



Dean's list

Seminary trustees narrow possibilities, elect two

by James H. Cox and Ray Furr

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting in annual session on the Louisville campus Apr. 14-16, passed a significant milestone in the life of the institution. For the first time since 1957 they elected two deans simultaneously.

Named to succeed Roy L. Honeycutt as dean of the School of Theology was Walter B. Shurden, 43, professor of church history since 1976.

Honeycutt, 53, had filled the dual role of provost and dean of the School of Theology. He joined the seminary faculty as dean of the School of Theology in 1974 and assumed the role of provost, or chief academic officer, a year later.

A Southern graduate, Honeycutt had been dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., before returning to his alma mater.

Jack H. McEwen, 51, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected dean of the seminary's School of Religious Education. He succeeds Allen W. Graves, who will retire as dean in July after 25 years of administrative service in the seminary.

In other action the seminary trustees adopted a \$35 million long range endowment and capital improvement program which is expected to meet critical needs of the seminary to 1990.

A native of Greenwood, Miss., Shurden grew up in Greenville, Miss., graduating from Mississippi College, Clinton. He holds MDiv and ThD degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He held pastorates in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana before becoming professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1969-76.

For the last eight months he has been acting dean of the seminary's School of Theology.

Shurden is the author of *Not a Silent People*, published by Broadman Press, and is completing a two-year term as chairman of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission this week. Married to the former Kay Wilson of Greenville, Miss., he is the father of two daughters and a son.

McEwen has served the Chattanooga congregation since 1973, having earlier served Northside Baptist Church in that same city. He has also filled pastorates in Hillsboro and Arlington, Tex. and Daisy, Tenn.

A native of Charleston, S. C., McEwen was raised in Springfield, Mo. He attended Baylor University and the University of Colorado, holds the BD degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the EdD degree in educational psychology from the University of Tennessee.

In addition to his pastoral experience, McEwen has been dean of students and assistant professor of education at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He is married to the former Vada June Holland and they have a grown daughter and son.

In other personnel related matters, the seminary trustees granted promotions to these faculty members: W. Bryant Hicks to professor of Christian missions; Richard B. Cunningham to professor of Christian philosophy; Richard Lin to professor of church music; and Alan Culpepper to associate professor of New Testament. Granted tenure was Douglas Smith, associate professor of church music.

Elected to professorships with tenure were Gerald L. Borchert, former dean of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, to professor of New Testament interpretation; and Ernest O. White, former pastor of Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., to professor of administration and leadership. Elisabeth E. Lambert was promoted to dean of students while David C. Vaught and Elizabeth Allen were each designated as assistant dean of students.

In other action, the trustees reelected J. Cleve Iler III, Louisville, as secretary. Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, was named first vice chairman of the executive committee. Also elected were Louisvillians Marshall Sanders and Stanley Craig and reelected was Lloyd B. Clark to five-year terms on the board of directors of Southern Seminary Foundation.

The campaign to raise \$35 million over the next 10 years will begin with a \$15 million goal between 1980 and 1984-85, the seminary's 125th anniversary year, and a concluding \$20 million goal between 1985-90.

The trustees concluded by adopting an operating budget of \$7,734,672 for the fiscal year beginning Aug. 1, 1980, which includes a seven percent increase in the faculty-staff salary scale and the inauguration of a new benefits package which will provide for seminary contributions to retirement funds for faculty and staff.

Liberian Baptist leader, family executed in coup

Southern Baptist missionaries in Liberia are remaining in their homes to await developments following the assassination of Liberian President William R. Tolbert Jr.

Tolbert, president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention since 1958 and president of the Baptist World Alliance 1965-70, was killed Apr. 12 in a military coup led by national guard master sergeant Samuel Doe. His death came one day before Baptists in Liberia were scheduled to break ground for a new Baptist convention building as part of a three-week centennial celebration of Baptist work in the country.

Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks and John E. Mills, board secretary for West Africa, were to have participated in the centennial celebration with Parks speaking during the groundbreaking.

Parks and Mills left Dakar, Senegal, their first overseas stop on a two-week survey trip, early Apr. 12, minutes before missionaries in Dakar learned of the coup in Liberia. The plane, not allowed to land in Monrovia, was diverted to Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Mills plans to remain in Abidjan for a few days to monitor the situation. Parks continued with his survey trip schedule.

Southern Baptist missionary Jane Park reported Apr. 12 most of the 46 missionaries currently in Liberia had gathered in Monrovia for the groundbreaking ceremony before the coup. Those whose homes are located outside the city are staying at the seminary until further notice.

According to news reports Richard A. Henries, House speaker in Tolbert's government, was scheduled to be tried for treason Apr. 14. Henries, a Baptist layman, has served as chairman of deacons at Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia.

Mrs. Tolbert, president of the Liberian Woman's Missionary Union, was reported to have been arrested. Their son A. B. Tolbert, considered to be a possible successor to his father as president, was beheaded and Burleigh Holder, a son-in-law, what shot to death, according to early news reports.

Tolbert, who had been president of Liberia since 1971, also was pastor of Zion Praise Baptist Church in Bentol City, his hometown about 30 miles from Monrovia.

Southern Baptists entered Liberia in 1960 to undergird Baptist work in the country.

Southern Baptist missionaries currently stationed in the country from Kentucky include Mr. and Mrs. James A. Park, Paducah; Mrs. Martha Robison, Murray, presently on furlough; Miss Billie Scaggs, Ashland; and Joe Young, missionary journeyman from Bowling Green.

Parks disavows attempt to increase budget share

"Neither I nor the Foreign Mission Board is sponsoring or supporting action from the floor" of the Southern Baptist Convention to alter the 1980-81 Cooperative Program budget recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee, R. Keith Parks said.

The response of the board's executive director came after at least one pastor had stated publicly he would go to the annual meeting in St. Louis to make a motion to increase the percentage of Cooperative Program receipts to the Foreign Mission Board.

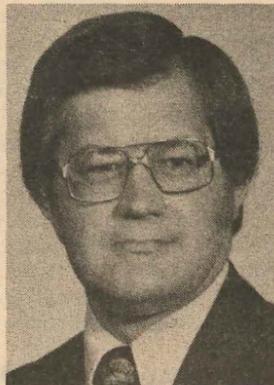
In February the Foreign Mission Board went on record to strongly oppose what it feels is an inadequate 8.11 percent increase in its share of the 1980-81 budget. The Foreign Mission Board will receive 48.40 percent of the 1980-81 budget compared to 48.69 percent of the 1979-80 budget. Although a percentage decrease, it represents a \$2.7 million increase.

"I don't think this matter can be properly handled from the convention floor," Parks said.

"It's too complicated. It ought to come as a recommendation of the Executive Committee," added Parks, who told the board there is a good chance of a motion in St. Louis to amend the budget. "I am afraid such a motion will come" if it is not headed off, he said.



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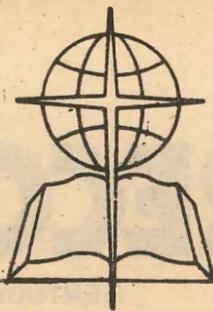


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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

Don't give me the good old days

When discouraged a good place to go is to the Bible. How often have weary spirits been lifted by assurances from God's word.

Another source of consolation in time of hardship is history. In recent days my eyes have fallen upon several accounts from the past that give assurance that ours is not the only generation when things have looked dark.

We think our day is about the worst of times to live and that violence has never been so widespread. We deplore crimes on the streets and are constantly warned about the danger of being anywhere except home after dark. We long for the good old days of law and order.

But how good were the good old days? What about this excerpt from the Aug. 30, 1866, issue of the Canadian Baptist? Some unnamed Canadian traveler in Kentucky just after the Civil War sent this report back to the Baptist publication in Canada.

"We cannot pick up a Kentucky paper but we see an account of some terrible affair with pistols or knives. The city of Louisville alone will average a murder a day and in 12 country towns it is just as bad . . . Eight out of 10 young men in Kentucky carry weapons and use them."

In these difficult days economically for Western Recorder there is a tendency to want somehow to return to better days when printing and postage costs were only a fraction of what they are today. And there were some better days but the records of Western Recorder reveal there were many more hard than easy days in the past for Western Recorder finances.

Those difficult days included years of the Great Depression. During most of the '20's the editor's salary was \$4000 a year which wasn't bad when compared to other salaries of that era. The year 1932, however, brought a crisis financially. The editor's salary was reduced to \$3400.

The year 1933 was even worse. Circulation dropped by one-half. Western Recorder minutes reveal that weekly salaries for print shop employes ranged from \$14 to \$37.50 and these for six days work a week.

The same year the editor's salary was reduced to \$3000 where it remained several years. This was the same time when Georgetown College couldn't pay the meager salaries promised faculty members who took some of their pay in the form of meals in the college dining room.

Whoever wants those good old days can have them. I'll take these and be consoled by leaning on the promises of God and recalling the sacrifices of other generations.

A tale of two movies

This is a tale of two movies—one that is and one that isn't. Let's take the one that isn't first.

Beginning several months ago we have received more than a few calls a week inquiring about a movie that supposedly portrays Jesus as a homosexual and his mother as a prostitute. Petitions protesting the movie are being widely circulated and pastors understandably are seeking trustworthy information.

The truth is there is no such movie. It is true a company in Chicago considered making such a movie but this was over two years ago and protests were so loud and strong that the project was abandoned. This has been checked out by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and Radio and Television Commission as well as by a director of associational missions in Kentucky and all were assured by the company that no such film had been made nor was being planned.

Now for the movie that is. There is a movie on the life and ministry of Jesus that is now being shown in commercial theaters which deserves strong commendation. It is simply entitled, Jesus, and is based on the gospel of Luke. The script comes directly from the gospel and many who have seen it regard it as the best movie ever made on the life of Christ.

This movie is distinct in that it was not made chiefly for commercial profit but as a part of what is known as the Genesis Project. This project proposes to use any profits from this movie to put it in other languages and to make

Baptist Forum

Who's sorry now?

Some of the messengers at the 1978 convention session in Atlanta laughed when my resolution urging a constitutional amendment to curb deficit spending by Congress was proposed. That resolution was turned down in favor of a watered-down version which merely expressed concern that there be a "responsible and reasonable relationship" between federal spending and tax revenues.

Perhaps the messengers considered my resolution too radical for the proposed amendment would automatically end the term of every member of Congress as of the day following the close of any fiscal year in which the United States paid out more money than it had received in taxes, with provision for the suspension of that limit by a majority vote in a national referendum whenever the country is engaged in a declared war.

Now, two years later, the inflation rate has increased to more than 18% a year, the prime rate has risen to an astounding 20% and responsible financial analysts are saying we have reached the point where the inflationary spiral cannot be stopped. The personal hardships caused by runaway inflation are only part of the story. The decreasing value of the dollar is putting a severe financial strain on our foreign missions program and raising a fear the goal of Bold Mission Thrust may be put beyond our reach. Surely no one is laughing now.

We know, of course, the adoption in 1978 of a strong resolution against deficit spending would not of itself have stopped inflation. However, it could have been a rallying cry, and might well have helped unite the efforts of a growing number of people who realize inflation starts on Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. and cannot be stopped until deficit spending by Congress is stopped. The fact we adopt resolutions implies we think they can make a difference. If we as a convention can influence to any extent the decisions affecting national fiscal policies, we have an obligation to use that influence effectively.

Alvin O. West, Arlington, Va.

other films based on the Bible.

This movie is recommended without reservation for individuals and church groups.

Last call for electing messengers

Churches intending to have official messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June should elect them no later than the May business meeting. We pointed this out two weeks ago (Western Recorder, Apr. 9, page 3) but it's important enough for another reminder. Persons attending the convention can be only onlookers unless they are officially registered messengers.

In past years an attitude of laxity has prevailed when it came to recognition of official credentials for messengers. Not so this year! The registration irregularities last year, though not widespread, led to an investigation and a determination to be more strict. This is proper in order to maintain the integrity of the registration process.

And so those would-be messengers who are not certified because they have not been duly elected by their churches have only themselves and their churches to blame. Order registration cards today from Dr. Franklin Owen, Baptist Building, Box 43433, Louisville, KY 40243, and call a special business meeting of the church if the next regular business meeting would be too late to elect Southern Baptist Convention messengers.

Starvation—you can do something

We are all faced with the crisis that every day thousands of people wither away and die from starvation. Almost one-third of the babies in this world perish from hunger before the age of five. We who have so much must help! Here are a few ways each of us can help:

1. Become informed and participate in hunger projects.
2. Give regularly and sacrificially to hunger organizations. Two suggested groups are: World Hunger Fund, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230 or, send to your local American Red Cross with the money designated for Cambodian Relief.
3. Skip a meal a week and give the money to hunger relief.
4. Pray for those trying to do something about the problem, and ask forgiveness for our overindulgence and wastefulness.
5. Tear off used postage stamps and send them to the Salvation Army, Box 2040, Louisville, KY 40201. Those people in Louisville sell these used stamps to stamp distributors and send the money to feed people in Bangladesh. Be careful not to tear the stamps. 220 regular stamps will provide one meal.
6. Develop a hunger group to study hunger and do money-raising projects for hunger relief.
7. Join Bread For The World. It is a Christian political-action organization to help the hungry. Their address is 207 E. 16th St., New York, NY 10003.
8. Feed pets tablescraps rather than commercial pet foods which are made from foodstuffs edible by people.
9. Reduce our standard of living. We Americans are only one-sixth of the world population, yet we consume 40% of the world's resources.

For more information, write for a copy of the article, "What One Person Can Do About World Hunger," available from the SBC Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Popular Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.
Ridge Cullum, Louisville

isn't always the loneliest number

by Gail Rothwell, Staff Writer

They came to be with other people, have hurts mended and get away from the everyday rigors of life. Some came to observe, to learn and to gain new ideas and truth.

Some were over 50, others under 25.

Many were divorced, several had never been married, a few were widowed.

No matter why they came or who they were, they were all united in one spirit for one weekend. The only common factor they possessed was singleness.

Approximately 115 people attended the statewide Kentucky Baptist singles conference. The annual sessions are held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad.

The retreat is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. C. Vernon Cole, director, and Mike King, associate, presided over the conference.

Alan Chamness, minister of music at Henderson First Baptist Church, led the music at all general sessions.

Dan Aleshire, assistant professor of church and denominational ministries, Southern Seminary, led general session conferences.

Aleshire spoke on forgiveness, reconciliation and loneliness, a few of the feelings singles find hard to face.

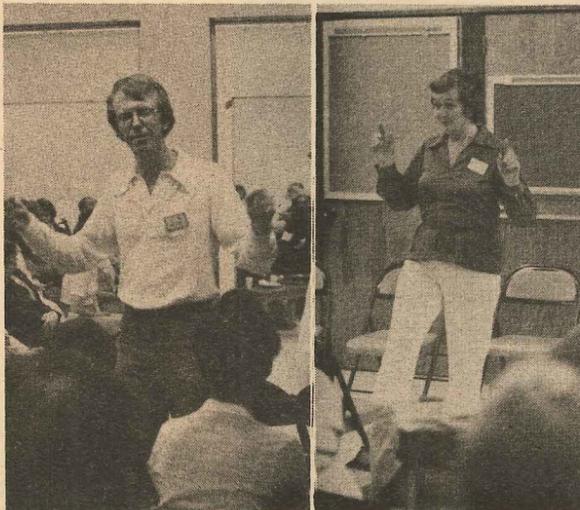
He stated we all need forgiveness in our lives, but it is sometimes hard to get or to feel we have gotten it. He added the biggest problem Christians have with forgiveness is not in getting God to forgive them but in receiving forgiveness.

"If you don't know how to forgive others it will be hard to receive someone else's forgiveness," Aleshire asserted.

Alienation came when mankind tried to remove himself from God's presence, Aleshire believes. "God is always the one doing the reconciling. We don't reconcile anything to God," he noted.

The results of reconciliation are peace and wholeness. In addition, we are no longer strangers, but he has made us citizens of his kingdom.

There is no clear definition for loneliness. Each of



Frank Butler and Anna Mary Byrdwell led fellowship activities during one of the general sessions.

us has his own definition of what loneliness is like.

Loneliness is not a state of being alone. Most often we are lonely in crowds of people. "You can't define loneliness, but you can feel your way around it," suggests Aleshire.

Sometimes we are lonely because we have been discarded by the people we love and trust. Aleshire continued, "Another reason people feel lonely is because they suffer from a low self image. If you can't like yourself, it is inconceivable someone else could like you.

"One of the joys of being human is being unique," he explained. "Part of this is wanting someone to understand our particular kind of uniqueness. When people do not understand us we feel lonely."

Relating to this uniqueness Anna Mary Byrdwell, Kentucky WMU Baptist Women's director, stated, "When God made us unique, he made us free human beings."

Mrs. Byrdwell, who led a conference on handling divorce creatively, believes a part of this responsibility is deciding of our own fate.

She listed three important realizations divorcees need to come to: 1. You are responsible for yourself. 2. Accept where you are. 3. Know the past cannot be changed.

She suggested people who are divorced need to

CEDARMORE UPDATE

Summer plans for Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, are nearing completion.

Marshall Phillips, director, reported youth camps are completely filled and there is a waiting list.

"This is the first time the youth camps have filled so quickly," he declared. He believes all other weeks are still accepting reservations.

Summer staff has been selected.

"We had twice as many applicants to choose from this year as last," commented Phillips. The only position that was difficult to fill was the male lifeguard position. "It seems there was a shortage of male lifeguards this year, but now we have this worked out," he stated.

Changes or additions to the physical facilities include a new icemaker in the kitchen and the repainting of Boone Lodge. New showers are being installed in many of the buildings. The buildings where new showers are needed the most will be complete by summer. Plans are also underway for the relocation of the prayer garden. This move will be completed next spring.

Overall attendance for Cedarmore at the end of March 1980 was well above overall attendance at the same time last year.

Phillips stated the economic situation has caused a slight increase in costs, but Cedarmore rates per person have only been increased \$1.00 in the past few years.

The gas crunch has not really affected attendance.

"Last fall when the gas scare began we had a couple of weeks when everyone canceled out, but we have overcome that now. In fact, we are fairly full through December of this year," Phillips concluded.

"change from thinking you have to have another person in your life to be happy. Realize nobody is going to fit the space, where another has been. If God has another person for you to share life with, that person will make a space of his own."

John Hendrix, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, helped participants experience the meaning and power of prayer.

Hendrix told the group, "Prayer is a language of the heart. You need to put those feelings into words. It is not enough to think the words in your mind. You need to verbalize them before God."

He feels one of the biggest problems we face is not being able to make God real in our lives. "We need the imagination of a child to make God real in prayer. He should be a very close friend with whom you can verbalize what is going on in your life," he noted.

"God loves all of us, but loves each of us as if we were the only person in the world," noted Harley Dixon, chaplain, Western Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

Dixon shared with the group ways in which the Bible speaks to personal crisis.

He stated, "One way of facing a crisis is to cling to God's promises. He will keep his promises if we just take hold of them."

"But," he explained, "you will be unable to take hold of the promises in God's word in a crisis if you are unable to claim them on a day to day basis."

Dixon's main focus was "You are in control of your life and feelings."

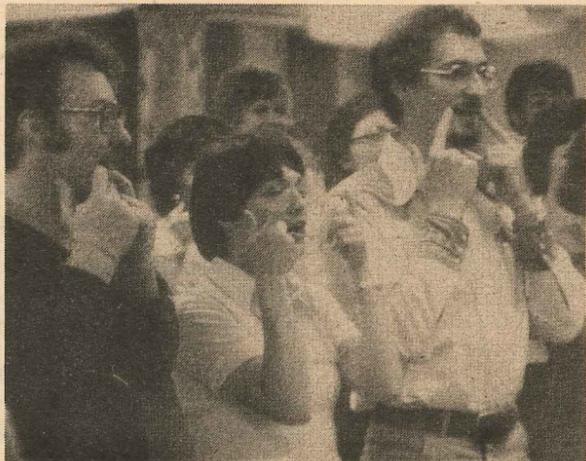
He reminded the group, "Whatever happens from this day forward, you choose it to happen."

Dixon closed the conference with a message on hope. He stated, "In the New Testament hope has a two-fold dimension: the kingdom of God is at hand, and the anticipation of its completion.

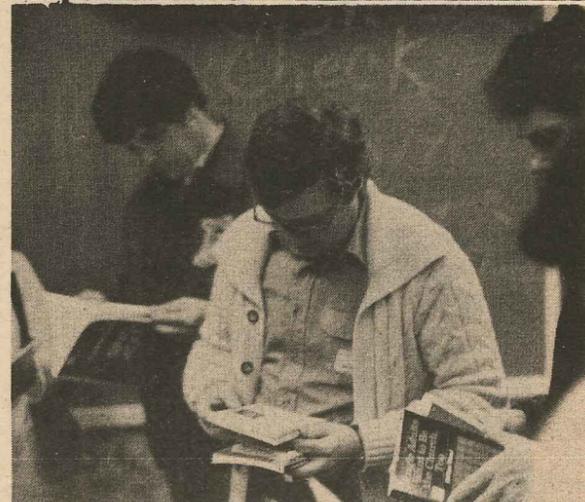
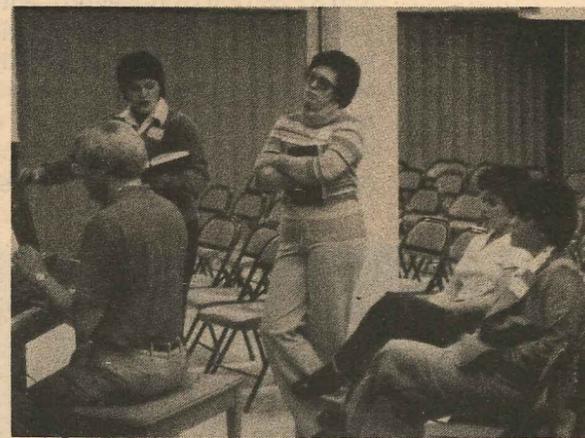
He believes the present certainty of the kingdom of God can be seen in the resurrection appearances.

"Before Jesus' victorious resurrection he had to accept God's will for his life. He did not resign himself to it, but accepted it," Dixon claimed.

"There can be no victory in resignation. If you can accept where you are, know God is with you and his love strengthens you, you will then find a peace that will set you free and give you hope."

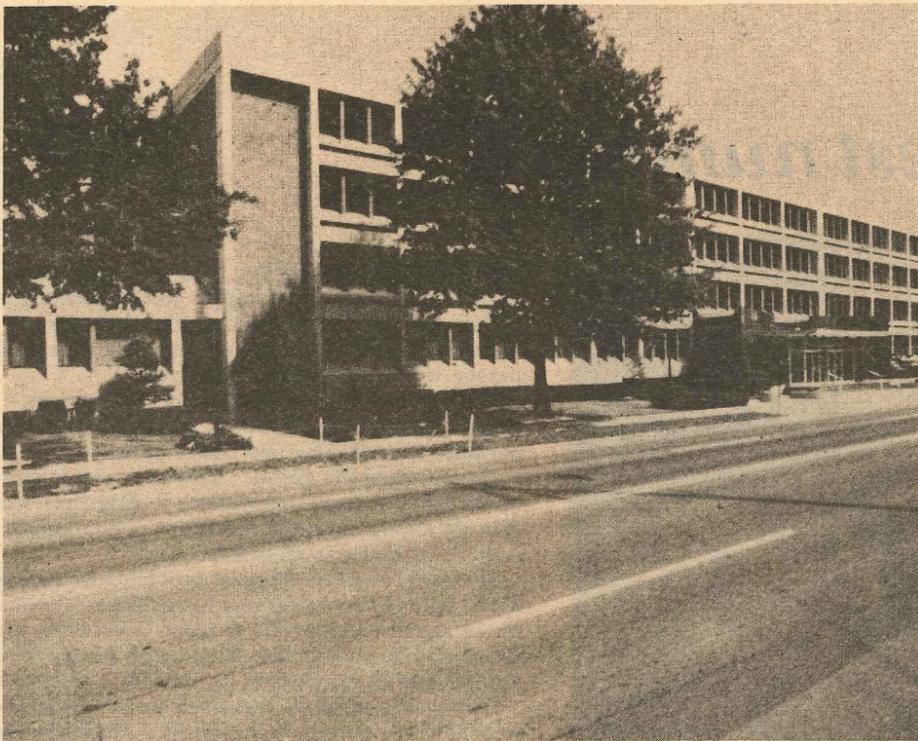


Participants enjoyed group activities as well as sharing on a one to one basis.



During free time many chose to browse in the book store, while others preferred to sing around the piano.

Ministry of Kentucky Baptists



**Western Baptist Hospital
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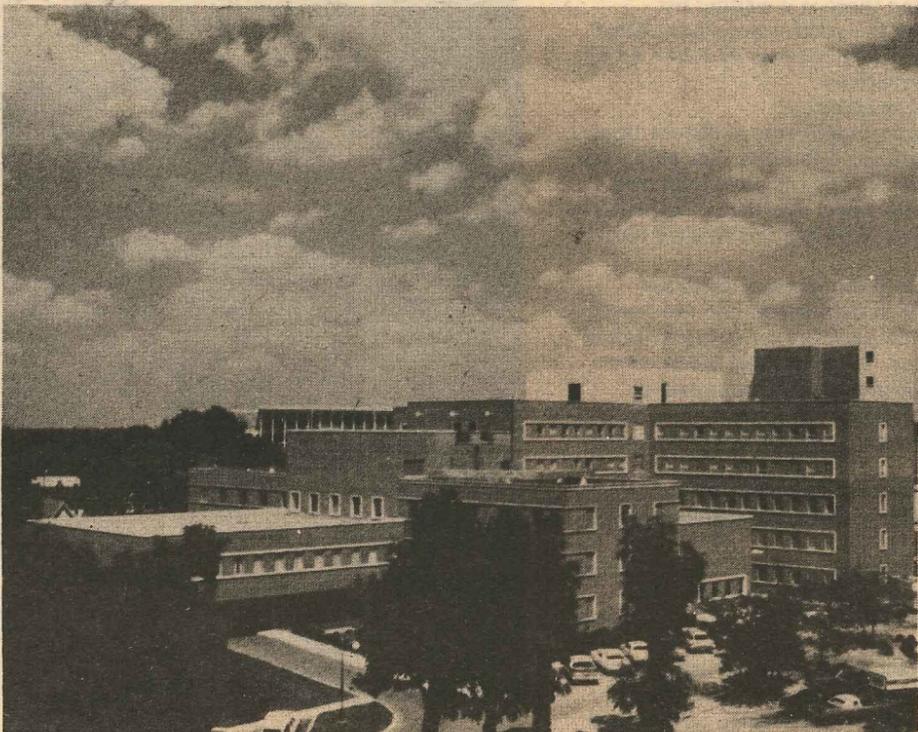
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The caduceus is in the foreground. The outline of the state of Kentucky is in the background. The symbol is a reminder to the healing task of Kentucky Baptists.

The cross in the background is not just a symbol of our faith but us apart as an institution dedicated to the healing of mankind. It also is a symbol of our duty.

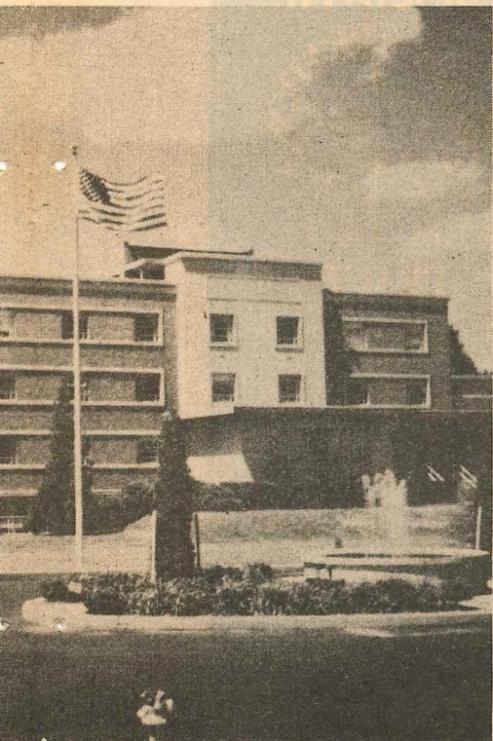
The horizontal bar of the cross brings to mind the three words — HEALING • TEACHING • PREACHING.

It directs us to our task to "heal the sick, to see and in some cases bring the dead back to life, but it does not stop there—we teach others how to heal themselves and others how to live. We preach by the way we minister. We administer "a drop of cold water on a fevered forehead" and "a drop of oil on a shoulder bent in sorrow."

The vertical bar of the cross keeps before us a reminder that alone we cannot accomplish our task. We can only PREACHING but only in Him do we find the fulfillment of our hope.

Also in each of the hospitals near the word of God which is the lamp unto our feet," in the fulness of the word. As we are guided by His truth we are made part of His own healing ministry.

of Healing Baptist Convention



**Baptist Hospital
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keeps us pointed upward to God as a way to accomplish the HEALING • TEACHING • PREACHING. We find the strength for our daily task and the

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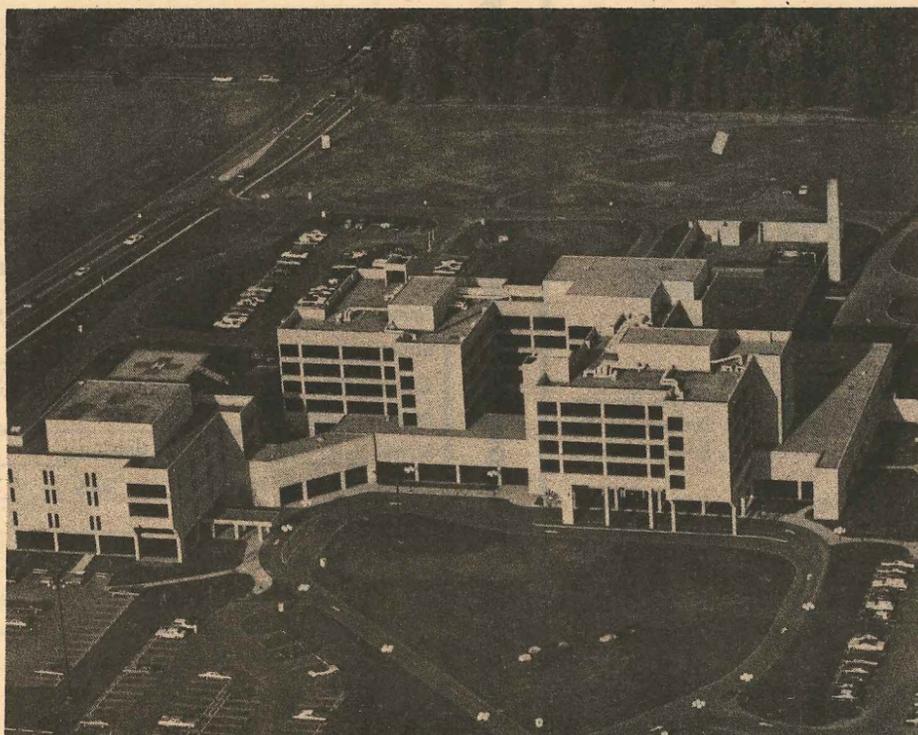
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- Highlands Baptist Hospital
- Western Baptist Hospital
- Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville, Ky.
- Baptist East Doctors Building, St. Matthews, Ky.
- Central Medical Building, Lexington, Ky.
- Southern Baptist Seminary Infirmary, Louisville, Ky.
- Health Data Network, Louisville, Ky.
- Ancient Buried City (Operated by Western Baptist Hospital), Wickliffe, Ky.
- Pastoral Counseling Center, Louisville, Ky.



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1 John 4:7-21 John dwelt upon the love of God more than any other writer in the New Testament. He learned and understood the basic fact that "God is love." Love has never been absent from his being and never can be. God's love is righteous and just, but also compassionate and sacrificial. To be born of God is to possess his nature. As proof of his love, "God sent forth his only begotten son into the world, that we might live through him." Having been the recipients of God's love, it should flow through us to others.

God wants us to live in the devout and habitual contemplation of this infinite, inexpressible, incomprehensible, immeasurable and inexhaustible love, which is unending.

God did not bestow his unparalleled, unmerited and unending love on the amiable, the attractive, the worthy or the lovable but upon those who were in active rebellion against him. God's marvelous love has never been revealed to men so clearly and fully as when he gave his son to die on the cross for our sins. As the recipients of God's love, we should not only love him supremely, but also, for his sake, love one another and become the channels through which his love flows to the unsaved. It is important that we prove our Christian sonship by our love for others.

Verse 19 teaches us that the love of God for us precedes and is the cause of our love for him. He loved us compassionately when sin was pleasant to us, when neither the thunders of his law nor the pleadings of his gospel had persuaded us to repent of sin and to believe on Christ. As we, the children of God, contemplate the love of Christ for us, which he revealed in his atoning death on the cross, we should resolve to love him devotedly.

A Christ-centered and Spirit-filled life is the supreme expression of love for the Lord. Remember the statement of the famous evangelist, Gypsy Smith, "Spend more time telling people what God has done for them, and you'll have to spend less time telling them what they should do for him."

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The primacy of love

Genesis 24:63-67 After losing his beloved companion, Sarah, by death, aged Abraham commissioned his most capable and trusted servant to seek a bride for his son Isaac under the guidance of God and in keeping with his will. Placing himself at a well at the time when the women were going there to draw water, the servant prayed that God would identify the young lady whom he had prepared for Isaac. When God revealed to the servant that Rebekah was the divine choice for Isaac, and she was so informed, she expressed her willingness to become his bride, and made the journey with the blessing of her family.

At eventide, while meditating in the field, Isaac beheld the approaching caravan and anticipated that his bride-to-be was coming. Seeing Isaac coming toward the caravan, Rebekah alighted from her camel and modestly met the man whom she had come to marry. Isaac proudly took her to his home and they became devoted lovers and faithful life time companions.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 The excellent, coveted and highly-prized gifts of eloquence, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, charity and martyrdom are without value apart from love. True love, which colors the thoughts, prompts the speech and directs the actions of the Christian, has both negative and positive properties. Verses four to six indicate the negative properties, love is not impatient, envious, boastful, selfish, rude, easily provoked, resentful or pleased when another falls into sin.

Verses six and seven list the positive properties of love. Love rejoices in truth, and especially when people accept it, live in conformity to it and proclaim it faithfully. Love bears hardships and trials courageously and triumphantly. Love enables one to avoid undue suspicion and believe the best instead of the worst about others. Love is hopeful or optimistic in the face of all unfavorable appearances and adverse circumstances.

Weddings

Frank Owen

Twenty-six years of pastoral service with college churches gives one many memories of church wedding experiences. Eventually, nearly everything can happen at a wedding. I can tell a good number of rather hilarious wedding experiences that are perfectly true.

At the necessary prior rehearsal for a large church wedding someone often asks, "What if we should drop the ring?" From my earliest ministry in 1934, through the mid-60's my common reply was "forget about that, you never see or hear of it happening in reality. It occurs only in storybooks or in the movies."

All of a sudden, on successive Saturdays, two straight weddings at Calvary Church in Lexington saw us drop the ring. In one instance, the best man had placed the ring on his thumb until the point in the ceremony when he should deliver it for the groom to put on the bride's finger. Apparently, in his nervousness, he had pressed it on too tightly, which made it necessary to thrust upward on the ring. Suddenly it flipped off beyond my grasp and across the rostrum where it had to be retrieved.

The next Saturday ring-drop occurred when a tiny tot marched in the role of ring-bearer and carried the ring sewn loosely on a satin pillow. She passed close behind the Maid of Honor, dragging the pillow against her wide skirt. To my astonishment, when she got through the close quarters with the pillow, the ring was missing.

My eyes searched the floor frantically but the ring was nowhere in sight. I decided to gamble, both on my guess as to where the ring might be and on the dependability of the tiny child to follow my instructions.

As the bride came down the aisle, I leaned over and whispered, "Honey, you go over there and look on the floor under Aunt Effie's dress and bring that ring to me." That tiny child, who had seemed so unpredictable at the occasion of the rehearsal, walked straight to the Maid of Honor, pushed aside the wide, ruffled dress and there lay the ring, which she promptly picked up and brought to me. Coronary damage? Well maybe. I never did have my heart checked.

Baptist News in Brief

Kathy Berry joins WR

Kathy F. Berry, a first year master of religious education student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named to a journalism internship at Western Recorder.

Mrs. Berry, 25, whose husband Bill is enrolled in the MDiv degree program at Southern, will succeed Gail Lynn Rothwell, who graduates this spring. Miss Rothwell has been a Western Recorder intern since the fall of 1978.

A native of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Berry is a graduate of Bluefield College and Virginia Commonwealth University. Her college major was mass communications and magazine sequence.

She has served on staffs of Virginia Baptist camps and assemblies; brief stints on church staffs in St. Louis, Mo., Atlanta, Ga., Washington, D. C. and Richmond, Va.; been an intern with Richmond magazine; and was employed by the Foreign Mission Board and Baptist World Alliance. Her latest assignment was as public relations director of Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville.

"We are fortunate to gain a person of her calibre," said James H. Cox, Western Recorder associate editor, who announced her appointment. "Kathy Berry's gifts and experience should greatly strengthen our ability to communicate both verbally and graphically as we draw upon a person with unusual skills and qualifications."

Ray Furr, another Western Recorder intern, will continue to "play a valuable and strategic role with his unique abilities," Cox said.

Interns assist in writing, editing, photography, advertising, layout and design and proofreading.

Mrs. Berry is the 18th Southern Seminary student to participate in this on-the-job training experience which frequently leads to a career in religious communications upon seminary graduation.

FMB raises furlough pay

The Foreign Mission Board has allocated another \$5 million in 1979 Lottie Moon funds, raised the cost-of-living supplement for furloughing missionaries by \$420 each per year and received cost estimates for a new missionary orientation center.

Board members were told giving to the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions had reached a record \$37,425,200, which is 92.4 percent of the \$40.5 million goal.

The board earmarked \$32 million of the offering for overseas operating needs under the 1980 budget, plus \$5 million anticipated for capital projects. The new action specifies the particular projects to which the capital money will be allocated.

The board's chief executive, R. Keith Parks, said that the need for the funds is so urgent that large portions of it have already been advanced to fund urgent overseas work. The rest, he indicated, will go mainly for "such basic essentials as missionary cars, houses, buildings and certain institutional needs."

The board voted \$160,000 to cover the cost of raising missionaries' furlough cost-of-living supplements by \$420 each per year. This will make the furlough supplement \$2790 per missionary, effective May 1, 1980. In addition, each missionary also receives a

basic salary and allowances for children and for rent.

Before the adjustment the total actual furlough salary for two missionary parents with three children was \$17,238 or \$9,010 per single person.

Miss Jasper's brother dies

William T. (Bill) Jasper, 49, brother of Kathryn Jasper, state WMU executive director, died Apr. 19 in Memphis, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted Apr. 21 in Memphis with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

A native of Somerset, Ky., Jasper was a former football coach at Louisville's Manual High School and a former assistant football coach at the University of Kentucky and Memphis State University. He had most recently been an investment firm executive.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jane Norwood; three sons, John, Doug and Steve, all of Memphis; his sister, Kathryn, brother, R. B. Jasper, Somerset; and father, R. F. Jasper, Somerset.

Missionaries' son dies

Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Thomas Abell, 27-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, died in Naples, Italy Apr. 11 from injuries received in a fall. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. John C. Abell Jr. of Houston, Tex., medical missionaries at the Baptist Hospital in Eku, Nigeria since 1953.

Abell, a crew member on a helicopter detachment aboard the USS Donald B. Beary, had telephoned his wife Susan in Norfolk, Va., where she is expecting their second child, and apparently was returning to his ship when he fell down a flight of stairs and died from head injuries received in the fall.

In addition to his wife and parents survivors include a one-year-old daughter, Kathleen.

FMB picks state students

The Foreign Mission Board approved a record number of young adults for journeyman as Southern Baptist missionary trainees during its April meeting.

Among the candidates from 31 states and Canada is the first dentist to be assigned.

Four Kentuckians are among the 142 named as journeymen. They are: Rozanna Dalton, Sturgis, to North Brazil; June Hardy, Russellville, to Philippines; Leo H. Lee Jr., Campbellsville, to Kenya; and James E. Murray Jr., Ft. Thomas, to Panama.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete the six week training period at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., will be commissioned July 18.

Foundation elects Bryant

Glenn Bryant, director of endowment and capital giving for the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives during the association's annual meeting in Albuquerque.

Other new officers are: Frank Denton, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, vice president; and James Stewart, vice president of computer and special investment services for the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, secretary-treasurer.

Baylorites in school daze

Three Baylor University students involved in the controversial Playboy issue are dazed after they were advised their scholarships will not be renewed and were urged to seek an education elsewhere.

Two of the three students losing scholarships, Jeff Barton and Cindy Slovak, were fired as editors of The Lariat, Baylor's student newspaper, in February, along with Barry Kolar, a graduating senior.

The other student facing loss of scholarship is Sheri Sellmeyer, a former Lariat assistant editor, who resigned after the firings.

The student editors raised Baylor administrative wrath in February when they published two editorials supporting girls' rights to pose for a Playboy photographer.

Miss Sellmeyer said she and the other students were advised of the scholarship loss during a meeting Apr. 3 with Loyal Gould, chairman of the journalism department, and three other faculty members.

Gould said the most important reason the scholarships were yanked is because the administration felt that the students' activities had caused a major donor to remove a \$7000-a-year scholarship from the journalism department.

Mission personnel injured

An automobile accident has claimed the life of a Nigerian Baptist leader and left two Southern Baptist missionary personnel seriously injured.

Titus Oluwafemi was killed instantly. Mission Service Corps volunteer Robert W. Sorrels, 28, a resident of Washington, D. C., is paralyzed and in critical condition. William D. Bender, 55, missionary to Nigeria since 1955, is in serious condition. Bender will be flown to a hospital in the United States when his condition stabilizes at the Baptist Hospital in Eku, Nigeria, where both men are being treated.

J. W. Clark's dad passes

Ray Calvin Clark, 79, father of James W. Clark, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, died Apr. 16 in the Greenville (Tex.) Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Apr. 18 at Tapp Funeral Home chapel, Sulphur Springs, Tex., with burial in Seymore Cemetery.

Resolutions committee named by SBC president

Wayne Allen, pastor of East Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has been named chairman of the committee on resolutions which will report to the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in annual session at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis, June 10-12.

SBC president Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, named Allen and nine other members of the committee. They are Larry Lewis, pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis; Tal Bonham, executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention; Ed Drake, an attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Richard Sutton, a physician and former SBC second vice president from Topeka, Kans.; Mrs. Harold O'Chester, pastor's wife from



Mrs. Berry



Underwood

Austin, Tex.; Mrs. George Tharel of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark.; Adrian Hall, a pastor from Las Vegas, Nev.; Wendell Freeze, a layman from Yuma, Ariz.; and Ernest Walker, a pastor from Lake Charles, La.

No comfort to take the bus

No special transportation has been planned to transport messengers to and from hotels to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis June 10-12.

"As we noted earlier on the SBC housing forms we cannot provide a transportation system this year," said Tim Hedquist, convention manager. "The cost of buses would have equaled the rest of the cost of running the convention."

"Persons out of walking distance—especially those in the airport area—need to take that factor into consideration," Hedquist said.

Hedquist announced, however, parking will be available and messenger packets will include maps.

He reiterated the original block of hotel rooms has been sold out but the SBC Housing Bureau is working to secure rooms for those who send in forms. Only after May 8 will the housing bureau take reservations by telephone.

Kentuckian joins HMB

Robert Edgar Wiley, 38, was elected to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the April meeting of the board's directors.

Wiley, currently director of associational missions in the East Central and Eastern Associations in Indiana, will become associate director of the board's rural-urban missions department.

Wiley, a native of Catlettsburg, Ky., will assume his new position in early May. He is a graduate of the University of Evansville, Ind., and attended Georgetown College, Goshen Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to becoming director of missions in 1976, Wiley was associate pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis. He has served churches in South Bend and Evansville, Ind., and Henderson and Slaughters, Ky.

FMB sets two retirements

The retirement of two long time administrative staff members was announced during the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant on evangelism and church development for 17 years, will retire Jan. 19, his 64th birthday.

Ione Gray, international writer and editor, will retire Oct. 1. Miss Gray, who will be 64 Sept. 27, has been on leave of absence since last December.

Underwood, who with his wife served as a missionary to Brazil from 1943-56, came to the board's home office staff as associate secretary for promotion in 1961. He assumed his present post in 1963, coordinating special projects in evangelism, stewardship promotion and church leadership training in Southern Baptist mission fields.

Miss Gray, a member of the board staff since 1950, in recent years had done on-the-scene writing on mission work overseas and had performed various writing and editing responsibilities at the board headquarters.