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Free will

The pilgrimage of a preacher

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Reece Ray was a typical product of his eastern Kentucky background and environment. Religion was an inherent part of life but the Freewill Baptist brand Reece came up with frowned upon religious education in churches and regarded training for ministers as an enemy of true inspiration.

Even high school education was regarded optional for many young men for whom a job in the mines or learning another skill was more desirable than a high school diploma. And so Reece dropped out of high school but fared well because his father trained him as a heavy equipment operator.

He was doing all right economically but living an empty life until his solid conversion at age 21 followed not long after by a divine call to the gospel ministry. Lee Caudill, a bivocational Southern Baptist preacher who worked on the same job with Reece, pointed him to the Lord. Linda, his wife, accepted the Lord the next Sunday.

Their religious experience led Reece and Linda to the only church they knew, the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church located on a fork of Abbot Creek.

They set out to become church workers but found almost no materials to help them. They were untrained and found no one else in the church trained. In frustration they looked about for some help but looked cautiously because they had been warned about other churches and especially Southern Baptists.

In spite of these warnings they got up enough courage to visit the Irene Cole Baptist Church in Prestonsburg where they lived. They were impressed and amazed. They felt a warmth and love they never dreamed of and not one bit of pressure from anyone

to change their religious affiliations.

Among those whose love and caring transformed their impressions of Southern Baptist was pastor Bill Jagers and Roger Jurich, a medical doctor with strong Christian convictions. It was Lee Caudill who first suggested a way Reece could get some ministerial training which by now he was convinced he must have. The suggestion was that Reece move to Louisville to enrol in Boyce Bible School. A visit to Boyce was all that was needed for Reece to know this was God's will for him.

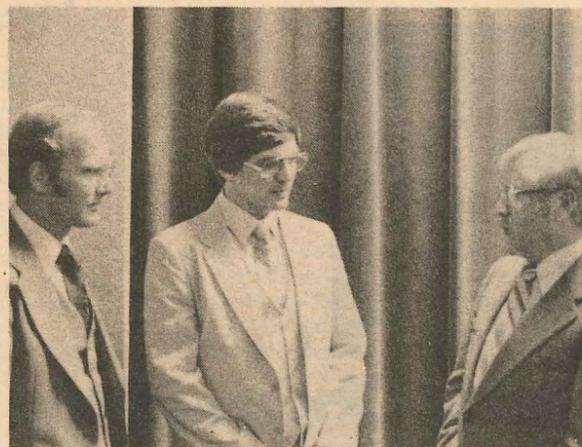
Then came the break which involved giving up a lucrative job and moving away from a fine home. Dr. Jurich, a deeply committed Christian, figured prominently in the Lord's provision for the Rays. He doesn't talk about it but it is known he has underwritten much of the living and educational expenses for the Rays during their two years at Boyce.

At Boyce Bible School Reece made an unbelievable discovery. He says he never imagined so much literature and so many other materials and helps existed in the world for preachers. He had the time of his life with faculty members and fellow students.

Two persons at Boyce influenced him most. One was Boyce director David Byrd and the other was a part time faculty member, Joe Williams, who also is pastor of Louisville's Baptist Tabernacle.

Williams' ethics class profoundly impressed Reece and he, in turn, impressed Williams. All the time he was still a Freewill Baptist preacher and declares he felt not one bit of pressure from anyone at Boyce to become a Southern Baptist.

An amazing amount of confidence was expressed in Reece by Williams who invited him to teach the



Roger Jurich [l], Prestonsburg physician, and Joe Williams [r], pastor of Baptist Tabernacle in Louisville, exchange impressions of ordination service with Boyce Bible School graduate Reece Ray.

January Bible study at Baptist Tabernacle. This congregation is one of the most loving anywhere and again the Rays were overwhelmed with warmth and love. Baptist Tabernacle became their church home.

Somewhere in this pilgrimage the Rays realized they were Southern Baptists by conviction. Thus, it is understandable Reece recently requested Baptist Tabernacle to ordain him as a Southern Baptist preacher.

A unique and extremely meaningful service of affirmation and ordination was arranged by pastor Williams. Most fittingly Dr. Jurich had a leading part in the service.

What's ahead for Reece? He's looking for a church to serve as pastor. Ideally, it would be one near Campbellsville where both he and his wife, Linda, are enrolling in college. After college it's back to Southern Seminary and then it is wherever the Lord leads, says Ray.

What a pilgrimage! What an example of what God does through loving churches and caring friends!

Picas & scribes

WR opens doors for improved communication



Paul Whittler, Western Recorder business manager, explains how the church page survival kit is used.

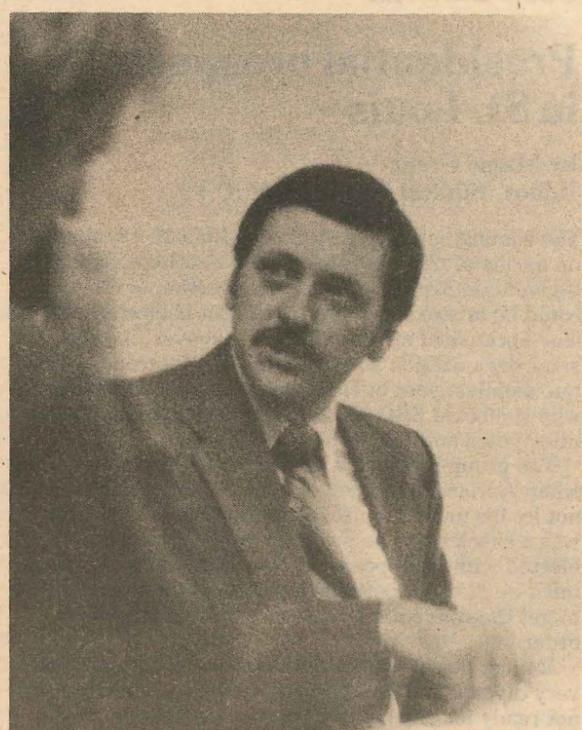
They came. They fellowshiped. They considered new avenues of more effective communication with their congregations at the Western Recorder church page workshop last week on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. More than 50 participants from all over the state heard seminary VP Pat Pattillo, workshop leader, tell how to effectively use the WR church page or produce a better church newsletter. Sessions majored on content and design to bring greater impact with target audiences. Typical reactions from workshop conferees were: "I only wish we had two days on this instead of one!" Here's a pictorial display of some of that day's highlights.



C. R. Daley, editor, chats with George Stack, Owen County and Ten Mile associational missionary.



Participants listen attentively while Pattillo gives them pointers on increasing readership.



Pat Pattillo explains to one of 50 participants that simplicity and organization are elements of good design.

*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

Associations are very important

In the early history of Baptists the district association was the dominant unit of organization among local Baptist churches. In modern history more attention has been focused on state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. Now the pendulum seems to be turning toward the association again. For example, the current issue of the scholarly publication of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, *The Review and Expositor*, is devoted entirely to Baptist associations.

The district association was not only dominant in early Baptist organizational life, it was the only unit of denominational cooperation and fellowship for a long time. Baptist associations existed as long as 180 years before Baptist conventions were organized.

Associations of Baptists existed in England as early as 1643. The Philadelphia Association, the first successful one in America, was organized in 1707. This was 107 years before the Triennial Convention was formed and 138 years before the Southern Baptist Convention came into existence.

In many respects the association remains the most important Baptist organizational unit. All denominational organization exists to assist local churches and the association is closest to these churches. The amount of help associations can be to local churches and their pastors is unlimited and churches and pastors who shun or ignore this help are much poorer.

One reason for the resurgence of associations in Baptist life is the ministry of associational directors of missions. More and more associations floundering in their cooperative efforts have found the wisdom of employing an able person to coordinate associational activities. Almost always an association takes on new life and effectiveness with a director.

Kentucky is especially blessed with many strong directors of associational missions. Our statistical success in mission outreach and Cooperative Program from the ministry of these directors.

In organizing these voluntary associations of churches our forefathers contributed more than they probably realized. They have served Baptists well for two centuries and the outlook is they will never outgrow their usefulness.

Baptist Forum

Are you running with me, Jesus?

I wish to announce that I am the first candidate in history to openly and honestly admit that he is seeking election to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in St. Louis, Mo. this year. My candidacy is in contrast to the sham and hypocrisy of past campaigns carried on in secrecy until the expedient moment. I will not call various sections of the country to see how my candidacy

might fare, as at least one former president did. I will not claim that the office is seeking me; I claim to be seeking the office with a sincere desire to serve within the powers and limitations spelled out in the constitution and bylaws of the SBC. I do not perceive honest and open political methods in obtaining any elective position to be evil.

I am a pastor with 23 years' experience, cooperatively involved in the support of the Cooperative Program of Knox County, Tennessee, and Southern Baptists. I am not a super pastor nor do I have a super church. Neither I nor the church have ever been listed in the top 10 or top 20 list. We average 110 in Sunday school. I have never been asked on the program of the SBC, or to serve on any board or committee. I am denominationally unknown like 85% of those who will attend the convention in St. Louis. I am theologically conservative and accept fully the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement, preamble included. I do not belong to any conservative movement allegedly attempting to "take over" the convention. I do not approve of secret meetings and selective invitations to them. I do recognize the right of any group of Baptists to assemble and to redress their grievances constructively.

If I am elected president in St. Louis I will not seek to run the seminaries but will leave that to the administration and trustees. I will not seek to "stack" committees and boards with persons representing any rigid, extreme theological viewpoints. I will not attempt to speak for Southern Baptists as though my election would make me the official spokesman. I believe in the autonomy and competency of the soul and the priesthood of all believers to interpret the scriptures under the Lordship of Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit. As president I would attend meetings as expected and preside over the annual session with parliamentary precision and impartiality to all. 1 Tim. 3:1 says, "If any man desires the office of a Bishop, he desires a good thing." No pastor should have to pretend that he is not seeking a pastorate, and no candidate should be allowed to pretend that he is not seeking election. My call is for honesty and openness. It would be an honor for me to serve as president if elected. Who knows but that I may "have come to the kingdom for just such an hour as this." Jimmy Stroud, Knoxville, Tenn.

Guest Editorial

Presidential prospects in St. Louis

by Marse Grant
Editor, Biblical Recorder [N. C.]

The coming session in St. Louis, June 10-12, shapes up as one of the most strategic in Southern Baptist Convention history. The future direction of the body could be at stake as a new president is elected. This is true because of an announced "takeover" by the same organization which pushed the inerrancy question last year at Houston. Its goal is to determine who is elected SBC president for at least four consecutive years and maybe as many as 10.

The group received a setback to its immediate goals when Adrian Rogers announced recently that he will not let his name be offered for a second term. This was a shock since he probably would have been elected with no opposition. Now that a new president must be elected, perhaps a profile of the man needed to get the convention on a more unified track is in order.

It must be remembered that the convention is still very diverse and still basically conservative, although not ready for anyone to impose a creed on it. That means the new president should be able to identify with broad segments of the convention and not be a captive of any group.

The new president should be soundly anchored in the Bible, in Baptist doctrine and be a strong believer

in what Southern Baptists are doing. Thus, denominational loyalty ranks high on our list.

This is not to suggest that everything is perfect in SBC life, but we are growing increasingly weary of those who do little but nit-pick and criticize Southern Baptists. This is an old tactic of fundamentalists that is now coming from within the convention itself.

A president with a gift for pulling groups together is badly needed, not pulling them apart. In other words, one who is a healer and reconciler. This could be the No. 1 need of Southern Baptists just now—one who can help build bridges of understanding.

High visibility would help, but this is not pressing. Some good men have been elected in the past who were comparative unknowns at the time they were nominated.

No person will measure up to everyone's individual expectations. That's why it's risky to mention names. Nevertheless, several are surfacing. Messengers apparently like to know something about those who may be nominated. It gives some time for reflection ahead of time since all nominating speeches are very convincing and appealing.

Anyone being mentioned can remove himself immediately since a nominator must have permission of the person being nominated. That's why we hear mixed reports as to whether Jimmy Draper, president of the Pastor's Conference and pastor of First Church, Euless, Tex., or Richard Jackson of North Phoenix, Ariz., will let their names be presented. They may change their minds.

Without question, the name being heard most often in this section of the country is Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., Baptist Hour preacher, host of the television program, "At

Home With the Bible." Last December he was chosen by Time Magazine as one of the seven most outstanding preachers in America, the only Southern Baptist on the list. That's quite an honor considering the number of good preachers in the SBC.

Another name is Bailey Smith, also well known through his appearances at many state evangelism conferences. He is pastor of First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., which has been near the top in baptisms for years. His predecessors include Draper and John Bisagno, pastor of First Church, Houston. Smith spoke at three or four of the Heart of America Bible Conferences sponsored jointly by the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies and TV evangelist James Robison. He spoke at Charlotte when the conference was held there Oct. 25-27, 1979.

Other names appearing in news stories in Dallas and elsewhere include James L. Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities in Dallas and chairman of this year's committee on order of business, and SBC first vice president Abner McCall who is president of Baylor University.

It is an important election. Messengers should inform themselves and then go to St. Louis to vote for the man they consider best qualified to bring the convention back together. No repeat of Houston is needed. If a repeat occurs, we agree with Southern Seminary's Duke McCall that the SBC could be dissolved in the 1980's if distrust and division continue, with constant attacks on SBC institutions, especially the seminaries. That would be a tragic end to a great denomination of which 13.4 million of us are a part. But we don't think it's going to happen. Southern Baptists have a talent of "righting" the convention once it tilts too far in any direction. St. Louis will put that ability to a test.

Baptist News in Brief

HMB sounds an alarm

Directors of the Home Mission Board expressed alarm about "excessive governmental entanglement in the missions of the Southern Baptist Convention."

The action, directed toward members of the U. S. Congress, focused alarm on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and related decisions and interpretations.

Those decisions and interpretations by the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department would exclude missionaries and other denominational workers from retirement plans administered by the SBC Annuity Board. The Home Mission Board alone has 3000 missionaries under appointment.

By urging amendments, the Home Mission Board joins more than 27 other religious denominations in the U. S. who are concerned about the issue and have formed the Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA.

The interpretation, seen as a back door way of entanglement in the mission of the church, "is having and will have a disturbing and adverse impact on the missions of the Southern Baptist Convention," the resolution said.

Annie dragging her feet?

The Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions is running slightly behind last year, but has topped the \$5 million mark, William G. Tanner told directors of the Home Mission Board.

Tanner, executive director-treasurer, said the offering reached \$5,009,872 May 13, nine-tenths of a percent, or about \$45,000, behind last year at the comparable time.

"So far, we have received about 35.2 percent of the goal of \$15.5 million, and it's too early to project total receipts. However, we're expecting to be close to the overall goal," Tanner said, noting the slow start for the offering, caused by a massive snow and ice storm which canceled church services on the first day.

He said he believes it will reach at least \$15.4 million, and quite possibly top the goal.

BWA to elect staff

A staff of eight persons will be recommended to support general secretary-nominee Gerhard Claas in administrative roles for the Baptist World Alliance for five-year terms beginning in October 1980. Four will be newcomers to the BWA staff.

Claas, current associate secretary of the BWA and secretary-treasurer of the European Baptist Federation, Hamburg, Germany, will be nominated for the top BWA post at the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, Canada, July 8-13. His associates are subject to General Council approval that same week.

Claas would succeed Robert S. Denny, a member of the staff since 1956, who has reached retirement age.

Denton Lotz, 41, representative of American Baptist Churches to Central and Eastern Europe and a member of the faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, will be nominated as associate secretary with responsibility for the divisions of evangelism and education and relief

and development.

Reinhold J. Kerstan, 48, director of communications for the North American Baptist Conference, Chicago, will be nominated as associate secretary for the divisions of communications and study and research.

Betty L. Smith, a member of the BWA staff since 1966 and assistant secretary with responsibility for conferences since 1976, will be nominated to continue in that position.

Erna Redlich, a Canadian and a member of the BWA Washington staff since 1968, will be nominated as assistant secretary with responsibility in the division of relief and development.

Edwin Lopez, general secretary of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, Iloilo City, the Philippines, will be nominated to serve as associate (regional) secretary for Asia.

Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Denmark and past president of the European Baptist Federation, will be nominated to serve as associate (regional) secretary for Europe.

Rogers: Women superior

Some 4000 women from Alaska to Florida packed two auditoriums at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, to hear Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, warn them against yielding to a humanistic morality.

Speaking at the opening session of the three-day Mid-Continent Christian Women's Concerns Conference, Rogers, pastor of Bellevue, told the women, "Build your homes and lives on the Word of God" and reject a humanistic approach of "attempting to solve the problems of mankind apart from God."

Rogers, touching on women's liberation, said he believes in the equality of the sexes, adding, "I'm of the opinion that a woman is infinitely superior to a man—at being a woman—and a man is infinitely superior to a woman—at being a man."

"We are equal but thank God we are not the same," he said. "It's not a matter of equality. Before the Lord Jesus we are all equal, but we are not the same, and anybody with an umption of gumption and a fraction of sense knows that."

BPRA elects Mrs. Owen

Jennifer Owen, communications specialist for the Book Store Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was elected president of the Baptist Public Relations Association. Mrs. Owen, second woman in 26 years to head the national Southern Baptist communications group, succeeds Stan L. Hastey of Washington, D. C., as president.

Other new officers of the 300-member association include Jack Brymer of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, program vice president; Leonard Hill of the Executive Committee, Nashville, membership vice president; Barbara Little of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, secretary; Donald Hepburn of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, Calif., treasurer; Tim Fields of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, newsletter editor; and Hastey, awards chairman.

Patterson out of context

Southern Baptist Sunday School Board president Grady Cothen said quotations included in charges leveled against three writers of board publications by Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, were taken out of context and, therefore, misrepresent the facts.

Cothen reiterated the board's policy of seriously considering all questions raised by Baptists concerning the doctrinal soundness of its materials and admitting and seeking to correct any mistakes.

Two Baptist leaders oppose parochial school funding

Two church-state executives issued strong warnings in Washington concerning the increasing threat to public schools and religious liberty posed by the use of public funds in parochial schools.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and R. G. Puckett, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, forecast continued problems in this area at the sixth annual meeting of the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL).

Wood, whose agency is a charter member of PEARL, cited Supreme Court decisions and congressional action from which PEARL members should "take heart," but cautioned, "this is no time to take a rest."

The cause for alarm is the increasing barrage of attacks on public schools coupled with growing support and enrollments in private religious and non-sectarian schools.

Puckett, former editor of the Maryland Baptist, predicted that "Christian schools will continue to flourish and do so at the expense of public schools. I think that is the attitude of the times."

The problems accompanying the growth of Christian schools lie in determining whether and for what purposes the schools may use public funds, and to what extent the schools will be regulated by state and federal government.

Puckett contended the state has an interest in establishing minimal standards for such areas as textbook selection, teacher certification and curriculum. Parochial schools in Rhode Island and Kentucky have resisted such control.

Revivals go on despite riots

Despite student riots throughout the country, the Korean evangelistic crusades started on schedule May 18 with a near-capacity crowd of more than 5000 in Pusan.

Because of student demonstrations in Kwangju and a resulting 9 p.m. curfew, the first night of the crusade in that city was changed to a prayer meeting. The remaining sessions were rescheduled for 2 p.m.

The Pusan meeting began at 7 p.m. but as much as an hour later people were still pouring through the doors to the city auditorium. More than 400 people sat on the floor as Florida Baptist team members preached, sang and gave their testimonies. Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, was the main speaker.

The crusade, a result of three years of planning and preparation, is being sponsored by the Korea Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board with assistance from the Florida Baptist Convention.

Flower bulbs requested

The Executive Board Wives, an organization of the wives of staff members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has adopted a beautification project for Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. They propose extensive planting of bulbs this fall for spring flowers next year. They are requesting that anyone with an excess supply of bulbs share them for this project. The bulbs should be classified, if possible, by color and sent to Mrs. Marshall Phillips, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003.

FMB asks SBC change

The Foreign Mission Board voted to ask the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to recommend a constitutional change and learned the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions has climbed above \$40 million.

The board voted to ask a better representation of the members of boards, institutions and commissions should be necessary to constitute a quorum for transacting business. Article VI, Section 3 of the SBC Constitution now specifies nine members must be present to make a quorum.

In the case of the Foreign Mission Board, which has more than 80 members, this nine would be only a little more than 10 percent of the membership.

A report for the Lottie Moon offering indicated it stood at \$40,023,335 or 98.8 percent of the \$40.5 million goal. Books on the offering close at the end of the month. The total given for the 1978 offering was \$35,919,605.40.

State law challenged

A Kentucky law, requiring public aid to parochial schools in the form of textbook loans, is being challenged in a suit filed in U. S. District Court for the eastern district of Kentucky.

In filing the suit on behalf of the plaintiffs—Dorothea Yelton of Ft. Mitchell, Richard Van Hoose, Donald Spencer, Rebecca Justice, Jean Terry and Rudolph W. Smith, all of Louisville—R. G. Puckett, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, noted "such a law would result in deprivation of rights and privileges under the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States and under Sections 5, 171, 184, 186 and 189 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Puckett added, "The nonpublic school textbook loan statute is in reality a subterfuge attempting to accomplish indirectly what cannot be done directly under the law. The so called 'loan' program constitutes a public fund subsidy to participating sectarian schools. Since, under the law, there is to be an annual legislative appropriation, the stage is set for a continuing drive by church-operated schools to obtain public funds, thus creating a climate for tension and political discord."

Mountains to the Mississippi

Missions

Reynolds back to Argentina



The Reynolds family

The Ronnie Reynolds family has been living in the Zora Carter missionary house part the past nine months. The house, a part of the ministry of Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church, is provided for furloughing Southern Baptist missionaries.

Reynolds, a native of West Virginia, is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in West Virginia and North Carolina.

The Reynoldses were in language study in San Jose, Costa Rica for a year, then for three years in Entre Rios, Argentina. He was general evangelist and pastor of Villaquay Baptist Church, promoter of Entre Rios Baptist Association extension work and area missionary to several Baptist churches.

While on furlough Reynolds conducted mission schools, preached revivals and did pulpit supply in Kentucky, West Virginia and other areas.

Reynolds, his wife Glenda, and two of their children, Lollis, 11, and Rebecca, 3, will be going to San Juan, Argentina for the next three years. Ronnie Jr. is graduating from Anderson County High School this spring and will be a student at Eastern Kentucky University this fall. Their daughter, Nona, will be a high school senior at the English speaking school for missionary children in Buenos Aires.



Jimmy R. Allen [l], president of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Wayne Dehoney [c], pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; and Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, were featured speakers at the sixth annual Radio, TV and Cable Consultation, Apr. 21-23. The consultation was cosponsored by the Radio-TV Commission and Southwestern Seminary to help church members use broadcasting more effectively.

Congregations

Ira Prosser to be recognized

Ira Prosser, former staff member of Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, and presently a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, will receive the distinction of honorary membership in the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference at its annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo. in June.

The honorary membership is presented to only two or three persons each year who have made outstanding contributions through the years to the music ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ira Prosser is widely known for having led music in five state Brotherhood conventions and five Baptist Student conventions during his time in Kentucky.

Other distinctive contributions to the Southern Baptist music ministry prior to moving to Kentucky include eight years as director of both the Church Music Department and the Baptist Student Union Department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He also was music director for Southern Baptist conventions in St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as assistant music director at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. He has been music director for revivals in many states.

Aycock publishes two books

Don M. Aycock, pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Louisville, has recently published one book and currently is co-author with his wife of a book of prayers and devotions scheduled to be released in September. The first book, *The E. Y. Mullins Lectures on Preaching*, is an analysis of the Mullins' lecture series at Southern Seminary. The second book, aimed principally for seminary students, is titled *Not Quite Heaven*.

Gwynn Day is reprinted

The latest literary production of Gwynn M. Day is a reprint of a 1960 paperback titled *The Joy Beyond*. Mrs. Day now lives in Richmond, Va., but was born in Kentucky, grew up in Louisville and was a student at both the WMU Training School and Southern Seminary. She is the author of the anniversary hymn for the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union which was used at the annual meeting in 1953 and again at

the 100th anniversary celebration of Kentucky WMU in 1978. Mrs. Day's address is 1003 Roxbury Rd., Richmond, VA 23226.

Walnut Street celebrates Miller Day
Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, celebrated Mary Miller Day May 4. Miss Miller has been at Walnut Street since May 1, 1955.

Her first position at the church was statistical secretary, although her office was more of a counseling room for teenagers.

W. R. Pettigrew, late pastor of Walnut Street, saw this developing ministry and asked her to consider this field of work. Miss Miller enrolled in seminary, taking classes dealing with youth work.

Her interest and work with youth extended beyond the church and she began doing youth work in the association and community. She was superintendent of teen volunteers for the Department of Mental Health at Hazelwood Hospital and a member of the Task Force and Juvenile Problems of Inner City Youth.

She has also been involved in the Manley area, working on the executive boards of the Manley Area Council and Neighborhood Development Corporation and vice president of the UNICORN Project, an organization against crime in the neighborhood.

Miss Miller was born in Canton, China where her parents were missionaries. She has attended Ottawa (Kan.) University, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

She is currently director of children's work at Walnut Street.

Boones Creek okays missionary home
Boones Creek Baptist Association has approved a recommendation to make the former house for the associational missionary into a home for furloughing missionaries. Ross Figart Jr., associational missionary, has constructed his own home thus leaving the associational home for this new use.

Personnel

Butler leaves Ninth and O

After seven years as associate pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, David Butler resigned to accept the pastorate of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. His resignation will become effective June 6.

Butler came to Ninth and O in 1974 as part time youth director when he enrolled in Southern Seminary. After graduation from the seminary in 1976 he became full time associate pastor in charge of youth, evangelism, hospital ministries and some preaching.

Butler and his wife Gayle have two children, David and Amy.

Estridge resigns Adaburg pastorate

Leon Estridge has resigned from the pastorate of Adaburg Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. His resignation became effective May 25.

White leaves Russellville FBC

Bob E. White, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Russellville, has resigned effective May 4, 1980, after eight years at the church. White is leaving the ministry to become a sales representative for Moore Business Forms Inc.

White, his wife Becky, and their son Clay will continue to live in Russell-

ville where she teaches in Logan County Schools.

Spring Street calls Baker

Mark Baker has accepted the call as pastor of Spring Street Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling.

Baker and his wife, the former Catherine L. Gilles, are natives of Evansville, Ind. The couple has two children: Tracy Ann, 8, and Kristina Louise, 5.

Baker graduated from Clear Creek Baptist School May 16.

Combs accepts call to Holland

Bill Combs has accepted the call as pastor of Holland (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native of Richmond he is married to the former Cynthia Ann Burer of Hamilton, Oh. They have two children: John William, 14, and Martin Joe, 10.

Combs is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

James Chase awarded doctorate

James E. Chase of Corbin was recently awarded the DMin degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. Chase serves as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Corbin.

Walker adds Tirey to staff

Lester Tirey, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, has been called as pastor to Walker (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native of Hamilton, Oh., Tirey is married to the former Barbara Ann Barnes of Pathfork, Ky. They have three children: Michael Darren, 12, Charles Keith, 10, and Robert Lester, 7.

Napier joins Campground staff

John H. Napier was recently called as pastor of Campground Baptist Church, London.

A native of Roark, Ky., Napier is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School. He is married to the former Martha Faith Gilliland of Lorain, Oh. They have three children: Barbara Jo, Douglas and Brenda Kay.

Deaths

Woodall dies Apr. 13

Reed Woodall passed away Apr. 13 in Princeton. Woodall had been in a rest home there for several years.

He had pastored Baptist churches in the Kentucky associations of Caldwell-Lyon, Ohio River and Little Bethel.

He was ordained by the Piney Creek Church, Ohio River Association, in 1934.

Revivals

Pleasant Grove revival nets 118

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro, held a series of revival meetings with Jimmy Wheeler of Beaver Dam as evangelist.

Six people made profession of faith and 112 decisions were recorded.

Bill Roberts is pastor of Pleasant Grove.

Victory holds revival

Victory Baptist Church, Providence, was in revival Apr. 13-20. Bill Johnson, Louisville, directed the music. Don Moore, First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., was evangelist.

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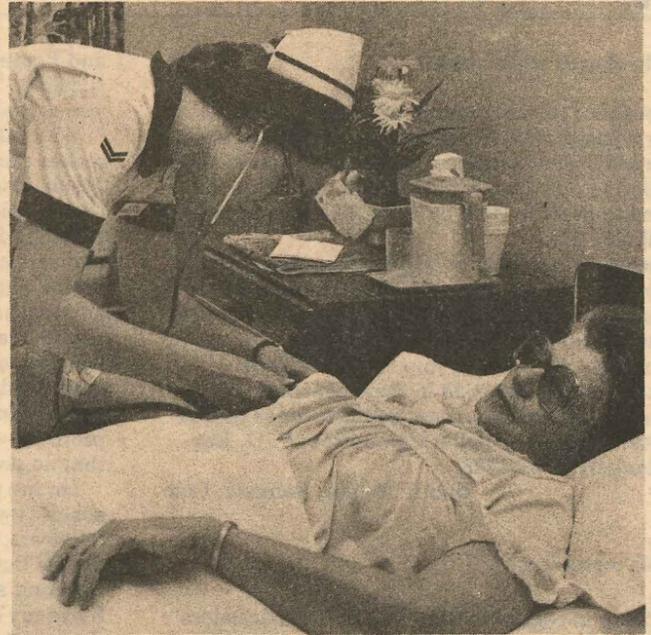
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Bob H. White, Rangely, Colo.

Wierwille wows 'em

I am writing in regard to the "WOW" ambassadors affiliated with the Way International being in our area. I feel that I must warn the people here that they are not what they seem to be. I have studied this cult for over a year now and know what I am talking about. My son and his lovely wife have been swept up in what seems to be a Christian group but when one looks beneath the surface of phraseology to the bedrock of definition and meaning, a NEW FACE EMERGES THAT IS FAR FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY.

I do not have the space or time to go into much detail here but believe me you do not want your relative or friend in this group. Their leader, Victor Paul Wierwille, came from a good evangelical background but somewhere lost his way and teaches a combination of Unitarianism, Calvinism, Dispensationalism

and Pentecostalism, a strange theological mixture. He is called "Doctor" but the degree is not earned as it was given by a degree mill in Pikes Peak, Colo.

Wierwille teaches that Jesus is NOT God, which makes the Jesus of the Bible and history a different Jesus. Wierwille also teaches that God is holy and God is spirit but the Holy Spirit is NOT God. Also, the speaking in tongues is central in all Way meetings and services. If there is one thing Wierwille has convinced his followers of, it is that he is a Bible scholar and teacher. The frequent use of the phrase "biblical research and teaching ministry" implies that they have gone deeper into the Word and done more thorough study than anyone else. Victor claims he has 30 years of independent research and that is his problem—it is his independent research. We know that no prophecy is of ONE interpretation.

Let me make myself clear. I am not in any way personally trying to slander Mr. Wierwille or his followers. I believe they are sincere and dedicated people but from a biblical standpoint they are sincerely wrong and therefore misguided in their dedication. I love my children and I don't like what this group has done to them and I don't want to have any other parents going through what we are. This group reaches the young people, especially those who are disillusioned or disenchanted with the institutional church, or the ones who are discontented with their own spiritual life, or have a poor knowledge of the Bible, or have had a recent disappointment or broken relationship or have an emptiness and lack of purpose in their life.

In order to be a Way member you have to take a PFAL (Power for Abundant Living) course which consists of 12 taped sessions, each three hours long. Through it, Wierwille has his chief tool to propagate his hybrid theology. It cost my son and daughter-in-law \$100 each and I understand the price has gone up now. If anyone is really interested in more informa-

tion, I strongly recommend the book by J. L. Williams titled "The Way International and Victor Paul Wierwille—A Closer Look." It sells for \$2.50 and can be ordered from: The New Directions Evangelistic Association, Box 2347, Burlington, NC 27215.

Please heed my warning and help spread the word to stay away from these mind benders and remember what happened at Jonestown in Guyana.

Doris Estes, Radcliff

Forgetting God in summer

I forgot my Lord in the summertime, just the time I was needed most.

I was not away, but on each Lord's day I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime as I lazily lay in bed,

While the faithful few had my work to do, and I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the summertime, when he needed it most of all, While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent, just off duty for God until fall.

I forgot my class in the summertime, but the devil did not forget, Working day and night, he kept up the fight; he's a go-getter you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime, got along without spiritual food.

While my Lord on high sent me blessings, I showed him naught but ingratitude.

If my Lord should come in the summertime, when from my duty to God I am free, Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through, if, by chance, he should forget me?

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Alumni surprises

I am always amazed at how often I meet people across the state who have had some personal relationship with the Child Care Program at one time or another. Many times it is a proud parent who still wants to show off with obvious pride an adopted child who came through this ministry—whether it is a high school junior adopted years ago or one placed just last month. Beneath their pride lies an obvious sense of deep gratitude that Kentucky Baptists made it all possible.

Other times I frequently run into alumni of either Glen Dale or Spring Meadows who spent part of their younger years with us for varied reasons. I am always interested in talking with them to get a feeling for how they have used the opportunities that came to them while living with us.

A good example of this was demonstrated recently while I was visiting in one of our churches out in the state and a young mother came up to me and introduced herself as one who had lived at Spring Meadows almost 20 years ago. She left at age eight when her family was able to take her home again. Even though she was there only a short time and not for all of her childhood or teenage years, she remarked that her family would not have made it had it not been for Spring Meadows being there when they needed them.

This young mother represents a whole host of youth who have been and still are a part of our basic philosophy—that is, hopefully, getting the child and family reunited. Many folks do not understand that we try hard to plan—if it is in the child's best interest—to get families back together. This means a constant flow of youth each month, taking with them the gifts and opportunities of our witness and ministry, and leaving behind an empty bed to be filled by yet another youth who needs us. Such will be the case this summer as over a dozen youth will be leaving by design to return home or, in rare instances, to be adopted. This leaves us with an ever-changing population—with an empty bed to be filled quickly with a real need waiting in the wings.

I left that young mother grateful that Spring Meadows had been present and that we are still seeking the same thing today whenever possible. Pray with us that we can wisely and quickly fill vacancies in order to meet needs and fulfill the purpose of our ministry.

KBC Activities

Here and now

JUNE

- 1 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 2-4 WMU Executive Board Meeting. Cedarmore.
- 5-6 Summer Missionaries' Orientation. Baptist Building, Middletown.
- 8-12 Southern Baptist Convention with auxiliary meetings. St. Louis, Mo. Detailed program Apr. 9 issue of Western Recorder.
- 9-13 RA Camp at RABRO. Grades 4-12.
- 15 Father's Day
- 16-20 Youth Week. Cedarmore. (Filled).
- 16-20 GA and Acteen Camp, Cedar Crest. (Filled).
- 16-20 RA Camp at RABRO. Grades 4-12.
- 23-27 GA and Acteen Camp. Cedar Crest. (Filled).
- 23-27 Youth Week. Cedarmore. (Filled).
- 23-27 RA Camp at RABRO. Grades 4-12.
- 23 Interfaith Witness Conference. Richmond, First Baptist Church.
- 24 Interfaith Witness Conference. Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church.
- 26 Interfaith Witness Conference. Hardinsburg, Hardinsburg Baptist Church.
- 27 Interfaith Witness Conference. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Temple.

Looking ahead

JULY

- 7-11 Mountain Missions Conference. Oneida Baptist Institute. For Mountain pastors and lay people. Reservations made with Oneida.
- 8-13 Baptist World Alliance. Toronto, Canada. See article May 21 issue of Western Recorder.
- 21-25 Interfaith Witness Conferences across southern part of Kentucky. Dates and places in Baptist Diary.

AUGUST

- 5 World Hunger Day
- 7-9 Early Childhood Education Conference. Cedarmore. For teachers in church related week day programs for age 3 through kindergarten. Reservations made with Cedarmore.

Planning ahead

Available Youth and Children Weeks at Cedarmore. (All weeks begin Monday afternoon and close Friday noon. Reservations made with Cedarmore unless otherwise noted.)

- GA/Acteen Camp at Cedar Crest—5 weeks beginning July 7.
- Mother/Daughter Overnight at Cedar Crest. July 18-19.
- RA Camp at RABRO—7 separate weeks, beginning July 7.
- Father/Son in grades 1, 2, 3—overnight. July 11-12, 18-19. Reservations for all RA camps made with Brotherhood.
- Music Weeks: Children—July 14-18; July 28-Aug. 1. Youth/Adult—July 21-25.

GA/Acteen Camp. Jonathan Creek. 3 weeks, beginning June 30. Reservations made with Jonathan Creek.

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Manasseh and Josiah

2 Kings 21:1-2 Manasseh was the son of a godly father, Hezekiah, and presumably of a godly mother, Hephzibah, whose name means "God's delight." Although he had the advantages of a good home, his head was turned by the wonder of being king at the age of 12. During his reign of 55 years, in a deliberate attempt to undo the good work of his father, Manasseh introduced various types of idolatry and released upon the people a multitude of evils, bringing his country to the depths of sensuality and corruption.

2 Kings 22:1-2 Ascending the throne at the age of eight, Josiah's handicaps included his extreme youth, the degeneracy of the people and the fact that his father was one of the worst men who ever reigned over Judah. Josiah did not follow in the steps of his father, but "did that which was right in the sight of the Lord," who gave him the necessary strength to serve him and crowned his efforts with success.

2 Kings 22:9-13 Anxious for his people to worship God, Josiah, at the age of 26, gave orders to Hilkiah, the high priest for the house of the Lord to be repaired. In the process of clearing the rubbish from the temple, workmen found an old scroll which had been lost and buried in the debris for a long time. This scroll was the Book of the Law, the Holy Scriptures, which had been lost for so long that its message was largely forgotten.

The book convinced Josiah his people had not only been doing things which they should not have done, but that they had also failed to do many things which they should have done. He sought information from the Lord as to how the seemingly inevitable punishment for their sinfulness might be averted. He learned it could be accomplished through genuine repentance, earnest prayer, sincere and strong efforts at reformation and hearkening unto the words of the Book.

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Eternal God and mortal man

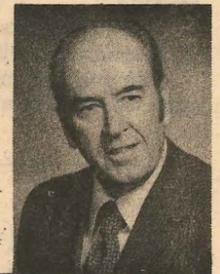
Psalm 90:1-12 In the Hebrew the first word in Psalm 90 is Adonai. Translated "Lord" this word signifies ownership and mastership. It is expressive of a relationship of authority on the part of God and of allegiance and love on the part of man. Lordship means complete possession on the part of God and complete submission on the part of his children.

The eternity of God is set in sharp contrast to the mortality of man. Both God's measurement of time and estimation of its value are entirely different from ours. Since man's days on earth are limited in number, and the time when the Lord shall terminate them is uncertain, these facts constitute a valid reason why we should ask God to "teach us to number our days," (not our weeks, months, or years), "that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Since our days are limited we should use them wisely and well.

In view of the Psalmist's reminder all mortals have but a short time to live on this earth, let those of us who are Christians rejoice in knowing we are safe in the hands of the eternal, wise, powerful, gracious and merciful God, who doeth all things well.

Fully aware we cannot know how long we shall remain on this earth we are deeply grateful for the unspeakably joyous satisfaction of knowing that what we do for our Lord, who has done so much for us, will be helpful to others.

Frank Owen



"Make it short, Preacher"

A modern problem for the preaching in fulfilling his responsibility to transmit Gospel truth to the next generation is the impatience of today's hurried world. There is a great body of doctrine inherent in the Christian faith whose tenets one must learn and love if he is ever to be more than a superficial Christian. These doctrines often require time and they must not be omitted.

The present generation is not very patient with doctrinal preaching. Everybody wants "something fresh," the kind of preaching that can turn a phrase with a little different twist or some attractive gimmick, rather than the faithful proclamation of the full dosage of Christian Truth. Of the Greeks, Luke says that they were ever seeking "... either to tell, or to hear some new thing." (Acts 17:21)

The popular demand felt by pulpit voices of our day is hard to resist. People want brief, light, topical preaching, while their children grow up indoctrinated, knowing too little biblical truth and not enough deep doctrines of the Holy Scriptures and their own influence on one another. (Free will and predestination, for instance.)

Christians must be willing to think deeply enough to get their teeth into great doctrines and fall in love with them. Some self-discipline is required to get beyond the milk state to the meat of Christian diet. (I Cor. 3:2)

Though in a different context Isaiah confirms the learner's need for repetition and review. "But the word of the Lord will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line..." (Isa. 28:10 KJV) The heavier truths can't always be taught briefly, nor lightly. Our Christian faith involves the discipline of study and thought.

"Make it short, Preacher." That's what we hear them say. Well, pastor, feed them enough milk to keep the babes from starving but don't forget that you are trying to develop their appetites for meat on which to grow spiritual sinew.

Brethren and sisters, let your preacher preach. Encourage him in it. Sermonettes, no. All day, no. But long enough to teach God's truth.

Ephesians 4

"Ephesians 4 Conferences" emphasizing the biblical basis for training are being held in approximately 750 locations nationwide this year and three state leaders report positive results.

Sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department and state Baptist convention Church Training departments, the meetings focus on a study of Ephesians 4:11-16 to show the biblical basis for Christian training.

Vernon Cole, Church Training director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is one leader who feels the conferences are changing the traditional mind-sets of many persons.

"One of the strong responses has been an appreciation for seeing the diversity of materials for training," said Cole. "The people responded well to the materials on personal growth, and they liked the idea of a greater biblical emphasis in the materials."

Conferences have been conducted in 50 of Kentucky's 80 associations this year and Cole says he feels the experience "may cause some people who have not looked at the varied approaches in a long time to do so."

Shaylor Walters, senior Church Training consultant for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, said church leaders have expressed "unanimous agreements that they like the emphasis on personal growth."

While only 14 conferences have been held of the 44 scheduled in South Carolina this year, Walters feels that thus far the experience "is going to make a difference in our ongoing program."

"Churches without organized church training programs have expressed interest in beginning programs," he said. "There is a real enthusiasm among those who have caught a new vision of church training."

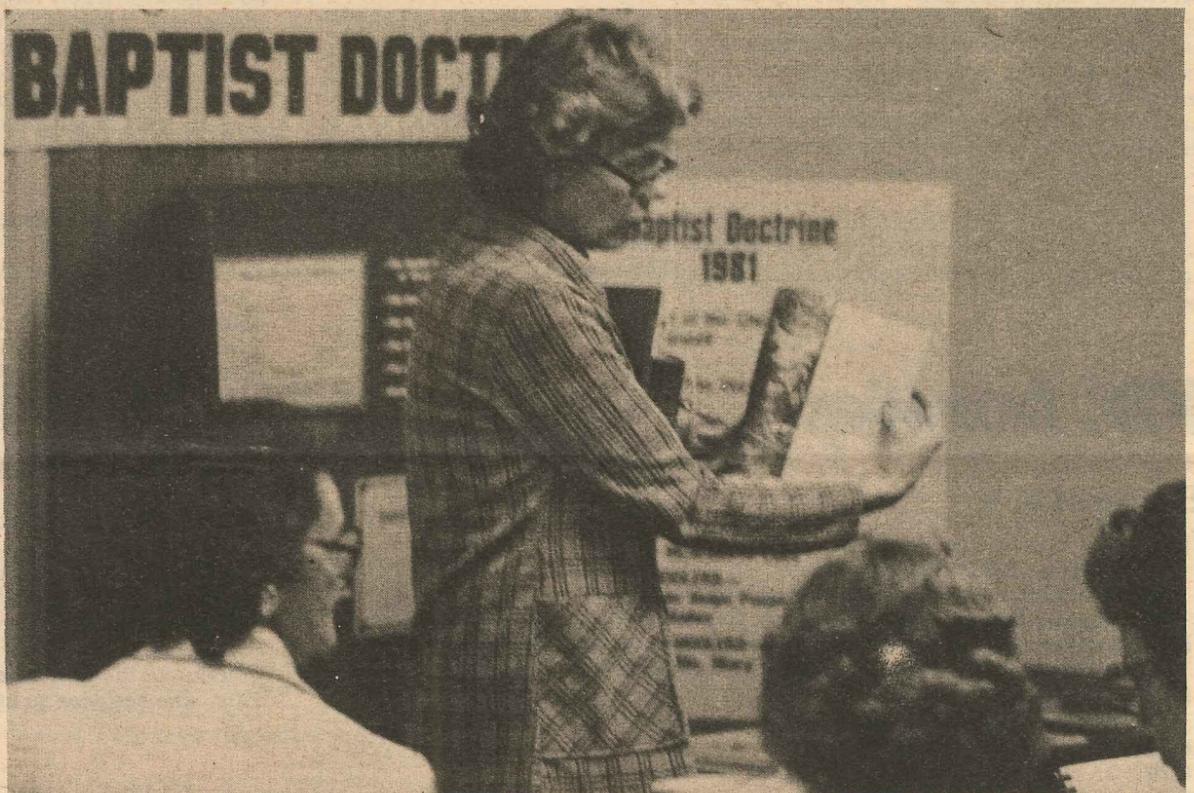
Arizona Baptists have conducted 14 conferences in 13 associations, with 300 persons attending.

With only one more conference to be held, Arizona state Church Training director Bill May says persons

"were impressed with the quality of the material. Many were not aware that church training has so many resources for discipleship and they were encouraged with the simplicity of the material." May said the equipping center modules have been

"most effective in inspiring a return to church training in churches where there had been no ongoing program."

"Church training is meeting some definite needs that exist in our churches," he said.



An Ephesians 4 conference was recently held by the KBC Church Training and Administration depart-

ment at Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

ASSIST — A new approach to an old problem

State and associational leaders participating in a regional Sunday school leadership institute at Ridgecrest, N. C., praised the denomination's massive effort to train more than 5000 associational Sunday school leaders this spring.

ASSIST—Associational Sunday School Improvement Support Teams—will then work in their associations conducting conferences and consulting with church leaders to improve Bible teaching and outreach.

Eight regional institutes are being conducted across the country this spring by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. The more than 5000 participants have been elected by their associations to work with Sunday school general officers or workers with preschoolers, children, youth or adults.

Halbrooks: 'ASSIST is the key'

"I think ASSIST is the key to strengthening Sunday school work in local churches," said Fred Halbrooks, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday

School Department.

He said when he became Sunday School Department director in 1977 his first objective was to develop leadership teams in the state's 80 associations. In five years, the number of teams has increased from 3 to 25.

Warren Mallard, director of church development for the Mecklenburg (N. C.) Baptist Association, brought a 12-member team to the institute and called ASSIST "one of the best things the convention has ever done."

Mallard said that while his association, which includes Charlotte, N. C., has the funds to bring in denominational leaders to conduct training events, "it's better to have local people trained and ready to go."

Walter Gilbert, associate in the Sunday School Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said one key to the success of ASSIST will be enlisting team members to serve more than one year.

"It takes time to develop a quality team," Gilbert said.

Another key is to involve team members in scheduling associational training events well in advance, according to Carolyn Baker, ASSIST director for the South Fort (N. C.) Baptist Association.

Mrs. Baker said her ASSIST team is already committed to leading outreach, Preparation Week and Growth Spiral training sessions and a Bible Venture campaign next year.

Gratten Tomlinson, associate in the South Carolina Sunday School Department, said the ASSIST concept is valuable for meeting specific needs of workers, such as better understanding how to use Sunday school literature.

Eldon Boone, leader of the Sunday School Board's associational unit, said he hopes the institutes will motivate associational leaders to develop a complete team of age group workers.

Also, he said he hopes the teams will attempt new types of assistance to churches such as personal consultation with leaders whose churches do not normally participate in associational meetings and personal conferences with bivocational pastors.