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Kentuckians critically ill upon mission tour return

One member of a volunteer evangelistic team is listed in critical condition suffering from cerebral malaria and another team member has received medical treatment following their return from Nigeria.

Milford Doss Jr., a layman in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky., became seriously ill following his Jan. 18 return from a 22-day visit in Nigeria. In the intensive care unit of the University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Doss is unconscious with a high fever.

Another team member Wiley B. Faw Jr. has been ill with a fever and is expected to be hospitalized. Faw, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Co., Ky., is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Wiley B. Faw Sr. of Gombe, Nigeria.

Missionary Faw and C. E. Jacobs, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Somerset, coordinated the trip. The seven-member team assisted with evangelism projects in Gome, in the northeastern part of Nigeria, east of Jos, and in Kafanchan, south of Jos, from Dec. 27-Jan. 17.

Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, said cerebral malaria is the more serious type of the disease that affects the brain functions and has a higher mortality rate than the more common type of malaria.

He said there have been no reports from the field any Southern Baptist missionaries have had similar problems.

Western Recorder readers may wish to pray for Doss and Faw and their families.



And the beat goes on

These teenagers relate to "Black Beat," a half-hour radio program specifically for black audiences. Formerly "SoulSearcherS," the program produced by the SBC Radio-TV Commission was updated in title and format in January. "Black Beat" plays music blacks enjoy and addresses problems and interests of blacks attempting to communicate moral and ethical values.

What can save the day? Relief is on the way!—Evangelism resources

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Jay Brown exuded confidence as he extolled the evangelism resource session on the opening day of the state evangelism conference.

The resource session at 10 a.m. Feb. 25 is set for Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Brown, evangelism director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, emphasized that this one session "will cover everything we have available to offer a church to equip it for its task of winning and developing the lost."

He included lay led revivals, the Sunday school's role, renewal, discipleship, lay evangelism schools, Tell witness training, Church Training equipping centers and similar denominational programs.

Speakers for the 10 a.m. session include Forrest Sawyer, director of the KBC Brotherhood Department; Fred Halbrooks, director of the KBC Sunday School Department; Ed McCreary, renewal consultant, New Albany, Ind.; and Brown. The session will adjourn in time for participants to go out for lunch and return for the evangelism conference's first general meeting at 1:45 p.m. Additional sessions are scheduled at 6:45 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m., 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. All are programed at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Who should attend the early morning evangelism resource session?

Brown smiled. "Everybody. Just everybody," he underscored.

"There will be something at that time for pastors, for associational missionaries, for laymen and for all church staff members—particularly youth and educational directors. What we cover in this preconference session won't be said again anywhere else in our two-day program. It's imperative for any church that wants the help."

Principal speakers for the evangelism conference, announced earlier, include Charles Carter, pastor, Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Ron Dunn, evangelist, Irving, Tex.; Joe Ford, director, Evangelism Development Division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; J. Alvin Hardy, vice president for development, Campbellsville (Ky.) College; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville; and Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Inflation

An unfair rate of exchange

by Jim Newton

A devastating combination of overseas inflation and devaluation of the dollar is threatening to squeeze the financial life blood out of Southern Baptist foreign missions.

That combination, plus a lack of "bold giving" by Southern Baptists, is also jeopardizing the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust plan to share the gospel with every person on the earth by the year 2000.

While Americans have been staggered by an inflation rate of more than 13 percent during 1979 astronomical inflation levels overseas have created financial havoc for many SBC foreign missions projects.

DBC only Texas school requiring statement

President W. Marv Watson of Dallas Baptist College said his emphasis on making the school a "distinctively" Christian one and requiring faculty, staff and trustees to sign a statement of their beliefs and practices is meant to tell parents of prospective students and students themselves "what they can expect" from the college.

Presidents of other Texas Baptist colleges and universities said they have no intention of following Watson's lead in signing such a statement, however. Although they defended any college's right to do as it pleases, two indicated they felt such a requirement would have the effect of making their institutions less "distinctively Christian and be a violation of Baptist principles."

Though none requires faculty or staff to sign a statement of beliefs, all said they interview faculty members personally before employment and religious beliefs and practices are carefully scrutinized.

Watson acknowledged criticism of his action in some quarters but said it apparently has had no effect on contributions. "We raised more money in December and January than the previous 12 months," he said.

The problem is so critical it prompted R. Keith Parks, the new executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, to tell Birmingham pastors recently Bold Mission Thrust will not succeed if the present trends continue.

"We're not going to get there at the rate we are going," Parks said frankly. "Last year, gifts increased 7.8 percent, but worldwide inflation, compounded by dollar devaluation overseas, averaged 27 percent." Therefore, Parks said, Southern Baptists have lost "approximately 20 percent in buying power worldwide" in just one year.

"I'm convinced Southern Baptists will respond if they have the facts," Parks said in an interview. "I don't believe Southern Baptists want to draw back during a time when we are on the verge of what I believe is our greatest breakthrough."

Parks observed most Americans seem to be so caught up in their own inflation problems they are not aware of what is happening in the rest of the world.

"We stagger under 13 percent annual inflation here when several countries have 30 to 40 percent inflation," he said.

Spiraling inflation has caused some missionaries to change their eating habits, using less meat and more fresh vegetables and fruits. Car pools are springing up in overseas settings as well as in the United States.

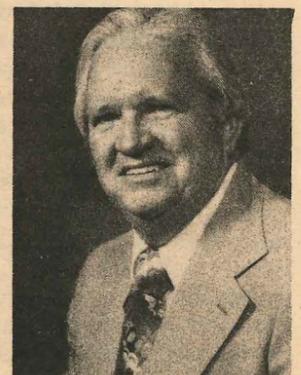
Parks said the rampant inflation overseas has made it necessary for many of the budgets of Southern Baptist mission organizations in 94 countries around the world to be slashed. It also has created critical problems at the Foreign Mission Board in projecting budgets for 1980.

During the 10-year period May 1969-May 1979 the number of missionaries appointed by the board increased more than 22 percent while inflation rose more than 96 percent.

Those two factors combined show a need for more than 140 percent in budget increases during the 10 years to maintain the increased number of missionaries and their work. Giving to foreign missions during that period actually climbed 118.5 percent.



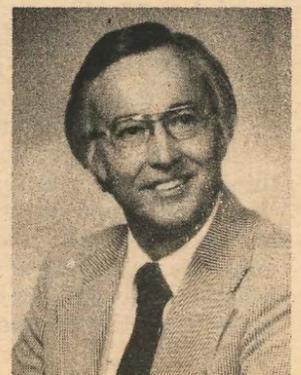
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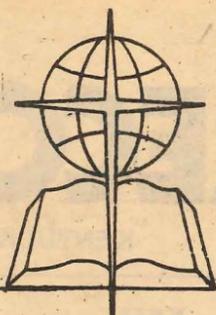
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Brown

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

A report to Western Recorder owners

This is not intended as a sob story though it may well sound like one. Rather it is a report of the editor and the directors of the Western Recorder on the stewardship entrusted them by Kentucky Baptists. The Western Recorder belongs to Kentucky Baptists who have entrusted its management to 12 directors who select and direct staff members of the publication.

The Western Recorder as well as many other state papers has fallen upon hard times in recent years. The Kentucky paper has always had something of a hand-to-mouth existence but of late the hand has had a harder and harder time finding enough to satisfy the mouth.

It's a matter of simple economics. Our income has not kept pace with our expenses. Consequently we have had a deficit operation for the last four years. Fortunately we have cut corners and redirected some resources and so far have stayed out of debt. However, the handwriting on the wall is plain. We cannot continue indefinitely the way we have been going without serious financial trouble.

Western Recorder directors and the editor are fully aware of the situation and are taking responsible steps to meet the situation. The first of these steps was taken two years ago when we changed from a magazine to a tabloid format with a saving of \$10,000 a year. We have discontinued using color except on rare occasions and we restrict most issues to eight pages instead of the 12 pages we would like every week. We are using the most economical newsprint that is acceptable.

But even with these savings we could not have come this far without the generosity of Dr. Owen and Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board members. As Dr. Owen pointed out in his column last week, appropriations for the Western Recorder have been increased by 155% in the last eight years. Without this kind of consideration I dread to think where we might be.

While this kind of help is generous and sounds like favored treatment, it still doesn't match the phenomenal costs and increased percentages we have had to cope with. It so happens that those things for which we have to pay have skyrocketed more than some others.

Our resources go almost exclusively for four things: salaries, printing, paper and postage. We haven't gone overboard in salaries. We have had no increases in years except cost of living adjustments and these have not kept pace with inflation. This year for example, our adjustments are 7% while the 1979 inflation rate was 13.3%.

The printer of our paper says in the last eight years printing costs have risen 101% and paper

has gone up 108%.

The biggest culprit of all is postage. Since 1972 our postage for mailing the Western Recorder has risen a phenomenal 957% or from \$7,686 to \$67,000.

The state paper will survive somehow. It must. The question is how and this needs a hard look.

I have a strong feeling that the state convention is doing its part to make available to Baptists in Kentucky a state paper at a very modest cost to churches and individuals (\$3.25 church budget rate, \$4.25 individuals). The churches should be willing to bear more of the load but with every small increase in rates we lose subscriptions because churches are not willing to pay half as much for the state Baptist paper as their members pay for the local county paper.

This is false economy. Many pastors who have observed the effects of a state paper upon church families over the years testify that the increased response of members in interest and contributions from reading the paper far exceeds the investment.

We desperately need to increase circulation of the Western Recorder and we have worked hard for this. In the last two years we have added 19,889 subscribers. That's good news but the bad news is we had 18,786 cancellations during the same two years. That's one of my biggest disappointments as editor. Think of the time, effort and money spent in gaining that many new subscribers only to lose an almost equal number. It would be wonderful if we could have netted half the number of these new subscribers.

We are not giving up in the least. We are determined to work harder to produce a better product for more and more Baptists in Kentucky. In fact, our goal is to make the paper so useful that it will be indispensable for churches and concerned Baptists in Kentucky.

Pray for us and help the Lord answer our prayers.

Guest Editorial

Look where Holiday Inns are going

by Richard T. McCartney,
Editor, Oklahoma Baptist Messenger

The opportunity for high profits often causes high ideals to be sidetracked. Apparently the desire for higher profits has caught up with the Holiday Inn hotel chain. In the process many of the ideals of the founders have been cast aside.

Founded by Southern Baptist laymen and for many years controlled by Christian men on the board of directors, Holiday Inns Inc. has decided the way to maximize profits is at the gambling tables.

The company has decided to turn its Las Vegas Inn into a casino-style hotel. Formerly it was the only major hotel in Las Vegas without slot machines in the lobby, and without a gambling casino occupying the ground floor. Chaplain-on-call James Reid said it was the only major hotel in the city where a man could bring his family "and never expose them to gambling."

Victor Bushman, the innkeeper, said, "We won't be a family type hotel much longer."

Renovation already is underway to turn the lobby area into the entrance to a large casino next door to the Holiday Inn. The parent company has bought a substantial interest in the casino.

In addition the corporation is planning to build two casino-hotels in Atlantic City, N. J., the east coast gambling mecca. They are looking for another location in Las Vegas. Efforts have been announced to buy for \$300 million Harrah's, which operates hotels and casinos in Reno and Lake Tahoe, Nev.

After an internal struggle which resulted in resignations of several more conservative board members the chairman and chief executive officer, Roy Winegardner, gained unanimous approval of the board to launch into the gambling business. "We wanted to reshape Holiday Inns into a growth company," he said.

You can expect mounting pressure to legalize gambling in the non-gambling states with the entrance of such a respected name into the casino business. Participation of Holiday Inns will lend a semblance of legitimacy to this seamy business that draws organized crime like syrup draws flies.

We have come a long way since the first Holiday Inn was built in Memphis, Tenn. so traveling families would have a suitable place to stay. We think it's a long way down the wrong road.

Baptist Forum

Thanks for the Word

Several months ago I wrote you concerned about the lack of Bibles in the Philippines. You published my letter in Western Recorder and the response was gratifying.

Through the sacrificial giving of many churches in Kentucky I have collected approximately 1500 Bibles. These Bibles are now on the way to the Philippines. Southern Baptist missionaries will direct the task of distributing the Bibles.

I was truly blessed to have been involved in this project. I was shown again that when a particular need arises, Southern Baptists are there to respond quickly, unselfishly and with Christian love for the less fortunate.

I would like to thank the many people who responded to this project. If I neglected to thank anyone who collected Bibles for this project then I would like to do so here.

Larry Rowell, Louisville

... And ye gave me meat

I just wanted to write you a follow-up on our program to match Lottie Moon gifts with an equal amount to world hunger. The matching money was to come from the church treasury. Our goal was \$600. You predicted we would make our goal and have the largest December offerings ever.

You were right! December was the best financial month in the history of the church. Our people exceeded our Lottie Moon goal by 50% raising \$920. We just sent the largest check to the Cooperative Program in the history of the church. In addition, attendance was up. Many people reported that they gave more to Lottie Moon this year because of the matching funds for world hunger.

You also predicted we would have our merriest Christmas ever. You were correct there also. For all this we praise the Lord.

I would recommend this program to all our sister churches as a way to boldly minister to the world.

Tom Stokes, Pastor,
Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Cecilia

Baptist News in Brief

A renaissance in religion?

A global "spiritual awakening" is the world's only hope of the 1980s, said Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission on the ABC-TV news religious-cultural series, "Directions."

In a half-hour discussion with Herbert Kaplow, ABC news Washington correspondent, Allen said the "spiritual malaise," or lack of religious concern, of the '70s was leading to a "new enthusiasm for religion" in the '80s. This spiritual awakening, "evidenced by the number of people of all ages examining spiritual values as the base root of their lives," is emerging in both domestic and foreign policy, he said.

U. S. garbage would feed Indian nation

"If we could have what the United States throws away we wouldn't have hunger and no one would be without shelter and clothes," says an Indian seminary student.

The average income in Halingham's Haokip's state of Manipur, India, is five dollars a month, says the former general secretary of the Kuki Baptist Convention. Haokip, now a student in the doctor of ministry program at Southern Seminary, says most of the workers in his country are untrained.

"My concern is to upgrade my people," he says. "We need more practical approaches. The churches are struggling to exist."

His people are members of the Kuki tribe and make up 280 churches in Manipur where about 1.4 million citizens fight continually to ward off starvation and to find shelter.

Haokip came from an obscure village three days from the nearest market where Christianity and education were feared.

"When a child goes to school, he can't help his father in the fields. And when a person becomes a Christian, he becomes an outcast," he says.

Mrs. Pollard succumbs

Mrs. Ramsey Pollard, wife of Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1960-62, died Jan. 27 in a nursing home in Memphis, Tenn. She was 76.

Mrs. McLemore killed

Funeral services were held in Clinton, Miss. for Mrs. R. A. McLemore, who died Jan. 24 of injuries received when she stepped in front of a car after leaving services at First Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., Jan. 20. Burial was in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mrs. McLemore, 79, was curator of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Collection at Mississippi College, Clinton, and the widow of R. A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College, 1957-68.

Pennies for heaven

When V. Allen Gaines asked his congregation for pennies, he had no idea he would get more than \$1500 for world hunger.

Gaines, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and

pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Newport News, proposed in a sermon that his people save one cent per meal from October until the end of the year.

Once the appeal was made the pennies started coming in and they are still coming in. So far church members have counted \$1526.51. Some people brought in quart jars and gallon jugs filled with pennies they had been saving for years and the church got one check from Florida.

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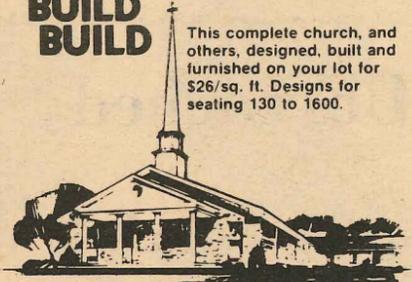
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Unreached

How shall they hear?

In Madisonville, they

pick up the telephone

by Ray Furr, Staff Writer



"Why in the world would anyone keep a pair of white mice in a church office?"

That is the first question I asked Mary Branson, director of children's work, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, when I entered her office and spied the little critters.

"Oh, they give the children reason to come into my office," she laughed. "Children will come in and play with the mice for awhile and when they feel comfortable around me they will ask, 'Mrs. Branson, how do you become a Christian?'"

Mary has a unique way of ministering to children. "She is one of the most creative persons I have ever met," commented Polly Dillard, preschool and children's consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

For instance, Mrs. Branson originated the Dial-a-Bible Story ministry. It began about two years ago when she joined the staff at First Baptist.

"I thought of the idea long before I became director of children's work," she asserted. It stemmed from the reality that there are thousands of boys and girls who will never hear the gospel. There must be a way to reach them," she thought.

Finally the idea clicked from seeing a Dial-a-Devotion advertisement in the newspaper.

"The problem with devotions is they are opinions and many parents will not allow their children to listen to opinions," Mrs. Branson assured. Dial-a-Bible Story is not an opinion, it is a paraphrasing of scripture and very few adults would hinder their children from listening to a Bible narrative.

After gaining the approval of the church, Mary selected an answering service from the telephone company which would record three-minute messages. The installation and the recorder together cost about \$40 a month. The material for the Bible stories was easy to find. "Every church has some old teacher's Sunday school quarterlies for younger children (Bible Learners) lying around somewhere." These lessons are simple and can easily be recorded in three minutes. All one needs to do is obtain permission from the Sunday School Board for using their material and give them the proper credit on the recording.

Mrs. Branson concludes all of her Bible stories with: "This story is based on scripture reference and is from Bible Learner: Teacher, copyright Sunday



Mary Branson, director of children's work at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, records Bible stories three times a week for Dial-a-Bible Story. The ministry has been best received by children and senior adults.

School Board and is used by permission. This is First Baptist Church. Thank you for calling our Dial-a-Bible Story."

Recording is also very simple. It is like talking into a tape recorder. Mrs. Branson does most of the recordings but occasionally she will ask guest speakers to help her.

The stories are changed three times a week. Sometimes Mary will string a series of stories about a particular biblical character. "I have often interrupted these series but someone will usually let me know when I have diverged from the series," she exclaimed.

Following several months of a trial period it became apparent that it was still confined within the boundaries of the church. So she had several thousand business cards printed with the words: Dial-a-Bible Story, three minute recorded Bible story, the telephone number, First Baptist Church and a picture of a telephone.

"Promotion is the most time consuming part of the ministry," said Mrs. Branson. "You have to constantly keep people reminded or they'll forget." She publicizes Dial-a-Bible Story by distributing the business cards and mimeographed handbills in stores, the church and rest homes.

For about nine dollars a day the church placed a small advertisement in the local newspaper.

The ministry has had amazing results. "We had the telephone company evaluate the effectiveness of the new endeavor," she informed. "They estimated between 1000 to 1200 calls were attempted a month but did not get through because the line was busy. Children do, too the only ones who call for the Bible stories. Adults do, too. Especially those who cannot read because of vision disability or some other reasons."

There was a Vietnamese family in Madisonville who used the recording as a tool for learning English.

Dial-a-Bible Story is also effective in promoting special events at the church such as vacation Bible school and revivals. "Last year was the first year we used the recordings to promote VBS and our attend-



Promotion has been a key factor for the success of Dial-a-Bible Story. Mrs. Branson spends much of her time publicizing the two-year-old ministry.

ance was up 90% over the previous year. It was the most we have had in the last 10 years," Mary said excitedly.

"Dial-a-Bible Story has become a manner in which the church can witness to hundreds in an effective yet non-threatening way. I certainly hope more churches will see the possibilities it can have for reaching people for Jesus Christ."

Mom's Day Out

What's a mother to do? Some send 'em to church

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

Southern Baptists are concerned with meeting the needs of people and are constantly striving to develop programs to meet the various needs of individuals.

One such program, Mother's Day Out, is an outreach ministry to mothers with preschool age children.

Camouflaged under names as Tend-a-Tot and Mom's Day these different programs give mothers time to do the things they could not do with a preschool child. The program also gives mothers the assurance their children are being well cared for and have an opportunity to be with children their own age.

Research has shown games and activities, like those promoted for Mother's Day Out programs, for preschool children aid social development, muscular growth and self control. A Christian atmosphere can provide the spiritual growth needed for total development.

Each program is structured to meet the needs of the individual church.

Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, has had a Mother's Day Out program for four years. It began when several of the church parents started taking their children to

similar programs sponsored by other churches.

Rockford Lane operates its program two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for the program, which does not operate during the summer, begins in May and continues through the summer until they reach a maximum of 60 students.

Mrs. Mary Cox, who coordinates the Rockford Lane program, states they usually have to turn down several requests each year.

Rockford Lane charges \$11 per month if a child attends once a week and \$22 per month if he attends both weekly sessions. Only children 18 months through school age and who are advance registered may attend. Mothers are asked to send a sack lunch. Drinks are provided.

The program is self-supporting and staffs six paid workers.

Mrs. Cox explained religion is not pushed, but parents are told their children will be taught Bible stories and memory verses. She estimates they have more non-Baptists enrolled than they do Baptist children.

The Tend-a-Tot program of Seven Hills Baptist Church, Owensboro, is held Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tend-a-Tot, which only oper-

ates during the school year, is directed by Mrs. Gayle Hayden, the church's nursery coordinator.

Seven Hills requires no advance registration and accepts children infant to age 5. Prior to its opening each fall leaflets are distributed throughout the neighborhood to inform parents of this service available to them.

Seven Hills, which averages 15 to 20 children per week, charges \$1.00 per day per child or \$1.25 per family if there is more than one preschool age child. The church furnishes milk and parents are asked to send a lunch with their child.

The staff consists of three paid workers and two alternating volunteers.

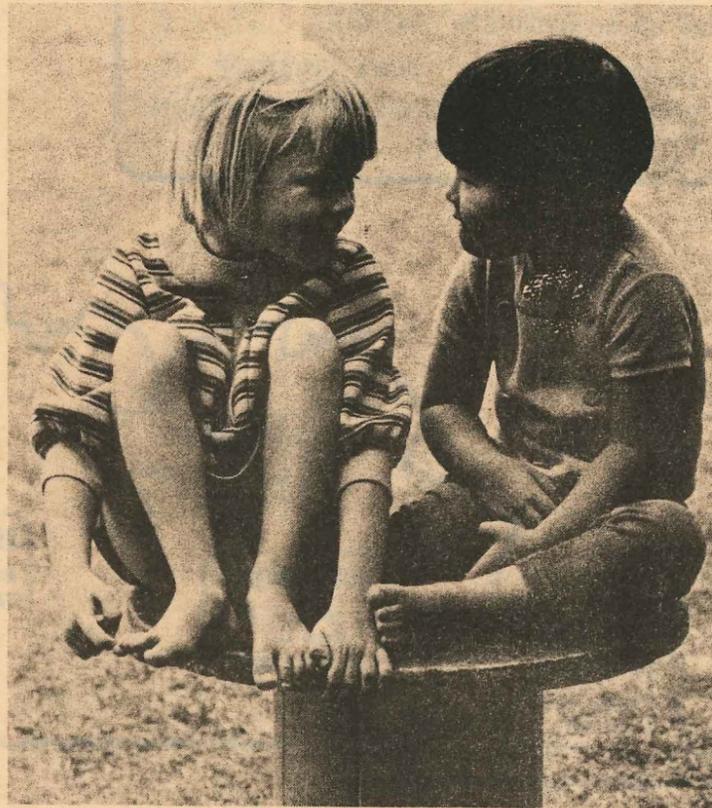
An average day of activities includes games, stories, choruses and a rest period.

Daviess-McLean Association sponsors a Mother's Day program at the Baptist Center in Owensboro.

The program functions as an outreach tool through the association.

Milk Oliver, who coordinates the program, stated a need for this type of ministry existed in the neighborhood of the center.

The associational program meets for four hours each Wednesday morning. There is no charge to parents and the



While attending Mother's Day Out programs children learn to play and communicate with children their own age.

staff is all volunteer.

The Baptist Center began the Mother's Day Out last fall. This ministry now averages about six children per week.

First Baptist Church, Madisonville, has had its Mother's Day Out program for two years. Mrs. Mary Branson supervises the program. She is assisted by Mrs. Sherry Mizell and Mrs. Mary Hinkle.

Mrs. Branson, director of preschool/children's work, originated the Dial-a-Bible Story ministry at First Baptist.

Parental involvement is the key to Madisonville's Mom's Day Out. There is no charge, but parents are asked to work one hour for every four their child attends. Additional children do not affect the number of hours a mother is asked to work.

Only preregistered children are accepted, but registration

can be made up to 48 hours prior to each Mom's Day Out. Mom's Day Out is held the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. It meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church furnishes a mid-morning snack and milk. Parents are asked to send a light lunch.

Madisonville First usually averages 25 to 30 children, birth to five years.

Activities range from painting, movies, field trips, music, drama, stories, special guests and much more.

Mrs. Branson says the response to the program has been excellent. "We have seen several families become more involved in our church by first becoming involved in Mom's Day Out. We have even had some additions to our church as a result of Mom's Day Out," she explained.



Crafts give children an outlet for self expression and creativity. Who knows what budding artists are attending childcare programs in Kentucky Baptist churches?

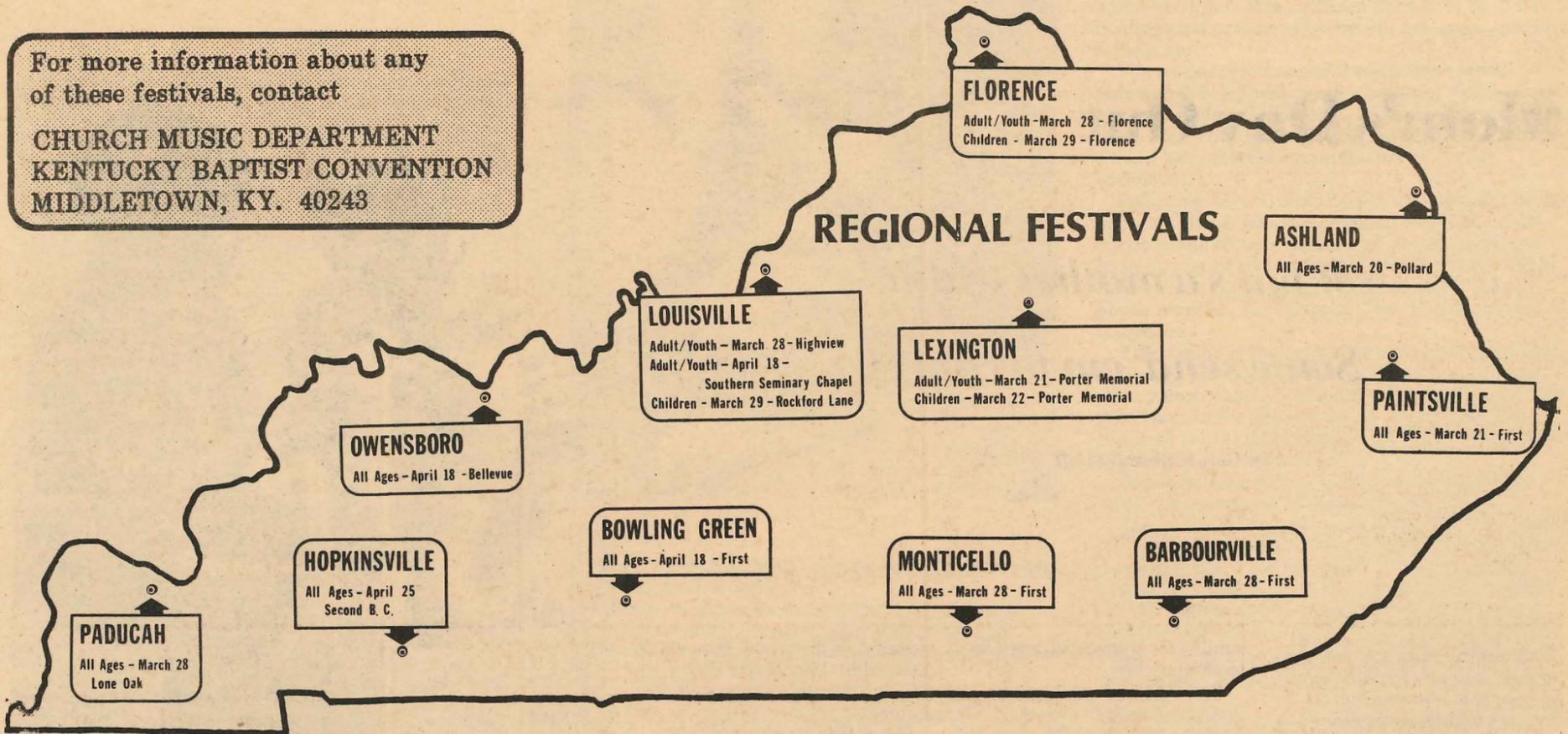


Religion is not pushed but teaching the children Bible stories, memory verses and chorus is an important part of each Mother's Day Out program.

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Sills new director of missions

Terry Sills became director of missions for Blood River Association Feb. 1.

He was pastor of West End Baptist Church, Paducah. He has also been pastor of churches in Hardin, Kirksey and Sinking Springs.

Sills is a graduate of Murray State University and has attended Mid-Continent Bible School in Mayfield.

He succeeds Earl Warford who held the position 16 years.

Blood River became self supporting last October.

Finchville welcomes Lawhon

Richard L. Lawhon became the new youth minister at Finchville Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, in December.

Lawhon is a native of Charleston, S. C. He attended Carson-Newman College and received a BA degree from the Baptist College at Charleston.

He has been a Sunday school teacher, RA worker, youth minister and pulpit supply committee member.

He and his wife Cheryl have one son, Richard, age two.

Owens goes to South Hampton

Ron D. Owens began his first Sunday as pastor of South Hampton Baptist Church in Ensor Dec. 30.

Owens, a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and Southern Seminary, has previously been pastor of Fairmont Baptist Church in Fern Creek and New Salem Baptist Church in Lime-stone, Tenn.

He and his wife Judy have two daughters.

Belleview seeks staff

Belleview Baptist Church, Burlington, is seeking a choir director and a congregational song leader. Those interested are requested to contact pastor G. William Stith, Belleview Baptist Church, 104 5th St., Burlington, KY 41005, telephone at home (606) 586-6361 or office (513) 621-6233.

Duke leaves Burks Branch

Paul Duke resigned as pastor at Burks Branch Baptist Church, Shelbyville Jan. 2. He had been there since April 1977.

Duke received his MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in December. He is now working on a PhD there.

Duke, his wife Cathy and daughter Stephanie, have moved to St. Matthews.

Miss Frost to Walnut St.

On Jan. 16 Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, called Linda Frost as minister of community missions. She has been interim in this area for the past two months.

Miss Frost is a native of Louisville, a graduate of Georgetown College and has earned the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. She has been a part of the Home Mission Board Christian Service Corps in Corpus Christi, Tex., and a social worker for the Texas Department of Public Welfare.

Miss Frost has also worked on church



Sills



Coleman

staffs as youth and children's minister, single adult minister and community minister.

Old Cedar calls new pastor

Charles E. McAlister has accepted the pastorate of Old Cedar Baptist Church, Owen County Association. He holds a BA degree from Clemson and is currently enrolled in the MDiv program at Southern Seminary.

McAlister was pastor at Woodland Baptist Church in Matthews, Ga. and interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Barton, Ga.

He and his wife, Janice, are natives of South Carolina. They have two sons, Chris and Jeff.

Smith accepts seminary post

Wesley K. Smith has accepted the position as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Smith and wife Peggy spent several weeks in Manaus before returning to the states for a few months. He was a former minister of Clarksville Baptist Church in Madison County. Later he was a pastor of Earl Street Baptist Church, Henderson. They will return to Manaus in June.

Norris to Harrods Creek

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has called Ken Norris as interim pastor.

Norris, who assumed pastoral duties in January, is currently enrolled in the MDiv program at Southern Seminary. He holds an Associate in Arts degree from North Greenville (S. C.) College and a BS in Business Administration from Coker College, Hartsville, S. C.

Norris, who is originally from North Augusta, S. C., taught school for three years before moving to Louisville.

He was preceded at Harrods Creek by Frank Northcutt who resigned to accept the pastorate of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Congregations

Coleman church columnist

Lucien E. Coleman Jr., religious education professor at Southern Seminary, recently began a column for teachers in Sunday school at the East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

Coleman's monthly column will appear regularly in the church's newsletter.

Severns Valley to celebrate

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, will observe formal opening and dedication of its newly constructed Christian life center Feb. 10. Activities include an open house from 2 to 4:30 p.m. with a service of dedication at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the center. Interested friends are invited to join the Severns Valley congregation on this occasion.

Sunday School Lessons

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H. C. Chiles

INTERNATIONAL SERIES

The woman caught in adultery

John 8:1-11 While Christ Jesus was at the temple in Jerusalem, the scribes and Pharisees, who sought to ensnare him, barged into his presence, bringing to him a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses said such a person should be stoned to death when two persons attested to her guilt. These critics asked Christ if the law of Moses should be administered in this case or would he propose another rule by which they should go?

The critics were not concerned about this woman, but were interested in finding some basis on which to bring both religious and civil charges against Christ. They rejoiced in this opportunity of presenting Christ with this dilemma. In the event he should say the woman should not be stoned to death, they would accuse him of being an enemy of Moses and charge him with breaking his law, which prescribed the death penalty. If Christ should agree with Moses and declare the woman should be executed, he would then be in trouble with the Roman government, whose officials had the sole authority to impose the death penalty upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Christ stopped and began writing with his finger in the sandy soil. When he was pressed for an immediate answer, Christ stood erect and replied in a way which was different from anyone else. He confounded them by saying: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

The humiliated critics withdrew themselves with the least notice possible from others. Christ said: "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" She replied, "No man, Lord." Then he refused to condemn her, but urged her to repent of her sin and commanded her not to repeat her sin.

The way in which our Lord dealt with this sinful woman caused her accusers to drop the case lest they incriminate themselves, for they had committed adultery in their hearts, and some of them had done so in deed. In forgiving this sinful woman the Lord Jesus did not minimize her sin or condone it, but made it perfectly clear adultery was a terrible sin from which all should refrain.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES

Overcoming barriers

Persecution from without—Acts 4:18-21 When the members of the Sanhedrin saw the man Peter and John healed they resolved to stop the apostles preaching. They threatened them and then commanded them not to preach again in the name of Christ.

Having received their authority from a higher source, the apostles promptly decided there was only one thing for them to do—to go on preaching Christ to the best of their ability regardless of the physical consequences. Knowing they "must obey God rather than man," they refused to be silenced.

Hypocrisy within the church—Acts 5:1-6 Barnabas sold his property and contributed the proceeds to needy brethren. He received considerable appreciation and praise. Desirous of obtaining honor and praise for themselves, Ananias and Sapphira decided to do likewise. At the suggestion of Satan, they decided to withhold part of the proceeds from their sale. Their attempt was exposed promptly. Through divine power Ananias collapsed and died. He was buried before Sapphira was notified. About three hours later, she arrived, was interrogated by Peter and died instantly. The destruction of this hypocritical couple was solemnizing and fear came upon all who heard what happened.

Dissension within the church—Acts 6:1-4 As the membership of the Jerusalem church increased, its problems multiplied. Among the poor were many widows. The Greek-speaking widows thought they were not getting their share of the alms. Thinking they were victims of discrimination, they murmured about the way in which the apostles were handling the daily ministrations.

Upon hearing the complaint of partiality and unfairness, the apostles called the church together and suggested they select seven men of unquestioned integrity to look after these business matters and enable the apostles to give their undivided attention to prayer and preaching.

Wait

Frank Owen

Biblical truth is far reaching, even when applied purely on the practical human level. Consider that great old text, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isa. 40:31).

Look at just the first three words: "they that wait . . .": Kipling was on the same target when he wrote "if you can wait and not grow tired by waiting . . .". Very often the difference between success and failure in life is whether one can wait. Many young couples who earn no more than their unsuccessful fellows arrive in later life to have a pretty solid accumulation of home, furnishings and reasonable independence just because they waited a little longer before buying things they wanted. Others who have had as much earnings but have bought it all on credit, too soon, without waiting, have paid double for it in interest and carrying charges. The consequences have left them impoverished later on.

My Georgia neighbor Harmon Edmonson used to say, "Preach r, if you will make yourself wait until you have the money to buy it, most of the time you will have discovered that you don't need it and may not even want it badly enough by that time to spend your money on it." By avoiding today's dreadful interest rates one can buy two of what he wants with cash.

The basic difference between Esau and Jacob, which spelled failure and success, was the fact that Esau had to have what he wanted right now, no matter what it cost. Jacob could wait, he could plan a strategy and wait for the time and place in which his wants could be fulfilled.

On and on the application could go. A whole lot of life's battles that we fight too quickly need simply to be waited out. This is what is going on in our State Department right now and I pray and believe somehow the waiting will save those 50 lives.

Of course, the glorious part of the text is in the remainder of its assertion. "They that wait upon the Lord." The value of waiting is largely determined by the strength and dependability of that (or whom) on which one waits. Christians can wait on the Lord "whose promises fail not," "who cannot lie," "who will never forsake thee nor leave thee . . .".

Christian Education

Bloss heads G'town drive

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College, has announced Bryant Bloss, an Evansville, Ind. orthopedic surgeon, has agreed to be chairman of the Georgetown College Associates division of the decade of progress campaign.

Bloss graduated from Georgetown in 1954. Since that time has been active in the life of the college.

SBTS receives largest contribution in history

The largest contribution in the history of Southern Seminary, a check for \$1,943,924.41, was received in January from the estate of Ida Bottoms of Texarkana, Ark. The contribution, a distribution of income and assets from the J. V. and Ida Bottoms Trust established in her will, brings their gifts for the seminary to more than \$2,250,000.

Six other Baptist agencies, the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Southwestern Seminary and three Arkansas institutions also shared in the gift, each receiving \$971,962.

The seminary is in the final stages of a \$10 million endowment and capital expansion campaign with receipts totaling \$10.6 million to date. The campaign will end in April.

Isley quits seminary post

Branson Isley, assistant to the president at Southern Seminary, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First

Baptist Church, Columbiana, Ala.

Isley, an Alabama native, joined the seminary staff in 1976 as director of college relations. In 1978 he became director of admissions and financial aid and in 1979 was named assistant to the president.



Myrtle Hall [r], a soloist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and Betty Jean Chatham, an international concert pianist and recording artist, presented a morning and evening concert at Georgetown College Jan. 15. Included in the evening performance was the dedication of a piano presented to the college by Mrs. Chatham and her husband, Don. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham are both graduates of Georgetown College.

Joiner receives PhD

Assistant professor of music J. Richard Joiner of Campbellsville (Ky.) College received a PhD degree from Louisiana State University Dec. 18, 1979.

A member of the college staff since 1975, Joiner received the degree in vocal pedagogy with a speech science minor. He received a MM degree in vocal performance from Louisiana State University in 1974; a MCM degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in 1968; and a BM degree from Mississippi College in 1964.

A native of Natchez, Miss., he is married to the former Marilyn Morton. They have two children, Jeffrey and Jennifer.

Baylor panel begins review

Milton E. Cunningham said in Waco, Tex. the academic affairs committee of the Baylor University board of trustees has begun a study and review of the program of the university's department of religion and will make a full report to the trustees by the end of the semester.

The academic affairs committee, which Cunningham heads, was requested by the department of religion in November to study its program of instruction and make recommendations to help it meet guidelines of Texas Baptists.

The request was prompted by criticism of a textbook, "People of the Covenant," whose coauthor, H. Jack Flanders, is chairman-elect of the department of religion.

James W. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., and a Baylor trustee and former chairman of the academic affairs committee, has charged the book, used in some Baylor classes and by many other Southern Baptist schools, is "liberal."

'Touch and Be Touched' mission conference theme

Southern Seminary will hold its 24th annual Student Missions Conference Feb. 22-24. The theme for this year's conference is "Touch and Be Touched."

Speakers at the conference will include: Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary; Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Howard W. Parshall, director of pastoral services and chaplain Incecrest State School, Louisiana; William R. O'Brien, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board's Denominational Coordination Department, and his wife, Dellanna O'Brien, who formerly

served as missionaries to Indonesia; and Bertha Smith, missionary emerita to China.

The conference will include creative worship, theme interpretation, and small group conferences. Also planned are the World Marketplace and the Do Drop Inn, each providing opportunities for participants to speak informally with home and foreign missionaries. Southern's Male Chorale will hold a concert before the session Friday night.

Each participant will pay a \$7.00 registration fee to cover travel insurance and conference costs. Deadline for advance registration is Feb. 11.

The conference mailing address is: 1980 Student Missions Conference, Box 375, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 40206.

Can you afford a Baptist school?

by Dave Foreman, director of student financial aid, Georgetown College

No matter how hard I try, I still have trouble getting people to believe it.

The plain fact is for a majority of families today it is no more expensive for a student to attend a "high cost" Baptist college than it is to attend a public institution.

How can this be? Because of the vast interlocking network of financial aid available from state, federal and institutional sources aimed at promoting freedom of choice and open access to higher education.

Since the aid goes to students rather than to the institutions these funds are available to help people while at the same time maintaining the principle of separation of church and state.

The basic question in determining how much financial aid a student can get is "Approximately how much can the family contribute toward a year of college education?" The answer to this question will be the same, whether the student attends an expensive or a less expensive school.

Financial aid programs make up the difference between what the student's family can afford and what it costs to attend college, therefore in theory the figure that changes is not what the family pays but how much aid the student receives.

Literally billions of dollars are awarded to students at America's colleges and universities each year with the aim of making it possible for students to attend the college or university of their choice, regardless of the family's financial situation.

The "family contribution" is determined by estimating an amount of the family's discretionary income which is available for educational expenses, taking into account family size, a portion of equity in assets and the number of family members in college. Therefore, the likelihood of demonstrating financial need increases as family size increases, more family members go to college, or cost of the college attended increases.

What all this means is that students whose families earn even a middle or upper-middle income, or who haven't particularly distinguished themselves academically (or athletically) often can still qualify for significant amounts of financial aid making it possible for them to attend a Baptist college for no more than they would pay at a state school.

Only a few years ago a student from a family in the \$25-\$30,000 income bracket was not likely to receive aid of any kind. Today at colleges like Georgetown most families even in this category who file a needs analysis form do show a "need" for some aid funds.

Types of aid which students may receive can include need based scholarships, federal basic grants, college based grants, state grants, low interest loans and campus jobs.

Here's an example of how it can work. Roy Smith's (not his real name, though a real case) father made \$17,432 last year. There are a total of four members in the Smith family and the family has about average assets. Roy is an average student. His college charged him \$3982 for the year for tuition, room and board and his calculated "need" was about \$3,200.

Roy's need was met through a scholarship of \$600, a basic grant of \$776, a state grant of \$550, a loan of \$500, and a campus job in which he could earn about \$775.

For the entire year Roy's family paid a total of \$781 plus his books and personal expenses.

The percentage of students receiving aid at specific Baptist colleges ranges to 80 or 90 percent or even higher. And these types of aid are available at all three of Kentucky's Baptist liberal arts colleges.

Today I believe every family has the option of sending its sons and daughters to a Baptist college. During the months of January, February or March is the best time to file a Financial Aid Form (FAF) and it's never too early to talk with people in the aid or admissions offices of our colleges about this or any other form needed to be considered for aid.

It's worth the time to look into it and find out what the true cost of a Baptist college education may be for your family.

Baptist Forum

His way . . . not mine

I do not usually write letters to the editors of state Baptist papers, but I could not let the article in the Jan. 16th issue entitled "Bivocational Pastors" go unanswered.

In the first place the article was not really about bivocational ministers but rather part time versus full time pastors. I believe the New Testament clearly teaches every follower of Christ is a minister and we all should minister all the time. Some of us have received a further call to a vocational ministry and by inclination and preparation have entered into a "full time" ministry.

Brother Duncan seems to have forgotten one important fact: we Southern Baptists are a denomination of small churches. In your own state of Kentucky, of the 2132 churches reporting in 1978, 32% have less than 150 members and 45% have less than 200 members. A small minority of churches in those categories could support a "full time" minister but for the vast majority it is "part time" or nothing.

I, too, have known men for whom preaching was only a hobby and I firmly believe they will have to answer to God for treating his call so lightly. When I first felt called to preach I fought and struggled with the decision of working full time and pastoring part time and the Lord showed me clearly I could not do it, but that doesn't mean that others may not.

I know many men who work other jobs to support their family and still manage to minister effectively to a small but growing congregation. A majority of them are following God and serving his churches to the best of their ability and following the leadership of the Holy Spirit as he reveals his way to them. Many of them are already carrying an unwarranted burden of guilt because of the attitude of men like Bro. Duncan. These men need our support and prayers, not someone telling them they must have missed God's call since their ministries do not fit my pattern.

Kent Atkinson, Pierre, S. Dak.