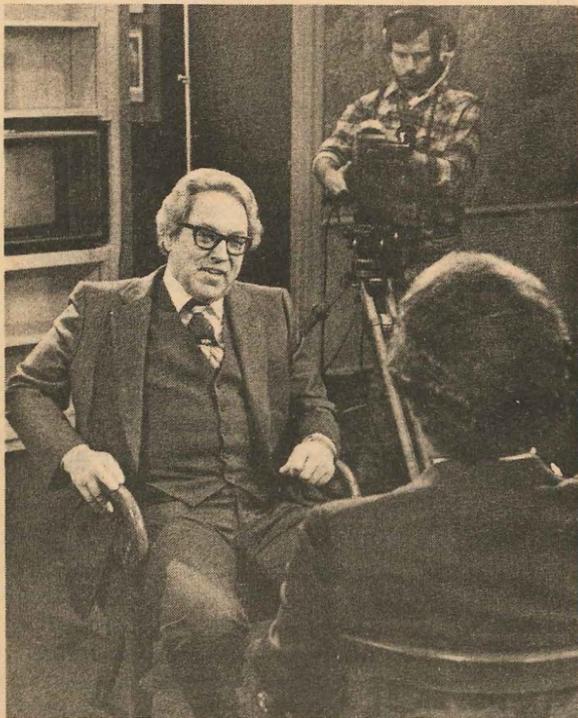


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## Right down Allen's Alley?

Jimmy Allen, new president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, appeared on the ABC-TV program "Directions" Jan. 27. Allen was interviewed in his Ft. Worth office by Herbert Kaplow on ethical, moral and religious options for the eighties.

## Joint Committee's Wood returning to classroom

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., will resign to return to the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., June 1.

Wood has headed the Baptist agency, assigned by nine Baptist bodies to work with public policy issues, since 1972. He will become director of J. M. Dawson studies in church and state and Simon Bunn professor of church-state studies at Baylor.

Wood, 57, taught at Baylor from 1955-72 and became the first director of the Dawson studies in church and state in 1959.

Before going to Baylor the first time he was a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan for five years. He taught religion and literature at Seinan Gakuin University, a Baptist school.

Wood is a native of Portsmouth, Va. and a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Columbia University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done postgraduate work at Yale University and the Nagatsuma School of Japanese Studies in Tokyo.

Married to the former Alma Leacy McKenzie of Newport News, Va., Wood is the father of one son, James Edward III, a master's degree student at Baylor University.

Wood currently holds membership on the Baptist World Alliance's Commission on Freedom, Justice and Peace. He is also president of the National Council on Religion and Public Education and is on the executive committee of the National Coalition on Public Education and Religious Liberty.

# Getting ready Equipping for evangelism to be focus of Feb. 25-26 conference

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Two prominent pastors, an evangelist, a seminary professor and two denominational leaders will anchor Kentucky Baptists' 1980 state evangelism conference Feb. 25-26 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Jay Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, Middletown, has announced a theme of "The Evangelistic Church Equipping for Evangelism."

Launching that theme, a pre-conference session Monday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. at Walnut Street will focus specifically on evangelism resources.

Speakers for this early session and their subjects are:

Forrest R. Sawyer, director, KBC Brotherhood Department, "Utilizing the Lay Led Revivals"; Fred E. Halbrooks, director, KBC Sunday School Department, "Using the Sunday School in Evangelism"; Don Putnam, Mt. Vernon layman and renewal consultant, "Renewal and the Journey into Discipleship"; and Brown, "Evangelism Resources for Every Church."

Principal speakers for five general sessions of the evangelism conference, beginning at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, include:

Charles Carter, pastor, Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, and a native of Hazel, Ky.

Roy Dunn, evangelist, Irving, Tex.

Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Joe Ford, director, Evangelism Development Division, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

J. Alvin Hardy, vice president for development, Campbellsville College.

Starting times for each of the five sessions, themes and speakers during those sessions are:

• Monday, 1:45 p.m., "Foundations for Bold Evangelism," Dunn, Carter, Paschall.

• Monday, 6:45 p.m., "Essentials for Bold Evangelism," Dunn, Ward, Hardy, Carter.

• Tuesday, 9 a.m., "Instruments for Bold Evangelism," Dunn, Ford, Paschall.

• Tuesday, 1:45 p.m., "Motives for Bold Evangelism," Dunn, Ford, Carter.

• Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., "Commitment to Bold Evangelism," Dunn, Carter, Paschall.

Musicians for the meeting include Gale Heard, soloist, Gardendale Baptist Church, Lexington; Allen and Ann Case, minister of music and soloist, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Bill Johnson, minister of music, New Salem Baptist Church, Louisville; Campbellsville College Concert Choir; Richard Joiner, professor of music, Campbellsville College; Betty Baker, soloist, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; Ronald Wilburn, minister of music, Grace

Baptist Church, Lexington; and Bill and Linda Cates, music evangelists, Nashville.

Congregational singing will be under the direction of Case; Eugene F. Quinn and Don Spencer, director and associate director, KBC Church Music Department; Joiner; Wilburn; and Eugene Sutherland, minister of music, Walnut Street Church.

Recognition of associational evangelism chairmen will be given in the Monday evening session. Bold evangelism emphases of the state convention will be presented Tuesday evening.

The evangelism conference is traditionally Kentucky Baptists' largest single meeting of the year apart from the annual state convention.

## After court, score is SWBTS, 1; EEOC, 0

A federal judge in Ft. Worth has ruled the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission does not have jurisdiction over Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

U. S. District Judge Eldon Mahon ruled, following a two-and-a-half year court battle, the EEOC did not have the right to seek employe records at the Southern Baptist institution. The EEOC cannot force the seminary to provide records on the race, sex or salaries of employes, nor can the federal agency take any action against the seminary while enforcing federal laws on discrimination.

EEOC lawyers filed suit in May 1977 when the seminary refused to divulge records on the grounds it would violate First Amendment rights for the separation of church and state. The suit was considered a test case for Southwestern and five other Southern Baptist seminaries in determining how far the EEOC could go in forcing seminaries to comply with federal guidelines against discrimination.

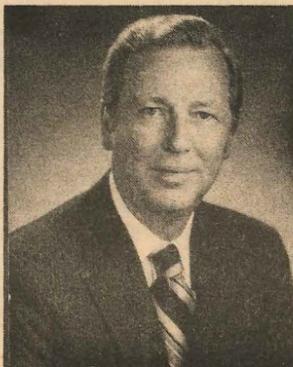
"At this point we do not have any word whether the EEOC will appeal," seminary president Russell H. Dilday Jr. said. "Since any appeal is decided only upon facts already introduced in the suit, we feel confident about positive decisions in any future litigation."

In a trial in March 1979 seminary attorney Jenkins Garrett argued the seminary is a "wholly religious" institution in its purpose and thus is not subject to federal jurisdiction by the agency. EEOC contended the seminary is required to follow federal guidelines because it is an institution of higher education employing more than 15 persons.

Judge Mahon said the wording of the 1967 Civil Rights Act appears to give the EEOC jurisdiction, but he emphasized the operation of a seminary is a "religious activity entitled to the highest degree" of federal protection.



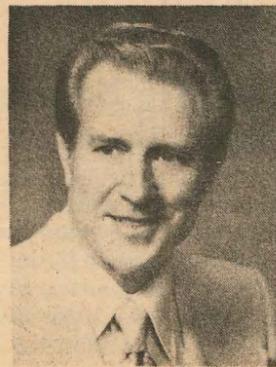
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Earnestly contend for the faith  
which was once for all delivered  
to the saints. — Jude 3

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## Daley Observations

### Inez and Martin County: land of contrasts

It's a land of contrasts—the lofty mountains and the deep valleys, the description-defying beauty and the heart-sickening ugliness, the quick wealth of some and the persistent poverty of others in Appalachia. It still exhibits the handwork of God, its creator, but it is scarred by the ravages of man, its exploiter.

This is Inez and Martin County in far eastern Kentucky. It required a sturdy and strong breed of humanity to first claim it for home 200 years ago and the same humanity is needed today to preserve its beauty and wealth.

I was first introduced to Inez nearly 30 years ago when friendship with Jimmy Williamson, a Georgetown College pre-med student, and his parents, the Russell Williamsons, led to an invitation as high school baccalaureate speaker at Inez and Warfield. The friendship has remained through the years and a January Bible study with Inez Baptists this year has intensified my appreciation and love for the haunting beauty and challenge of these mountains.

One who expects to be overwhelmed with the sight of Appalachian poverty had just as well bypass Inez. Poverty can be seen but high income and affluence are more visible. The one main street through Inez in the morning and evening is as crowded as a city expressway. School buses, automobiles, mammoth trucks, pick-ups and all kinds of four wheel drive vehicles in a never ending line compete for road space in the rush hours. Pedestrians and dogs have it tough in Inez. A common sight all around Inez is \$100,000 plus homes with swimming pools and other luxuries.

This prosperous little town is surrounded by the everlasting hills. It is nestled along a fast flowing creek which at flood times can become an angry river. The creek is fed by little streams coming out of valleys which have been cut into the mountains over the thousands of years. Old timers speak of days when these riverlets were clear as crystal and were inhabited by pleasure giving fish. Now they are dingy and poisoned with silt and acid from strip mining and from the garbage and sewage of thoughtless humans. Nothing lives in them and the music they now make rushing over the rocks is more like the moan of an innocent girl ravished by rape than the lilting song of a maiden in love.

Coal is king in Martin County though natural gas and oil are also under the mountains and are yielding wealth. Coal is not quite the black gold it was because of depressed prices but it is the heart of the mountain economy. It's a kind of heartbreak business. Some get rich, some lose all and some fail only to start over again.

Religion has always been a part of Appalachian culture but churches are more evident in Inez than is transforming religion. The greatest enemies of meaningful religion in the Kentucky mountains are modern materialism and traditional ideas. One of these ideas is that religion is for women and children but not for strong men. Many highly respected and influential community leaders are not professing Christians. They are mostly friendly toward churches and ministers but are difficult to reach for personal faith and identification with the church.

Another challenge in Appalachia is traditional religion which has changed little in 200 years. Most of these indigenous groups go under the names of Freewill, United, Regular or General Baptists. They shun denominational organization, put little emphasis upon religious education (some oppose Sunday schools), depend upon non-trained ministers, have little if any mission outreach and make much use of emotion in worship. Occasionally some of these become Southern Baptists and make good ones but most of them are harder to reach than if they had no religious commitment at all.

Southern Baptists are not newcomers to Inez. A small but determined group organized the Inez Baptist Church in 1903. It remained small many years but these few remained determined and their persistence paid off. In recent years the church has been greatly strengthened by a number of families with community status, marked ability and material resources. For many years the church received mission funds in order to survive. Now it is not only self-supporting but participates strongly in world outreach. With just a few more than a hundred in Sunday school, the 1979 Lottie Moon goal was \$2500 and the goal has been exceeded. Further evidence of the mission mindedness of the congregation is the allocation of 17% of all undesignated offerings for missions through the Cooperative Program.

Hobart Reynolds is the Inez pastor. He and Virginia occupy the comfortable parsonage and have become community as well as church leaders. Hobart seems to know everybody in town and is greatly loved and respected.

The only other Southern Baptist church in Martin County is at Warfield which is a few miles further east near the West Virginia state line. Pastor Jim McGuire, his wife and two children are investing their lives at Warfield. It's an exciting time for Warfield because of new life in the church and a renovation project making a beautiful sanctuary out of the old building.

Hobart and Jim are both seminary graduates and very able preachers and leaders. The future outlook for Southern Baptists in Appalachia is brightened by the ministries of men of such caliber.

### The big lie about liquor

Ordinarily the quality of news reporting in the Louisville Courier-Journal is good but occasionally it reflects a strong bias which is unworthy of a responsible newspaper. Such is the case in a front page article in the Jan. 14 issue.

The lengthy article dwells upon the failure of the law against legal sale of alcoholic beverages in many counties in Kentucky. The article tries

to make readers believe that widespread dishonesty and corruption of public officials is due to this awful law against legal sales of liquor. Areas where sale of alcoholic beverages is legal are pictures as much better off than those where sales are illegal so far as law enforcement and honesty of public officials is concerned.

There's nothing new in this argument but it is the intelligence of the reader. The argument is since all illegal sales of alcoholic beverages cannot be stopped, the law against legal sale is bad and should be abolished.

Where does such logic lead? Apply it to murder. Murder is against the law but in spite of all the efforts of law enforcement officers, murders still take place and are on the increase in many communities. Does this mean since the law against murder doesn't stop all murder, it should be abolished?

The news writer quotes statistics on liquor related arrests in dry counties as proof that the liquor is illegally sold in the dry counties. No doubt some of it is but the fact is drinkers in a dry county ordinarily can easily drive a few miles and buy their drinks in a wet county.

The most absurd of all the arguments against prohibition is it corrupts local officials. The contention is that these officials cannot resist accepting pay offs and bribes in return for winking at violations of the law.

The clear answer to this argument is included in a quote from Pike County commonwealth attorney Paul Runyon which is included in the article. Runyon points out laws don't make officials corrupt. If they are dishonest and crooked, it will be revealed one way or another. If they are honest and straight, liquor sales laws nor anything else will corrupt them.

Advocates of legal sale of alcoholic beverages resort to every conceivable point to make prohibitionists appear dumb and blind. One of their favorite charges is that preachers and bootleggers work together to keep liquor sales illegal because it helps the cause of both. No charge could be a bigger lie.

Preachers and others who oppose legal sales of liquor are concerned about the evil effects of the product, not who profits from the sales. It's blood money whether a law abiding citizen, the state or a bootlegger makes it selling this destructive product.

How any person can justify the sale of such a destructive product is hard to understand. The facts are clear. The per capita annual consumption of alcohol is 52.5 gallons for every American over 14 years old. It is estimated lost production from alcoholism each year is \$19.6 billion, cost to health is \$12.7 billion, cost in violent crime is \$2.8 billion and cost in motor vehicle accidents is \$5.1 billion.

Half of all highway fatalities is due to drinking drivers and alcoholism is the leading cause of death among persons between the ages of 15 to 24.

The basic explanation for the liquor industry and its defense can be put in one word—greed. It is said the gross income of the liquor industry in America is \$38.2 billion a year. This figures out \$4.3 million dollars an hour. As long as it is that profitable, the liquor champions and their lies will be heard in many places including front pages of newspapers.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Room for the inn: court

A six-week effort by advocates of separation of church and state in Denver, Colo. ended in failure when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to reverse a lower court ruling which allowed the city of Denver to display a traditional nativity scene during the Christmas season just passed.

The Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit had ruled earlier the city and county of Denver could leave the nativity scene in place despite a ruling against Denver in a federal district court. That decision held that the display violated church-state separation.

The original suit was filed by a group of Denver residents calling themselves Citizens Concerned for Separation of Church and State. They were supported in the suit by the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Signs up in Ruschlikon

The financially troubled International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland is not yet free of financial woes but the end of 1979 saw its budget in the black.

"The financial problems continue," says J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, "but economizing at the seminary and contributions from European Baptists have relieved some of the financial pressure.

The Foreign Mission Board has agreed to provide the \$300,000 annual subsidy to the seminary's operating budget between 1979-83 with a \$5000 increase each year starting this year.

Currently 53 students are enrolled, about the same as a year ago. Morale among the faculty and students is good, despite fiscal problems and the fact Isam E. Ballenger, a Southern Baptist missionary, has resigned as seminary president effective Apr. 30.

## A dozen ways to witness

A wide range of ambitious goals to help Southern Baptists evangelize the world by the year 2000 will be recommended to messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in June in St. Louis.

The 12 goals, proposed by the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust steering committee for 1982-85, encompass the areas of reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families.

The proposed goals for reaching people call for Southern Baptists to reach 8.5 million persons in Bible study through the Sunday school; baptize 445,000 persons in 1983, 495,000 in 1984 and 560,000 in 1985; organize 1500 new churches; appoint 2554 more missionaries; enlist 300,000 short term mission volunteers; and lead 30,000 churches to increase their percentage of budget giving through the Cooperative Program.

To develop believers Southern Baptists will be asked to involve 35,404 churches in regular prayer support for Bold Mission Thrust, train one million church members to witness and 3.5 million in discipleship and doctrine, involve 1.9 million persons in missions through Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union and lead 20,000 churches to emphasize the development of Christian stewards.

In an effort to strengthen families Southern Baptists will be encouraged to

commit 500,000 family units to family worship and Bible study in their homes and to lead 35,404 churches to provide Christian family enrichment activities to strengthen family relationships and moral values.

## Building for the body

Summer growing pains will come with less-than-usual trauma this year for many Southern Baptist churches. That's because seven volunteers are spending winter and spring months helping congregations plan for facilities that other volunteers will help to build — when warmer weather finally arrives.

The volunteers are construction consultants for the special mission ministries department of the Baptist Home Mission Board. They help churches know the resources available and how to make the best use of them, said Bill Wilson, the board's special mission ministries consultant.

"Last summer, we assigned 86 groups to work on 49 churches all across the United States," he said. "We'll probably send out over 100 groups—1500 people—to about 75 churches this year."

## Colorado chief improving

Glen E. Braswell, executive director-treasurer of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, is recuperating satisfactorily from open heart surgery, report doctors at St. Joseph Hospital, Denver.

Braswell underwent two bypasses Jan. 18 after doctors told him he had a 90 percent blockage in the main artery across his heart.

Recuperation is expected to take at least two months.

## U. S. was warned: Walsh

The American government should not have been surprised at the takeover of the U. S. embassy in Iran because it had plenty of warning before the event took place last Nov. 4, a Southern Baptist clergyman who visited Iran said in Nashville.

John Walsh, Baptist chaplain at Princeton University, said high Iranian leaders told him high American officials were warned by the Iranian government Oct. 9, 1979 and again Oct. 22 that an incident would take place if the deposed shah of Iran entered the United States.

That incident, U. S. leaders were told Oct. 22, would probably involve the U. S. embassy, Walsh related in a question-answer session with some employees of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Walsh was one of a group of seven clergymen invited by Iranian leaders to visit the country Dec. 22 to Jan. 3. During the visit the group met with the students, the Ayatollah Khomeini, two other ayatollahs and the major current and former Iranian officials.

## WMU prices: in a bind

Prices of Woman's Missionary Union magazines will increase effective with July issues.

"Prices have not increased since 1976 but we cannot continue to absorb higher costs of paper, printing, postage and office operations," Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, told the board. "We're giving advance

notice of the increase so churches and individuals may adjust their budgets before the new prices are in effect," she said.

The rate hike affects nine magazines with combined circulation of more than 845,000. "Share," a young periodical aimed at preschool children, is the only magazine not increased. Price of nearly 300 stock literature and supplies items is not affected.

Costs of production in the last budget year exceeded income from sales by more than \$207,000.

Beginning with July issues, "Royal Service," "Nuestra Tarea," "Contempo" and "Accent" leader editions will be priced at \$5 for an annual subscription. "Accent" for members will cost \$4.50. "Dimension," "Discovery," "Aware" and "Start" will be \$4 a year.

## Criswell suffers coronary

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 20,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, is recovering from exhaustion and a mild heart attack which he suffered Jan. 13.

First Baptist Church administrator Charles R. Bristow said the 70-year-old pastor of Southern Baptists' largest congregation is expected to be released from the hospital soon and rest at home for a few weeks.

"At Criswell's current rate of progress, we expect he will be back in the pulpit by Mar. 1," said Bristow. The heart attack "resulted in no change in the function of the heart," he added.

## Women, wide proclaim . . .

A national Women's Concerns Conference will be held May 15-17 at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., featuring a variety of speakers and workshop leaders.

Mrs. Adrian Rogers, wife of the Bellevue pastor and Southern Baptist Convention president, will chair the conference, which expects to attract 3000 participants.

Built around the theme "A Wise Woman Builds," the conference will feature such speakers as Adrian Rogers; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; Elisabeth Elliot, author and speaker; Billie Barrows, speaker and wife of Cliff Barrows, music director for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; Beverly LaHaye, speaker, author and wife of Tim LaHaye, a pastor and president of Family Life Seminars, San Diego, Calif.; Vonette Bright, speaker, author and wife of Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ; and Millie Dienert, speaker, Graham team member and wife of communications executive Fred Dienert.

## Four chances to get ahead

Four simultaneous training opportunities for study in church management, secretary certification, housekeeping and food service will be offered Mar. 24-28 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The church management seminar will study basic management skills of planning, budgeting, personnel administration, office management, committee work, energy conservation and developing a policy manual.

Church secretaries will be given aid in improving their secretarial skills and

their daily job performance.

The church food services seminar provides practical helps in food services policies and procedures, the use of paid and volunteer workers, selection and upkeep of kitchen equipment, planning meals and menus, economy buying, using leftovers, avoiding waste and sharing recipes and shortcuts.

Housekeeping and maintenance personnel will give attention to personnel selection and training, budgeting, purchasing, housekeeping problem areas, proper care of floors and carpets and energy conservation.

## Rogers, SBC on collision?

Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers and at least four other Southern Baptist ministers have joined a larger group of conservative religious spokesmen urging removal of prayer in the schools from the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

Official actions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, however, have upheld U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the past two decades opposing state-supported religion in public schools.

Rogers said, "My involvement is as Adrian P. Rogers. Period. It's not as president of the Southern Baptist Convention or as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church" in Memphis, Tenn.

Also joining in as sponsors of the Coalition for the First Amendment were James Robison, evangelist from Hurst, Tex.; Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas; Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Morris Sheats, pastor of Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Dallas. Other names in the coalition include television evangelists Jerry Falwell of the Old Time Gospel Hour, Pat Robertson of the 700 Club and Jim Bakker of the PTL Club.

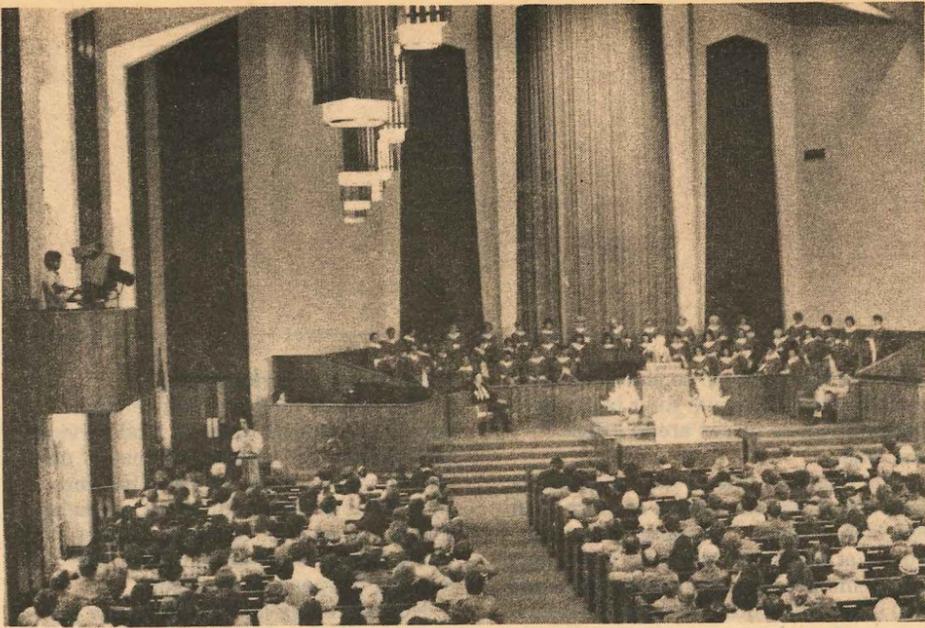
The coalition's effort could result in overturning the effect of two historic Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963, rulings which held that states as local educational units may not write prayers and enforce their repetition nor require religious exercises such as Bible reading or recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently supported the high court position and has fought all efforts to overturn the decisions through the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Baptist Joint Committee executive director James E. Wood Jr. expressed "dismay" and "disappointment" at the news of Rogers' involvement in the prayer effort. He said the SBC president, who is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee by virtue of his position, has "completely repudiated the official resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention."

"Dr. Rogers did not consult with anyone on our staff about the serious First Amendment questions raised by the position of the new coalition," Wood added. Rogers' stance "in fact runs precisely contrary to that taken repeatedly through the years by the Southern Baptist Convention," he said.

Wood promised that "in view of the mandate given us," his agency will continue "a vigorous fight" against "all attempts to undermine the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion by the state."



The camera often focuses upon the congregation while the service is in progress. As pastor John Wood is preaching an interpreter [lower left] is making the message available for the deaf.

## The media is the message

*Can a church successfully program eight hours of TV every week?*

*Paducah First is planning to try*

by Ray Furr, Staff Writer

George Miller is not much for watching television.

"The evening news is about all that's worth watching," said George.

"But one Sunday morning as I passed by the set, I flipped it on. I don't know why, I just did."

The first picture he saw was the morning worship service of Paducah's First Baptist Church. George was reared a Catholic but his needs had not been met. His priest suggested he try another church but he and his wife Alice had not attended any church for a long time.

"I saw George watching the program so I went in and helped him watch it," Alice grinned.

The Millers continued to watch the worship services regularly for six months. Last May they decided to visit the church. They were from out of town and did not know where the church was located. As luck would have it, the couple ended up at a Church of Christ. After those services they obtained directions and still had time to worship with First Baptist.

"I knew from the moment I walked in the front door of the church I was at home," George exclaimed.

In September he became a Christian at 77 years of age. Mrs. Miller, having earlier been a Baptist, also joined the church.



Behind the scene are crew members Phil Hayden [standing] who is training Maurey Dodson [l] as director, Bruce Kersey, color coordinator and Barry Chapman, sound technician.



Alice and George Miller have recently joined Paducah First Baptist through the efforts of the television ministry. "I knew I was at home when I first turned my TV on," said George.

"I can't explain what happened but when I turned on that TV the first time, I believe I experienced something of a little miracle," Miller reflected.

### The beat goes on

George Miller is one of the many who has had a spiritual experience through the television ministry of First Baptist Church, Paducah.

"The church becomes an instrument of the Holy Spirit," explained pastor John Wood. "The television becomes a way by which the church can introduce people to the person of Jesus Christ."

Woods originated the idea of a TV ministry about 10 years ago. He had noted how effective it had been in other Kentucky churches.

"There are thousands of families in our viewing area who never go to church," declared Wood. He shared the idea with associate pastor Bob Kersey. Kersey was receptive. They began exploring possibilities.

The preparatory stages included two years of talking to television experts and salesmen. They interviewed churches all over the nation who were involved in television ministry. Finally, equipment was selected and purchased.

"It took about \$125,000 to buy the equipment but that was eight years ago," Kersey recalled. "The same equipment if bought now would cost between \$250,000 to \$300,000," Barry Chapman believes. Chapman is chairman of the church's television committee.

The first two years were a time of learning and establishing a professional status among the television profession.

A local UHF station allowed the church, sponsored by Coca-Cola, to buy an hour for a special program on Christmas eve. "We knew if we were to get the attention of those outside the church we were going to have to provide an entertaining program," Kersey suggested.

The church hired a professional orchestra which accompanied the Sanctuary Choir and JoySong, a singing group selected from the choir. Kersey also taped professional celebrities for the special.



Bob Kersey [l] associate pastor, and John Wood, pastor, discuss future plans for the television ministry. The church will soon be aired eight hours a week on three television stations.

This program and others which have followed it was successful. The station asked the church to continue the production annually for an hour of commercial free time. Later the local UHF station was discontinued and a VHF cable continued broadcasting the Christmas eve specials and gave the church an hour on Sunday for its morning worship services.

#### Expanding the boundaries

"Television time is extremely hard to get," stated Wood. The church bought a video cassette tape recorder which would enable it to broadcast by delay. Tapes were carried to station KFVS in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The station had never aired a church worship service but station owner Oscar Hirsch allowed First Baptist, Paducah, a trial period. That was four years ago. They're still on every week.

"What I like about television is that it moves the gospel of Christ to thousands," noted Maurey Dodson, a crew member on the church TV committee. "It reaches people who would never step inside the walls of the local church."

The \$21,000-a-year ministry consumes little time outside broadcasting time.

#### Behind the scenes

"We made Barry Chapman chairman of the television committee because he liked electronics," said Kersey. Chapman, a converted radio operator, was sent to school for technical training in television electronics. "There is very little maintenance because we bought good equipment from the start," Chapman explained.

The Sunday morning preparation is really quite simple. Someone turns on the cameras at 8 a.m. so they can warm up. The crew responsible for that Sunday's production comes in at 9:30, adjusts the sound and balances the cameras.

There are four rotating crews which consist of a sound man, director and two cameramen. "We work as many people into the crew as we can," Chapman advised.

One of the most valuable members of the crew is a shut-in. Woody Coots was an active member on the building and grounds committee until he fell from a ladder and injured his spine. "Woody watches every minute of the worship service and if anything goes wrong he immediately informs the crew members," replied Wood.

Of course every successful endeavor is bound to have a few flaws in it. The TV ministry has a shaky camera platform which causes a slight sway in its structure. This tiny movement coupled with the movement of the waves on the camera's screen can make a cameraman dizzy.

One day a man was operating the camera and the movement was a bit too much. He rocked until he became seasick. All of a sudden he fainted and fell shooting the camera straight up focusing upon the ceiling of the church.

"We have been very lucky," admitted Bob Kersey. We have not missed one production or had difficul-

ties which have kept us off the air for more than seconds."

#### Suffer not one

The expense of TV ministry has never interfered with other ministries of the church. "As a matter of fact television has enhanced all the other ministries we have offered," declared Wood. The church is ranked 14th in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program through the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Last year it gave almost \$15,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. It has also built three church buildings in Brazil and five in Kenya, Africa. All of these endeavors are supported by members of the church and those who view the television broadcasts.

#### Ministers to all

Bold missions has become a reality for us," Wood affirmed. "Television has opened up an ecumenical ministry. I receive letters and comments from those of other faiths who cannot go to church because of illness or other reasons. They are so appreciative they can have the opportunity to worship even if it outside their preferred tradition."

Wood insists that all Baptist ordinances and traditions be seen by the home congregation.

"There are people who have never seen a baptism, the Lord's supper or the invitation to join a Baptist church. I think it is necessary that this be made to them," he said.

"We even emphasize stewardship commitment days."

One Illinois shut-in sends a \$1000 check in several times a year because he wants to feel like he is an active part in the church's ministry," informed Kersey.

The church held a world hunger relief emphasis. "One lady wrote, 'I am 73 years of age and have nothing but a Social Security check each month. When you mentioned the cent a meal today for a month for hungry people you are making it where we old people with small incomes can help you. Thank you for giving us all the chance to help give some hungry person a lunch from our table.'"

Television makes its subjects celebrities. Kersey relates an incident where he was visiting hospital patients when a lady who was on a kidney dialysis machine said, "You know me, don't you?"

Kersey looked surprised. "No I don't think so," he replied.

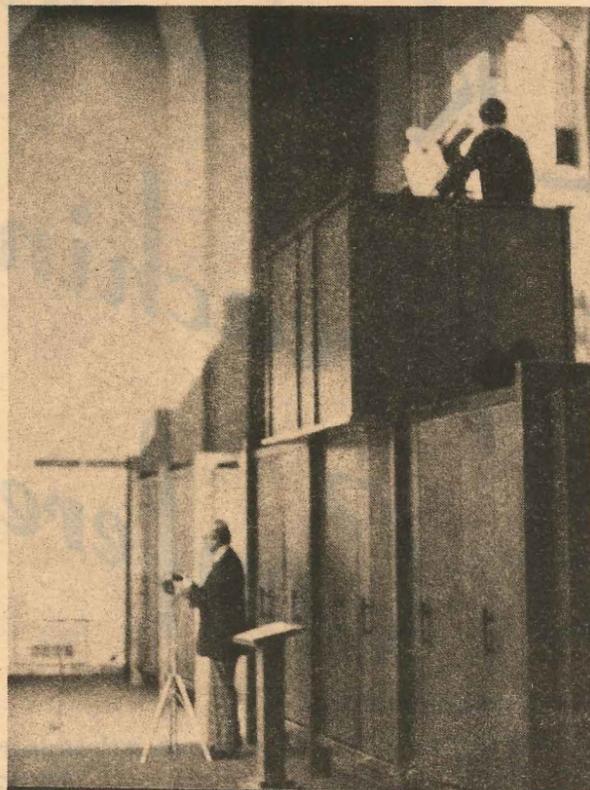
"You ought to, I watch you every Sunday morning," she stated.

#### More to come

"Going on television has done more for the life of our church than any other program in the church," Kersey is convinced. "It gives us a spark of excitement that we are reaching people for Jesus Christ."

Indeed the church is ministering to thousands of viewers in portions of Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas every week. Recently the local public access cable has asked First Baptist to program six hours on Sunday which would total the church's air time to eight hours each week. The church accepted the request and is going to begin broadcasting the evening services and videotapes of *At Home with the Bible*, a program produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board and SBC Radio and Television Commission.

"God has blessed us in a wonderful way," Wood reflected. "I think it's because we have a high level of faith and love in our church. Our people really do care for other people."



Cameraman Charlie Spencer and chief technician Barry Chapman prepare for the morning broadcast by gray scaling or balancing the cameras. The procedure takes about 30 minutes.



Maurey Dodson is one of four directors for the TV ministry. The director has the most difficult job on the crew. He directs the shots of the cameramen and channels the preferred picture for the viewer.

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

**Clement new Madisonville minister**  
Richland Baptist Church, Madisonville, has called William A. Clement as pastor. Clement is a sophomore at Madisonville Community College.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Clement, Kentucky missionaries to Ecuador for 10 years.

Clement is married to the former Ave Jean Bolin of Russell Springs.

### Creswell calls Moody as pastor

Thomas M. Moody has accepted the pastorate of Creswell Baptist Church, Fredonia. He came to Creswell from Repton Baptist Church, Marion.

Moody has pastored several churches in Kentucky and Indiana.

He has attended Clear Creek Bible School, Paducah Community College and Morehead State University.

He and his wife Shirley have four children.

### Bearfields called to N. C. church

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bearfield will become minister of music and church organist at First Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C. Feb. 1. They have worked in a similar position at the Mills Home Baptist Church, Thomasville, N. C., since 1970.

Bearfield, a native of Benton, Ky., is a graduate of Georgetown College and holds two advanced degrees from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Bearfield is a native of North Carolina. She graduated from Furman University and has been church organist in a number of churches.

The Bearfields have two children, Leigh Ellen, 16, and Nathan, 12.

### Allen goes to Central Baptist

Henry B. 'Jackie' Allen Jr. began his ministry in January at Central Baptist Church, Winchester, as minister of education. Allen, a native of Greensboro, N. C., received the MRE from Southern Seminary. Allen has worked in churches in Greensboro, Louisville and in Florence, S. C.

He is married to Kathy Morton, a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Tennessee. She has an MRE from Southern Seminary and has taught in public schools.

Ron Stone is the pastor.

### Bleakleys to Pikeville First

Pikeville First Baptist Church recently called John and Yvonne Bleakly as ministers of education and music.

Bleakly is a graduate of University of Texas and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Mrs. Bleakly is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville. They both hold music degrees from Southern Seminary.

## Congregations

### Kentuckian denominational writer

James H. Cox, associate editor of Western Recorder, has contributed to several denominational periodicals recently.

He wrote daily devotionals for the American Baptist publication, *The Secret Place*, for the period Jan. 14-20.

He is the author of "Calling on the Colonel" in January and "State Parks: 1460 Inexpensive Ideas for Memorable Vacations" in February, both in *Mature Living*, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Cox has contributed four articles for



Bleakleys



Allen



Crismon

February 1980 issues of *Adventure*, published by the Sunday School Board, and is the author of a 16-page planning guide included in three lines of Vacation Bible School curriculum for 1980—for younger, middle and older children.

### Hospital auxiliary conducts drive

The Louisville Baptist Hospitals' Auxiliary is now conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is open to all adult men and women and the annual dues are \$1.00. The auxiliary not only provides volunteer services in the hospitals but provides funds to assist in purchasing needed and costly equipment for both hospitals in Louisville.

Persons interested should contact the director of volunteers at Highlands Baptist Hospital or Baptist Hospital East for full information.

### Crismon appointed chairman

Leo T. Crismon, former librarian at Southern Seminary and present Kentucky member of the SBC Historical Commission, has been appointed chairman for Kentucky in the production of Volume IV of the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*.

Crismon was named by Franklin Owen, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He will be responsible for selection of topics and appointment of writers.

Volume IV is scheduled for publication by Broadman in 1982.

### Davis couple appointed by HMB

John and Doris June Davis of Jefferson-town were among 71 persons appointed to missions service during the January executive committee meeting of the Baptist Home Mission Board.

They will serve in Marnet and Clay City, Va., where he will be a missionary associate in the HMB Church Extension Division's church planter apprentice program.

Davis is a 1979 graduate of Southern Seminary.

### Mission organized into church

The mission of DeHaven Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, was formally organized into LaGrange Heights Baptist Church Dec. 2.

Henry Beach is pastor at LaGrange Heights.

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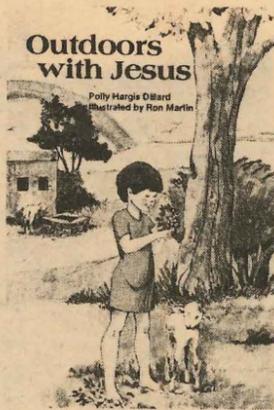
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**John 5:2-15** Our Lord attended a feast of the Jews in Jerusalem, knowing the event would afford him opportunities for doing good to those in attendance.

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II. The patients: The roofs of the five porches around the pool protected the sick from the rays of the sun and from the rain while they were awaiting the moving of the waters. On the sabbath that Christ visited Bethesda a gathering of afflicted people were assembled along the five porches. Those invalids, who were so anxious to get rid of their maladies, gazed at the waters, and each time they bubbled a flash of hope came to them.

Among those was a man who had suffered from a disabling infirmity for 38 years. This pathetic figure, lying there within sight of the pool, suffered the agony of being unable to reach it in time and then seeing others, far less needy, snatch the boon of healing from before his eyes.

III. The physician: Christ, the great physician, went to the place where this patient and numerous others were to bless them. Regardless of whether human suffering was physical, mental or spiritual, Christ is delighted to alleviate suffering, restore health and present salvation to the needy. Christ asked the man if he would really like to be made well. When he signified his willingness and desire to be healed, Christ challenged the man's faith, saying, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Because Christ's command is his enablement, this afflicted man was cured immediately, and he took up his bed and walked.

IV. When the Jews saw the man carrying his bed on the sabbath they objected, and sought to discover who had healed him. As soon as the man's physician was identified, the Jews persecuted the saviour and tried to slay him.

## Growth proportions

# Frank Owen

Kentucky Baptists have been giving to the Cooperative Program at an increasing rate for a goodly number of years. It is such giving all over that enables Southern Baptists to continue increasing its world mission force. A few days ago I asked our business office to research the proportions in which we have allocated these increased Kentucky receipts to different causes since the present administration came to office. All of our different causes have a proportionate relationship to each other and where we expand most must be weighed in light of the needs and the times in which we live.

Our programs and agencies vary greatly in size, so about the only way to index relative growth proportions is by percentages. Your administration currently is working on budget projections and perspective proportions come into focus as we prayerfully try to arrive at budget recommendations.

The overall Kentucky convention budget has grown 114% in eight years. This throws some light on how very high is the Southern Baptist goal to double receipts between the years 1977 and 1982. It requires 15% increase per year. This can't be done by the state or Southern Convention. It has to be done in the churches where the giving takes place and where the mission sharing decisions are made.

During our state's 114% budget growth, I find that we have increased the Kentucky share of the budget only 102% while a 140% increase has gone to the Southern Convention from Kentucky.

From the above decreasing percentage that we have kept for ourselves in Kentucky we have increased Cooperative Program allocations to Kentucky causes as follows: Western Recorder 155%, executive board departments and programs 126%, WMU 125%, Christian Education 90%, Child Care 26% and Baptist hospitals 0%.

Out of the 102% increase for ourselves in Kentucky we have increased Baptist Building department employees' salaries 96% (not quite up to the cost of living increase over the same space of time). Despite this increase the percentage of funds available to our Baptist Building departments that is used for salaries has been reduced from 44% to 38%.

# Ethnicity

## Los libros en Español innovative, creative idea, colporteur discovers

by Charles Willis

Southern Baptists needing literatura, Biblicas, tratados, comentarios, himnarios and discos, among other items are finding the Libreria Bautista in El Paso, Tex. their best source for shopping in person or by mail.

Libreria Bautista is Spanish for Baptist Book Store and the items one may purchase there include literature, Bibles, tracts, commentaries, hymnals and records.

Under the direction of manager J. D. Dawson the store has grown from its beginning in 1973 to a position as the central mail order source for Southern Baptist-produced Spanish materials.

"I had just started coming into this area to bring exhibits of vacation Bible school materials to meetings," said Dawson, who was in early 1973 manager of the Lubbock, Tex. store. "I was approached about coming to El Paso to open a new store, partly because of my Spanish-speaking ability."

Dawson had learned Spanish as his first language while living in old Mexico 15 years. His parents, medical missionaries, had a rule that one day of the week no one would speak anything but English in the home. Upon their return to Texas the rule was reversed to one day of nothing but Spanish in the home. Dawson was deeply rooted in the language and the customs of Spanish-speaking people.

When the Baptist Sunday School Board purchased the El Paso Bible Book Store Dawson began the task of establishing a ministry to the Spanish-speaking, Southern Baptist-style.

Seven years later the record of the El Paso Baptist Book Store and J. D. Dawson is one of success, innovation and creativity.

The production of a catalog of Spanish materials and order blanks in Spanish, solicitation of literature orders,

merchandising a mix of both Spanish and English materials on one sales floor and influence in the start of a project to provide Bible cassettes in Spanish are but a few of the projects of Dawson and the book store staff.

A new Baptist Hymnal in Spanish was published in July 1978 and Dawson was the main coordinator in merchandising, working with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, The Texas Mexican Baptist Convention and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. Sales for the hymnal were approximately \$53,000 from July 1978 to August 1979.

Bibles in Spanish are a popular item for the El Paso store and Dawson boasts the "biggest Bible selection of any store in El Paso." In addition to choosing just the right product mix for his own store Dawson has coordinated the product mix in other Texas Baptist book stores, offering suggestions on items to stock for Spanish-speaking customers.

A firm believer in giving service to the customer, Dawson is aware of the influence of his staff on "people who won't walk into a church but who will come in here looking for something."

"I've enlarged my ministry since I've been here because I've used my knowledge of the Spanish language and the customs of the Spanish-speaking people," he said.

"I think we're going to continue to see a good upward trend in Spanish-speaking people buying from Baptist Book Stores. A year ago one could rarely find cards, gifts, plaques or other materials in Spanish. Now we offer quite a variety of these items," Dawson said.

As one who views his work as a ministry Dawson observes "we're just on the surface of the work we can do with Spanish-speaking people, and today we're really getting in touch with our Spanish-speaking customers."



Buddy Griffin

## Pickin' and grinnin'

### Christians make beautiful music with joy inside and a four-string

by Jerilynn W. Armstrong

He's a banjo strummer from Houston, Tex. and he and his Bayou Banjo Club are appearing on the NBC television program, "Real People," tentatively scheduled for March.

Buddy Griffin, minister of Christian recreation at First Baptist Church, Houston, began playing the banjo 20 years ago.

"One day while I was walking along I heard someone playing the banjo. I thought it sounded so good I immediately went to Sears and Roebuck and bought myself one," Griffin said.

Griffin strums a four-string tenor banjo and plays gospel, Dixieland jazz, ragtime and classical music.

The Bayou Banjo Club was formed by Griffin 12 years ago when three mutual banjo enthusiasts began playing with him in his home. Since that time the band has grown to 26 men who are constantly in demand in the Houston area and throughout the country.

"Although the group is not billed as Christian entertainment, wherever I go I lift up the name of Jesus Christ since I consider myself primarily a Christian performer," Griffin said.

The Bayou Banjo Club was discovered in the summer of 1979 after NBC

saw them on a local television show.

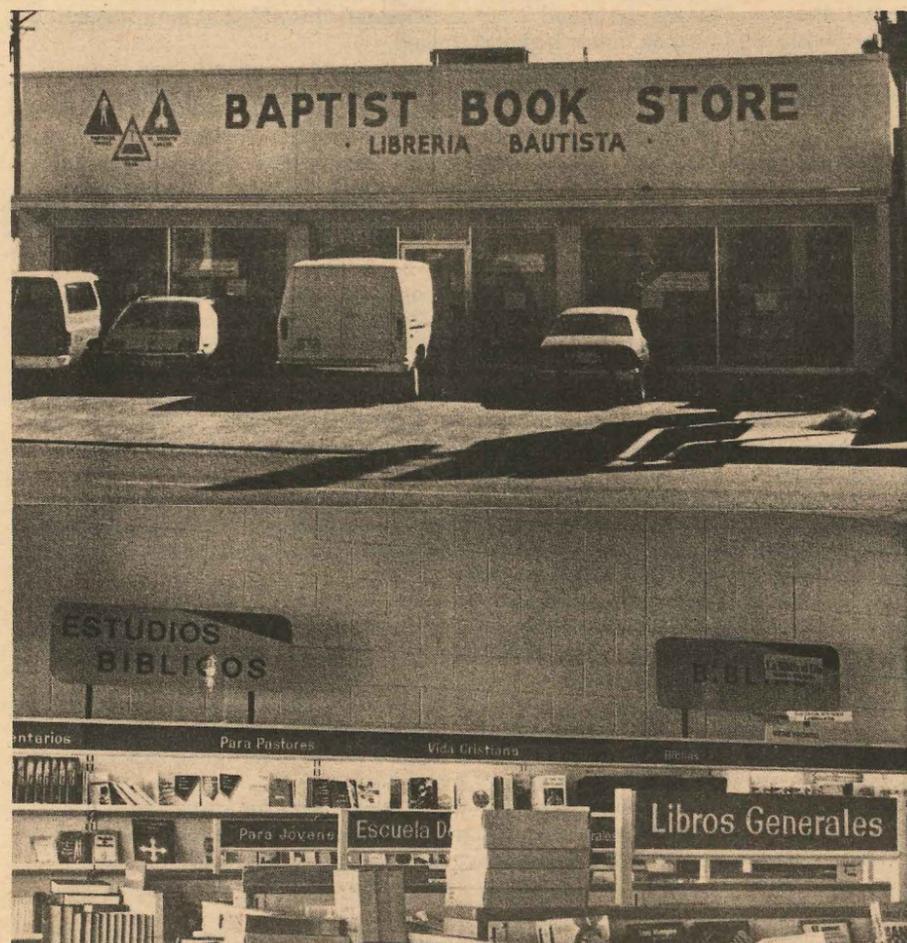
"I was later contacted by a representative of 'Real People' while attending Glorieta with my young people this summer," he said. "At first I thought it was a joke but the television crew came to Houston July 4 and taped our band in Sam Houston Park."

Besides his participation with the banjo club he also teaches banjo and guitar to church members and last summer traveled with his youth choir and a 20-piece guitar and banjo group throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

"Instruments can be a real ministry," Griffin said. "During our 16-day tour overseas the banjos and guitars attracted people who otherwise would never stop and listen. We plan to make a similar trip with our adult choir this summer."

A veteran of Acteens, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and other church banquets, Griffin will soon release an album, "For Heaven's Sake, A Banjo." The album will include both Christian and secular music.

"All the profits from the record will go to First Baptists' family life center because this is God's banjo and I want the money to be used to his glory," said Griffin.



Libreria Bautista, the Baptist Book Store in El Paso, is a popular source of religious materials printed in Spanish. A look inside shows the sales floor featuring a wide selection of Spanish items.