



## Alpha to omega Positive, inspirational fare to be served at SBC pastor's meet

Preliminary meetings which set the stage each year for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting are scheduled all over St. Louis, Mo., June 8-9 just prior to the SBC's 123rd annual session.

Prominent among the auxiliary groups meeting at that time is the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference at Cervantes Convention Center, the site of the June 10-12 SBC. It will provide "a unifying and strengthening influence on Southern Baptists," according to James T. Draper, conference president.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Eules, Tex., said the conference's theme is "Bold Preaching of a Bold Gospel." He announced last week for the first time a printed budget of costs for the meeting will be distributed before the annual offering for

support is taken.

Last year's conference fell \$2300 short of expenses, a deficit eventually made up by First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., where last year's conference president Homer Lindsay Jr. is pastor.

Draper, who said he will personally see any deficit this year is raised, also announced he has formed a three-person liaison committee to consult with the SBC Executive Committee in on-going decisions about physical arrangements for future Pastors' Conferences. Gerald Martin, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., chairs the committee, also made up of Don Berry, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala., and Draper.

About nine of the 13 preachers featured at this year's conference have never preached at the Pastor's Conference before, Draper said.

"I wanted to have a very positive and inspirational program with a cross section of preachers," he said. "Most are pastors, others are Bible conference speakers and denominational leaders."

Other major organizations convening in St. Louis prior to the Southern Baptist Convention include the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Religious Education Association and Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

A complete listing of all four program agendas, plus the SBC program itself, is included in the four-page pull out and keep section in the center of this week's Western Recorder. Readers who anticipate attending this important week in the life of their denomination may wish to file this section for future reference.

## Evangelists sing & shout as saints go marching in

Evangelists will preach and sing at the annual conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday, June 11.

The event is one of several during the SBC annual meeting week in that city.

According to Don Womack, conference executive director and evangelist from Memphis, Tenn., the meeting will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A morning breakfast and business session precedes it at 8:30 at the Sheraton St. Louis Hotel.

A concert by music evangelists opens the afternoon session. Singing will be Jimmy Snellen, Dallas, Tex.; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Ala.; Lowell Leister, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; the Cruse Family, Jacksonville, Tex.; Sam Allen, Lubbock, Tex.; Bill Sky-Eagle, Dallas, Tex.; Chuck Kennedy, St. Louis; Jim McNeil, St. Louis; Ron and Claudia Henderson, Albany, Ga.; and Ed and Joni Wingfield, Bristow, Okla.

Sermons will be brought by evangelists Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa, Tenn.; Ed Stalnecker, Jacksonville, Fla.; Hyman Appelman, Kansas City, Mo.; and Rick Ingle, Denton, Tex.

Special music will be brought by Dick Barrett, Bremen, Ga.; Betty Stalnecker, Jacksonville, Fla.; Connie Ware, Plano, Tex.; and Jerry Swimmer, Ripley, Miss.

## Missionaries: Where do I go to scream? and other pertinent suggestions

Registration for the annual two-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at Fee Fee Baptist Church, 11330 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, Mo.

The meeting, one of several preceding the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 in St. Louis, features educational conferences for both directors of missions and their wives.

W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead Bible study during the three sessions June 8-9. Music will be brought by Don Cracchiola and David West, ministers of music at Concord and St. John's Baptist Churches, respectively, in St. Louis.

Other speakers are Gordon Murray, pastor, Southside Baptist Church, St. Louis; Morton Rose, vice president for church programs and services, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and R. Keith Parks, executive director, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

A business session begins at 9 a.m. and includes the recognition of new directors of missions and election of officers.

Participants will choose two interest conferences from four possibilities. They include "Administration in the Association," led by Tom Roote, director of missions, Birmingham, Ala., association; "Being Pastor to the Pastor," Earl Crawford, director of missions, Calvary-Arrowhead Association, Riverside, Calif.; "Working with Bivocational Pastors," Neal Wyatt, director of missions, Carey, Clay and Randolph associations, Wedowee, Ala.; and "Developing Financial Support for the Association," Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

Conferences for wives include "Where Do I Go to Scream?" led by Mrs. Mickey Patrick, wife of the director of missions, Lake County Association, Lindenhurst, Ill.; and "Fashion Trends and How To's," Mrs. Esther Pounds, wife of a retired St. Louis pastor.

A fellowship snack supper hosted by the Sunday School Board will be served in the church dining hall at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 8. A fellowship luncheon hosted by the Foreign Mission Board will be served at 12:15 p.m. Monday, June 9.

## Meet me in St. Louie

by C. R. Daley, Editor

This is a special issue of the Western Recorder we do each year. It contains a pull-out section with the programs of the Southern Baptist Convention and its related meetings. Those planning to attend the convention should save it for reference between now and the convention and other readers can use it to keep up with what's happening and to pray more intelligently for these important meetings.

So far there's been little excitement or even speculation over what to expect at the St. Louis meeting this year. Whatever happens is likely to be anticlimactic to last year's excitement in Houston. Generally we do not have two successive years of such spirited discussion and activity though anything can happen.

Actually there is no way to predict or control a meeting of Southern Baptists. Sometimes one messenger can stir up things and special interest groups can always precipitate debate and confusion.

There are no burning controversial issues on the horizon now. Those concerned for biblical inerrancy should be satisfied with last year's reaffirmation of the Baptist Faith and Message statement with an interpretation to please even the most conservative. Further efforts to request or require orthodox pledges from seminary professors would serve no good purpose but rather damage constructive healing processes after last year.

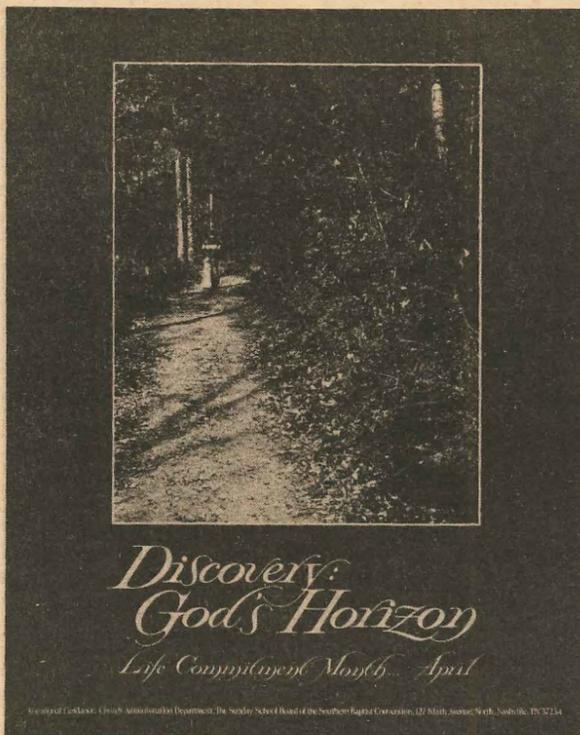
Convention president Adrian Rogers will not likely be challenged for a second term. He should not be. He has made a good president.

Planners for the convention program have wisely reserved a generous amount of time for business and discussion. There is no great array of celebrity speakers. It appears to be a low key approach which is altogether appropriate.

The same can be said for the Pastors' Conference which sometimes has contributed to tension in the convention. James Draper, Pastors' Conference president, is to be commended for selecting a very wholesome variety of speakers for the conference. It should contribute to a healing and unifying spirit.

St. Louis is centrally located but it does not have the attraction of some other cities for convention messengers. Some who ordinarily attend the convention will pass it up this year for Toronto and the Baptist World Congress in July.

All in all, prospects are for a constructive, harmonious and quiet convention. This is the best kind though all cannot be that way.

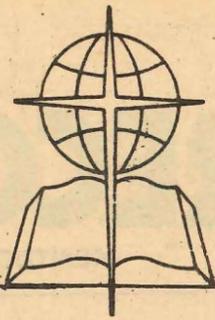


Sunday, Apr. 27 is Life Commitment and Church Vocations Sunday. Churches are encouraged to observe this day to emphasize the importance of commitment to a church vocation if God calls.

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

### 1980 General Assembly— a mixed blessing

Now that the 1980 Kentucky General Assembly is history some evaluation of its action in church-state and moral issues can be made. Overall it was not a disastrous session. Considering the spirit of permissiveness of this age we can be thankful more harmful legislation was not passed.

In church-state there was one monumental blunder. In a session where so much concern was expressed about declining revenue and growing governmental costs there was really no excuse for putting one and a half million dollars in the state budget for school textbooks for pupils in private and parochial schools. It was clearly an example of the persistence and the clout of legislators from strong Roman Catholic areas.

This aid to religious schools should be tested in the courts. It could be declared unconstitutional. In the meantime it will be interesting to see whether Baptist-sponsored elementary and high schools take advantage of these public funds.

Other proposals with church-state ramifications were killed. Two of these were bills calling for teacher-announced prayer periods in public schools led by volunteers and requirement for public school textbooks presenting the view of scientific creationism. These bills were frowned upon by legislative leadership because of their church-state ramifications but the same legislators gave in for the one-and-one-half million dollar church school textbook provision—a classic example of inconsistency.

A clear victory was the failure of SB 125 which would have paved the way for state-sponsored lotteries and legalized bingo for charitable organizations. The bill passed the senate but was sidetracked in the house. The bingo provision, however, was tacked on another bill as an amendment and was passed. Its constitutionality is questionable.

In the matter of alcoholic beverages the outcome was not near as bad as it once appeared it might be. HB 555 and HB 586 were both defeated. SB 187 did make it and that's regrettable. It allows governing bodies in 4th class cities to call for individual precinct liquor referendums in dry areas. Presently this act applies only to Ashland but two years hence it could easily be amended to apply to all areas in Kentucky.

HB 187 should be vetoed by Governor Brown. After all he is a Baptist and credits pastor Wayne Dehoney's preaching as a decisive factor in his decision to seek the governorship.

I regret this evaluation stresses what bad was avoided instead of what good was accomplished but that's the way it is in these areas. This does not mean positive and admirable things were not

accomplished by the 1980 General Assembly. I witnessed more of this session than any before and, though I came away disappointed several times, I also was often inspired by the strong and forthright stands taken by more than a few senators and representatives.

### Pressures that plague ministers

Albert McClellan's editorial in the February issue of The Baptist Program should be read carefully by every Baptist pastor and by all church members who care about their pastor's welfare. Dr. McClellan listed some of the positive and negative factors today in the attitudes and emotional health of ministers.

The traditional assumption has been ministers are some kind of superhumans who are not subject to the many frustrations and problems ordinary people face every day. That assumption has been shot down by the realization ministers are only human and probably have more reasons for frustration and stress than most other people.

An alarming number of preachers is leaving the ministry and it is not because they feel they were mistaken about their call but because conditions under which they tried to minister led to frustration and despair.

Here are only several of many developments of our day that have a negative effect upon ministers:

- The attitude on the part of many church members that only young ministers can fill the needs of a present day congregation. When a pastor begins to approach 50, he rightfully becomes anxious because not many past 50 are sought and some staying much beyond 50 feel more and more unwanted. Surely there are exceptions all of us know and we also admit some pastors do dry up and become obsolete.
- The success syndrome. Churches are becoming more and more like business enterprises which are judged successful on the basis of growth and profit. If the business doesn't grow and make money, the president is replaced. In churches the pastor is blamed when attendance is down, additions are slow and offerings are lean. Except for a few places church growth and great ingatherings of people and finances are harder and harder to come by. The pressure drives too many ministers out of churches.
- The growing inclination of churches to ask pastors to resign when things are not going to suit them. The idea the Lord leads ministers to churches and leads them away when it's time is not near as strong as it once was. More and more Baptists are willing to help the Lord move pastors and often not in the way the Lord would do it.
- Confusion over the role of the pastor. The attitude of some ministers is they should call all the shots and never be questioned. The influence of certain outstanding pastors and preachers who operate by a hierarchical pattern has been disastrous for ministers of less ability and charisma. They try the "big operator" style of leadership of their heroes but really cannot cut it and so real trouble is ahead.

- The loss of prestige for ministers and churches. The modern spirit of secularization leaves nothing sacred. The influence of the minister in a community is not built in as it once was and the church is less and less considered in community affairs and activities. Wednesday nights once left for churches are now claimed by all kinds of community activities including high school athletic contests.

- The economic situation. It's shameful how few churches adjust salaries of pastors and staff members even to keep up with inflation. Consequently more and more ministers have to worry unduly about permanent housing, retirement income, education for their children and current expenses. Some preachers with large families and other extra obligations simply cannot economically afford to stay in a pastorate. Oh, I know the teaching of the New Testament about anxiety over material goods but I also know the Lord expects churches to be considerate enough to relieve such anxiety of their ministers.

Is there any human source of help for troubled ministers? There is limited help in short courses sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, seminaries are doing more in regular classes and especially in continuing education and more and more state conventions are offering counseling help but these are not stemming the tide.

The help needed most is understanding church members whose love and considerate treatment will cheer the minister's heart and enable him to be the kind of minister needed by people and intended by God.

## Baptist Forum

### Singing his praises

I write to our state paper about a matter that concerns me because I do not know who is actually responsible. I have never been involved in the process by which speakers for conventions, both state and national, are chosen.

I had the special opportunity nearly eight years ago to have a meal with Dr. Vance Havner. We were alone so the entire time was without interruption for him to talk. He later preached in the pulpit where I serve as pastor. His message and presence in our church was fantastic but nothing compared to the influence he had on my life in the time we ate and talked together.

I have traveled whatever distance necessary to hear Dr. Havner preach from time to time over the years. He is not young. Perhaps he would agree that perhaps rather than old he has been young for a very long time.

Surely, this gracious and great preacher can be invited and encouraged to preach in a session of our Southern Baptist Convention. I believe he is the most quoted preacher alive today. I even heard a professor in one of our seminaries quote Dr. Havner. He didn't realize the statement originated with Dr. Havner but he recognized its soundness.

I wonder what influence would come to bear on whomever it is that decides who does or does not speak in our major conferences if hundreds of letters would come from the many people influenced by Dr. Vance Havner? Surely, we will not allow the twilight years of this venerable gentleman of God's to pass by with the younger generation not having opportunity to see the vessel through whom God has done so much.

There will be rare occasions of men the likes of Vance Havner and we are poorer without them.

Ralph W. Hodge, Louisville

# Baptist News in Brief

## Dallas nets \$75,000

The Texas higher education coordinating board has released \$75,000 in tuition equalization grants and other funds to Dallas Baptist College students after receiving "clarification" of the college's stance on a controversial "articles of faith" statement.

The funds were frozen in January when it was reported the college was requiring all faculty, staff and trustees to sign the articles of faith, an amended version of the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message. Dallas Baptist president W. Marvin Watson had added sentences on biblical inerrancy and the creation of man to the 1963 statement.

Mack C. Adams, head of the state student division of the coordinating board said the funds were released after the college's position was clarified by action of the Dallas Baptist College trustees Feb. 21 and in subsequent meetings of the state officials and college attorneys and administration.

In the Feb. 21 meeting college trustees, at the suggestion of their attorneys, approved a "resolution of clarification" that will place the articles of faith in the college personnel manual which goes to all persons on the college payroll.

The employees no longer will be required to sign the articles of faith per se. The only signature required will be on their employment contract which will state, among other things: "I did receive a copy of the Dallas Baptist College personnel manual and I do agree to adhere to the policies and conditions as stated in that document."

Watson said last week the clarification should not be interpreted as any "backing down" on his previous stance on the articles of faith.

## 11 1/2 hr. SBC plan \$15

A missions day camp will be offered for children whose parents are messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 in St. Louis.

More than 300 children ages 6-11 are expected to learn about Southern Baptist missions at the camp on the Missouri Baptist College campus. The Brotherhood Commission will sponsor the day camp with the Brotherhood of the St. Louis Baptist Association.

Charge for attending the day camp is \$5 per child per day, which includes transportation, trip insurance, day camp supplies, lunch on June 10 and June 12 and other activity costs.

Children will board buses at Cervantes Convention Center each morning at 8:30 and return to the center at 4:30 p.m. except June 11 when they return at noon.

Messengers may register their children at the missions day camp booth in the lobby of the convention center.

## A pretty good return

Thirty-five years after Hiroshima, the faith, prayers and money of Southern Baptists have been rewarded through a transaction of First Baptist Church, Hiroshima, Japan.

When the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima, First Baptist Church was among those buildings destroyed. Although the building was gone all the Baptists weren't, and when Southern Baptist missionaries returned to their work in Japan after the war they took with them \$10,000 to rebuild the church.

Years passed and the central city

began closing in on the Hiroshima church. The building needed repairs and large businesses wanted the location. The congregation voted to sell for \$4.3 million and move to another site.

Cost of the new property, a sanctuary with adjoining educational building and a modern pastorium, came to \$3 million. The church voted to donate the remaining \$1.3 million to the Japan Baptist Convention for the support of the theological department at Seinan Gakuin (university) in Fukuoka.

The initial \$10,000 investment made by Southern Baptists has increased 426.3 times and will continue to support missions in Japan.

## Heritage poster available

To assist in the observation of Religious Liberty Day June 1 the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is making available without charge an attractive 16x20 poster, "Our Baptist Heritage."

Executed by D. C. Baptist artist Bill Kreitlow the poster pictures Roger Williams, Isaac Backus and John Leland against the background of the U. S. Bill of Rights.

For a copy, contact Victor Tupitza, director of denominational services at the Baptist Joint Committee office, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

## Ex-GGBTS dean passes

William Augustus Carleton, 75, dean emeritus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, died Mar. 28 in a San Rafael, Calif., hospital.

Carleton was named distinguished professor of church history at Golden Gate in 1970 following his retirement as academic dean and vice president. He had been professor of church history at the seminary since 1953. He was elected academic dean in 1956 and vice president in 1959. In 1972 he was named dean emeritus.

## A Palmetto edition?

The "Southern Baptist Journal," a private publication formed in 1973 to expose Southern Baptist "liberals," has moved to South Carolina under the direction of a new editor.

Russell Kammerling, 31, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Columbia, S. C., has replaced William Powell as editor. Powell will continue to live in Buchanan, Ga., and serve as publisher of the 10,000 circulation paper. He will also continue as executive vice president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship.

Powell said his main role will be fund raising. He told Baptist Press the BFMF has "achieved its first major goal," to alert Southern Baptist leadership of "liberals" in SBC life. Phase two, he said, will be a concerted effort to raise funds to get the Southern Baptist Journal in the hands first of every Southern Baptist pastor and then every deacon chairman and WMU director.

Kammerling is a brother-in-law of Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex., who was one of the principals in efforts last year in Houston to elect an SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy.

## Court leaves smut alone

The U. S. Supreme Court will not disturb a ruling by the Supreme Court of Missouri which prevents police from suppressing allegedly obscene

materials until a search warrant for their seizure is issued.

The case, Missouri vs. All Star News agency, a St. Louis distributor of obscene films and magazines, involves a Missouri law providing for seizure and destruction of such materials. The law allowed police to serve the distributor with a notice that they were challenging the allegedly obscene materials in court. It prevented the distributor, under the threat of contempt of court, from removing any of the challenged articles from its warehouse.

Also under threat of contempt, the distributor was forbidden to continue selling the materials.

## Tanner added to panel

William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Home Mission Board, has been named as a replacement for Grady C. Cothen on the search committee seeking a new chief executive for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Cothen, recovering from surgery for stomach cancer, had earlier been named chairman of the search committee. The other SBC representative on the panel is Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

According to Baptist Joint Committee chairman Gideon K. Zimmerman the search committee will name a new chairman when it meets May 5 in Chicago.

## Allen to Israel again

Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has been invited to speak to Israeli lawmakers to discuss a proposed law regarding human rights.

Allen will appear before the Israeli parliaments' constitution law and justice committee during hearings May 19 and 21 on "freedom of religion," one of the subjects included in the proposed legislation.

In extending the invitation committee chairman David Glass said he knew Allen and Baptist congregations had a "keen interest" in the subject. Glass said he believed Allen's participation in the discussions "would contribute to a better understanding of the various view regarding this important and delicate subject."

Allen had visited Israel in December 1978 as president of the Southern Baptist Convention to discuss with government leaders a controversial Israeli law that makes it illegal to offer or receive material inducements or other benefits to change religions. Baptist and other Christian leaders in the United States and Israel strongly oppose the law, fearing it may be interpreted to rule out the right of evangelical Christians to witness for their faith.

## Here's a little something for May business meeting

Registration cards for messengers from Kentucky planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 10-12 are now available in the office of the executive secretary-treasurer, Franklin Owen.

The SBC constitution provides the following guidelines for electing messengers:

1. One messenger for each church which is in friendly cooperation with the SBC and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention.

2. One additional messenger from each church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention but no church may appoint more than 10.

4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

Churches should request only the number of cards they need for persons actually going to the convention. These messengers must be elected by the church and each card certified with the signature of the church clerk or moderator.

Sessions of the convention will be held at Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis. The executive office has a few housing forms available if needed.

## Amos named to panel

William E. Amos, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist child care program, has been named to an 11-member committee by human resources secretary Grady Stumbo. The committee will develop a plan for state operated youth residential services.

The Department of Human Resources operates residential treatment programs at 13 facilities for youth who are emotionally disturbed or have broken the law and are committed to the facilities by a juvenile court judge.

Stumbo said the committee will review the program, including treatment methods, physical condition of the facilities, training and staff development, overall facility management, community after-care, alternatives and funding sources.



Rogers Smith [l] and R. Keith Parks [c], executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, visit the board's new prayer room with Tom Elliff, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Elliff led a series of chapel services on intercessory prayer for the board's staff in preparation for dedication of the prayer room. Smith, recently named special assistant to the executive director, is responsible for maintaining a list of prayer requests in the room and encouraging employees to maintain a prayer vigil there. The room provides a lounge area for prayer partners and two carrels for individuals, as well as a world map for locating prayer requests.

# Revive us again

## People, evangelist prepare to meet at Central City - and statewide

by Ray Furr, Staff Writer

First Baptist Church, Central City is one of many Kentucky Baptist churches entering into spring revival season. Central City has done much preparation for this important annual event.

"One of the most important things we have done in preparation for our revival is set a time when people can come," admitted John Boggess, minister of music and youth.

Wilson L. Lofland, pastor of First Baptist, believes prayer and visitation are two events of top priority in preparation for revival. About two months before the revival meetings Lofland gave each person in the congregation a blank 3x5 index card. He asked them to write on the card the date and three persons for whom they would pray for salvation. The card was kept in the person's Bible.

One week later another similar prayer card was distributed. Lofland asked the congregation to list their own name, the evangelist's name and the music evangelist's name. The card also contained 2 Chron. 7:14

at the top. Again he asked each person to write three individuals who they would like to see brought to salvation.

"The pastor wanted to involve the entire church in a formal service in preparing for revival," declared Boggess. Central City believes involving the whole congregation is an important part of revival preparation. "We asked everyone to take a revival poster and put it somewhere," said Boggess.

"We are more concerned with revival in our own membership and the Western Recorder church page has enabled us to communicate with 100% of our church membership." Lofland and Boggess see the revival as a hopeful effort to renewal, evangelism and a unity in love.

T. A. Prickett, pastor of Seven Hills Baptist Church, Owensboro, was the guest evangelist at Central City. Prickett asked people in the church to pray for themselves, their neighbors, the church, their pastor and him. He also encouraged visitation.

"Talk to someone about their relationship to Christ. Seek out those whom you know who are not Christians and invite them to attend the services," contended Prickett.

Finally he emphasized the need to attend the first night. "If you will do these things then surely God will bless our work together," stated Prickett.

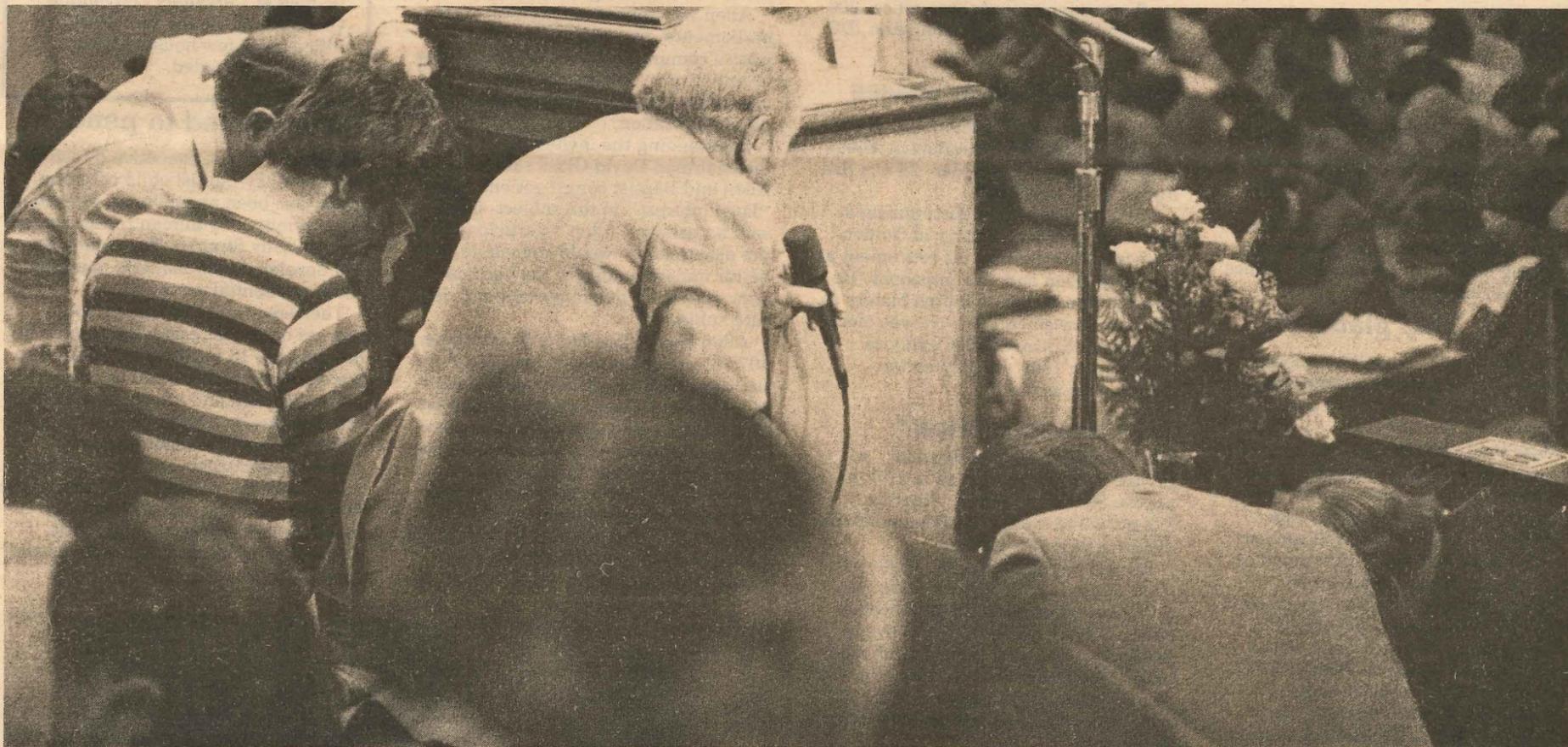
"First Baptist Church, Central City, became a part of my prayer life about two months ago," he said. Prickett believes that revival is a church meeting. Thus, he begins the first revival service with a calling of the church to repentance.

He also contends the Sunday school leadership is a vital part to every revival team. "About 85% of the people baptized are in Sunday school," expressed Prickett.

"As far as sermons go, I have about 30 which may be used but their use depends upon the needs of the church." The needs of Central City were met in their revival.

It is my opinion, where God's word is preached in truth, not in jest, and where his church has gathered desiring a spiritual renewal, something of subjective truth will happen in the lives of his people.

Revival does not happen with the flamboyant, dogmatic preaching of some well-known revivalist. Instead, it begins in the quiet heart of an individual who in confrontation with God experiences forgiveness.



## You can go home again!

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

I just made an amazing discovery. One of my childhood beliefs has been shattered.

Thomas Wolfe was wrong when he wrote, "You can't go home again." I just did, and it was wonderful!

My family returned to the church that played a vital part in our lives for 16 years. It was a homecoming occasion at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, celebrating 10 years to the Sunday we first occupied that church's magnificent new auditorium.

For four decades I've heard and read about homecomings in Baptist churches, and for nearly five years

I've reported such experiences of others. But believe it or not, I had never been a part of a church that actually observed a homecoming, at least, not while I was a member. This was something of a baptism for me, then, and it was absolutely thrilling!

Those of us from great distances (one family came from as far away as Albuquerque, others from not quite so far) were recognized.

Bill Reynolds, a member of the congregation, had written an anthem especially for the occasion, combining the talents of 125 singers and musicians, including trumpets, organ and piano.

Our beloved former pastor, who married us, who visited us when we were sick, who prayed with us and who baptized two of our children, recounted how that building had come about. H. F. Paschall told of years of toil, struggle, planning, and sacrificial giving on the part of so many for it. He helped us witness afresh the beauty and glory of God in that special place so dear within our hearts.

Later, at a luncheon in fellowship hall for more than 600 persons, I looked over that circle of friends and a flood of beautiful thoughts returned. Memories of happy experiences which had lain dormant in my mind for a good while surfaced once more. A media presentation on the building's construction added significantly to the wave of nostalgia I felt, and my great esteem for those good people.

I discovered anew that, as much as I have always loved that beautiful edifice which we helped them erect, the church is really not bricks and mortar, but people. Warm, friendly smiles, handshakes, hugs and kisses of friends of so many years were vivid reminders of God's goodness to an undeserving mortal. The family of God is filled with loving, caring people—like those in that church, in my church and in yours.

No, Thomas Wolfe, you were definitely wrong about going home again. I just did it, and I found the people of God really haven't changed that much after all.

# st. louis tourist

## *The spirit of St. Louis*

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

What has 19 miles of Mississippi River waterfront, eight bridges, 65 parks and squares, a 630-ft. high landmark that can be entered from two widely separated points, a major league baseball team, a multimillion dollar amusement complex, prominent street names like Gravois, Chouteau and Chippewa and 16,000 Southern Baptist visitors? Hint: It isn't New Orleans.

Give up?

It's St. Louis, of course, in the "Show Me State" of Missouri. Ever wonder what "Missouri" means? Why, to the native Indians, Missourians were "people of the large canoes."

June 10-12 Southern Baptists worldwide will converge on Missouri's largest metropolis by car, by plane, by bus, perhaps by train, by camper, by motorcycle and—who knows?—maybe even by "large canoes."

Aside from all the action during their 123rd annual session at St. Louis' sprawling downtown Cervantes Convention Center, what else will these messengers find?

Recreation and activity abound, they'll discover, including the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team which plays frequently in June at Busch Memorial Stadium. It's only a few short blocks from the convention center. (Sorry, guys, the Cards are on the road June 3-11, but they do play the Reds in St. Louis June 13-15.)

For those not so inclined, how about a ride to the top of the stainless steel arch (at right), a symbol of the city which bills itself "the gateway to the west"?

Then, there's Forest Park, including one of the nation's largest zoos, and the Missouri Botanical Garden (locally called Shaw's Garden) and its famous arboretum.

Six Flags Over Mid-America amusement complex is out I-44 30 miles.

And two state denominational institutions, Missouri Baptist Children's Home and Missouri Baptist College, are nearby.

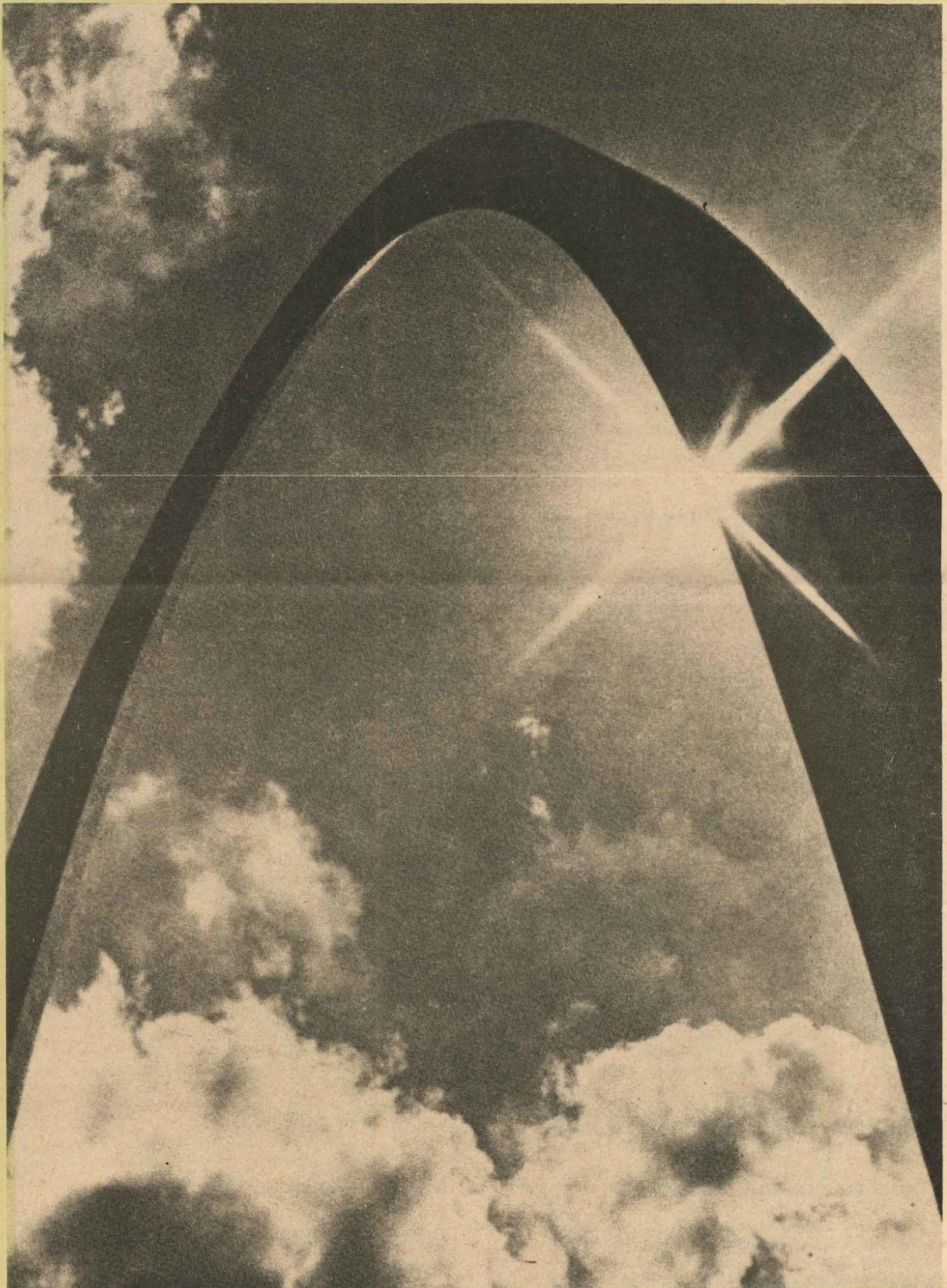
The opportunities for diversion during the convention's free afternoon or before June 10 or after June 12 are many in a place like St. Louis.

First settled in 1763 by French merchants who began a lucrative fur-trapping business, the city was named for King Louis IX of France. For many years it shifted back and forth between France and Spain through secret treaties made in Europe. The matter was finally settled in 1803 when France sold a vast area west of the Mississippi River to the United States in a pact known as the Louisiana Purchase. For the first time, a thousand people living in the thriving French community of St. Louis became American citizens.

French names of local families, streets and parks are still common in St. Louis today. French cuisine is included among popular fares at some of the city's leading restaurants. A large contingent of Germans and Italians immigrating to the city in this century, however, has diluted the dominance of French culture and heritage.

In the last census, St. Louis proper included 622,236 citizens, with 2.4 million in its metropolitan area. Of Missouri's total population, one-half were church members in 1970, with Baptists claiming two out of 10 and Catholics another three. The percentage of Catholics is believed to be even higher in St. Louis than in the remainder of the state.

Those 19 miles of riverfront along the Mississippi begin roughly 10 miles south of the point where the Missouri River flows into the Missis-



sippi. St. Louis extends west of the river bank about seven miles.

A high bluff rises on the west bank of the river, but the city itself is nearly level. Manufacturing, meat packing and tenement houses lie along the bank, with a north-south strip of modern office buildings adjacent. Paralleling the city's western border visitors find beautiful parks, boulevards and residential areas.

Western Recorder will again keep Kentuckians apprised of all convention week developments with reports from its on-the-scene news staff, including

coverage of preliminary meetings of various groups June 8-9. This four-page pull out and keep section is an annual guide to help those going to the convention know when and where the action takes place, and includes all major convention agendas already released. Perhaps it will help you get into the spirit of St. Louis!

Another word may be advisable to those attending the Southern Baptist Convention this June. That's traditionally St. Louis' wettest month of the year, and we aren't thinking of alcohol. Better bring along an umbrella or you may be sorry.

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## the pastors

### Cervantes Convention Center

#### Sunday Evening, June 8

- Jimmy Draper, Presiding  
 6:15 Welcome—Rheubin South, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 6:20 Congregational Singing  
 6:25 Welcome and Prayer—Adrian Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.  
 6:35 Music—Gary Floyd, Conroe, Tex.  
 6:45 Message—“The Second Coming,” John Bisagno, Houston, Tex.  
 7:15 Congregational Singing  
 7:20 Offering  
 7:25 Music—Cynthia Clawson, Houston, Tex.  
 7:35 Message—“Prayer and Awakening,” Jack Taylor, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 8:05 Concert—Bill Gaither Trio  
 Benediction—Charles Draper, Stuart, Fla.

#### Monday Morning, June 9

- Larry Lewis, Presiding  
 8:30 Pre-session Music—First Baptist Church Choir, Jackson, Miss., Larry Black, director  
 9:00 Congregational Music  
 9:05 Scripture and Prayer  
 9:10 Music—FBC Choir, Jackson, Miss.  
 9:20 Message—“Christ—My Priest,” Ralph Langley, Huntsville, Ala.  
 9:50 Congregational Singing  
 9:55 Music—Don Wilkins, Euless, Tex.  
 10:00 Message—“Only Christ Crucified,” Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 10:30 Congregational Singing  
 10:35 Offering—Choral Music  
 10:45 Music—Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio, Tex.  
 10:55 Message—“What God Wants in Us,” George H. Harris, San Antonio, Tex.  
 11:25 Congregational Singing  
 11:30 Music—Jack Price, Garland, Tex.  
 11:35 Message—“In the Meantime,” Richard Jackson, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Benediction—James Miller, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## the educators

#### Sunday Evening, June 8

- Session Theme: Religious Education: 1780-1980, A Proud Heritage*  
 Lawrence Klempnauer, Ft. Worth, Tex., Presiding  
 7:00 Worship—Bill and Linda Cates, Nashville  
 7:20 Welcome—Harold Souther, Jefferson City, Mo.  
 7:30 Feature—“Religious Education: The Here and Now—Family Ministry,” Joe Hinkle, Nashville  
 7:50 Recommendations and Roll Call of Charter Members—Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Tex.  
 8:00 Panel—“Reflections from the Past”—Mark Short, Alexandria, La.; moderator; Ernest Loessner, Louisville; Allen W. Graves, Louisville; Joe Davis Heacock, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Bill Souther, Salt Lake City, Utah  
 8:25 Address—“The Foundations of Religious Education for Southern Baptists,” Keener Pharr, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 9:00 Prayer—Joe Burnette, Charlotte, N. C.  
 9:00 Fellowship—Missouri Baptist Religious Education Association



Cervantes Convention Center [foreground] is the site of the 1980 SBC in downtown St. Louis June

10-12. The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will also be held in this building June 8-9.

#### Monday Afternoon, June 9

- Jimmy Draper, Presiding  
 1:15 Pre-session Music—First Southern Baptist Church Choir, Del City, Okla., Aubie McSwain, director  
 1:45 Scripture and Prayer  
 1:50 Music—Richard Bradford  
 2:00 Message—“Revival Through the Word,” Stan Coffey, Albuquerque, N. M.  
 2:30 Offering—Choral Music  
 2:40 Congregational Singing  
 2:45 Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.  
 2:55 Message—“A New Testament Strategy for Reaching People,” Bailey Stone, Odessa, Tex.  
 3:25 Congregational Singing  
 3:30 Music—First Southern Baptist Church Choir, Del City, Okla.  
 3:45 Election of Officers  
 4:00 Music—Stone Brothers, Rome, Ga.  
 4:10 Message—“Victory is Ours,” Grady C. Cothen, Nashville  
 Benediction

### Sheraton St. Louis Hotel

#### Monday Morning, June 9

- Session Theme: Religious Education: The Dynamic of Today*  
 Thelma Williamson, Ferguson, Mo., Presiding  
 8:50 Worship—Bill and Linda Cates, Nashville  
 9:10 Recognition of New Members—Tim Holcomb, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 9:15 “Resources for Religious Education”—Crawford Howell, Nashville  
 9:25 Feature—“Religious Education: The Here and Now—Church Administration,” Reggie McDonough, Nashville  
 9:45 Message—“The Dynamics of Religious Education Today,” John T. Sisemore, Shreveport, La.  
 10:20 Break  
 10:50 Music—Bill and Linda Cates, Nashville  
 11:00 Message—“Communicating Christian Values Today,” William H. Hale, Athens, Ga.  
 11:45 Summary and Dialogue—Findley Edge, Louisville; William H. Hale, Athens, Ga.  
 12:15 Prayer—Henry Love, Memphis, Tenn.

#### Monday Evening, June 9

- Jimmy Draper, Presiding  
 6:00 Pre-session Music—First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, Tex., Gary Moore, director  
 6:30 Scripture and Prayer—Bob Sena, Dallas, Tex.  
 6:35 Music—Jack Price, Garland, Tex.  
 6:40 Message—“Let's Major on the Major,” Roy Fish, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 7:15 Congregational Singing  
 7:15 Music—First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, Tex.  
 7:25 Message—“Honorable Vessels,” Bill Tanner, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.  
 7:55 Offering—Choral Music  
 8:05 Music—Jim Davis, Tulsa, Okla.  
 8:15 Message—“A Babbling Preacher and a Strange Gospel,” Bailey Smith, Del City, Okla.  
 8:45 Music—First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, Tex.  
 9:00 Message—“Old Time Religion,” W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex.  
 Introduction of New Pastor's Conference Officers  
 Benediction—Newly Elected President of Pastor's Conference

#### Monday Noon, June 9

- Banquet  
 Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Tex., Presiding  
 Multimedia presentation celebrating 25 years of Southern Baptist religious education work

#### Monday Evening, June 9

- Session Theme: Religious Education: Strategies for the Future*  
 J. Roger Skelton, president-elect, Presiding  
 6:45 Worship—Bill and Linda Cates, Nashville  
 7:00 Feature—“Religious Education: The Here and Now—Trends in Student Ministry,” Charles Rosselle, Nashville  
 7:20 Reports and Recognitions—F. Marvin Myers, Nashville, Tenn., and Lawrence Klempnauer, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 7:50 Message—“Discipling for Tomorrow,” Avery T. Willis Jr., Nashville  
 8:30 Prayer—Bob Bingham, Atlanta, Ga.

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## the women

### Kiel Auditorium

*Theme: Life-Changing Commitments*

Director of music and soloist at each session: Mrs. Beverly Terrell, Dallas, Tex.

Organist: Albin Whitworth, Wilmore, Ky.

### Sunday Afternoon, June 8, 3:30

*Session Theme: The Family in Life-Changing Commitments*

Monologue on the theme: Sheryl Churchill, Baptist

Young Women consultant, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.

Interviews of Families by Evelyn Blount, assistant to the education division director, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.

—Dr. and Mrs. Adrian Rogers and family, Memphis, Tenn.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Barron and family, missionaries in Ghana

—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Samples and family, missionaries among Indians in Ft. Washakie, Wyo.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Butler and family, Guin, Ala., volunteer workers in home missions

Special Music: Missouri Singing Women, Linda Boyd, Jefferson City, Mo., director

Address: Harvey Cox, professor, Harvard University Divinity School and author, Cambridge, Mass.

### Monday Morning, June 9, 9:30

*Session Theme: The Church in Life-Changing Commitments*

Monologue on the theme: Sheryl Churchill, Birmingham, Ala.

Message: Alastair Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Interviews by Evelyn Blount, Birmingham, Ala.:

—Mrs. Lanell Saeger, leader of refugee ministry, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

—Anita Reese, college student and Acteens Activator, St. Louis, Mo.

—Mrs. Gail Linam, children's director, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.

Address: Margaret Perkins, WMU consultant for cooperative ministries with National Baptists, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.

### Monday Afternoon, June 9, 2:00

*Session Theme: Great Women and Life-Changing Commitments*

Great Women of Woman's Missionary Union Today:

WMU Executive Board report, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.

Business: Election of Officers

Lottie Moon and Life-Changing Commitments: Official presentation of the new book, *The New Lottie Moon Story*

—Catherine B. Allen, assistant to the executive director, WMU, Birmingham, Ala., and author of the book

—Jane Chu, concert pianist and student, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

—Mrs. William Barry Harmon, Richmond, Va.; great-great niece of Lottie Moon and WMU member, River Road Baptist Church

—Mrs. R. C. Churchill, Crewe, Va.; great-great niece of Lottie Moon

—Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Barrett, missionaries, Hong Kong

*Upon Adjournment of Monday Afternoon Session*

Lottie Moon Exhibition and Autograph Party

Display of memorabilia of Lottie Moon

Honoring Moon family, missionaries and special guests

### Monday Evening, June 9, 7:30

*Session Theme: The Individual in Life-Changing Commitments*

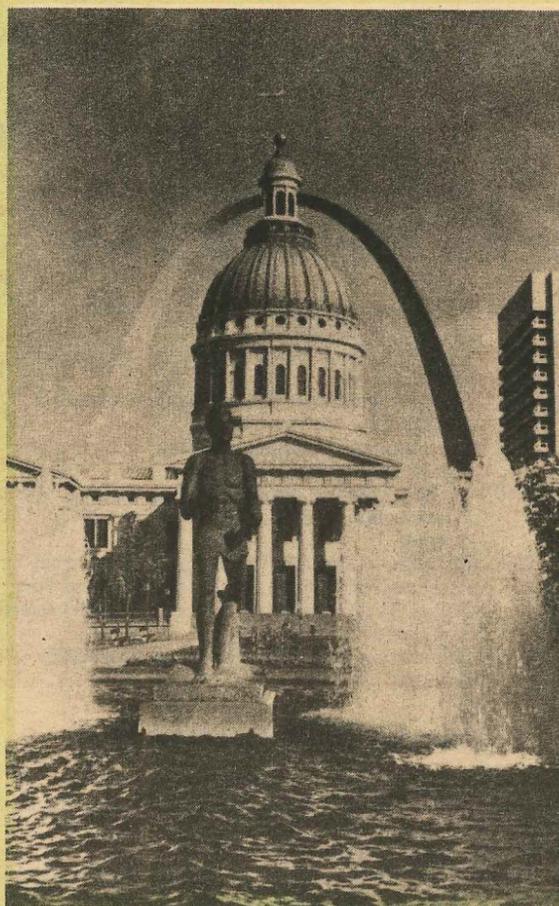
Music Director: Linda Boyd, associate, church music department, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.

Monologue on the theme: Sheryl Churchill, Birmingham, Ala.

Testimonies:

—Dr. and Mrs. Dale E. Beighle, foreign missionaries, Bophuthatswana

—R. Keith Parks, executive director, Foreign Mission Board



A pleasant oasis in downtown St. Louis, this fountain graces Kiener Plaza. In the fountain is the bronze sculpture "The Runner." In the background is the old courthouse and gateway arch.

## the musicians

### Third Baptist Church

### Sunday Afternoon, June 8

1:00 Past President's Luncheon, Chase-Park Plaza Hotel

3:00 Registration Desk and Music Exhibits Open, Third Baptist Church

### Sunday Evening, June 8

6:45 Opening Session of Conference:  
Presiding—Thad Roberts Jr., minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference  
Coordinator—Ervin Keathley, director of church music, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Instrumental Ensemble, Illinois Church Musicians, Carl Sheppard, director of music, Illinois Baptist State Association, director

7:00 Call to Order  
Welcome and Invocation—Ian M. Chapman, pastor, Third Baptist Church

Mini-Organ Recital—Jo Deen Blaine, organist and music associate, Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Creative Worship—William J. Reynolds, Nashville

Words of Inspiration—Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Mini-Concert—Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., Earl Holloway, minister of music, director

Premiere of anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1980 meeting of the conference: "He is God—the King of Glory" written by Warren M. Angell, music dean emeritus, Oklahoma Baptist University; performed by the adult choir of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., assisted by the Missouri Baptist College Choir, Marjorie Psalm-onds, director; with brass ensemble, Earl Holloway, director

Offertory

Mini-Concert—The Singing Illinoisians, Carl Sheppard, director of church music, Illinois Baptist State Association, director

9:00 Reception for the conference honoring Dr. and Mrs. William J. Reynolds, in Fellowship Hall

### Monday Morning, June 9

9:00 Presiding—Ronny Barner, minister of music, West University Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Coordinator—Ron Bostic, chairman, division of fine arts, Wingate College, Wingate, N. C.

Mini-Organ Recital—Jo Deen Blaine, organist

9:15 Words of Inspiration—Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Mini-Concert—Older Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo., Linda Boyd, director. Includes the premiere performance of a commissioned anthem for older children, "My Heart is Ready, O God," by Roberta Bitgood, president of American Guild of Organists

10:00 Fanny Crosby—A Great American Writer/Speaker: C. Bernard Ruffin, Alexandria, Va.

10:30 Exhibit Break

11:00 Business Session  
Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to William J. Reynolds, staff of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Gene Bartlett, retired music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Ira Prosser, retired music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

11:15 Divisional Meetings  
Local Church Division—Bill Pearson, vice president, minister of music, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., presiding

Denominational Division—Charles Gatwood, vice president, director of church music, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, presiding

Music Educators Division—Polly Riddle, vice president, assistant professor of music, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., presiding

12 Noon Lunch Break

### Monday Afternoon, June 9

1:30 Presiding—Posey Starkey, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.

Coordinator—James Davidson, minister of music, Grace Baptist Church, High Point, N. C.

Mini-Concert—Missouri Baptist College Choir, St. Louis, Mo., Marjorie Psalmonds, director

1:50 President's Address—Thad Roberts Jr.

Mini-Concert—The Heart Throbs, Senior Adult Choir of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., John C. Sawyer, director

Hines Sims Award—Bill Ichter, music missionary to Brazil since 1955

Trumpet Solos and Christian Testimony—Susan Slaughter, principal trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

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3:00 Understanding and Working with the Boy's Changing Voice—Wesley Coffman, chairman, department of the arts, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Tex.

Includes a demonstration period with a boys' choir.

Exhibit Break

Special Interest Sessions: (1) More on the Boy's Changing Voice—Wesley Coffman; (2) Organizing a Senior Adult Choir in Your Church—John Sawyer; (3) Music in Foreign Missions—Bill Ichter, music missionary to Brazil

Dinner Break

### Monday Evening, June 9

7:15 Presiding—Thad Roberts Jr.

Coordinator—Mark Borum, minister of music, Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Mini-Recital—Jo Deen Blaine

Creative Worship—William J. Reynolds with Jo Deen Blaine, organist, and Paul Dupree, pianist

7:35 Words of Inspiration—Kenneth Chafin

Premiere performance of commissioned duet for piano and organ, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (St. George's Windsor); arranged for piano and organ by Don Hustad and Ron Boud, music faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

Mini-Concert—Baylor A Cappella Choir, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., directed by Euell Porter in his last public appearance with the choir before retirement

Offertory

Mini-Concert—Clint Nichols, tenor, chairman, division of church music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Mini-Concert—The Missouri Singing Men, Bob Woolley, director of church music, Missouri Baptist Convention, director

9:15 Benediction and Adjournment

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## Southern Baptist Convention

Cervantes Convention Center

June 10-12, 1980

St. Louis, Missouri

Theme: That We May Boldly Say (Hebrews 13:6-7)

### Tuesday Morning, June 10

*Session Theme: Boldness in Proclamation*

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., Thomas P. Lane, minister of music
- 9:30 Call to Order  
Congregational Singing—Thomas P. Lane, Memphis, Tenn., director  
Scripture (Eph. 6:10-19)—Virginia (Mrs. Gene) Moore, Charlotte, N. C.  
Prayer—Acie Ford, Memphis, Tenn.
- 9:45 Registration and Constitution of Convention Report—Lee Porter, Nashville  
Committee on Order of Business Report—James L. Pleitz, Dallas, Tex., chairman
- 9:55 Welcome—Mayor James Conway, St. Louis, Mo.
- 10:00 Response—Morris Chapman, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers—Adrian Rogers, SBC president; pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- 10:30 Executive Committee Report (Part 1)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 11:10 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:25 Congregational Singing—Thomas P. Lane, Memphis, Tenn., director
- 11:30 Music—Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., Thomas P. Lane, minister of music  
Soloist, Joyce (Mrs. Adrian) Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.
- 11:35 President's Address—Adrian Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.
- 12:00 Benediction—Len Turner, Merritt Island, Fla.  
Adjourn

### Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

*Session Theme: Boldness in Convention Advance*

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Senior High-College Choir, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., James D. Whitmore, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Mo., director  
Scripture (Acts 4:13-31)—Larry Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.  
Prayer—Gary Cook, Waco, Tex.
- 2:45 Theme Interpretation—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 3:00 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:35 Executive Committee Report (Part 2)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 4:15 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, Nashville
- 4:25 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Mo., director
- 4:30 Business and Election of Officers
- 5:05 Benediction—Warren Hall, Los Altos, Calif.  
Adjourn

### Tuesday Night, June 10

*Session Theme: Boldness in Reaching A Lost World*

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Missouri Music Men, Bob Woolley, director; Missouri Music Women, Linda Boyd, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director  
Scripture (Matt. 28:16-20)—Robert Parker, Little Rock, Ark.  
Prayer—Lorene (Mrs. Donald) Murphy, Kansas City, Mo.
- 7:40 Theme Interpretation—Landrum P. Leavell II, New Orleans, La.
- 7:50 Business and Election of Officers

- 8:00 Bold Mission Thrust Goal Report, Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 8:10 Foreign Mission Board Report—R. Keith Parks, Richmond, Va.
- 8:45 Six SBC Seminaries Report—Milton Ferguson, Kansas City, Mo., presiding
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 9:10 Music—Missouri Music Men and Missouri Music Women, Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Mo., director
- 9:15 Message—Giles and Wana Ann Fort, medical missionaries, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia); David Fort, Dallas, Tex.; Gordon Fort, student, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 9:40 Benediction—Fhi Wung Seo, San Jose, Calif.  
Adjourn

### Wednesday Morning, June 11

*Session Theme: Boldness in a Changing World*

- 9:00 Inspirational Music—Adult and Youth Choirs, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., Charles Muller, minister of music
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Thad Roberts Jr., Houston, Tex., director  
Scripture (Heb. 13:5-8)—Luman Gillman, Pocatello, Ida.  
Prayer—H. K. Sorrell, Brownsville, Tenn.
- 9:45 Theme Interpretation—Albert McClellan, Nashville
- 9:55 Committee on Committees Report
- 10:00 Committee on Boards Report
- 10:05 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:25 Radio and Television Commission Report—Jimmy R. Allen, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:40 Brotherhood Commission Report—James H. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
- 10:50 Congregational Singing—Thad Roberts Jr., Houston, Tex.
- 10:55 Music—Adult and Youth Choirs, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., Charles Muller, minister of music; Soloist, Cynthia Clawson, Houston, Tex.
- 11:00 Convention Sermon—Ed Young, Houston, Tex.
- 11:30 Business  
—Committee on Resolutions (first report)  
—Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30 Benediction—Lawana Roberts, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Adjourn

### NO SESSION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

### Wednesday Night, June 11

*Session Theme: Boldness in Reaching the Homeland*

- 7:00 Inspirational Music—The Singing Illinoisans and the Illinois Baptist State Association Orchestra, Carl Sheppard, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 7:35 Scripture (Acts 1:1-8)—David Book, Lake Placid, N. Y.  
Prayer—Sara Ann Hobbs, Raleigh, N. C.
- 7:45 Theme Interpretation—Stan Coffey, Albuquerque, N. M.
- 7:55 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
- 8:10 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Ga.
- 8:45 Baptist Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville
- 9:05 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 9:10 Music—The Singing Illinoisans and the Illinois Baptist State Association Orchestra, Carl Sheppard, director
- 9:15 Message—Stephen Olford, Wheaton, Ill.
- 9:40 Benediction—Phillip Lineberger, Wichita, Kan.  
Adjourn

### Thursday Morning, June 12

*Session Theme: Boldness in Equipping the Saints*

- 9:00 Inspirational Music—College Singers, Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, Mo., Marjorie Psalmonds, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Bill H. Ichter, music missionary, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, director  
Scripture (Eph. 4:7-16)—Kenneth Stohner, Roswell N. M.  
Prayer—Norma Kennedy (Mrs. Lavonn) Brown, Norman, Okla.
- 9:45 Theme Interpretation—Huber Drumwright, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:05 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.
- 10:15 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert S. Denny, Washington, D. C.
- 10:25 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville
- 10:35 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville
- 10:40 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, Nashville
- 10:50 Congregational Singing—Bill H. Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, director
- 11:00 Business  
—Committee on Resolutions (final report)  
—Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction—Robert Kleinschmidt, Lemon Grove, Calif.  
Adjourn

### Thursday Afternoon, June 12

*Session Theme: Boldness in Critical Times*

- 2:00 Inspirational Music—Evangelistic Singers
- 3:00 Congregational Singing—Jim McNeil, St. Louis, Mo., director  
Scripture (Heb. 4:12-16)—Ed Brown, Fresno, Calif.  
Prayer—Charlotte Perkins (Mrs. J. T.) Weedman, Shawnee, Okla.
- 3:15 Theme Interpretation—Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, La.
- 3:25 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville
- 3:35 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—Porter W. Routh, Washington, D. C.
- 3:45 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, Nashville
- 3:55 Congregational Singing—Jim McNeil, St. Louis, Mo., director
- 4:00 Business  
—Committee on Baptist State Papers, H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, chairman  
—Denominational Calendar Committee, Henry B. Huff, Louisville, chairman  
Miscellaneous
- 5:00 Benediction—Joel B. Lucas, Denham Springs, La.  
Adjourn

### Thursday Night, June 12

*Session Theme: Boldness in Christian Living*

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Oklahoma Singing Churchmen, James Woodward, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 7:35 Scripture (2 Peter 3:11-14)—T. Earl Ogg, Monroe, La.
- 7:40 Prayer—James Lamkin, Wisner, La.
- 7:45 Theme Interpretation—Grady and Eleanor Nutt, Louisville
- 8:05 Music Presentation—Dean Wilder, Robert Hale and Ovid Young
- 8:20 Message—Carl Bates, Charlotte, N. C.
- 8:50 Benediction—Adrian Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.  
Adjourn

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# Mancil

## The media is his message

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Mancil Ezell mused thoughtfully about the turn of events in his life as he sipped from a coffee cup and spooned multiple ice cream flavors.

Only last June he was elected to succeed then retired Wayne E. Todd, a former Lexington pastor, as the third secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Library Department. Those who know and appreciate Ezell best said the board's choice could not have been better.

Enormously talented, enthusiastic and energetic, Ezell's past experience obviously prepared him for such a strategic leadership role.

Having graduated from Samford University in his native Alabama, he continued his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in the School of Church Music. During those days he served Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly as staff organist, for the first time becoming exposed to what denominational life is really like.

Ezell returned to Texas but in 1964, shortly after his marriage to Suzanne Dale, a Lone Star lass, he accepted his first position in Nashville as Intermediate consultant in the board's Sunday School Department.

Before the decade was out he was helping Southern Baptist educators develop the present grouping-grading design for all church program organizations widely in use today. He moved from that assignment into young and single adult work, then into staff planning with the Sunday School Department. At last, he was promoted to the staff of the Bible Teaching Division. From that position, he was selected to head the Church Library Department.

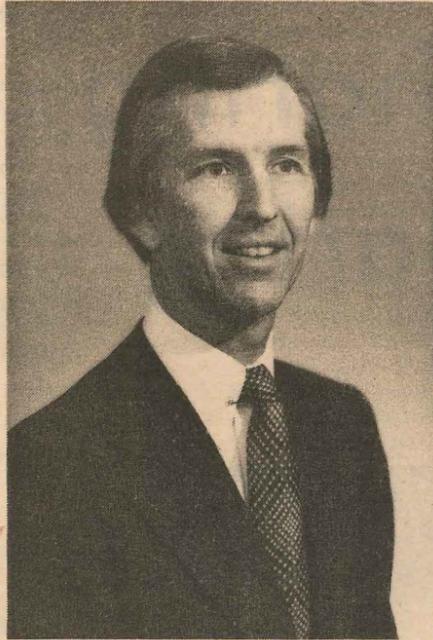
"Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine myself a likely candidate for that position," Ezell declares. "I was hardly aware that the vacancy was there, particularly since I was in another division."

But the board obviously saw some characteristics which they believed uniquely fitted him for that slot.

Physically, Ezell stands out in any crowd. Almost seven feet tall, his thin, lanky frame distracts the casual observer from the real person.

Beneath that gangly facade of wit and humor, those who know him best say there beats a heart of gold. If there ever was a "people person," Ezell seems to qualify, for he exudes warmth and compassion for individuals wherever he goes. His comments about his family (now including three children), his employer, his career and all things that really matter suggest Mancil Ezell is wrapped up in human beings.

His other gifts don't hurt him, either. His musical abilities notwithstanding, the man is something akin to a creative



Mancil Ezell

genius. He thinks up more unusual ideas in a week than the average person can conceive in six months.

For three years he contributed a monthly page to *Outreach* magazine in which he proposed all sorts of catchy promotional gimmicks. Response to that feature was so successful it will be offered in *Media: Library Services Journal*, the magazine published quarterly by the Church Library Department, beginning in a few months.

A seminary graduate told this writer, "I received more practical and versatile ideas in a one month course under Mancil than I did in all my other years in school put together."

Who can top that?

Ezell has had the good fortune of being widely accepted by the people.

A popular conference leader, he is a unique entity before an audience. He often uses games to involve the people, then stimulates their thinking with illustrations from a book like Dr. Seuss' *The Cat and the Hat*.

He makes a pertinent statement in a meeting, and if the crowd registers no immediate response, he playfully chides them with, "Are you out there? You are hearing me, aren't you?" When a few in his audience giggle and nod affirmatively, he turns to a close friend and remarks, "I believe some of them really are here after all."

His approach to the English language is absolutely engaging. For instance, Ezell can turn nouns into verbs that were never meant to be verbs, and do it with such ease he makes you believe he's right.

"We are ready to resource churches and people for their tasks," he tells

you. His audience goes away convinced.

While Ezell is repetitious in his use of terms, he doesn't draw upon ordinary terms. Mancil Ezell's vocabulary wouldn't stand for it.

He prefers "user" or "customer" to "borrower" for people who avail themselves of the church library's services. And a "pew sitter" is an average Joe who knows absolutely nothing about what's behind that glass-enclosed nook set aside for the library or media center.

At 43, Ezell's starting to get on top of some of the problems church librarians have been facing for years.

Addressing the Kentucky library retreat recently at Barren River, he exclaimed, "The eighties are literally going to bombard us with visual proliferation." He suggests for too long libraries have been dark "with 25-watt bulbs, dusty shelves," and so forth. He believes they bid women, but not men, "whose needs are just as important," to enter.

He recommended that the librarians go home, look at their work space, and ask, "To whom does this appeal?"

If it doesn't attract boys, girls, adolescents, teenagers, young marrieds, singles, middleagers and senior adults, it's "a waste," Ezell asserts.

Privately, he praises the work of the nine professionals and five clerical staffers who comprise the Sunday School Board's Church Library Department.

"I've joined a very mature and proficient group of hard workers," he declares. He cites the lengthy tenures of several staff members, believing them to be unequaled at the board. One employe has been there 23 years, some others nearly two decades. There have been no departures from the staff since Ezell joined it, suggesting he has been accepted by his colleagues.

Ezell dreams big for the future.

Acknowledging that 24,000 of more than 35,000 Southern Baptist churches presently have some type of church media library ministry, "new starts"—another unique term—is a priority in his thinking.

He hopes to see his department achieve three goals in the eighties: 1) to interpret church media as both a location and a service; 2) to interpret church media as both an individual and a family resource; and 3) to interpret church media as a visually stimulating environment and a dynamic, relevant resource center.

"We pledge the best training available among national Christian library organizations," he insists.

And somehow, just listening to Mancil Ezell, you have to believe he will bring off anything he sets his mind to.

## Librarians resort to Barren River

by James H. Cox,  
Associate Editor

Eighty-nine persons representing 18 associations registered during the Kentucky library retreat Mar. 21-22 at Barren River State Resort Park, near Lucas.

Chester Iglehart of Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church, outgoing president of the Kentucky Library Association, presided over the general sessions.

New officers were elected, including Phyllis Fekete, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, president; Marge Bowling, Lyndon Church, Louisville, vice president; Nancye Shutt, First Church, Madisonville, secretary; Charles Wagner, Second Church, Greenville, historian; Barbara Martin, Providence Church, Frankfort, and Betty Smith, Second Church, Hopkinsville, members at large.

Phyllis Fekete, media center director at Walnut Street Church, received a media services diploma during the retreat for outstanding service.

A distinguished achievement award was given Marge Bowling on behalf of the Lyndon Church library.

Five libraries received merit awards, including: First Church, Mt. Washington, Sue Calvert, librarian; First Church, Prestonsburg, Linda Mulford, librarian; South Jefferson Church, Valley Station, Joyce Davies, librarian; Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Alice Arnett, librarian; and Second Church, Hopkinsville, Betty Smith, librarian.

Conferences during the two-day workshop were offered in cataloging, basic training, media and outreach, enlisting and training staff, promoting the library, selecting media and what makes a good facility.

Program personnel included Mrs. Bowling; Mrs. Fekete; Iglehart; Eloise Walker, special worker in Knoxville, Tenn.; Jane Watson, special worker in Little Rock, Ark.; and members of the Sunday School Board's Church Library Department staff in Nashville—Mancil Ezell, secretary; James Rose, consultant; and Floyd B. Simpson, editor, *Media: Library Services Journal*.

The Kentucky library retreat is sponsored jointly by the Nashville department and the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, C. Vernon Cole, director, and Mike King, associate.

The organization voted to hold its 1981 workshop Mar. 6-7 at Barren River State Resort Park.



Librarians at Barren River

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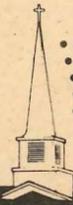
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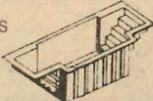
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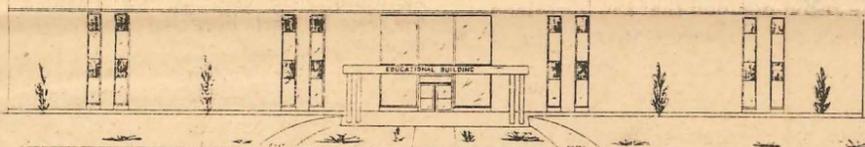
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## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## The option of singleness

**2 Peter 3:3-13** Thoroughly convinced of the absolute certainty of the coming of Christ at a date which was unknown to him, Peter urged his readers to make the necessary preparation for it, and in the meantime to resist all evil and to do all the good possible. He taught the certainty of this great event should serve as a strong incentive to obedient Christian living and to faithful and loving service for the Lord.

This epistle was written by Peter to the Christians who had been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Aware of their proneness to be forgetful of both the doctrines and the duties which had been set forth in the scriptures, Peter reminded his readers of God's message through the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles of Christ, and to forewarn them that in the last days scoffers would minimize sin, openly indulge in it and glory in doing so. In the time of Peter scoffers sneeringly and cynically asked, "Where is the promise of his coming?" Some of the weaker Christians began to wonder if these scoffers might be right in their contention Christ would not return.

To the scoffers, who longed to gratify the lusts of the flesh and who laughed at the idea of the possibility of the return of Christ and of a consequent judgment such as had been predicted, Peter pointed to the time when God sent the flood upon the earth. God's delay in bringing this age to a close is due to his abundant mercy in giving people ample time for repentance and faith in Christ.

After reassuring his readers of the sudden return of Christ when people will not be expecting it, Peter instructed his readers about the manner of persons Christians ought to be and how they ought to live. He taught they should be deeply grateful for the scriptures, the Saviour and the assurance of a home in heaven. They should wait in patience, walk in purity, witness in faithfulness, work in diligence, watch in readiness and weep in hopefulness. As they watch and long for Christ's return, Christians should strive to live in such a Christ-pleasing manner as to influence others to receive him as their Saviour and to enthrone him as the Lord of their lives.

## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## Looking for the promise

**Genesis 1:26-28** The three Persons of the Trinity conferred and decided to make man in order to fulfill God's particular purpose, namely, that he should have dominion over "every living thing" upon the earth.

When God made man, he made him in his own image, so there is an unspeakable dignity attached to him. This image was not material or physical, but rather a likeness of personality. Just as God knows, feels and wills, so man, made in his image knows, feels and wills. Having created man, God gave him instructions concerning how life was to be sustained. Man was to multiply by becoming the agent through which God would continue to populate this earth.

**Matthew 19:10-12** Singleness and marriage are both honorable. Whether one shall remain single or marry is strictly a matter of personal choice. Christ recognized the fact there are good and justifiable reasons for various individuals or groups remaining single. Christ did not hesitate to declare that should a person choose to remain single he was obligated to remain pure. He assured his followers that he would enable them to exhibit purity of life, whether single or married.

**1 Corinthians 7:8-9, 25-31** To those who were capable of exercising self-restraint and self-control through divine enablement, Paul recommended his own life-style. He was convinced the single life was desirable, noble and commendable, but he did not command others not to marry. Paul was careful to stress the importance of continence outside marriage and faithfulness within marriage. He recognized that a single person could concentrate on God's service in a way a married one could not, and he considered that a definite advantage.

## "Mr. Needmore"

## Frank Owen

Our church needed more janitor service. We had a rather long experience of difficulty finding a dependable and satisfactory second custodian. Several short-term employees came and went.

The original janitor, a wonderful fellow with a philosophical turn of mind, said to me one day, "Mr. Owen, we need someone who needs more. These single fellows without much responsibility don't have enough need to work. We need to find a family man who is having a hard time making ends meet, someone who needs more." From that day forward he and I understood each other when either of us spoke of "Mr. Needmore."

Many Americans apparently have thought we are on an automatic economic escalator that can go no way but up. This assumption has persisted, despite economic experts continuing to tell us (erroneously) now for more than two years that we are going promptly into a recession.

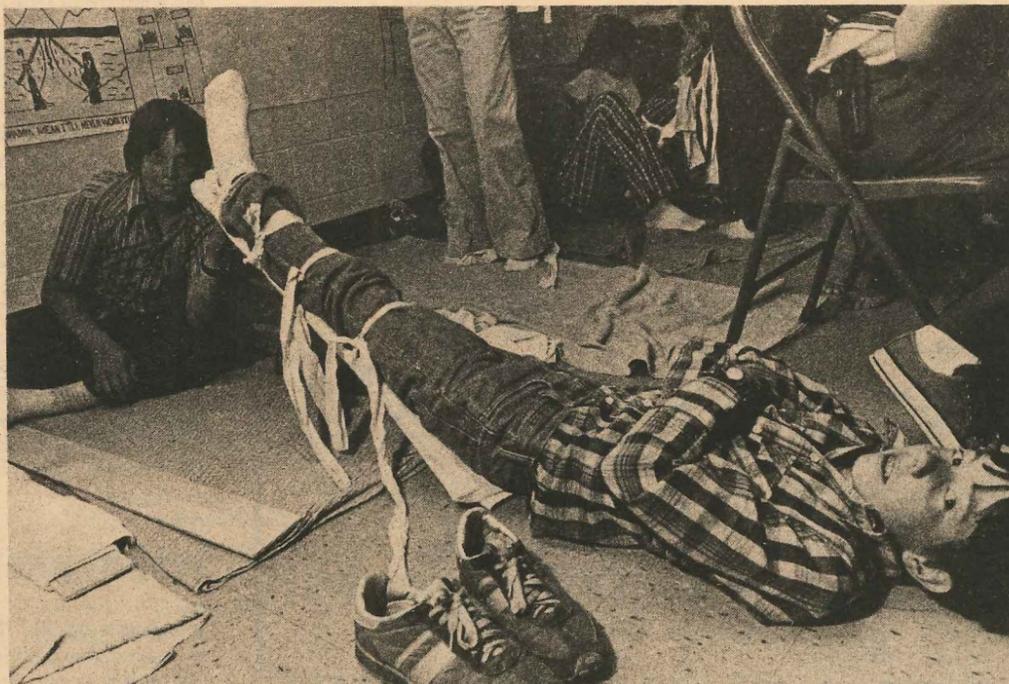
"It is an ill wind that blows no good." We all dread a recession but perhaps it would bring some benefits. Character tends more to come out of hardship than luxury. Capable, but aimless people often find their way during hard times. How go the lines?

"Tis the knocks you get and the jolts you get,  
The shocks that your courage stands,  
The hours of sorrow and vain regret,  
The prizes that escape your hand,  
That test your metal and prove your worth.  
It isn't the blows you deal,  
But the blows you take, in this old earth,  
That prove the stuff is real."

Another wise old friend said to me one day, "Preacher, my father gave me something my children need, but I can't give it to them." He surprised me when he named it in just one word, "need." "My father didn't know it and I didn't realize it but the need in which our family had to live was good for me."

My janitor was a wise man. "The most valuable friend you have in the world," he said, "is Mr. Needmore."

First aid is one of approximately a dozen topics offered in Centrifuge programs at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference centers during the summer. Almost twice as many requests for reservations were made for 1980 as could be accepted due to space limitations.



## Centrifuge: A summer spin for youth

by Jim Lowry

As Centrifuge moves into its second year, the program is packed to capacity at both conference centers and waiting lists contain enough names to nearly fill all 19 weeks again.

Centrifuge, the youth camp program at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference centers, was designed and implemented last summer to fill some of the life needs of young people, according to Don Mattingly, creator of the program.

Mattingly, coordinator of special services in the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said Centrifuge was built around helping young people grow as Christians while having a good time and meeting new friends.

Mattingly said last summer as some of the youth were leaving to go home they said they had enjoyed it so much they would be back this summer. Early reservation figures support their sincerity, since reservations postmarked Feb. 1, 1980, the earliest acceptable date, filled all 8100 spaces for 1980 and resulted in a combined waiting list of more than 6400.

As a consolation for those whose reservations were not accepted, they will be given priority reservations next summer, giving them first chance for available space.

New auditoriums were built at both conference centers for Centrifuge in

give the youth groups a meeting place of their own. Lambdin Auditorium and Aspen Auditorium were constructed at Ridgecrest and Glorieta respectively.

When reservations are received at the conference centers they are held until all postmarked Feb. 1 are received, then shuffled so no preference is given for geographic location or exceptional mail delivery. Then reservations are assigned until space is exhausted.

This year, a youth group from a church in Nashville did not get reservations, even though membership of the church includes the president of the Sunday School Board, head of the board's recreation department and director of the division containing the Church Recreation Department.

Mattingly said he feels the secret to the success of Centrifuge is the program which is aimed at the widely varying interests of youth, followed closely by the presence of a dedicated faculty composed of a dozen seminary students with expertise in the areas offered.

Some of the special interest conferences offered include backpacking, music, drama, Bible research, puppetry, crafts, first aid, basketball skills and indoor/outdoor games.

Mattingly added that youth ministers accompanying the youth are exposed to many of the elements which can be incorporated into a successful program in

a local Southern Baptist church.

Youth who attend the weeks spend approximately one-third of their time in classes, one-third in recreation and the remaining one-third in worship.

"Many of the youth come here expecting a good time of recreation but leave talking about the worship services and what they learned," Mattingly said.

"Decisions made by the youth and experiences at the camp are carried back to the home church," he continued, "and the adults and other youth see the changes in their lives."

Mattingly and others involved in planning Centrifuge believe it is a program which exemplifies the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis of Southern Baptists. Last summer, more than 1600 decisions were made by the youth attending Centrifuge. Of that number 136 were professions of faith and nearly 200 were decisions toward full time Christian vocations.

"We believe there is a need in churches for this kind of program," Mattingly said, "where activities draw people to the church and make them willing to stay for Bible study and other phases of ministry.

"Centrifuge is very similar to church recreation in shared goals," he concluded, "to show youth ministers what is included in a good youth program, while ministering to the needs of youth."