth Atkinson



Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Atkinson will work in Colombia, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. Atkinson is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Both were summer missionaries for the Baptist Student Union of Kentucky. He was pastor of Carpenter (Ky.) Baptist Church and of Paint Lick Baptist Church, Warsaw, and minister of education and associate pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville.

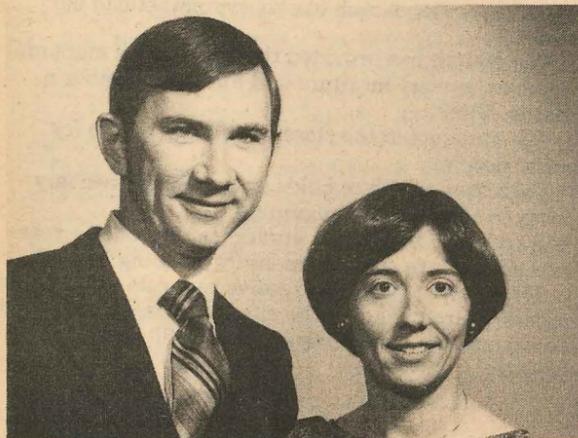
Mrs. Atkinson, the former Elizabeth Sweet, was a teacher in Corbin and for Gallatin County Public Schools, Warsaw. She was day care interim director of Bethlehem church.

Born in Madisonville, Atkinson also lived in Paducah and Earlington. Mrs. Atkinson was born in London.

He received the AA degree from Paducah Community College, the BA degree from Cumberland College and a MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. She received the BS degree from Cumberland.

The Atkinsons have two daughters, Amy Lynn, born in 1975, and Susan Renee, born in 1976.

James and Wanda Dobbins



The Dobbinses will work in Chile, where he will be a religious education and student worker and she will be a social worker. He is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he expects to receive the EdD degree. She is the youth consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. They are members of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

Former Baptist Young Women's director of Kentucky, Mrs. Dobbins was also a summer missionary in New Mexico under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, a summer missionary in Jamaica sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Student Union and a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman in Ghana. She was a social worker for the Bowling Green-Warren County Welfare Agency. In Louisville she was assistant director of weekday activities at Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church as a Home Mission Board intern and a medical social work intern

at Mallory Taylor Memorial Hospital.

Dobbins, who served in the U. S. Army, was minister of youth and education at Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville; a chaplain at Lincoln Boyhood Memorial Park, Dale, Ind.; associate campus minister in Norfolk, Va.; and campus minister in Indianapolis, Ind.

Born in Durant, Okla., Dobbins received the BS degree from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and the MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Dobbins, the former Wanda Carpenter, was born in Logan County, Ky., but also lived in Bowling Green while growing up. She received the BA degree from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; MRE degree from Southern Seminary; and the MSSW degree from University of Louisville.

Richard and Carmela Bartels



The Bartelses will work in Benin, where he will be a youth worker and she will be a church and home worker. He is minister of youth at Severns Valley Baptist Church and she is a teacher for the Hardin County School Board, both in Elizabethtown.

Born in Boston, Mass., Bartels also lived in Southport, N. C., and Dorchester and Natick, Mass. He received the BS degree from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, and the MRE degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He was intern minister of recreation at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Bartels, the former Carmela Underwood, was born in Kansas City, Mo. She received the BS from Southwest Missouri State University and the MA from Western Kentucky University. She also attended Southern Seminary.

She has taught in Bedford and Elizabethtown.

Jeffrey and Constance Sharp



The Sharps will work in Hong Kong and Macao, where he will be a college teacher and she will be a church and home worker. He is an instructor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he received the PhD in December. They are members of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

Born in Rockville Centre, Long Island, N. Y., Sharp received the AA degree from Manatee Junior College, Bradenton, Fla.; the BA from University of South Florida, Tampa; and the MDiv from Southern Seminary. He also attended Columbia (S. C.) Bible College.

Mrs. Sharp, the former Constance Booth, was born

in Paintsville, Ky., but also lived in Sarasota. She received the BA degree from University of Louisville. She also attended Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Columbia Bible College; Southern Seminary; and Bellarmine College, Louisville.

They were Baptist Student Union summer missionaries in New Mexico. He was pastor of Dry Valley Baptist Church, Union Star, Ky.; director of the bus ministry of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; and pastor of Milltown Baptist Church, DePauw, Ind. She was a counselor at Maryhurst School and a houseparent at Spring Meadows Children's Home, both in Louisville.

The Sharps have a daughter, Joy Noelle, born in 1975, and a son, Nathan Robert, 1979.

Robert and Jane Garrett



The Garretts will work in Argentina, where he will be a seminary teacher and she will be a church and home worker. Garrett is minister of outreach for Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. He expects to receive the PhD from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Garrett is a teacher at Boston (Ky.) Elementary School.

Born in Orange, Tex., Garrett received the BA from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the MDiv from Southern Seminary.

The Garretts were summer missionaries in eastern Europe sponsored by Southern Seminary. He also was pastor of Rolling Fork Baptist Church, Boston, and New Salem Baptist Church, Rineyville; interim pastor of Culbertson Avenue Baptist Church, New Albany, Ind. Mrs. Garrett, the former Jane Huff, was born in Sinton, Tex., but grew up in Mesquite and Texas City. She received the BA degree from Baylor. She taught in Hardin, Henry and Nelson counties in Kentucky and was a summer employee at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Garretts have a daughter, Manelle Marguerite, born in 1976.

Edward and Nita Taylor



The Taylors will work in North Brazil, where he will be a seminary teacher and she will be a church and home worker. He is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he expects to receive his PhD. She is a secretary and nurse's assistant at the seminary's H. Hart Hagan Clinic. They are members of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

Born in Greenwood, Miss., Taylor also lived in Mobile, Ala. and Milan, Tenn. while growing up. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and received the BA from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and the MDiv from Southern Seminary.

Taylor was pastor of Center Baptist Church and Antioch Baptist Church in Tennessee. He was also pastor of Blue Ball Baptist Church and New Bethel Baptist Church in Kentucky.

Mrs. Taylor, the former Nita Kaler, was born in Paducah. She attended Union University.

The Taylors have a daughter, Amy Rose, born in 1972, and a son, Andrew Todd, 1977.

For ye are all one in Jesus Christ

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

Visually handicapped: Without seeing, yet they believe

Chris Smith, a Southern Seminary graduate student from Scotland and associate pastor at Louisville's Clifton Baptist Church, has been assigned to minister to the visually handicapped in the Clifton area.

Smith, who is working on his PhD in missions and evangelism, says about two-thirds of his time is devoted to this ministry.

Clifton, which is located near the Kentucky School for the Blind, ministers to about 25 visually handicapped people.

Smith's ministry is one of integration, helping to mix the sighted with the unsighted. He adds, "The only time the visually handicapped meet as a separate group is if they want to share something about the program or its needs."

One of the biggest problems the visually handicapped encounter is during the singing service. They enjoy singing but Clifton only has one braille hymnal which was donated this fall by a couple in the church. The church is in the process of trying to secure more braille hymnals.

Another problem Smith sees is that sometimes sighted people don't treat handicapped people as normal. "They are normal people who just happen to be visually impaired," he believes.

"My ministry works two ways," he explains. "Facilitating the visually handicapped to participate with the sighted then having the sighted person relate to the visually handicapped as normal people."

Clifton seeks not to separate the handicapped by planning special activities just for them but including them in all activities. One is a monthly shopping spree to a mall. Senior adults are also included in this activity.

Smith says he wanted to make sure Clifton ministry was a pastoral one and not a paternalistic one.

He says his main concern is "to relate the gospel to the social needs of every man. Clifton gives me an opportunity to work and relate the gospel to the needs of the whole person."



Jesus loves the little children . . .

Some of the members of Beechmont's special Sunday school class can't see, some can't speak, others can't walk.

Approximately 10 years ago Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville began a Sunday school class for the mentally retarded. The class began with one student, but with the help of Church Hill Park School and the community the class has expanded to about 20 active members.

The class now averages about 15 students and 15 teachers.

The class, which meets through the Sunday school

They lift their hands and sing praises

Carl Enoch is minister to the deaf at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville. In 1971 while a student at Southern Seminary Enoch became interested in sign language when he visited Fourth Avenue.

The deaf ministry has been at Fourth Avenue since 1910 and they have had a minister to the deaf since 1941. Enoch has been the minister to the deaf since 1972. In addition to this position he teaches sign language at Boyce Bible School.

Recently there are about 60 deaf members at Fourth Avenue.

The deaf ministry is a separate ministry joining the hearing and the deaf only at fellowship suppers.

Enoch explains, "Part of the reason we don't do anything together is because deaf people spend 95% of their time in an integrated world. I give them an opportunity to be themselves about four hours each week."

Each summer Fourth Avenue sponsors day camps for the deaf. Last summer Enoch used deaf adults to teach the camps.

"There's nothing but a telephone a deaf person cannot use," he declared.

The deaf ministry at Fourth Avenue includes Sunday school, Sunday worship service, Church Training, a WMU group and an inactive Brotherhood group.

Enoch feels one of the special blessings he receives from working with the deaf is being able to get closer to them. "I go everywhere with them, to the bank, the doctor, the store."



Handicapped people are more like normal people than unlike them. They too need to have the love of Christ shared with them.

and morning worship hour, provides transportation for its members. This gives parents of the children a chance to go to church.

Not all the parents attend a Baptist church but are grateful to the Beechmont Sunday school class for giving them a chance to attend their own church.

"The members of the class rarely miss a Sunday," explained Mrs. Ray Towne, one of the teachers.

"Our objective is to teach them the story of Christ and to bring out the Bible truth that God is love."

Mrs. Towne states Beechmont has been very enthusiastic about the ministry. "Anything we need we ask for. The church is very sympathetic to our cause."

The church has provided the class with a memorial minibus, special furniture and for each member a leather Bible.

The students in the class learn to do things for other people.

Each May the class holds an annual anniversary party to celebrate its beginning.

A training session for workers is held once a year and all workers attend a monthly planning session.

Mrs. Towne says they receive requests to take new members from all over the city but because of limited transportation and resources cannot fill all the requests.

— Gal. 3:28

In prison and they visited me . . .

It looks like a regular house sitting on the main street in New Albany, Ind., yet this house is the symbol of a ministry unlike any other ministry in this area.

The "house," as it is referred to, is called the New Life Training Center and is a home for ex-convicts seeking to begin a new life.

At present there are four men living and attending classes at the house, according to Dave Beswick, director of the center.

Beswick has been involved in prison work most of his life. A former dope pusher, he has spent much time behind bars and is now ministering to others in prison.

Beswick feels ex-cons as a whole are not readily accepted into church communities. "People are reluctant to get involved in the prison ministry because they are ignorant of prison life," he claimed. One of the ideas behind New Life is to inform people and arouse concern for prisoners during their incarceration and then after their release.

Rules and guidelines at the center are strict.

When an inmate is interested in going to New Life he must apply for acceptance and await parole approval. If parole is denied he must wait until he is eligible for parole again. If parole is approved he must then be approved by the center. The total process sometimes takes more than four months before New Life receives a parolee.

One of the reasons policies are strict is because some judges use the house as an alternative for first and second offenders. When the judge gives the offender an option to go to the house he must either agree to house rules or serve his assigned sentence.

The center teaches Baptist oriented doctrines but works with every denomination interested in prison ministries. All of the men are involved in a local Baptist church on Sundays and Wednesdays. This is also one of the requirements.

The schedule at the house consists of approximately four hours of Bible study a day. Other classes are taught according to the needs of the men. After the first 90 days and successful completion of the first part of classroom work an inmate is allowed to get a day job and then finish his class work at night.

"People are skeptical about hiring ex-cons so we try to develop discipline and responsibility in the men," explained Beswick. "We teach them to think and teach them a behavior pattern to fit into the community and local church when they are released."

One of the goals of the center is to get pastors in each county to follow an inmate during incarceration and after he is released. Beswick also tries to encourage churches to minister to an inmate's family. "Their families have needs that are physical, social and material that must be met. The government will provide some assistance to the families of incarcerated men but many people are unaware of this."

Beswick suggested ex-cons are usually treated like they have the black plague. "The main need of these men is for someone to show concern and care. Churches can provide counseling, encouragement and friends if they are willing to see this as an opportunity for ministry."

"Our biggest problem is apathy and ignorance of prison ministry in the local church. Our second biggest problem is trying to convince the church that prison reform is a ministry."

The ministry is usually conducted on a one to one basis in the prisons and jails. They do conduct special chapel services and distribute Christian literature. In Kentucky they work in Eddyville, LaGrange and in local jails.

About 60 men are involved in a regular Bible study held on Mondays in LaGrange.

Are the incarcerated men receptive? "Yes, they are very receptive, but also very skeptical. You must develop a relationship with them. They don't trust you right away and don't know your motives. We tell our workers never to make promises you can't fulfill," states Beswick.

Beswick estimates 40% of all jails and institutions do not have a chaplaincy program and some of those

that do are inadequate. When Beswick was incarcerated there was one chaplain who was expected to minister to the needs of 1300 men.

In addition to the prison ministry the New Life Center is involved in local churches or the community.

They conduct seminars to churches and other local groups to teach what the Bible says about ministering to those in prison. During the seminars they try to familiarize people with the criminal justice system by touring a penal institution, bringing in judges, officers, chaplains and ex-inmates to speak.

They also minister to hospitals, camps, county jails and schools. Next year they plan to add about five county jails to their circuit.

In addition to this they counsel people who come in off the street and operate a radio ministry to bring attention to the problems of prisoners.

The concept for New Life originated in 1976 but did not become a reality until January 1979. Since that time approximately 20 men have come to the house for counseling or to live.

Se hablan espanol (Spanish is spoken here)

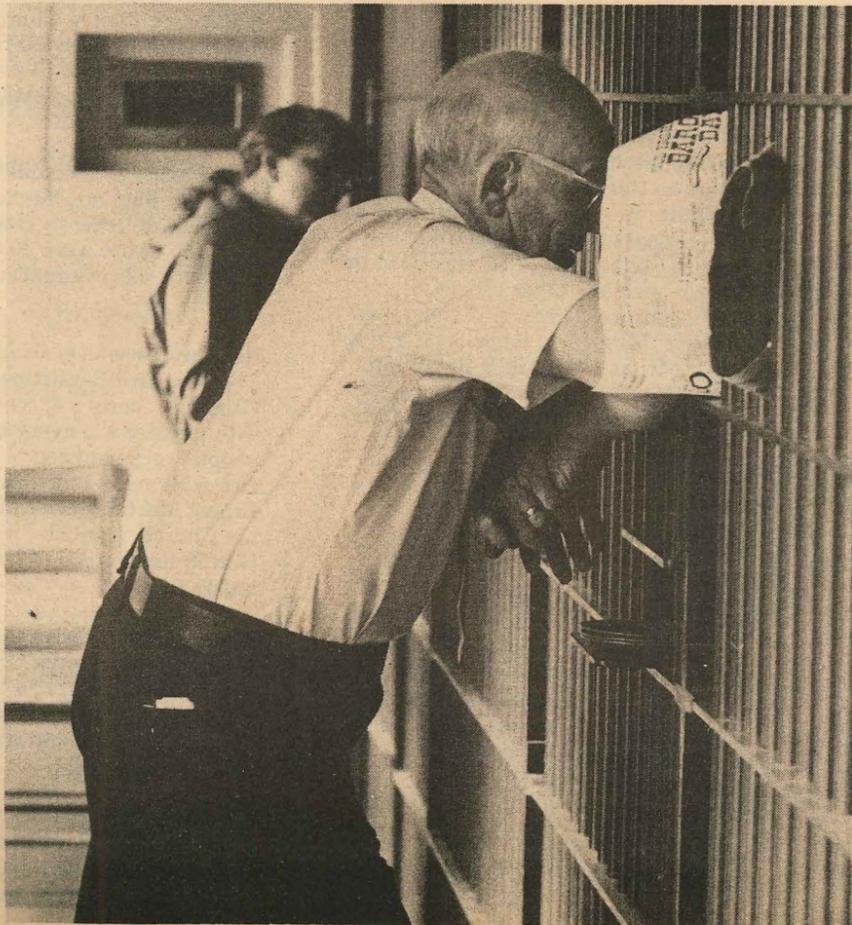
Last January St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, began a special ministry to Spanish speaking people in the community. During the past year the ministry has grown and continued and is now being expanded to the Ft. Knox area.

There are presently about 20 Spanish speaking people involved in the Ft. Knox ministry.

Claude Mariottini, who teaches at St. Matthews and Ft. Knox, is also involved with the Latin American Club of Louisville. He feels his ministry is trying to witness to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Mariottini believes St. Matthews has been very supportive and enthusiastic about the ministry.

At St. Matthews the Spanish speaking people have been involved in the stewardship emphasis, the Lottie Moon program and next year plan to have a booth during Heritage Week.



Being in prison does not mean a person is beyond being ministered too. They can share the love of Christ, also.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Hartford dedicates sanctuary
Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, brought the dedicatory sermon Sunday, Nov. 25 at Hartford Baptist Church during the morning worship service. The church dedicated its remodeled sanctuary. A church dinner followed.

Eddie Albin, Warren Condit, D. M. Miller Jr. and Bill Vincent were on the board of trustees during the construction period.

Total cost of the project was \$215,000 with half the amount already raised.

Wesley O. Hanson is in his 23rd year as pastor at Hartford. Dean Gray, minister of music and youth, has served over 13 years.

Prestonsburg releases balloon ministry
Over 200 helium filled balloons were released by First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Dec. 2. It was part of the "Up With People and Other Things" campaign sponsored by the church outreach ministry. Each balloon carried a passage of scripture with a note asking the finder to return notice of the balloons' travel. It was a witnessing opportunity to those in town who asked about the balloons.

Miller honored at Stamping Ground
Truett Miller Day was observed by Stamping Ground Baptist Church Dec. 2. Miller, pastor of several Kentucky Baptist congregations, retired in 1976 and moved to Georgetown. He was reared in Stamping Ground when his father was pastor of the congregation.

Miller was a lawyer in Henderson when he surrendered to the ministry. His first pastorate was Zion Church near Henderson after which he served churches in Clay, Morganfield, Middlesboro on two occasions, Danville, Providence, Sturgis and Fulton. He also was chaplain in World War II and the Korean conflict.

In spite of illness and several operations in recent years Miller has served congregations including Stamping Ground as interim pastor.

Mrs. Miller is Gretna Sinkhorn of Stamping Ground. The Millers have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Central celebrates anniversary
Central Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 26th anniversary Nov. 11. Homer Carter, a former pastor of 10 years, was guest preacher. A note burning service and fellowship meal followed the services. William L. Turner is pastor.



The Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women of Southern Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, dressed to represent a foreign country where Southern Baptists have missionaries during their week of prayer emphasis. The week included filmstrips, a candlelight service, lessons by volunteer missionaries, Sunday school lessons on missions taught by Acteens and a presentation by missionary Darrell Edwards from Africa.

Personnel

Lewisburg welcomes Render
Bob Render began his work as pastor of Lewisburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association, Dec. 2.
Render was ordained by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Edwards enters chaplaincy
Bob Edwards recently concluded his pastorate at Carlisle Baptist Church, Bracken Association. He entered the Navy as a chaplain.

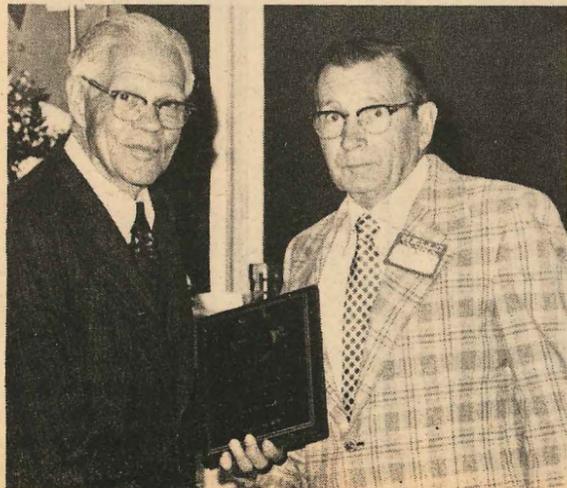
Lacefield to Macedonia
Macedonia Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association, recently called Paul Lacefield as pastor. He is a 1979 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School.

Stewart to Hedgeville
Donny Lynn Stewart began as pastor at Hedgeview Baptist Church, Danville, Dec. 2. He was formerly pastor of Pine Haven Baptist Church, Jameston, Tenn. Stewart is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School.

L. E. Smith honored
L. E. Smith, clerk and treasurer of Warren Association, was honored during the fall meeting for serving 30 years as clerk.

Smith was elected clerk in 1949. He has served for over one-third of the association's history. He has been there longer than any other officer.

Present were his wife Evelyn; his mother, Mrs. Elsie Smith; son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Smith; daughter, Ellen Alexander; and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs.



C. R. Daley [r], editor of Western Recorder, was recently named an honorary Cumberland College alumnus. Presenting Daley with the honor is Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell.

Arthur Willis.

The association presented Smith a plaque.

Hampton begins Tiline ministry
Melvin Hampton began as pastor of Tiline Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Nov. 4. He is married to Jeanette Maxey of Clinton. They have four children. Tiline holds an MDiv degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Revivals

14 decisions at Hartford
Hartford Baptist Church recently completed a revival. Guy Gordon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Earlington, was evangelist. Wayne Halley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Murray, led the music.

There were 14 additions to the church; 10 by baptism and four by letter.

Bullitt Lick completes revival
Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, Nelson Association, completed revival services. Dec. 2. There were 14 professions of faith and four rededications. Landon Hadley is pastor.

30 decisions at Woodhill
Woodhill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, recently completed revival services. There were 30 decisions. Dan C. Moore was evangelist; Kirk Pike is pastor.

Nine professions at Crab Orchard
Crab Orchard Baptist pastor David L. Calhoun reports a successful revival with decisions in every service. Nine people were baptized in the last service with many rededications recorded. Ernest Martin, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, was evangelist; Harold Reynierson of Danville led the music.

34 decisions at Swiss Colony
Swiss Colony Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, had 25 rededications, eight professions of faith and one membership transfer. James Casey Jr. is pastor.

Cloverfork baptizes 18
Cloverfork Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, baptized 18 Nov. 11. These were results of a recent revival.

Good Hope had one saved
Good Hope Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, had one saved in a recent revival. E. Owen Edwards, pastor of Kirksville Baptist Church, was evangelist. Donald Roberts is pastor.

Liberty reports successful revival
Liberty Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, reports five professions of faith in a recent revival. A homecoming service closed revival.

Laurel Chapel has two professions
Laurel Chapel Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, had two professions of faith in a recent revival. Former pastor Robert Wyatt was evangelist.

Deaths

Robert R. Weed dies
Robert R. Weed, a Methodist minister for almost 70 years, was buried Nov. 21. He was the father of Mrs. John (Betty Jean) Kruschwitz and spent his ministry in Ohio pastorates. Memorial services were conducted at Tunnel United Methodist Church in Marietta, Oh.

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Jesus, friend of sinners

Mark 2:5-17 Christ's first tour of Galilee ended with his return to Capernaum, the place he resided after his rejection by the residents of Nazareth. As soon as it was broadcast he was at a certain house a great crowd assembled to see and hear him, expecting to witness more of his mighty works.

The paralyzed sinner One man could not come to the house where Christ was because he was a victim of palsy, that insidious disease which deprives the affected part of the body of sensation or the power of motion. Powerless to move, the man had to be carried by loved ones and friends wherever he went.

The persistent saints Four men decided to take this paralytic to Christ. With confidence in the ability and willingness of Christ to cure their friend they lovingly carried him on a pallet to the house where Jesus was preaching. Their inventive genius and energetic faith were evidenced by their persistence in overcoming all obstacles, even to opening the roof to let the man down into the presence of Jesus. They manifested their faith by their works.

The powerful saviour Impressed with the faith of the four and because of the faith of the paralytic, Christ bestowed upon the man a priceless blessing, the forgiveness of his sins. Christ forgave his sins and saved his soul before he healed his body suggesting the soul is of greater value than the body.

The protesting scribes When the scribes and Pharisees heard Christ's words of forgiveness, they accused him of blasphemy. They were right in their contention God only could forgive sins but they were wrong in assuming Christ was not God. To the paralytic Christ said: "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." The critics were amazed and resentful when the man obeyed Christ.

The publican selected As Christ passed along the seashore he saw Levi collecting taxes. When he saved and called him, Matthew's joy was so real he sought occasion to make Christ known to his friends. He invited his friends to a feast at his house where Christ was the guest of honor. He introduced them to the saviour, hoping they would trust and live for him. At this feast Christ ate with the publicans and sinners not because he approved their manner of living but because he wanted to change it.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

The family at Bethany

John 11:20-32, 38-40 Christ was a welcome guest in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in Bethany. When Lazarus became ill his sisters decided to appeal to Christ in his behalf. They sent a messenger to Christ with the message: "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick," anticipating that he would hasten to Bethany.

Surprisingly, Christ merely remarked "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Four days after the death and burial of Lazarus Christ arrived at Bethany. Mary's statement, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," indicated that she had sufficient faith to believe if he had arrived prior to the death Lazarus would still be with his sisters.

Christ declared: "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha thought he meant that Lazarus would rise on the day of the resurrection. Christ lifted his voice in thanksgiving to God, expressing appreciation for answered prayer, then called forth Lazarus from the tomb and restored him to normal life. Christ clearly demonstrated that he was and is the lord of life and also the one who has power over death and the grave.

This miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is a splendid demonstration of Christ's power to impart eternal life to souls that are dead in trespasses and sins. To refuse the life which Christ offers makes life with him after death an utter impossibility.

Making ends meet

Frank Owen

One of the most beautiful pieces of reading from a mature Christian anywhere in Holy Writ is the fourth chapter of Philippians. Phil. 4:11 familiarly translates in the King James Version, "... for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." It was the Berkley translation that caught my eye, "... for I have learned to make ends meet in whatever situation I am."

Paul has been speaking of his ability to live in want, or to live in plenty, and to be content within whichever state he found himself. He is expressing a point of Christian agreement with Stoic philosophy at its best; namely, that a man's real life is in his own soul, and happiness or discontent are within oneself, rather than the result of outer circumstances.

The apostle declares, "I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want." Literally, this translates itself, "I have been initiated."

He is declaring his personal experience both with plenty and poverty. As long as Christ was in his heart (the basis of his sufficiency) he was able to be content in whichever state the will of God placed him at the moment.

This is a program of living that you and I need to achieve—contentment in the will of God. It is consistent with Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount ("be not anxious") and with his prayer in the garden ("thy will be done").

It is to be remembered the Christian life promises deliverance from sin. It is the oriental religions that seek deliverance from suffering. The Christian may not always expect deliverance from hardship and suffering. Christ died for sinners, more than for sufferers. It is the consequences of sin from which his salvation delivers us. The goal of life is holiness rather than happiness as such.

We have an old expression concerning financial strain that speaks of "making ends meet." The mature Christian, the apostle Paul, had learned to make ends meet day by day, in whatever condition—plenty or poverty—in material things, in spiritual things, in suffering and in rejoicing. May we be so minded through 1980.

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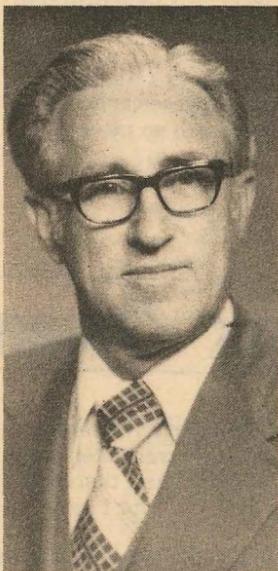
The WILL in charitable giving

by Grady Randolph

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