

## Kentuckian Bill Marshall elevated in FMB shuffle

A Frankfort, Ky., native has been named to the Foreign Mission Board's executive management group in a reorganization of the board effective May 1.

William W. Marshall, 48, who served pastorates in Kentucky and Virginia and for more than five years has been associate secretary for missionary personnel at the board, was elected vice president for human resources. The appointment was announced last week during the board's meeting in Alexandria, La.

Marshall and his wife, the former Alice Gardner of Owensboro, Ky., were appointed missionaries in 1969. He was field representative in the Middle East for seven years and later a missionary in Germany.

The board changed the title of R. Keith Parks from executive director to president and named William R. O'Brien as executive vice president. O'Brien, former missionary to Indonesia, has been secretary for denominational coordination since 1976.

The executive staff, in addition to Parks and O'Brien, will include Homer Beaver, a retired U.S. Air Force logistics expert, as administrative assistant; Winston Crawley, a 33-year veteran of Southern Baptist missions, as vice president for a new office of planning; and a director of development, yet to be named.

In addition to Marshall, three other vice presidents were elected to head new offices under which the board's functions will be grouped. They are Charles W. Bryan, vice president for overseas operation; Mrs. Johnni Johnson Scofield, vice president for communications; and Sidney C. Reber, vice president for management services.

The six vice presidents, administrative assistant, director of development and the board's treasurer will meet with Parks as the executive management group.

Parks said he hopes to have all major executive positions filled and his new administrative team functioning at full strength by October.



Marshall



McGlothian

## Nashvillian is elected 11th ABTS president

Odell McGlothian Sr., an executive of the publishing arm of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., has been elected 11th president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville.

Charles E. Boddie, president since 1963 of the school which is owned and operated jointly by the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention has been named chancellor. American Baptist Theological Seminary is a predominantly black undergraduate ministerial training school organized in 1924.

McGlothian, 50, will become chief administrative officer of the seminary June 1. The Vaiden, Miss., native is currently director of publications at Nashville's Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. He is also pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in nearby Hendersonville.

He is a graduate of Judson College, Elgin, Ill.; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill.; and earned the master and doctorate degrees in education from Wayne State University, Detroit.

## Giving up

### A tale of two churches, \$2.33, & good reasons

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

This is a story of missions.

It is also a story about \$2.33.

That \$2.33 may play a very vital role in Kentucky Baptists' total gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program this year.

Here's why.

For several years, two midstate congregations have led Kentucky's nearly 2300 Southern Baptist congregations by several lengths in giving to the Cooperative Program. This is the denomination's unified budget plan for dividing its mission pie so all of the agencies and efforts supported by Southern Baptists are included.

These two congregations—Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, pastored by Verlin C. Kruschwitz, and First Baptist Church, Somerset, Eldred M. Taylor, pastor—are distinctive in their giving patterns for at least two reasons:

1) Both have remained fairly close together in total dollar amount given the Cooperative Program in recent years.

2) There is a wide, wide gap between these two churches and the rest of us.

In 1979, for the 12th consecutive time, Severns Valley edged out all other churches for first place, sending \$126,191.44 to worldwide causes through the Cooperative Program. The church ranked 28th in per capita giving statewide with \$40.53 as the average gift per member. There are 3113 members at Severns Valley.

But the Somerset congregation obviously put on a major effort to increase its Cooperative Program share in 1979, channeling \$11,000 more into the budget than a year earlier for a total of \$103,841.60. In fact, in the last two years, this congregation's CP giving increased \$24,000. Per capita gifts for the 1889-member church were \$54.97 last year, placing it eighth in the state in per capita giving.

Advised at the end of the 1978-79 fiscal year of the closeness of the two churches' giving, Kruschwitz, of Severns Valley, responded in a Western Recorder interview: "We don't care who's first. The Lord gets the credit and benefit for it all. As long as we don't give any less, I say more power to everybody else."

Eldred Taylor and his people read those words.

And now, the \$2.33 comes into play.

Recently, Western Recorder published the giving records of all 2300 congregations for the first six months of the current fiscal year, ending Feb. 29, 1980. To no one's surprise, Severns Valley is still out in front. But perhaps to most people's surprise, its lead at the mid-year point was—you guessed it—\$2.33.

The Somerset congregation had given a total of \$102,943.17 to missions, including \$48,693.21 in designations. This puts it far and away the largest giver in the state to all missions. But its \$54,249.96 earmarked for the Cooperative Program still kept it \$2.33 behind Severns Valley in unified budget support.

Severns Valley, meanwhile, gave \$54,252.29 to the Cooperative Program plus \$21,388.91 in other designated mission gifts for a total of \$75,641.20 for the six months.

Could this be the year another church takes the lead in statewide giving? Nobody knows now, of course, but it's certainly a live option.

That \$2.33 which separates these two congregations is important for more than just \$2.33. That differential may spur these churches in their giving records. It may also provide incentive for the rest of us to raise our sights.

Even in devastatingly inflationary times, missions work must continue. The agencies and institutions that perform services for Southern Baptists statewide, nationwide and worldwide are feeling the severe economic pinch just like each local church is. They depend upon sacrificial giving from members of these churches just like your local church does.

Geographically, they may be more distant than the church you attend. But the funds to do their work must be derived from the same offering plates.

The Cooperative Program is a simple plan, but undoubtedly the best budget device Southern Baptists have ever developed. Yet, its simplicity and success depend wholly upon you and me.

What about the other churches in the state? How are they doing, six months into the current fiscal year?

While none is anywhere near Severns Valley and Somerset First in total dollar giving, hundreds of our congregations are doing exceedingly well.

Of the churches finishing the year in the top 10 in dollar giving statewide in 1979, six are there again six months into the current year—Severns Valley, Somerset First, Owensboro First (\$36,471.78 for six months, placing it third), Campbellsville (\$34,035.15, moving up from fifth place six months ago to fourth), Madisonville First (trading places with Campbellsville to fifth, \$32,824.72) and Lexington Porter Memorial (moving from 10th to 9th spot, with \$27,711.44 for six months).

The other four congregations rounding out the top 10 through February 1980 include: Murray First, \$30,386.00, sixth; Paducah First, \$29,437.60, seventh; Hopkinsville Second, \$28,847.55, eighth; and Mayfield First, \$27,677.54, 10th.

Two of the top 10—the Madisonville and Mayfield congregations—are currently without pastors.

Other churches in the top 25 across the state for the first six months of this fiscal year are:

Ashland First, \$27,615.13, 11th; Harrodsburg, \$25,969.31, 12th; Bowling Green First, \$25,380.53, 13th; Ashland Unity, \$25,333.34, 14th; Winchester Central, \$25,001.06, 15th; Louisville Walnut Street, \$24,883.25, 16th; Owensboro Third, \$24,376.45, 17th; Lexington Immanuel, \$23,499.97, 18th.

Also, Beacon Hill, \$23,376.73, 19th; Owensboro Bellevue, \$22,986.79, 20th; Greenville First, \$22,856.94, 21st; Versailles, \$22,665.51, 22nd; Louisville Crescent Hill, \$22,000.00, 23rd; Louisville Hurstbourne, \$21,723.56, 24th; and Lexington Calvary, \$21,264.41, 25th.

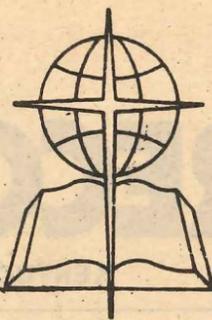
The current fiscal year of the Kentucky Baptist Convention ends Aug. 31, 1980.

Will \$2.33 be incentive for greatly increased giving by Severns Valley, Somerset First, all of the others in the top 25 and many more congregations?

Time will tell, of course, but only eternity can adequately measure how much good the challenge of that \$2.33 is.

*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 word for suffering saints

There he was seated in the chair where he spends most of his waking hours these days. Stopping by to see him was like old times, the many good times spent together through years of friendship.

But there's a big difference for my friend between other years and now. Retirement from the staff of a Baptist institution after 50 years of service has brought him hardship and suffering instead of rest and enjoyment. Several strokes have brought a slurring in speech and other severe disabilities. His body is but a shadow of what it once was though he still has a devilish twinkle in his eyes and a smile plays upon his lips when something humorous comes up.

Many of his students through the years regard him as the best teacher they ever had. The inspiration, enlightenment and insights gained in his classes have enriched many lives infinitely.

He is rich also but only in memories and in spiritual qualities. In addition to physical suffering, he and his wife have to do battle every day to find the necessary expenses for meager existence.

My friend is but another example of a host of retired Baptist preachers and staff members of Baptist agencies and institutions who are suffering for lack of the basic needs for comfort. Inflation has intensified the problem but even in ordinary times Baptist retirement plans are notoriously inadequate.

In the case of my friend, it's shameful. After 50 years' service his pension amounts to about \$1440 a year or \$120 a month. This is not enough to cover visits to the doctors and medicine.

Why didn't he plan for this time by building up a larger retirement fund? The answer is simple. The institution did not even have a retirement plan until the last few years of his service. As for saving much of his income, he scarcely made enough to live on and his wife had to work to help educate their children and buy a modest home.

He could have quit and found a better paying job but teaching was his calling and he probably would have taught for nothing. He practiced what we preach about putting kingdom things first and using our talents and gifts in ministry but it appears his reward will be in heaven and not on earth.

The account of my friend's experience will not be surprising to readers who know much about the situation among Baptists today. Many retired servants of God are suffering. Everyone sympathizes but no one is doing much to help.

It's about time we looked at this tragedy seriously. When any other problem or challenge arises among Baptists, a committee is appointed, the matter is studied and some solution rec-

ommended. Why not this one?

A study could be made on the state level or better still on the national level. The Southern Baptist Annuity Board and/or the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee have the resources to do such a study. The Annuity Board already has a relief ministry but it is extremely meager.

Baptists give generously to just causes. Every year we give millions above our regular offerings for missions. This we should do but why not consider something special in appreciation for those who served faithfully and now suffer? What a difference a few million dollars rightly administered could make!

### A deserved day of recognition

Call it "the finest example of human ingenuity" or "a plan divinely inspired," it is the lifeline of state and national Baptist agencies and institutions. It's the Cooperative Program and we owe it more than most of us realize. It is utterly impossible to conceive of modern Baptist advancement and achievement apart from this plan.

The Cooperative Program is not a device with which Baptist leadership manipulates people in the pew. It is a plan of the people, by the people and for the people thus lending itself beautifully to the Baptist concept of democracy.

It is people who decide what to contribute through the Cooperative Program, it is people who decide how it will be distributed and it works for people in places where most people cannot go. It will prosper or suffer according to what people think of it.

The Cooperative Program must have divine approval or it never would have lasted. It has been questioned, criticized, abused and misused, but it remains healthy and respected.

Nothing about Baptists more deserves a special day of recognition on the denominational calendar. That's why every Baptist church and every Southern Baptist should pause sometime next Sunday (Apr. 20) to thank God for the Cooperative Program and to pledge themselves again to its fullest use.

Guest Editorial

### Bearing false witness

by Kenneth Mahanes, Pastor,  
Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Recently a pamphlet advertising a Bible conference sponsored by an independent, fundamentalist church was sent to me. I noticed every speaker was designated by the title "doctor." Everyone of these speakers was the recipient of a mail order degree. In other words, none of the men had earned his degree at a recognized school accredited by a regional accrediting association. The degrees had been bought by and sent to them through the mail.

I am convinced the average lay person does not know the difference. For the record, a legitimately earned doctorate requires several years of graduate schooling, the writing of an original, research dissertation and, in most cases, the study of one or more foreign languages. The primary motivation for working towards the degree is the desire to learn and to prepare oneself to function at the highest level of competency.

A degree that has been bought and sent through the mail is worth only the paper on which it is printed. The primary motivation for such a "degree" is unadulterated vanity.

I believe there is intentional deception on the part of the preachers who buy their degrees. They are often sad men who hide their theological inferiority or academic failure behind a spurious title. They purposely mislead lay people to assume the degree has been properly earned.

It appears the most notorious culprits of this fraud are independent fundamentalist preachers. Ironically, those who denounce sin and immorality the hardest are the ones most guilty of this form of pride and deception.

I will never forget visiting the pastor's study in a church in another city. Hanging conspicuously on the wall was a diploma from a school in London, England. Supposedly, he had been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree. I inquired if the pastor had enjoyed his years in England. He confessed to me he had never actually been abroad. The degree had been mailed to him in return for a fee, some "academic work" which included tapes of his sermons and written reports of books he had read. Having never heard of the London-based school, I assumed the program had legitimacy. To my dismay, an article appeared in the local newspaper a few weeks later exposing the school as a mail order house selling degrees to those willing to pay the price. The newspaper article revealed this school had even granted a doctor's degree to a local resident's dog.

When a preacher participates in this type of academic fabrication, serious questions should be raised about his integrity and credibility. Engaging in this type of blatant deception may fool some people but those who know better view the practice with contempt and disgust. At the very least touting a mail order degree serves only to boost the preacher's own feeling of self importance.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness . . ."

## Baptist Forum

Serially speaking

One of the most keenly felt responsibilities of the Serials Division of Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is its role as a repository for Baptist documents and data. In order to obtain a complete collection we are requesting all associations of your readership to place us on their annual minutes mailing list. If each association could send us just one copy of their minutes each year, future generations of Baptists will be able to get a complete picture of Baptist life for our files. Please send the minutes to: Serials Division, Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22,000-2E, Ft. Worth, TX 76122.

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Myrta Garrett, Serials Librarian, Ft. Worth, Tex.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Fund raisers in Louisville

The 15th annual Southern Baptist Foundation and Development Officers' Institute was held Apr. 7-9 at Stouffer's Inn, Louisville.

Sponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission, Nashville, program personalities included S. R. Fagan, Stewardship Commission; Michael L. Speer, Stewardship Commission; Fred M. Chapman, Stewardship Commission; William V. Corbett, Louisville IRS attorney; Hollis E. Johnson, Southern Baptist Foundation; Duke K. McCall, Southern Seminary; Wesley M. Pattillo, Southern Seminary; and H. Gerald Quigg, University of Richmond.

Included in the program was a visit to the archaeological museums and Billy Graham room at Southern Seminary.

Approximately 25 persons from 15 states attended.

## EEOC v. SWBTC again?

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has appealed a January decision in a two-year-old lawsuit involving Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

District judge Eldon Mahon of Ft. Worth ruled Jan. 25 EEOC did not have jurisdiction over the seminary, thereby denying EEOC the right to seek employee records at the Southern Baptist institution.

By agreement, the outcome of the suit filed in May 1977 against Southwestern will govern the claim of jurisdiction by EEOC over the other Southern Baptist seminaries in Kansas City, Mo., Louisville, Ky., Wake Forest, N. C., Mill Valley, Calif. and New Orleans, La.

EEOC had contended the seminary is required to follow federal guidelines because it is an institution of higher learning employing more than 15 persons.

## Tom Law, missionary, dies

Thomas L. Law Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Spain, died of cancer Apr. 3 at Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex.

Services were held Apr. 5 at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, followed by graveside services in Cameron, Tex.

Law, 51, who had served as a field evangelist in Spain since 1964, had flown from Spain to Houston Jan. 19 and was operated on for cancer four days later. He was released from the hospital and began receiving chemotherapy treatment before reentering the hospital Mar. 20.

A Texan, Law was born in Houston and also lived in Wharton and Bryan. Before he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962 he had been superintendent of missions for Lower Rio Grande Baptist Association.

## Cothen home from hospital

Baptist Sunday School Board president Grady C. Cothen has checked out of the hospital and is reported progressing very well after surgery to remove a malignancy involving 70 percent of his stomach.

Doctors say the surgery was successful and they plan no further treatment for Cothen, who is recuperating at

home. He's gaining strength, eating regular food and walking around the house and yard during his first few days at home.

All of Cothen's commitments were cancelled through the end of April when it became known that surgery was necessary. He's expected to be back in the office in early May.

## Frosberg to speak peace

An ethics luncheon at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Apr. 23 features Randi Frosberg, an instructor at Harvard University and an authority on nuclear disarmament. Frosberg will also be the featured speaker at a similar meeting in the chapel of Crescent Hill Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. Apr. 23. More information on both meetings may be obtained from Robert Parham, (502) 895-9354.

## BSSB harassed 3rd time

The Baptist Sunday School Board was evacuated for more than an hour Apr. 3 after a bomb threat was telephoned to the personnel department shortly after noon.

Metropolitan police took almost an hour to search the five-building complex with dogs trained to sniff out explosive materials. Nothing was found and employees returned to work for the remainder of the day.

This is the third threat of this nature in which the Sunday School Board has had to be evacuated and searched. The first was in 1966 and the second in 1974.

## Writers meet in Louisville

The Christian Writers' Guild at Southern Seminary will hold its annual Christian Writers' conference Apr. 25-26.

The conference will begin at 3 p.m. in Norton Hall, room 195 at Southern Seminary, and will conclude Saturday noon.

Prominent Southern Baptist writers and editors will be featured speakers.

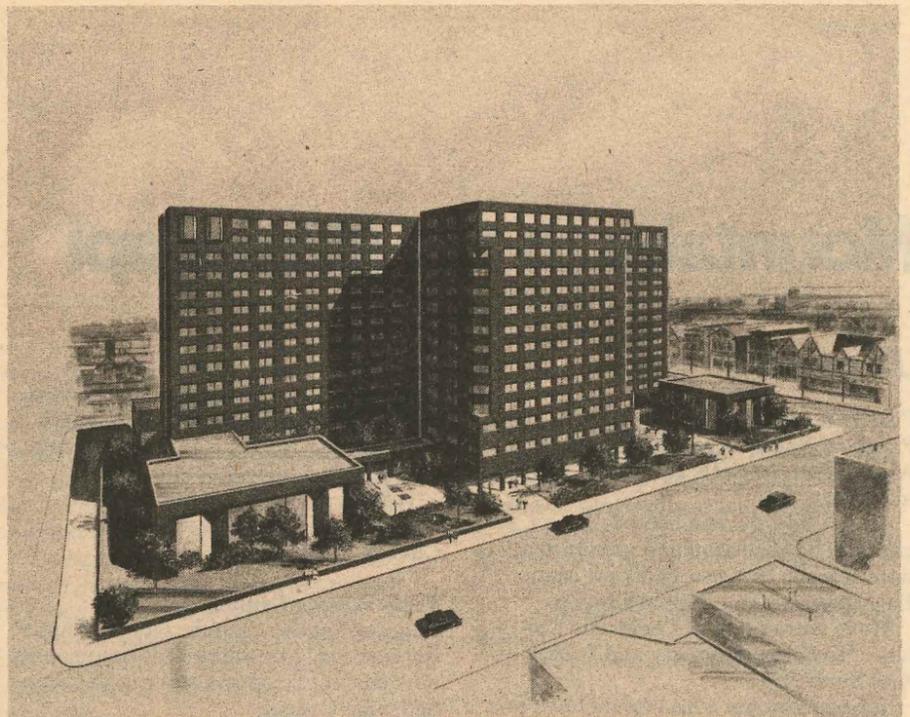
Sessions will include how to write for preschoolers, children, youth, adults and WMU. Other subjects of discussion will include the art of interviewing, how to use photography effectively in writing and free lancing for religious periodicals.

Anyone interested in Christian writing is invited and should send a registration fee (\$10) to Carolyn Beasley, 2825 Lexington Rd., Box 409, Louisville, KY 40206.

## FMB holds appointments

About 7500 persons gathered in the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria, La., Apr. 8 to see new missionaries appointed and hear an address by R. Keith Parks in his first appointment service since becoming executive director of the Foreign Mission Board in January.

Parks announced that giving to the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has already surpassed the total given for the 1978 offering by more than one and a half million dollars. As of Apr. 8 the board has received \$37,425,201, Parks said.



Treyton Oak Towers, a 14-story retirement center for upper and middle income people, will be erected in downtown Louisville by Third and Oak Corp., comprised of Walnut Street Baptist Church members. Admission for residents ranges from \$30,000 to \$90,000 plus monthly fees of \$450 to \$900. It will be constructed on the former Norton Memorial Infirmary site and completed in 1983. Robert Young, associate pastor, announced, "People can move in and forget about their worries. We will take care of their every need."

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62.00 for husband and wife	(one double bed and one bunk bed in each room)

To make reservations, send name and \$5 (applies on above prices) for each person planning to attend, to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 37, Bagdad, KY 40003

# Mountains to the Mississippi



Mrs. Stone



Miss Walker



Brooks

## Personnel

**Parkland adds two**  
Parkland Baptist Church, Long Run Association, recently called two staff members.

Robert Karolyi has been called as minister of education and administration. Karolyi came to Parkland from East Dayton (Oh.) Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Cedarville College, Southern Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary.

Karolyi and his wife Wanda have two daughters, Kim and Jenny.

H. C. Harville was added as minister of youth. He is a second semester student at Southern Seminary. He is also a 1979 graduate of Cumberland College and was active in the Baptist Student Union and First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

He is married to Kathy Korek of Louisville.

**Gregory goes to Victory**  
Victory Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, has called David Gregory as its new minister of music and youth.

**Drinkard interim at Madisonville**  
Joel F. Drinkard Jr. has been called as interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

Drinkard is currently a PhD candidate at Southern Seminary in Old Testament.

He began his work Apr. 13.

**Walnut Grove calls Boaz**  
B. B. Boaz has accepted the pastorate of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

Boaz, who assumed duties Apr. 13, came to Walnut Grove from Airline Baptist Church, Henderson.

He is a graduate of Lexington Baptist College.

**Finley resigns East Hartford**  
The pastor at East Hartford Baptist Church, Roy Finley, has resigned to accept the pastorate of New Salem Baptist Church, Nortonville.

Charles Ham will be interim pastor at East Hartford.

**Centers new Turkey Creek pastor**  
Ronald Centers has accepted the call as pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Pineville.

Centers and his wife, the former Susan Powers, are natives of Corbin. The couple has two children; Kevin, 13, and Tammy, 9.

He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

**Inman Johnson retires again**  
Professor Inman Johnson, former Southern Seminary professor now living in Virginia, reports he is retiring again. He and Mrs. Johnson were honored by Ephesus Baptist Church with a reception Apr. 13.

Professor Johnson has served what is probably the longest interim pastorate in Southern Baptist history. He was called May 22, 1966 and upon insistence of the members stayed until Apr. 6, 1980.

He is approaching 85 and in addition to pastoral duties finds time for fishing, caring for beagle hounds and gardening. He is already enjoying spring greens from the garden.

His address is Box 37, King and Queen Courthouse, VA 23085.

**LaRoy interim at Cedar Grove**  
Gary LaRoy has been called as interim pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church until August when he will enter Southwestern Theological Seminary.

He was recently ordained by his church, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville.

**Tripp accepts Canmer pastorate**  
Canmer Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Association, has called Dale Tripp as its new pastor. Tripp is a student at Campbellsville College.

**Mrs. Stone resigns Beechmont**  
Mrs. Sharlla Stone has resigned as education coordinator at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville.

She helped to organize a Sunday school council, potential workers training program, teachers' improvement program, ministry to the homebound, nursing home ministry and extension ministry.

Sharlla and her husband, Mason, are expecting their first child in May.

**Bayes goes to Kuttawa**  
Kuttawa Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, welcomed their new pastor Guy Bayes Apr. 13.

Bayes comes to Kuttawa from Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Owenton.

He is a graduate of Duke University, Yale Law School and Southern Seminary.

Bayes is married to Kathleen Anne Davis, a native of Casper, Wyo. They have two children; Guy Christopher, 10, and Marni, 4.

**Barbara Walker leaves Frankfort**  
Barbara P. Walker has joined the staff of First Baptist Church, Clermont, Fla. She is director of the day care center and special ministries. She is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served on a part time basis as minister of children at First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

## Ordinations

**Immanuel ordains Cairns**  
Tom Cairns was ordained at Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville, Jan. 20. Cairns is enrolled in the MDiv social work program at Southern Seminary. He expects to graduate in December 1980.

Cairns is working as director of Christian social ministries at Immanuel.

**Brooks ordained in Florida**  
College Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., ordained Gregory Keith Brooks to the ministry Mar. 2. Several members of Brooks' family participated in the service.

James Williams, Mohawk, Tenn., an uncle, cited scripture; Brooks' grandfather, Charles Williams, Ewing, Va., closed the service with prayer. The ordination Bible was presented to him by his father, Theo Brooks.

Brooks, who is currently enrolled at Southern Seminary, is a graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla. He was recently called as associate pastor at Highland Park Second Baptist Church, Louisville.

**Fairview ordains Medley deacon**  
Melvin Medley was ordained as a deacon Mar. 16 by Fairview Baptist

Church, Simpson Association. Wayne Burrell and James Redman were also installed as deacons during the service.

**Calvary ordains Stuart Cundiff**  
Calvary Baptist Church ordained its pastor, Stuart Cundiff, into the ministry Mar. 23.

## Revivals

**Shively Heights has successful revival**  
A revival crusade was held Mar. 2-9 at Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville. Lee Castro was evangelist. Bob Jones, pastor, reported 110 professions of faith and 10 additions by letter.

**Stony Point has 60 decisions**  
Stony Point Baptist Church, Freedom Association, reports 10 additions and 50 public commitments in a recently completed revival.

Lamon Hubbs is pastor.

**Bedford Southern hosts youth revival**  
Bedford Southern Baptist Church, Bedford, Ind., hosted a mission team from Campbellsville College Mar. 14-21.

Two faculty members and seven students led revival services, share groups, youth career counseling, fellowships and leadership training classes.

The group spent a day-and-a-half conducting a telephone survey in Spencer, Ind., where there is no Southern Baptist work. Virgil Clark, director of missions, White River Baptist Association, supervised the survey.

A. L. "Pete" Gillespie, the first Baptist Student Union director in Kentucky attended the youth-led revival services at Bedford Southern.

Gillespie, a retired Southern Baptist missionary from Japan, was Kentucky BSU director 1938-42.

Glenn Norris is pastor at Bedford Southern.

**Roland Memorial holds revival**  
Roland Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, held revival services Mar. 23-30. Bill Whittaker, second vice-president, Kentucky Baptist Convention, was the evangelist.

Bob Orten, Roland Memorial music director, led the music.

James Doyle, pastor, reported three professions and one united by promise of a letter. Doyle stated it was a successful revival for the church.

**Four converted at Westport Road**  
Four professions of faith, three rededications and five transfers of membership resulted in four days of revival at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church in early April.

James B. Lewis, pastor, was evangelist and music was led by the church's minister of music, Jerry Douglas. The church designated its love offerings received during the meeting to world hunger causes.

## Congregations

**Beechwood leads the way**  
Two years ago Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, approved an Easter project proposal. After two years of planning and work Beechwood presented "The Way of the Cross" pageant Apr. 4-6.

Seven separate, continuous scenes,

depicting the last week of Jesus' life were portrayed each night on the church lawn. Groups of 20 were guided through a walking tour of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his visit to the temple, the Last Supper, the garden of Gethsemane, the trial, the crucifixion and the resurrection. Each scene was equipped with its own lighting and sound system.

All props and many of the costumes were made by members of the church.

Tim Sharp, minister of music at Beechwood, coordinated the project. He was able to involve 150 church members ranging in age from 6-72. Sharp stated a different Jesus appeared in each scene and an effort was made to let families act in scenes together.

Sharp said one goal of the pageant was to involve the spectator in each of the different scenes.

**Famine planning at FBC Franklin**  
The youth from Franklin First Baptist Church raised \$1883.35 during a youth-led planned famine. The money has been sent to relieve suffering in areas hardest hit by famine and drought.

**Blackjack votes to expand**  
Blackjack Baptist Church, Simpson Association, voted to spend approximately \$10,000 to renovate and expand seating of the auditorium. Additional rooms will be used for educational purposes.

**FBC Monticello dedicates organ**  
Monticello First Baptist Church dedicated its new Allen organ during February. The organ is a memorial to Miss Ruth Bell and Mrs. Twyla Corder Miniard.

Allan Quinn, who installed the organ, gave a concert at the dedication service.

**Turners furlough in Kentucky**  
Lonne and Fran Turner, Southern Baptist missionaries to Zambia, will spend their furlough in Kentucky and will be living at 113 N. Main St., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342. They will arrive the last part of August or the first part of September and can be reached at their Lawrenceburg address by mail or by phone at (502) 839-5483.

Correspondence addressed to them should be sent to the Lawrenceburg address after June 15, 1980.

**Adkisson appointed area director**  
Russell Adkisson, Raymond, has been elected by the state's Brotherhood Department to act as area Brotherhood director over five associations.

He has also been appointed by John Dunaway, president, Kentucky Baptist Convention, to work on the committees for bold missions over 10 area associations.

**East Hindman gives to build**  
East Hindman First Baptist Church has set aside each fifth Sunday as building fund day. All offerings on that day go toward the construction of a new building. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

Bill Batson, a Baptist deacon and architect from Covington, is drawing the plans for the new building.

**Highlands to take religious census**  
Twenty-two churches, representing the Louisville Highlands Community Ministries, will take a religious census Apr. 19. Seven hundred volunteers will poll

16,000 households to identify and minister to the spiritual needs of the community.

Interviewers will first identify themselves then ask each household to complete a brief religious census card.

All three Baptist churches in the Highlands area are participating in the census. They are: Deer Park, Highland and Bethany.

**Big A for WMU, Shelbyville**  
The Kentucky Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union has started Big A Clubs for communities where

children are not presently involved in a church.

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, has followed up with this idea by starting a local club at their community center.

The club will meet each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The format will include: Bible study, singing, games and activities.

Mrs. Dorsie Phillips will be coordinating the program.

**Barbe SWATs new program**  
Barbe Baptist Church, Franklin, announces the availability of Soul Winning Action Team, a new ministry

for youth.

S.W.A.T. is purposed to promote and encourage personal commitment to Christ and his word, commitment to Christian lifestyle, awareness of joyful life in Christ and a commitment to the program of the local church.

A program consists of music, testimonies and a charge directed to youth by Bruce Brown, S.W.A.T. leader.

For information contact Bruce Brown (502) 586-8092 or Tony McAlister, pastor of Barbe Baptist Church, 586-6228.

**Calvert City coping with grief**  
Harley Dixon, chaplain, Western Baptist Hospital, will lead conferences Apr. 20 and 27 on grief and family crisis.

The conferences will be held at First Baptist Church, Calvert City, prior to the evening worship.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Guy H. Lawson Jr. is pastor at Calvert City.

## Christian Education

### Five to do missions

Five Campbellsville College students have been selected as 1980 summer missionaries for the Baptist Student Union.

One senior, two juniors and two freshmen will represent Campbellsville's BSU in Maryland, Montana, Detroit, Atlanta and Colorado.

Senior Moninda Monin will serve in general mission work in Great Falls, Mont. Moninda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Monin of Jamestown. She is majoring in elementary education and minoring in secretarial science.

Junior Carol Delaney, daughter of Tom and Della Delaney, Crown Point, Ind., will be working in inner city Detroit. She is a Christian studies and psychology major.

Junior Diana Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Adcock Jr., Frankfort, was recently elected president of the BSU for the 1980-81 school year. She will be traveling to northeast Colorado. She is majoring in sociology and psychology.

Freshman Jim Dant, son of Betty

Sims of Madisonville, will be in inner city Atlanta. He is majoring in Christian studies and psychology.

Freshman Sherry Slaven, daughter of Lenville and Barbara Slaven, Louisville, will spend her summer as a missionary in Ocean City, Md. She was varsity cheerleader her first year at Campbellsville.

The summer mission program is part of the total program of the Kentucky Baptist Student Union, a Christian student organization sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention to minister to the spiritual needs of students on today's campuses.

### SBTS expands program

In response to the needs and interests of persons who want theological training, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is offering seminary courses at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. A third center will open at Mercer University, Atlanta, Ga., in fall 1980.

The program currently has 75 students. Southern Seminary works in cooperation with the school and courses are taught by professors from the seminary. The courses and credit hours may be applied toward a degree at Southern Seminary or used as credit within the sponsoring institution.

Registration is open to anyone who is a regular university student or who holds a bachelor's degree.

Another program which Southern offers is the doctor of ministry program at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Fourteen candidates for Southern's DMin degree meet twice a month to attend seminars taught by Southern Seminary professors Paul D. Simmons, association professor of Christian ethics, and Richard B. Cunningham, associate professor of Christian philosophy.

### Clarke assured one year

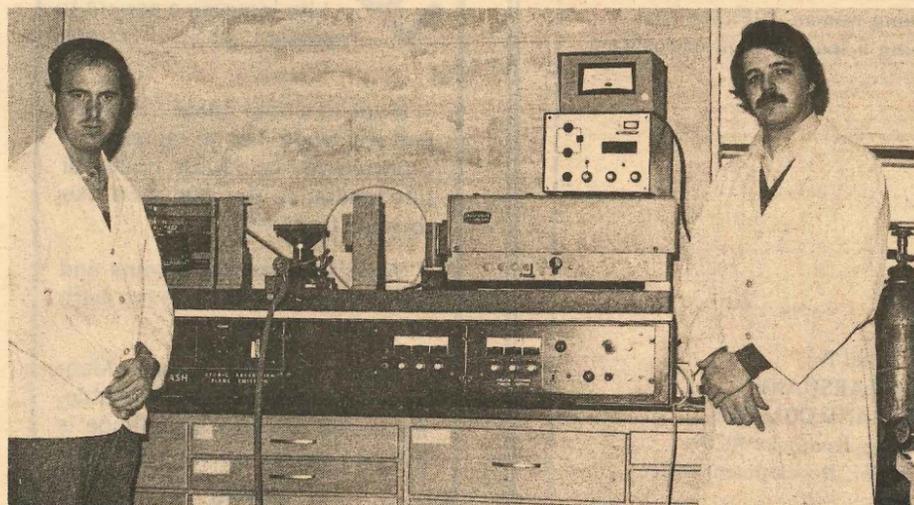
Declining enrolment has drained the financial reserve at Clarke College, Newton, Miss., and forced the executive board of the Mississippi Baptist

Convention to assure the school's operation through the spring of 1981.

Enrolment at Clarke, one of seven Southern Baptist junior colleges, dropped from 209 students last year to 162 this school year. Peak enrolment was 445 during the 1965-66 school year.

Clarke, at the invitation of the trustees, is currently under study by the Southern Baptist Education Commission. It was the Education Commission that recommended the Mississippi executive board's action to assure operation until its study was completed and a report made in June.

Action taken by the executive board provides any deficit spending must be approved by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and the executive committee of the convention board before it can be committed. It also proposed the sale of certain assets now held by Clarke College in order to gain more operating funds.



The Cumberland College chemistry department was presented a multielement atomic absorption/flame emission instrument by the Owens-Corning Fiberglass inorganic analysis laboratory. The instrument is used by laboratories to determine trace amounts of metals in solutions. This instrument will allow chemistry students to receive practical experience in routine lab analyses. L-R: Jeffery Davis, a chemistry major, and Terry McCreary, instructor of chemistry at the college.



The Georgetown College A Cappella choir presented concerts in churches in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia Apr. 9-14. The 40-voice choir included masterpieces of church literature, American spirituals and contemporary sacred selections in the program. The choir has received numerous honors. They performed before the first nationwide conference of Southern Baptist Musicians, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Music Association and they gained national prominence by appearing before the Southern Baptist Convention.

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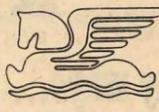
The way we see it, it's a matter of competence. Every minister needs to be able to do those things required of his position. Yet almost every minister recognizes within himself certain areas that need strengthening. The minister without a college or seminary degree may feel this more strongly than others.

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Walking in the light

**1 John 1:5-10** If fellowship with God is to be maintained it is necessary for us to walk in the light. One cannot walk with God and in darkness at the same time.

Some, who are not instructed properly in God's word, frequently confuse sonship and fellowship. They do not understand one may be a child of God without always enjoying fellowship with him. Children may be out of fellowship with their earthly parents through disobedience but still be members of the family. Having been saved by grace through faith in Christ, we enjoy fellowship with the Lord and with his followers.

Sin is universal. God's word plainly states anyone who declares he is without sin deceives himself and proves he is a liar. If anybody claims to be sinless, the only person he deceives is himself; everybody else who observes his conduct knows he is a sinner. Every Christian should confess his sins to God and ask him for loving forgiveness and cleansing, which will be forthcoming.

**1 John 4:1-6** During the life and ministry of John there were numerous false teachers, as is also true in our day, and many professing Christians were gullible enough to be misled by them. John told his readers to put the spirits to the test and to ascertain whether or not they were of God. He admonished them not to accept the utterances merely because they claimed to be spiritual instructors. Their teachings are to be tested by the word of God, and where they differ from it they are to be rejected.

John urged professing Christians to stop believing the teachings of those who denied either the humanity of Christ or the deity of Christ, and openly spoke against the virgin birth, atoning death and physical resurrection. With the knowledge of God's Word and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, which are available to each Christian, there is no excuse for being led astray by false teachers.

Western Recorder regrets the omission of the Life and Work lesson this week. When the lesson failed to arrive in editorial offices by the normal deadline, subsequent attempts to locate the writer were also unsuccessful. We apologize for the inconvenience caused those who regularly follow this series of lessons and will reinstate it when it is again available to us.—Editor

Paradoxical problem

**Frank Owen**

Through all of my Christian ministry I have observed a paradoxical problem that is difficult to overcome. It has to do with the general results of Christian living on the one hand and trying to reach and win down-and-out lost people on the other.

When people are won to Christ and place themselves under Christian principles and discipline their disordered lives are set in order. This new, orderly way of life tends toward more successful living, including the abandonment of customs and habits that bring defeat.

The church is a fellowship of souls living in a redemptive relationship with Christ. To whatever extent the members' present lives are redeemed they are somewhat separated from the plight and fellowship of less fortunate people who are often reaping the harvest of riotous living.

Here then is the problem. When church people succeed in building the better, more orderly way of life, they sometimes find themselves spaced away from a great host of humanity whom they are responsible to reach and win. The contrast between a redeemed and a wasted way of life becomes a barrier to fellowship.

How to reconcile? We know that love will do more than anything else, providing it is witnessing love, patiently extended.

Other than being reconciled to God there is no hope. After all, there are two ways of life, the godly and the ungodly. Jesus called them the narrow and the broad ways. Paul expressed the dichotomy in terms of flesh and spirit. John's favorite imagery was of light and darkness; the children of light and the children of darkness. The prophet declared, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him . . . Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him." (Isaiah 3:10-11)

Oh, that all men and women should choose Christ, but we have to recognize that some won't. Paul, the prisoner before Agrippa, said, "I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both, almost and altogether such as I am except these bonds." (Acts 26:29)

## Radio-TV Sunday: just who is it for?

Although the Radio and Television Commission needs Baptists' support all year long, Radio-TV Sunday is a special time for church members to learn more about the commission. They can also learn what they can do through the commission for Bold Mission Thrust, the Baptist plan to confront everyone in the world with the gospel by the year 2000.

Churches are urged to write the commission for free materials which enhance the Radio-TV Sunday observance. This year's theme is "Support Comes in Many Ways."

Bulletin inserts describing how God has worked with Baptists through the Radio and Television Commission; clip art suitable for reprinting in bulletins featuring Baptist radio and television programs; and a sermon outline offered for consideration as a sermon topic on May 18 are available.

The world's largest producer of religious programming for public service time, the Radio-Television Commission has seven major radio and four television programs heard 4390 times a week on 3217 stations.

Church members can keep these programs on the air by calling local radio and television stations and thanking station personnel for running the shows.

The commission has provided one minute at the beginning and end of some shows, such as "The Baptist Hour," and "Powerline," for churches to advertise their ministries. By using that time churches promote Radio-Television Commission programs and their own services.

This two-way support is the principle behind the Radio-Television Commission's work with local churches. The commission is helping many churches use the broadcast media in their own way to spread the gospel. It wants to help more churches.

"God is trying to bring about a spiritual awakening in this world and the broadcast medium is the catalytic factor," said commission president Jimmy R. Allen. "The local churches are the major resources of Southern Baptists so it is our job to help them utilize to the fullest extent the media of mass communication."

The broadcast engineering and broadcast services departments of the Radio-Television Commission work closely with churches involved in our interested in broadcasting.

Broadcasting engineering consultants travel to all parts of the country to design and supervise the installation or improvement of church sound and lighting systems for broadcasting worship services.



**Support comes in many ways...  
Support Baptist Radio-TV Sunday-May 18, 1980**

Support comes in many ways. A father and older brother support a little girl learning to ride her first bicycle. A church, an association and individual Baptists support the work of their Radio and Television Commission through the Cooperative Program. They also support it by participating in Baptist Radio-TV Sunday which shows Baptists how their support is used to tell people about Jesus.

Producers in the broadcast services department consult with churches wanting assistance in producing spot announcements. These announcements can accomplish anything the church needs from telling about various ministries to introducing a new pastor to relating the meaning of God's love.

Broadcast services producers also offer their assistance to associations, Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state conventions.

The Radio-Television Commission intends to increase its assistance to churches in the future, Allen said. Although the commission will continue to

nurture its existing relationship with national television and radio networks and work closely with Southern Baptist mission and education agencies, the bulk of its future programming lies with the local church, Allen indicated.

"The media is a tool of the local churches and the people, a tool which must be used more and more if we are to realize the goals of Bold Mission Thrust," Allen said.

One way for churches to use this tool is to support the Radio-Television Commission by observing Radio-TV Sunday.

## What's behind the observance of Radio-TV Sunday May 18?

Churches don't have to have a broadcast ministry to observe Radio-TV Sunday, but churches who do broadcast can make more people aware of this ministry by participating in the special observance May 18.

Radio-TV Sunday is sponsored each year by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission to inform churches about the commission's work for Bold Mission Thrust, the Baptist plan to confront everyone in the world with the gospel by the year 2000.

All churches are urged to participate regardless of size, location or whether they broadcast.

First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., has 4300 members. It broadcasts its Sunday morning worship service on the radio and has a series of spot announcements that run during prime time. South Broad Baptist Church, Rome, Ga., has 300 members, and Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., has 425 members. Neither of these churches broadcast.

But all three of these churches observed Radio-TV Sunday last year and plan to do so again this year.

"Our observance of Radio-TV Sunday exposed the congregation to what the Radio-Television Commission is doing and can do to help the churches make this nation more aware of its own spiritual needs," Ed Seago, pastor at South Broad, said.

Paul Lawson, Spurgeon Memorial pastor, agreed "the media is where the people are. Churches are discovering this more and more through the Radio-Television Commission."

"We are very pleased with the work the Radio-Television Commission is doing with churches," said Maynard Tribble, minister of education at First Baptist, Bossier City. "The Commission has done an outstanding job during a time when the media approach is not getting the response it should."

Other churches that observe Radio-TV Sunday are Bayshore Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., with 1700 members; Whitehaven Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., with 1600 members; and First Baptist Church, Borger, Tex., with 2000 members. Bayshore Baptist broadcasts a 30-minute television program each week;

Whitehaven Baptist broadcasts on radio; and First Baptist, Borger, doesn't have a broadcast ministry.

But spokesmen for all three churches believe the broadcast media is essential in accomplishing Bold Mission Thrust.

"Without radio and television we can't have a Bold Mission Thrust," said Charles Thrasher, pastor at Borger.

"Many people come to our church because of our television show," Louie Bailey, minister of music at Bayshore Baptist, pointed out.

"The Radio-Television Commission came to our city and helped us formulate our goals for our radio ministry. In two years we have seen this ministry grow. The Radio-Television Commission proved it is here to help churches spread the gospel," Norvin Forester, minister of education, Whitehaven, said.

Churches can obtain free materials to help in their observance of Radio-TV Sunday May 18 by contacting the Radio-Television Commission, 6350 W. Freeway, Ft. Worth, TX 76116.