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Signing up

Will the circle be unbroken?

Dallas Baptist College president W. Marvin Watson says all but about a dozen of the 128 faculty and staff of the institution have signed a new "Articles of Faith" required of them. He stopped short of saying those who have not would be fired or their contracts renewed if they do not sign.

The "Articles of Faith" were approved Nov. 15 by college trustees who required they be signed by all faculty and staff.

The college announced at the time that trustees had approved the statement of Baptist Faith and Message, adopted in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, it was later revealed two changes were made in the 1963 statement, the first in the portion on the scriptures and the second on the nature of man.

In the scriptures portion a sentence was added that states, "We believe in the scriptures of both the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life."

In the portion on man a sentence was added stating, "By this statement we affirm our belief that man was created by a direct act of God in his image, not from previously existing creatures, and that all of mankind sinned in Adam and Eve, the historical parents of the entire human race."

Watson said he had drafted the changes himself and none of the 29 trustees present for the Nov. 15 meeting had objected.

Several of the faculty members, however, have voiced objections and seven still had not signed as of mid-December, and six other faculty or staff members had made changes in it or called attention to the changes before signing.

Watson noted most questions about the changes had pointed at the word "verbally" and said he did not mean the word to imply persons signing the statement must believe in a mechanical dictation theory of biblical inspiration. To him, the word "verbally" means "correct," he said.

The Dallas Baptist College statement preface states any trustee, faculty or staff member "must sign" the articles and they also must pledge to teach and practice in that context.

Watson said if any persons refuse to sign the statement he will "visit with them." He said everything he has done at the college since assuming the presidency Sept. 1 has been done with "prayer, meditation and consultation, and I am still going down that road. . . . Just to draw a great big painting and say these are the end results of this action (if they still refuse to sign), well I have not done that on anything and would rather not do it here."

He said the purpose of the statement, which will be published in the college catalog, is to say to students, their parents and to prospective donors to the college, that "on this hill, in this place, we believe the scriptures are correct."

Politicking

A fundamental decision

Political activity surrounding the election of Adrian Rogers as president of the Southern Baptist Convention dominated balloting for the top 10 Baptist Press news stories of 1979.

State Baptist newspaper editors and Baptist Press bureau personnel from around the United States awarded the events surrounding Rogers' election 30 of a possible 36 first place votes, and 343.5 points, far outdistancing the forced retirement of Paul Stevens, president for 26 years of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, which finished second with 230.5 points.

Rogers' first ballot election at the convention in Houston in June followed politicking by forces committed to biblical inerrancy as an issue. Rogers said he had earlier disassociated himself from the group, but the politics prompted messengers to vote to disavow "overt political activity" and reaffirm the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message. Related to the convention was an investigation of alleged registration and voter regularities that revealed no massive wrongdoing.

Paul Stevens was forced by trustees to retire after 26 years as president of the Radio and Television Commission. The trustees cited "grave misgivings about management policy, disclosure of information and stewardship of resources." Harold Martin succeeded Stevens as interim president and said, in effect, the commission has no television ministry. Stevens was allowed to retain an attractive retirement package.

Voters considered the SBC era ending with the retirement of Baker James Cauthen and Porter W. Routh as the third biggest story of 1979 with 185.8 points. Cauthen was head of the Foreign Mission Board 26 years and Routh was executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee 28 years.

Receiving three first place votes and 160.1 points and in fourth place was the continuing story of Baptist aid to refugees.

Southern Baptists geared up to sponsor refugee families in large numbers and the Home Mission Board urged each of the 1200 Baptist associations to place at least one family. The Foreign Mission Board designated their largest single allocation in history—\$500,000—in emergency aid to starving Cambodians streaming into Thailand.

Other stories and their finish in the top 10:

(5) Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps begin to escalate toward their goals of presenting the gospel to everyone in this century and placing 5000 volunteers beside missionaries at home and abroad.

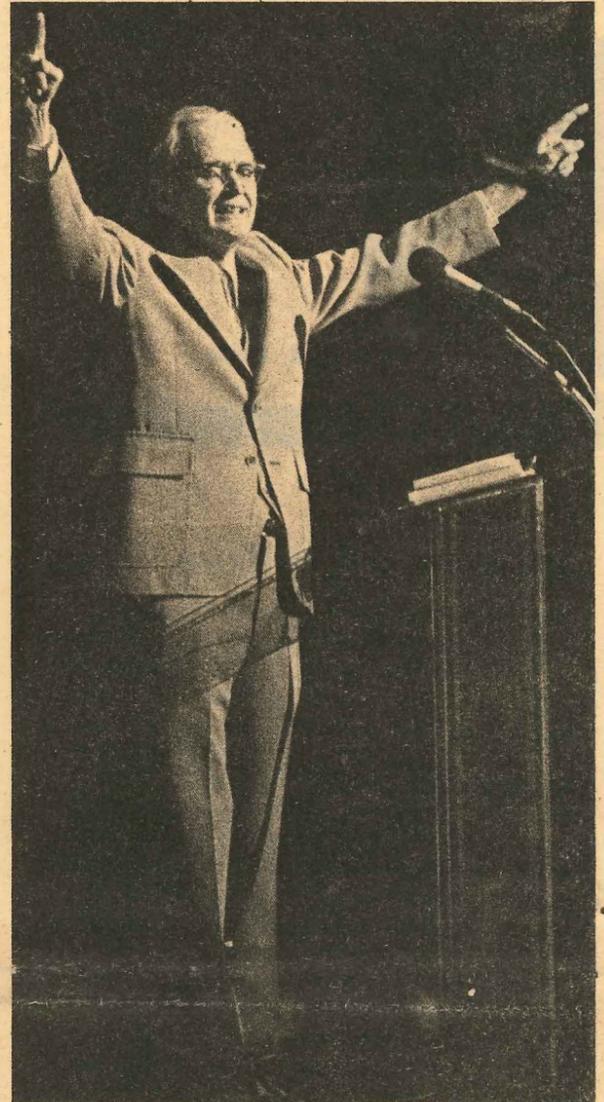
(6) World hunger concerns come to the fore. Many Baptist state conventions, the Foreign and Home Mission boards, Christian Life Commission, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Baptist Student unions and others launch effort and urge action.

(7) Dissident Baptist pastor Georgi Vins, freed from Soviet prison, along with other dissidents; worships with President Carter at First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; addresses Southern Baptist Convention.

(8) Baptists pitch in after hurricanes David and Frederic in the U. S. and abroad. Baptist aid is the first to arrive on Dominica. Medical and volunteer teams assist victims and help in rebuilding on Dominica and Dominican Republic. Baptists respond to earthquake ravaged victims on Colombia-Ecuador border.

(9) Projections indicate upturn in baptisms across SBC in 1979—the first increase in three years—and continued numerical and financial growth; enrolment in most church program organizations projected to continue decline.

(10) Effort in Georgia, spearheaded by William Powell of the Southern Baptist Journal fails to generate support to fire Jack Harwell, editor of The Christian Index, over Harwell's interpretation of the Adam and Eve account in Genesis.



A Grand (Ole) goodbye

Standing on the Grand Ole Opry House stage in Nashville in a final appearance before retirement Foreign Mission Board executive director Baker James Cauthen traced his 40-year missionary pilgrimage. He addressed 3300 Baptist young people at a student conference on world missions Dec. 27-31. Cauthen admonished: "Never draw a little circle around yourself and say it defies your capabilities. Take hold of God's hand and dare to tackle anything he leads you to." [See related story, page 3.]

War is possible—Allen

Jimmy Allen, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was among seven religious leaders who visited Iran during recent holidays asking for release of American hostages there.

In a Christmas day message the group told the Ayatollah Khomeini Iran and the United States could be on a collision course toward war.

The seven, in Tehran at the invitation of the Iranian ambassador in Washington, spoke directly with Khomeini. The context of their message was rebroadcast over Iranian radio.

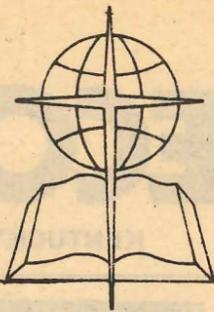
Allen led the group which told Khomeini there is growing anxiety in America "the continued confinement is creating an atmosphere in which peaceful solutions to the crisis are increasingly difficult to achieve.

"We are deeply troubled by the possibility our nations are on a collision course which threatens violence and war," he said. "We pray that God, the merciful, the compassionate, will guide our peoples to discover alternative ways of dealing with the present crisis so confrontation can be transformed into cooperation."

Allen and the others left for Iran Dec. 22 and were expected to return Jan. 3. After their audience with the Ayatollah they spent several days talking with Iranians at all levels. Their agenda included a tour of the shah's palace and the prisons where the shah reportedly tortured and killed thousands of Iranians.

*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

Allen's visit to Iran

It was surprising but not shocking to learn Jimmy Allen, former Southern Baptist Convention president and newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, had led six other American clergymen on a privately organized visit to Iran. That any clergymen other than those officially invited by Iranians to conduct religious services for the hostages would be invited in Iran was surprising and even more surprising was the fact that a Southern Baptist preacher would be invited to lead the group. The other clergymen invited Allen to lead the group.

Those who know Allen are not surprised he took advantage of the opportunity. Allen is a recognized religious leader in America, is an unusually able man, can hold his own in any situation, is a persuasive person and loves a challenge.

Some of his fellow Southern Baptists will question Allen's wisdom in making the trip. Their doubts will be intensified by statements on a Jan. 3 national news show by two of the clergymen. Their statements included sympathy for the Iranians in their mistreatment and suffering under the former Iranian government.

How ever one feels about Allen's efforts in this undertaking, some things should be remembered. He did not officially represent anyone, least of all Southern Baptists. He went as an individual, not as president of the Southern Baptist Convention or president of the Radio and Television Commission. He is no longer SBC president and his office with the Radio and Television Commission had not begun. He had only to answer to himself and the church he was serving as pastor.

Some will believe Allen was at least an unofficial representative of the American government or President Carter. There is no indication this was so. In fact, there appeared to be no political dimensions to the project. Certainly the Iranians did not think so or permission to visit would never have been given.

The project was strongly religiously oriented. A television news report even showed Allen leading Moslems in a prayer period. The Ayatollah Khomeini obviously regarded it as an opportunity to present his case to religious leaders or he never would have seen the American clergymen, especially Allen, a friend and fellow Southern Baptist president Carter.

There are two possible negative effects of the visit of the clergymen. One is that they were used for Iranian propaganda efforts and subjected to brainwashing. The other is that sympathy by the clergymen with Iranian views on past atrocities under the United States backed shah would indicate divided opinion in America concerning present Iranian conduct.

As for being duped, I'll trust Jimmy Allen to take all the facts into account and come up with an independent assessment. I don't believe he could be brainwashed. As for atrocities suffered by many Iranians who opposed the shah, the facts appear to be fairly clear and American patriotism should not blind us.

The rebels who deposed the shah have a case and it should be heard. This does not justify their present behavior toward the United States but America, which was born in revolution, should have ears to hear all who cry out against tyranny of any sort.

Allen and the other ministers tried and let us pray their influence turns out for good.

A prayer that can be dangerous

The meaning of a passage in Exodus 33 is perplexing but one possible interpretation is a great comfort to me and explains why many of us are still respectable persons.

The Israelites were on the way from Egypt to Canaan. Miracles of the Lord had delivered them from Pharaoh and sustained them on their desert trek. The Lord had promised they would be his prized treasure and a channel of his blessings to all people if they would but turn from all other gods and worship and serve him only. They had readily accepted the Lord's proposition.

But while Moses, their leader, was on the mountain receiving God's commandments for them, they ignored their promise to be faithful to the Lord, persuaded Aaron to fashion pagan images and engaged in sexual orgies in the name of the Lord.

When he returned from the mountain Moses was so incensed over their conduct that he broke the tablets upon which the 10 commandments had been written and had 3000 of the offenders slain.

God is also pictured as so displeased that he refused to personally accompany the Israelites the rest of the way to Canaan. He promised an angel would go with them but not he himself.

The reason God gave for not personally going with them is the point that is so fascinating. He said that if for a single moment he should be with them, he would destroy them for their disobedience and shameful conduct. In other words, God did not trust himself. Justice would dictate their destruction so their preservation depended upon his not being present personally.

We realize that the Old Testament often pictures God in human terms and attributes to him human emotions. Jesus and the New Testament give a more complete picture of God who lives far above the emotions of men. But this Old Testament picture might explain why I have survived to write these words.

As I recall my life and some of the utterly foolish things I have done I marvel that God did not give up on me and let me self-destruct long ago. The only explanation I have is that God turned his head, as it were, and let mercy

prevail over justice.

Every day I pray for the Lord's personal presence in my life but I realize this can be a particular prayer. It might be answered or I would not survive. God and sin are not companions and where one is the other cannot stay.

The analogy of the journey of the Hebrews from Egypt to Israel and our personal pilgrimages through this life is appropriate. Human disobedience and divine providence appear on every page. Disobedience inevitably brings judgment but judgment does not inevitably bring destruction. Mercy always accompanies judgment and forgiveness always follows true confession.

Even when the sins of the Hebrews led God to withdraw his personal presence he provided an angel for their protection and guidance. This is how they finally reached the promised land and this is our only hope. We forsake him but he never forsakes us. This is the good news of the Old and New Testament.

Baptist Forum

Still there are places

Much is being said and written about the oversupply of preachers—too many seminary graduates for the number of full time churches.

There may be a shortage of full time churches but there is no shortage of places to preach the gospel. There may be an oversupply of pastors for the available churches but there is a greater need to establish new churches than ever before and each new church will need a pastor.

If we look at the history of the larger churches we will find many started part time with bivocational pastors. Many new churches will also grow larger and will need full time pastors. But some of the small churches will remain small because of location or other factors and they will always need bivocational pastors.

We must stop thinking of moves in the ministry as "moving up" or "moving down." All moves in the ministry should be thought of as lateral moves.

God calls some men into the full time pastorate. Some he calls into the bivocational pastorate. Some he calls from the bivocational pastorate to the full time pastorate and some from the full time pastorate to the bivocational pastorate. Some he calls as evangelists, some to preach in jails, some to preach on the streets and some into other ministries. The key is to hear God's call and go where God leads.

At the recent Kentucky Baptist Convention Baker James Cauthen said, "Don't cheat yourself by some little narrow, temporal measurement of your ministry. Don't be a professional Be a servant of the living God."

The ministry is not for those who are on the "personal glory road" or an ego trip. The call to the ministry is a call to service and the servant will find a place and a way to serve.

Let it be said of the preachers of this generation as it was said of the early Christians, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). There are still places to preach everywhere.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

Baptist News in Brief

Fendley back on campus

Kenneth C. Fendley, press aide to U. S. Congressman Carroll Hubbard Jr., has been named director of the church division, decade of progress campaign at Georgetown College, effective Jan. 7.



Fendley

Fendley, a 1949 alumnus of Georgetown, directed the public relations program at his alma mater for 17 years before being named a consultant with Mackinac College in 1972.

He worked in the public relations field in Texas before joining Hubbard's staff.

Fendley's expertise gained national attention in 1962 and again in 1964 when he was asked to appear on programs sponsored by the American Alumni Council. He received an alumni achievement award from Georgetown in 1970.

Fendley is married to the former Doris Jean Ruffell. They are parents of five children.

Mission opportunities increase for women

For women, this is the most exciting time to be involved in missions, leaders at the Southern Baptist Student Conference on World Missions said.

"I can't think of a better time for women to be interested in and involved in missions. Doors are opening and women can write their own job descriptions," Laura Fry told women

during the national conference sponsored by the National Student Ministries department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Miss Fry, a national consultant on evangelism with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, added, "God is working with the men of the convention to help them see ways in which women can be involved in missions efforts."

William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, told the students at the conference, "Not all of the opportunities are as wide open as we would like for them to be, but if you are willing to go, and if you want to go, then the Home Mission Board will try to find the opportunity for you to go."

From the Foreign Mission Board perspective, leaders say "opportunities are virtually limitless," both for married and single women.

Bill O'Brien, secretary for the board's department of denominational coordination, said: "We have traditionally had as many opportunities for women in missions as any vocational option in Southern Baptist life. We currently have more requests for women than at any time in recent years."

CP's cup runneth over

The Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget is running 14.19 percent ahead of the same point last year.

Figures for Oct. 1, 1979 through Dec. 31, 1979, the first three months in the 1979-80 fiscal year, reveal Southern Baptists have given \$16,601,517 in undesignated Cooperative Program funds for national causes.

Total giving, including the Cooperative Program figure and another \$2,170,463 in designated contributions, amounts to \$18,771,980, a 16.16 percent increase over the first three months of 1978-79. The designated amount represents a 33.88 percent

increase.

For the month of December 1979 total receipts amounted to \$6,330,454, a 15.17 percent increase. That figure includes \$5,647,620 in Cooperative Program receipts (a 12.35 percent increase over December 1978) and \$682,834 in designated receipts (a 45.29 percent increase).

ABC programs Allen

Conversation with Jimmy Allen, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and new president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, will be aired on the final segment of an ABC television look at religion in the next decade.

"Counsel for the Eighties," a four-part series of half-hour programs to discuss ethical, moral and religious options for the 1980s, will examine the opportunities and dangers as they appear to four lay and religious leaders.

Allen's segment will air Sunday, Jan. 27.

Vines to Rome, again

Jerry Vines, pastor of the 7600-member Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., will return to the pastorate of West Rome (Ga.) Baptist Church in early January.

Vines served Dauphin Way, 10th largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, since Sept. 1974 and was pastor of the 2600 member West Rome Church, 1968-74.

Vines was president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in 1977 and the Alabama Pastors' Conference in 1976, and has been nominated for president of both the SBC and the Alabama Baptist Convention.

A native of Carrollton, Ga., he is a graduate of Mercer University and New Orleans Seminary and holds a doctor of theology degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

Baylor committee seeks religious "counsel"

The academic affairs committee of the Baylor University board of trustees will consider a request for "counsel" from the university's department of religion when it convenes in Waco on Jan. 17.

Milton E. Cunningham, pastor of Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, is the new chairman of the 13-member committee.

At the October meeting of the trustees, the department of religion asked the trustees, through the academic affairs committee, to "Give us your counsel. We need your direction in our present dilemma over the choice of textbooks for our freshman courses in particular."

The faculty's request was prompted by criticism of the textbook, "People of the Covenant." Euless, Tex., pastor James T. Draper Jr., whom Cunningham succeeded as chairman of the academic affairs committee, has charged the book, used for 16 years in some Baylor religion classes and many other Southern Baptist and other denominational schools, is "liberal, built on the premise that the Bible is man's attempt to explain God and does not even suggest that it is God's revelation of himself."

The book was written by H. Jack Flanders and two other professors at Furman University in 1963 and has been used extensively since that time. Flanders, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, has been on the Baylor religion faculty since 1969. In August he was named chairman-elect of the department to succeed Ray Summers when Summers retires in 1980.

The annual meeting of the state convention in Lubbock noted the controversy and passed a motion reaffirming its "expectation of the elected trustees and administration of their institutions to fulfill their responsibilities in directing the affairs of our institutions in line with historic Baptist beliefs."

Students end decade with mission service commitments

The end of the decade of the '70s at midnight, Dec. 31, found more than 500 Southern Baptist college students committing themselves to mission service during the closing session of the Student Conference on World Missions at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville.

As the commitment service ended, the 3325 students who attended the five-day conference met in pairs to promise to pray for each other during the coming year and then walked in a procession to the Opryland Hotel singing "To the Ends of the Earth."

The conference, sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, was held to acquaint students with short-term and career missions

opportunities.

More than 150 home and foreign missionaries led conferences and were available for students to find out the problems and joys of mission work.

In the lower level of the Opryland Hotel, a Global Village was set up for students to see and participate in different aspects of missions, including language missions, vocational guidance, Christian social ministries, publications, music, resort ministries and many more.

Bill Lee, assistant director of the department of special mission ministries at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said participation was the key word to describe Global Village. He said students could see and visit with missionaries in person as well as talk with missionaries on direct long distance telephone hookups and via ham radio.

The call to missions service was sounded in the closing session by R. Keith Parks, whose tenure as executive director of the Foreign Mission Board began as the conference ended.

Parks said the message of Jesus Christ will not reach the whole world "until there is a generation of Christians who dare to get up on their crosses and die and allow God to do what he's been trying to do since the first century."

"It won't take many, but it will take all that the few have to give," Parks said, urging every student to make some form of commitment.

During the session 16 home and foreign missionaries were commissioned to service.

Student concern over the Iranian crisis surfaced in a spontaneous rap

session at which former missionary to Iran, George Braswell, called the Ayatollah Khomeini a "senile, embittered man with a persecution complex." Braswell, associate professor of church history and missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., taught comparative religions at the University of Teh-

ran from 1967 to 1974.

From Brazil, a 23-member music group came to the conference because "we want people here to see the fruits of their investment of nearly 100 years in mission work in Brazil and we want them to be inspired to do more in their own churches," said missionary Roger Cole.

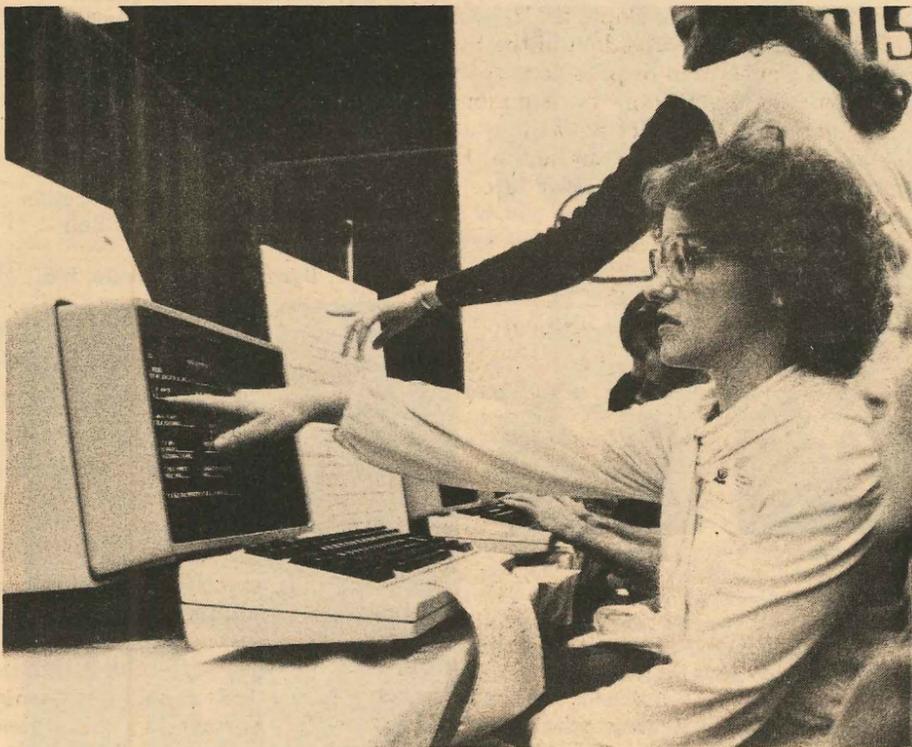
Students escape death

Ten Baptist college students narrowly escaped death on their way to the missions conference when the van they were riding in hit a bridge abutment and flipped over.

The most serious injuries were a sprained ankle and bruises.

The students, from East Central Oklahoma State University, Ada, Okla., were on their way to the conference and had driven all night when their driver fell asleep at 6:30 a.m.

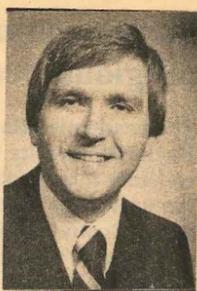
Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville, Tenn., lent the students its van so they could continue on to the conference.



A mission data bank featuring four computer terminals and one printing unit was available for students to learn about missions opportunities in any part of the world. The information includes qualifications required for each position, length of service and other facts related to each opportunity.



R. W. Smith



Baxter



Carter



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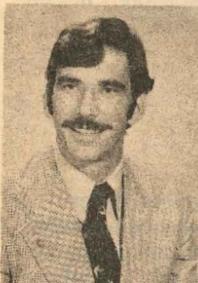
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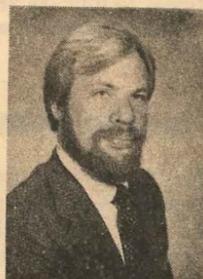


Mowery

Southern Seminary confers degrees to 36 Kentuckians



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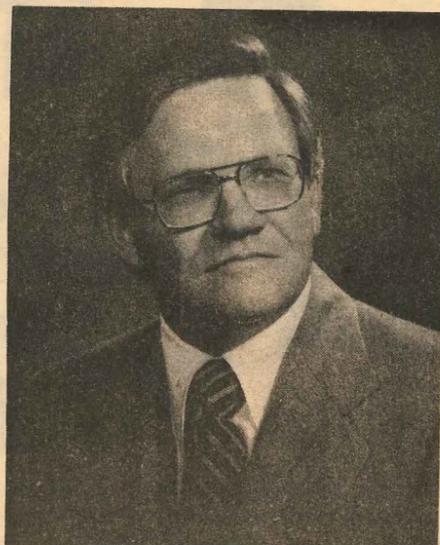
Thirty-four students from Kentucky received degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and two others graduated from Boyce Bible School during commencement ceremonies Dec. 21. The seminary exercises were held in Alumni Chapel; the Boyce graduation was in Heck Chapel.

Robin W. Smith, Louisville, received the doctor of philosophy degree. Paul R. Baxter, Charles B. Bissell III, E. Tom Cleveland, Robert Dunn and H. S. Mauney were doctor of ministry degree recipients.

The School of Theology awarded the master of divinity degree to 15 Kentuckians: David Samuel Carter, Ashland; George W. Compton Jr., Glasgow; Steve D. Cummins, Florence; Donald Ira Eskew, Ashland; Danny L. Garnett, Paducah; Clifton J. Gay III, Lexington; O. Lee Gussler III, Florence; David M. Jackson, Frankfort; Robert Bryan Maxey, Louisville; Daniel E. Myers, Louisville; James Rediford, Paintsville; Richard D. Robbins, Hardinsburg; Gordon Louis Smith, Louisville; Samuel Coleman Smith, Louisville; and Larry Wayne Stewart, Covington.

Five students, Diane Lee Branham, Lexington; David Michael Harmon, Paducah; Rebecca McCoy, Mayfield; John Chilton Roberts, Danville; and Richard Bryan Stokes, Henderson, received the master of religious education degree offered by the School of Religious Education.

Edwin F. Barnicott, Clarksville, Ind.,



Elrod

received the master of divinity in religious education degree.

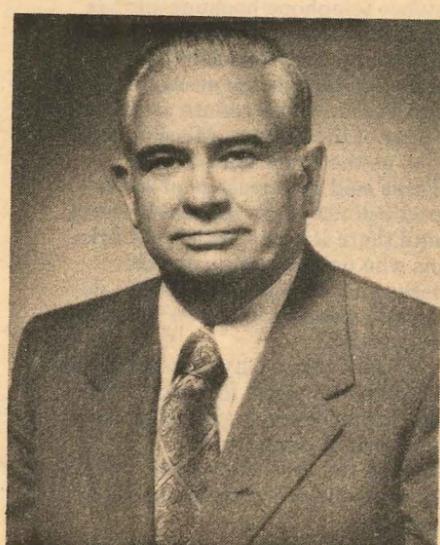
The School of Church Music awarded the master of church music degree to Byron Vance Ball II, Henderson; Cathy Jean Capshaw, Louisville; Nina Belle W. Durr, Willisburg; L. Terrill Lemley, Louisville; Jerry Romine Lester, Frankfort; and David Lynn Scott, Alexandria. The diploma in church music was conferred upon William E. Mowery, Louisville.

James Franklin Land and Willie L. McGill, both of Louisville, received the Christian ministry diploma from Boyce Bible School. Boyce Bible School was established in 1974 to provide theological education for ministers who have not attended college.

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown (Ky.) College, delivered the commencement address to the Southern graduates.

Elrod was vice president for development at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., from 1963-68 and 1970-77. He became president of Georgetown in July 1978. He received a BA degree from Ouachita in 1952; a BD degree and ThD degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1956 and 1962, respectively; and the doctorate in education degree from Indiana University in 1975.

Dale Moody, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology at Southern, delivered the commencement address at Boyce Bible School.



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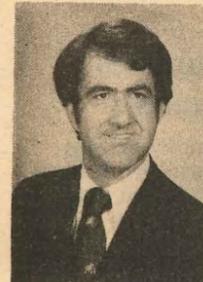
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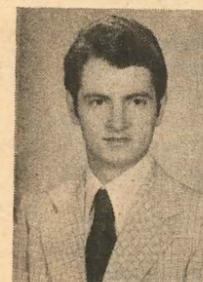
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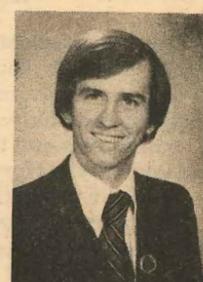
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Southern Seminary

Partners with Kentucky Baptists

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptists' oldest seminary, has served Kentuckians since 1877 when it moved to Louisville from Greenville, S. C.

Southern Seminary has contributed significantly to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, its churches and missions. These contributions include pastors and other church staff positions, Sunday school teachers and nursing home volunteers, prison chaplains and religious journalists, social workers and crisis center counselors. In 1979 Southern supplied over 800 students, the majority of whom served in Kentucky to fill these and other ministries.



Supervised ministry programs

Among programs which Southern has initiated is supervised ministry in which students receive academic credit for serving in churches and other areas of Christian ministry.

According to Russell Bennett, director of supervised ministry studies, every theology student must spend at least two semesters in ministerial services. "The community (Louisville and surrounding areas) is receiving the benefit of approximately 200 ministers in service." Many more work in other parts of the state.

Often this work is volunteer, but when the students cannot afford to provide these services, they can apply for money from the 12,000 member alumni organization, 10,000 of these living outside Kentucky. "We place a number of students in smaller, rural churches that couldn't afford to go there except with the alumni money," Bennett said.

Dudley M. Waddle, a theology student, receives financial assistance for his ministry through alumni fund support. He says, "With the help of the alumni fund my wife and I have been able to travel to a small rural church where we have worked in the areas of youth and music. Having no music talent in the church, they greatly appreciated the piano accompaniment and leadership in music."

Alumni funding is not limited to students working in rural churches. A religious education student, Debbie D. Denny, who is working in downtown Louisville, says she has been introduced to "facets of the

Lord's work in inner city ministry" through alumni support. "My roles in social services, in work with a middle school-age girls' activity group and as pianist for worship services, have been opportunities for growth as well as for assisting others in growth," she adds.

Placement office

Southern Seminary maintains a placement office which daily receives requests from churches asking for biographical data and other information about students and alumni. Over 700 students are presently providing student ministries in Kentucky and bordering states. About 200 of these students are serving voluntarily but if they cannot afford to offer their ministry they can apply for alumni funds.

According to David Thurman, assistant director of placement at Southern Seminary, the placement office's responsibilities do not stop after they have found the students which a church seeks. They arrange interviews and often provide counsel for pulpit and personnel committees.

Continuing theological education conferences

The seminary offers continuing theological education conferences to help Kentucky pastors sharpen their skills, refine their talents and become more effective ministers for the 80's. These conferences, held on Southern's campus, offer sessions of presentation and discussion on vital church-related subjects and provide opportunity for research and conversation with guest speakers and seminary faculty.

"The Association and God's Kingdom" is the title of the next CTEC offered Jan. 21-24. Program personalities include Walter B. Shurden, professor of church history; Allen W. Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education; and Russell Bennett, former director of the Southern Baptist program of associational administration service.

Other CTEC's already scheduled include: The New Testament Herald, Mar. 4-7; Transactional Analysis for the Minister, Mar. 18-20; Participation Training, Apr. 15-17; and Advanced Church Growth Seminar, May 6-8.



Southern Seminary Day

W. Peyton Thurman, director of church relations at the seminary, coordinates a program called Southern Seminary Day. Financed through contributions from the seminary alumni this program was initiated in 1973 "to provide an opportunity for seminary students to preach in morning worship services of the churches in a Baptist association on a specific Sunday," according to Thurman.

The seminary seeks to meet the many special requests from churches and associations for pulpit supply and other needs. Often such requests are for a faculty or staff member from Southern.

Southern Seminary Day is scheduled in 1980 for Feb. 17.

Summer missions

Each year the seminary's student summer missions committee raises enough money through mission projects to send several missionaries to do everything from preaching, conducting, vacation Bible schools, working in the inner city and serving as a youth counselor.

Becky Matthews, a theology student, was one of the 13 summer missionaries which Southern sent last year. Becky was the recreation director at Cedar-more, Kentucky's state Baptist camp.

Boyce Bible School

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary, provides teaching and training for many Kentucky pastors. According to Boyce's director, David Q. Byrd, "Boyce School offers a course of study that is biblically sound and practically useful for those who have been unable to complete a college degree." Boyce offers courses in Old and New Testament, various Bible books, Christian preaching, evangelism, missions, music and many others. In addition, many laypersons in the Louisville area receive help for leadership responsibilities in their churches by taking courses in the evening school program.

Faculty and Staff



Southern's faculty and staff, as well as students and alumni, make significant contributions to Kentucky Baptists. They often relate to the convention as consultants, program speakers, conference leaders, interim pastors, supply pastors, denominational personnel and revival speakers, as well as in many other places of leadership.

The challenge for Southern Seminary to provide leadership for Kentucky Baptists, the Southern Baptist Convention and for bold mission to a waiting world is perhaps best summed up in the following statement by Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary: "The past year Southern Seminary graduated the largest classes in its history—552 God-called ministers of the gospel. Southern Seminary has trained them, a lost world needs them, bold missions is the idea that could use them. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will seize Southern Baptists and shake them until our attention is focused on what God is willing and able to do in our time."

"Southern Seminary wants to be a part of the Southern Baptist involvement in world evangelism now!"

Kentucky Baptist churches continue to play a big part in this partnership as Southern Seminary and Kentucky Baptists enter the 80's and their second century of service together.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

Scottish minister to Clifton



Chris Smith

Chris Smith, Southern Seminary graduate student from Scotland, has been named associate pastor of Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville. His assignment will be ministry to the visually handicapped.

Clifton Baptist is located near the Kentucky School for the Blind. There are at least 200 blind adults in the Clifton community, according to Clifton pastor Robert Williams. The church is now reaching some of these but plans to minister to more.

Smith is in Louisville to pursue a PhD degree in missions and evangelism at Southern Seminary. He says this is the only place in the world such a post-graduate program is offered. He wants also to take back to Scotland as much knowledge as he can from Southern Baptists to help the Baptist Union in Scotland.

In Scotland he plans to combine a teaching ministry with caring for a local parish. He says he is favorably impressed with what he has seen of Baptists in America and especially what he has found in the Clifton congregation.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is helping financially with Smith's study in America. His ministry at Clifton is being jointly sponsored by the missions department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Southern Seminary and Clifton Baptist Church. In addition to his work with the visually handicapped Smith will work with Williams in all phases of the church program and ministry.

Beechwood ups CP giving

With spiraling inflation and depressed economy members of Beechwood Baptist Church in Louisville had to make some decisions about their 1980 budget. The deacons recommended to the church vote to increase its contribution to the Cooperative Program by three percent. The recommendation carried.

"Why should our mission effort suffer because of the economy?" asked one deacon. "With financial problems at home and abroad our missionaries need our support more than ever."

Including its support of Long Run Association, Beechwood now gives 24 percent of its budget directly to Southern Baptist missions. And as another deacon commented, "We should review our budget next year and every year with the thought of increasing our giving even more."

Gilberts Creek burns note

Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, held a note burning ceremony during the morning worship service Nov. 18. The note was for their new Sunday school rooms.

A potluck meal and singing provided

by the Young Christians of Lexington followed the service.

Mike Williams is pastor.

Personnel

Frankfort welcomes new Burdon

Ron Burdon, pastor of Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington, for almost seven years has resigned to become pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort. Almost 700 new members have joined the Southern Heights congregation while Burdon pastored. The church was listed in the December 1977 issue of Home Missions as the 199th fastest growing church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Burdon is a graduate of Georgetown College and attended Southern Seminary. He is married and has two daughters. He will begin his new ministry in Frankfort Jan. 20.

Mitchellsburg calls Williams

Mitchellsburg Baptist Church has called Terry Williams as minister of youth. He was minister of music and youth at Pleasant Run Baptist Church, South District Association. He is married to Phyllis Jean Young, a native of Junction City. They have two children, Chad (7) and Kristal (4). Williams began work on Dec. 16.

The pastor is Kenneth R. Whitehouse.

Hess goes to NJ

David Hess resigned as pastor of Kuttaway First Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association to become the pastor of Glenwood Baptist in New Jersey.

He has been pastor at Kuttawa for six years.

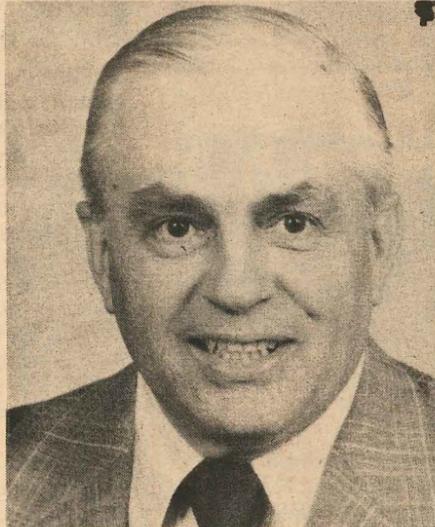
Gantt leaves Lockport

Bobby Gantt has left Lockport Baptist Church, Henry County Association. He has become pastor of First Baptist Church, Grover, N. C.

Friendship has new pastor

Friendship Baptist Church, Warren Association, welcomes new pastor Larry Embry. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.

Association honors Smith



L. E. Smith

Warren Association honored L. Eugene Smith for 30 years of service as clerk and treasurer in its annual meeting.

A plaque was given to Smith in honor of his service.

Francis Tallant is associational director.

Atwood new at Clinton

Tom Atwood began Dec. 30 as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton. He moved from the pastorate of East Baptist Church, Paducah.

Atwood is a native of Princeton and is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary.

He is married to Donna Jane Parent. They have a 16 month old son, Michael Evans.

Mullins goes to West Liberty

Carl Mullins has resigned as pastor of Mouthcard Baptist Church, Pike Association. He is the new pastor at West Liberty Baptist Church, Red River Association.

Boatwright goes to missions

Roy E. Boatwright has resigned as pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association, to become director of missions in Franklin Association. He has led the church in a building program and was associational Sunday school director for Warren Association.

Breakfield returns to Richlandville

Jasper Breakfield has returned as pastor of Richlandville Baptist Church, Warren Association. He was pastor at Plano Baptist Church.

Coates goes to Brooks Baptist

Sam Coates III has accepted the minister of music and youth at Brooks Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He received a BM from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. Coates is a student at Southern Seminary.

Ben Render is new pastor at Lewisburg

Correction: Ben Render is the new pastor at Lewisburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Ordinations

Murray FBC ordains Workman

First Baptist Church, Murray, ordained Richard Workman to the ministry on Nov. 25. Workman is director of family life ministries at First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.

The ordination service sermon was delivered by Charles G. Fuller, pastor of Roanoke First Baptist Church. Robert A. Kinsey, chairman of deacons, gave the ordination prayer.

Workman, son of Fred Workman and the late Susie Workman, is a graduate of Murray State University and Southern Seminary.

Paul Whittaker is pastor at Murray.

Northside ordains deacon

Northside Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, ordained Barry Poat as deacon on Jan. 6.

David Lee Royalty is pastor.

Deaths

Young succumbs

J. Frank Young, retired pastor of 23 years of First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, died Dec. 9 in Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

In addition to his pastorate, Young led in the Cancer Campaign in Marshall County seven years and was chairman of the county's public assistance committee eight years. He contributed to Baptist affairs during these 23 years as director of Western Baptist Hospital,

Paducah.

He also served as chairman of the hospital's administrative board. Young was chairman of the board of directors of Wickliffe's Ancient Buried City, a facility owned and operated by Western Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

Both state convention and Blood River association used his special services. He was moderator and treasurer in Blood River Association. Young was also Blood River representative on Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board.

He was chairman of the music department of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield.

Young was serving as interim pastor at Mount Zion in West Union Association when he died.

He was 68 years old.

Dewey Smith dies



Dewey Smith

Dewey Smith died on Dec. 13. Smith, a 1958 graduate of New Orleans Seminary, was pastor of Vanzora Baptist Church and New Bethel Baptist Church, both in Blood River Association.

Deacon dies at FBC Taylorsville

W. S. Day, a deacon of 10 years at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, died on Nov. 24. The church expressed its appreciation for his life and work by passing a resolution honoring his service.

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In reply to the inquiry Christ promptly quoted Deut. 6:4-5. If one does not love God supremely he is disobedient to this divine command. In verses 29-30 Christ summarized the law which has to do with man's duty to God. "With all thy heart" means without divided affection. "With all thy soul" means with the entire personality, intellect, feeling and will. "With all thy mind" means an intelligent love rather than a fanatical devotion. "With all thy strength" means with all the energy one possesses.

Christ also epitomized that part of the law which indicates man's duty to man by saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Any person who loves God will love his neighbor.

Matthew 5:43-47 In sharp contrast with those who distorted God's law by teaching that it was a duty to love one's neighbors, and contending it was permissible for them to hate their enemies, Christ told his followers it was their duty to love their enemies also. He demonstrated how to do that very thing. In pain on the cross, Christ prayed for those who were crucifying him: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Obedience to Christ's forceful admonition, "Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you," takes on new meaning when we recall that all for whom Christ died were his enemies. Had he not loved his enemies none of us would have come to know God. By demonstrating love for our enemies we prove we are the children of God.

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Andrew and Philip

John 1:40-46 As soon as Andrew came to know Christ as saviour he became concerned that his brother, Simon, would come to know the Lord also. Upon finding his brother, Andrew said: "We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." One of the best places to begin witnessing for the Lord is at home, among one's relatives, even though the task may be difficult. Relationship adds obligation to opportunity.

When Andrew brought Simon to Christ, the Master said to him: "Thou art Simon," thus describing he was by nature a sinner, weak and vacillating. When he said: "Thou shalt be called Cephas," Christ described what Peter would become. Because of the strength he would receive from Christ, he would be able to stand many hardships and persecutions, and be able to strengthen many other Christians.

On the day following the one in which he dealt with Andrew and Peter, Christ went forth into Galilee, searched for Philip, found him and said: "Follow me."

Philip quickly left all and embarked on life's greatest adventure, which is following Christ. Immediately he sought and found Nathaniel and witnessed to him about Christ.

John 12:20-26 Desiring an interview with Christ, about whom they had heard such strange stories, certain Greeks appeared out of obscurity, stood for a few minutes in the light of the gospel stage, came to Philip and said: "Sir, we would see Jesus." By those words they were immortalized. Their cry indicated a craving for the supreme moral ideal, a desire to know the mighty saviour and an awareness of a real need of hope.

Philip and Andrew report to Christ. He proclaimed the fact that those who lived for self-gratification lost their lives, whereas those who devoted their lives to God and the welfare of others enjoyed real life. Following Christ truly means one has received him as saviour, enthroned him as lord, and is devoting his life to the doing of the will of God in the service of his fellowmen.

Addiction

Frank Owen

The good wife wanted me to talk to her alcoholic husband about quitting drinking. I began a slow, careful, process of making his friendship. It wasn't long until she got after me for not having yet done anything about her request. I told her my procedure would be apt to take a long time. She and I would have to wait on the Lord, working patiently and prayerfully from a measured distance. I reminded her gently her method had failed for 30 years. "Don't compel me to use the same method which hasn't worked."

It is my observation no addict can quit his addiction at the demand of another, on another's time-table. I don't quite know what it is, but something has to happen inside a person. It has to be his own decision.

It just could be that the best way for a preacher to talk to an addict is to say little or nothing about his addiction. He already knows the preacher prays for him to quit. Love and respect for his human dignity and possible good qualities may best help to motivate him further.

I don't know how strong alcoholic addiction is but I know how deeply one can be hooked on tobacco. I wanted to quit for years but wouldn't admit it. I was afraid even to ask the Lord's help for fear if I still couldn't quit, my religious faith might collapse. Friends prayed for me and sometimes prayed at me, which made me angry and resentful.

Looking back thirty years later I realize now, the first time I lived where nobody was "bugging" me about it, I quit smoking. Not for that reason but in retrospect I realize I kicked the habit when I was accepted and loved despite my failure. Oh, yes, I finally asked God's help.

I don't know what it is worth but I observe that a person has to make his own decision, on his own schedule and ask God's help to quit an addiction. They can't comply at our demand and we don't help them much when we press them too far.

Oh, yes, old Bill did finally quit. He and the Lord did it while we simply stood prayerfully by and loved him while exemplifying better things.

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Brazil

A tough nut to crack for Southern Baptists?

by Bob Stanley

Southern Baptist missionary Glendon D. Grober logged more than 80,000 miles in 1978 as he started promoting an evangelistic campaign as big as all Brazil.

In 1979 he quit keeping any kind of mileage record—the total was just getting too ridiculous, he said.

But the payoff for the country's second national evangelistic effort in 14 years will come in 1980. This is the year that Brazil's 450,000 Baptists have set aside for "doing the work of evangelism."

The goal is for one-fourth of Brazil's Baptists to share the gospel with one-fourth of Brazil's 120 million people in this one year.

Planners of this "Good News Brazil" effort believe it can generate a life style of evangelism that will continue and hopefully boost Brazilian Baptists to their goal of having one million church members by 1982, their centennial year.

Brazilians are hearing about the campaign in many ways. Pastor-evangelist Nilson Fanini, whose television programs reach millions on 74 stations throughout the country, is using six 30-second pro-



Campaign chairman Glendon D. Grober, the Southern Baptist missionary chosen by Brazilian Baptists to head up their national evangelistic effort, shows his wife Margie the calendar promoting major events of the campaign. Margie's kept their family home in Belem going while her husband has traveled throughout the country to assist states in their evangelistic plans. Grober's a native of Arkansas and his wife is from Kentucky.



Dwarfed by the size of this new indoor stadium under construction in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, three Southern Baptist evangelism workers discuss plans for major city evangelism campaigns beginning in 1980 in nine of Brazil's largest cities. This stadium, with a seating

capacity of more than 100,000, is expected to be the largest indoor stadium in Brazil. Missionaries Jack N. Young [l] and Glendon D. Grober talk with Joseph B. Underwood [r], the Foreign Mission Board's consultant on evangelism and church development.

motion spots prepared with the aid of Alan Compton, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board mass media representative for Latin America.

Grober and other campaign planners would like to put these on national television at prime time but at \$15,000 a spot this hasn't been possible with the funds available.

Up to this point Brazilian Baptists have paid all the expenses of the campaign except for Grober's travel and part of the printing costs for the 30 million tracts that are being used in the daily witnessing.

Grober is excited by the kind of response the campaign is generating. In Porto Alegre, one of Brazil's southernmost cities, the state convention executive went into a hardware store three times in one day because of some plumbing work he was doing at home. On the third visit, realizing he hadn't given out his witnessing tract for the day, he decided to talk to the owner.

As he started to share his witness a man said, "Wait a minute. This morning a 10-year-old boy came into my store. He gave me a tract and he talked to me about Jesus like nobody ever talked to me before in my life. You tell me something more about it now."

In the moments that followed the store owner accepted Christ.

The idea for the national campaign came from Ruben Lopes, an internationally known Brazilian Baptist who also led the first national campaign in 1965. Lopes' death Nov. 3, 1979, rather than slowing the evangelism effort, is expected to unite Brazilians even more solidly behind the campaign as a tribute to his life long evangelistic zeal.

The Brazilian Baptist Convention, which has about 450,000 members in its 2800 churches, has a goal of having one million members and 6000 churches by Oct. 15, 1982, the centennial of the founding of its first church.

As part of the overall thrust major city evangelism campaigns are being planned in nine of Brazil's major

cities in the next three years. These targets include Brazil's new industrial and business giant, Sao Paulo, with a population growing so fast even the estimate of 10 million now in the city seems conservative.

Others are Rio de Janeiro, which has about eight million people, and key cities in other regions.

"We could easily see more than 100,000 baptisms coming from these major city efforts alone," predicts Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant for evangelism and church development.

Texas Baptists are deeply involved in the campaign. Between 200 and 300 Texans participated in various evangelistic projects in 1979, Underwood said, and hundreds more are expected to take part in 1980.

Grober, who's worn out the tires on three cars, has been a ball of energy promoting the campaign. Said another missionary of Grober's efforts:

"Without a doubt, he's the man God has raised up for this task."



Grober gets set for another of the trips that have carried him throughout Brazil to assist Brazilian Baptists in their nationwide evangelistic campaign. For the past two years he's spent about 25 days out of every month on the road visiting states as the national chairman of the effort to increase Brazilian Baptist membership to one million by 1982.