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Ridgecrest, Glorieta up as 58,000 participate in summer conferences

Summer attendance at Southern Baptists' two national conference centers showed a slight increase over 1979 despite a nationwide slowdown in travel.

More than 58,000 persons participated in a variety of week long training and inspirational sessions at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers.

Summer conferences for church staff members and lay persons included Sunday school, Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, home and foreign missions, church music, Bible preaching and recreation. A variety of conferences and camps for youth and college students also were held.

The summer total of 58,044 represents an increase of 1552 over the 1979 total of 56,492.

An all-time high attendance for one week at Glorieta was set in August when 3410 college students participated in the annual student conference.

Six Sunday school leadership conferences, three at each center, registered an 11.2 percent gain over 1979 with a total of 15,236 persons participating, compared to 13,489 last year.

"With the energy crisis and the inflationary economy we had a lot of fears last January about what the summer might bring," said Bill Cox, supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section at the Sunday School Board, which owns and operates Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

"Our fears were largely put to rest when reservations opened Feb. 1 and several weeks were filled on that day. It's evident Southern Baptists have placed a high priority on training and spiritual experiences in connection with their summer plans," Cox said.

Cox's opinion is confirmed by two church staff members who took groups to the conference centers this summer.

Bob Edd Shotwell, minister of education at Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., took 140 persons on three chartered buses to Glorieta for a Sunday school week.

The church paid the transportation costs for the 750-mile trip out of budgeted funds but each participant paid his own conference, housing and food expenses. A church-sponsored trip to Glorieta is conducted every other summer.

"Those who attend gain training and gain from being associated with people from other churches," Shotwell said. "The fellowship of the trip also is valuable."

Bob Moulton, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn., took four volunteer leaders of children's and youth choirs to the church music leadership conference.

The church paid about 75 percent of the total cost from funds budgeted for leadership training.

"We see this as an investment in our leadership," Moulton said. "The leaders of our choirs can get their best training at a conference like this."

Attendance prospects appear bright for the fall and winter seasons, which opened Labor Day weekend. More than 4000 single adults attended simultaneous Labor Day weekend conferences at each conference center.

More than 7000 senior adults are registered for eight weeks of chautauquas in October and November.

BSSB minus \$10,000 despite heavy security

Approximately \$10,000 was discovered missing Aug. 28 when a safe was opened at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Cash on hand is used for day-to-day operations of the board. Regular deliveries to and from Nashville banks are handled by an independent money carrier to assure only necessary cash is on hand.

Nashville police are investigating to determine how the money was taken. A board spokesman said additional security measures are being studied.



Breaking up is hard to do

Interested observers watch Jesse Hatfield, superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown, lift one of the first spades of dirt at ground-breaking Aug. 28 for new cottages on the campus. Similar ceremonies were held by the Board of Child Care that day at Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale.

Baptist agency protests IRS Scientology action

Charging the head of the Internal Revenue Service violated the First Amendment's religion guarantees the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has joined a legal brief challenging the denial of tax exempt status to the controversial Church of Scientology.

The Joint Committee filed a brief jointly with the National Council of Churches to protest the removal of tax exemption for the sect during tax years 1970-72, a removal based on an "unprecedented assertion" a religious organization's tax exempt status depends on following what IRS Commissioner Jerome Kurtz called "accepted public policy."

Nevertheless, the brief filed with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Sacramento, Calif., also emphasized the Baptist Joint Committee and the National Council of Churches are unwilling to concede "in a theological sense" the Church of Scientology is actually a "church" or "religion." They entered the case, the brief explained, because IRS had stipulated throughout the case's history Scientology is a church in the legal sense.

The brief also pointed out while the National Council and Baptist Joint Committee "wish to make clear they do not condone the alleged illegal acts which are among the issues," they are also convinced "there is no connection between such acts and the tax exemption."

The two mainline groups filed the brief, they explained, "lest they be at some future date confronted with similar disclosure demands as the result of the government's application of the undefined and anomalous 'public policy' test to them in some way now unforeseen or unforeseeable."

The unusual effort in the brief to put distance between their interests and those of the Church of Scientology resulted not only from an unwillingness to grant the sect's claim to be a church but because of the highly publicized trials and convictions earlier this year of criminal offenses of nine of the church's top officials.

Central Hospital proposes \$17.4 million expansion and renovation program

A \$17.4 million expansion and renovation project for Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, is proposed in a Certificate of Need application submitted to the Department of Human Resources and Eastern Kentucky Health Systems Agency. Major changes requested include:

- Relocation of an addition to the operating suite.
- Development of an ambulatory care section as an outpatient diagnostic and treatment center.
- Renovation of the emergency room area.
- Elimination of four four-bed wards, replacing them in private and semiprivate accommodations of a newly constructed third floor.
- Correction of building code deficiency for fire-proofing in the operating suite.
- Correction of space deficiencies in administrative areas, business office, medical records, registration, personnel, materials management, physical therapy and respiratory care.

The 25-year-old operating suite's volume of activity has increased 24% since 1975 while recovery room use has jumped 42% in that time.

CBH emergency room use has jumped 294% since 1964. Because an estimated four-fifths of emergency room visits are of non-emergency nature separate areas are proposed for emergency care and ambulatory care.

Approval processes for Certificate of Need applications usually take about six months, Tommy J. Smith, CBH president, said.



Cole



Miss Ballance

Two Louisville hospitals create PR department, name two staff members

Louisville Baptist Hospitals has established a department of institutional advancement to coordinate public relations, marketing and development programs for Baptist East and Highlands Baptist Hospitals.

Ben R. Brewer, executive vice president of the hospitals, announced the appointment of Robert G. Cole as director of the department and Gay Ballance as his assistant.

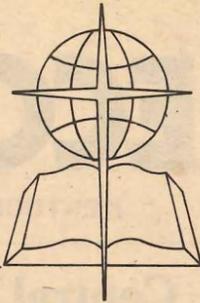
Brewer said establishment of the department reflects a continuing concern by the hospitals' management to broaden and improve dialog with the general public. "Specifically, we want to improve the quality of health care delivery for our patients," said Brewer. "We believe establishing the institutional advancement program represents another positive step in that direction."

Cole, formerly director of university relations at Indiana University Southeast, has 25 years' experience in public relations and development, including 10 years with General Electric Co. He holds a BA degree in journalism from the University of Alabama.

Miss Ballance, a 1980 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BA degree in public relations, is from Nashville. She was employed by the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department before joining Louisville Baptist Hospitals.

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

A great pastor and a great church

Like a college retires the jersey of a star athlete, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, is retiring the shoes of Verlin Kruschwitz because no one will ever quite be able to fill them. Other able pastors will build upon the strong foundation left by Krusch but it's not likely another pastor will invest 28 years and leave or retire with so much esteem.

Krusch is not only dear to his flock but has an enviable place in the hearts of his fellow ministers. What other pastors think of a preacher is the acid test and I never heard one critical or unkind word about him though he has never been reluctant to take strong stands nor draw back from anything he thought was right.

The most admirable of all his qualities is his humility. Success, like wine, is heady stuff and few preachers can experience it without a little dizziness. Not so with Verlin Kruschwitz. He's as humble as if he were pastor of the smallest church in the state and as gracious as the Lord he serves.

Krusch is no good argument for the theory every pastor has his strengths and his weaknesses. If he has weaknesses, they have never surfaced. He is a strong preacher and his sermons always reflect solid study and personal piety. Think of preparing about 150 messages a year for 28 years for the same congregation!

He is a devoted pastor. Out of his compassionate heart has flowed an everlasting stream of love and comfort.

He is a master builder and administrator. The Severns Valley facilities are matched by few in the Southern Baptist Convention and his staff members praise his manner of sharing the ministry with them. Commenting on the excellency of so many features of the new family life building, I was told, "Dr. Krusch would have it no other way."

He is an extremely valuable leader in the work of the denomination. He has served as chairman and member of more strategic committees in the Kentucky Baptist Convention than any man among us and has never come up short. He's the kind of committee member who sits up after other members have gone to sleep to put into proper words the committee report.

During his 28 years of ministry the Severns Valley church has taken on some of the qualities of Krusch. For example, this church has come to be regarded as strong in every area rather than strong in some ways and not so strong in others.

It is generally considered that church which major on new buildings will necessarily reduce world mission gifts. This is true of most of the so-called superchurches today including those

served by the last two Southern Baptist Convention presidents. Not so with Severns Valley! During the same years they moved and built all new magnificent facilities, Severns Valley Baptists have led Kentucky Baptists in Cooperative Program giving.

And it is not that they have overlooked their own area. They have sponsored and supported new work all over their area.

Nor have they failed to provide adequate staff help for the pastor. One by one they have brought in the help needed to have a complete ministry. The staff now numbers 10.

Along with all of this Severns Valley has done a most magnanimous thing for Krusch and Ruth. Recognizing they had foregone having their own home by living in church pastoriums, the church gave them \$40,000 to help them buy a home in Louisville.

There is something reassuring about Severns Valley and the Kruschwitzes. In a day when too many pastors and too many churches are not considerate enough of one another, it is inspiring to see a couple leave with so much love and esteem.

Fortunately Kentucky Baptists are not losing Verlin and Ruth. Verlin seems as vigorous in body and mind as ever and his wisdom and experience will be called upon as much or more than ever. Severns Valley may be hanging up his shoes but surely Krusch is not hanging it up.

Paul Pressler presses on for control

Those who tend not to take seriously the current effort of super conservatives to capture and control the Southern Baptist Convention and state Baptist conventions should read a letter written by Judge Paul Pressler to "friends" just after the St. Louis convention in June. Pressler is the Houston layman who along with Paige Patterson, director of the Criswell Institute of Biblical Studies in Dallas, is directing the strategy in this takeover effort.

The letter is on official stationery of the 14th Court of Civil Appeals of Texas though its contents are confined to Pressler's denominational political activities. The use of official Texas government stationery for such purposes seems inappropriate even if it is assumed the stationery, the postage and the clerical help was paid for by Pressler instead of by Texas taxpayers. Nothing is said in the letter about who paid for it.

In the letter Pressler rejoices in the "tremendous" victory at St. Louis which "surpassed all expectations." He regards the officers elected and the resolutions passed as confirmation that God is blessing his efforts.

And Pressler's efforts related to St. Louis obviously were extensive. He thanks all those whose sacrificial efforts to attend the convention resulted in the victories.

All this shows how wrong some of us were who thought the decision of president Adrian Rogers not to be nominated for a second term and the reported reprimand of Patterson by W. A. Criswell for his political tactics would make the convention in St. Louis a quiet and routine

one. Pressler's homework was so effective that any moves by Rogers and Criswell made no difference.

Pressler's letter clearly indicates his objective is not only control of the Southern Baptist Convention but control of state conventions. Half of his letter is devoted to plans for the Texas state convention this fall including instructions on how to qualify messengers.

In Texas Pressler selects two targets for attack, the Baptist Standard, which is the Texas state paper, and Baylor University where he promises trouble if a professor is not dismissed.

Nor is Pressler content with designs to control Southern Baptists and Texas Baptists. He has contacted like-minded persons in every state and by now has a network of pawns. This man is not to be taken lightly. He is an astute political strategist having already proven he knows how to manipulate convention messengers.

There is no precedent in Southern Baptist history for such a brazen and determined effort to take over conventions and control of their agencies on the national and state levels. We tend to say it cannot happen but it is happening. Those who read these words only to sit by and let it happen can never say they were not told what was happening.

A truly missionary church

Much of the contents in the many church newsletters coming across the editor's desk each week is routine but it is inspiring because it describes the ministries of these congregations reaching from the local community to the ends of the earth. Occasionally one of these newsletters contains a report that is just too good not to share.

Such an item appeared in a recent issue of "The Challenger," the weekly mailout of First Baptist Church, Earlington, where Guy Gordon is pastor. Earlington, with a Sunday school attendance of 172 Aug. 17, is one of the many churches in Kentucky emphasizing a world hunger offering this year.

Ordinarily a hunger offering of several hundred dollars would be expected from a church the size of Earlington but would you believe their offering for hunger was \$6,910.75 by Aug. 17 and still coming in? This amount represents \$5,410.75 in special gifts for hunger and \$1500 taken from surplus funds in the church treasury.

One might think this congregation went all out for this one cause while neglecting other mission causes. Not so! At the same time so much was being done for world hunger the church voted to give an extra \$2000 through the Cooperative Program and an extra \$300 for associational missions. The church already had \$17,000 Cooperative Program and \$2400 associational gifts in the budget. All told more than \$9000 in mission gifts came from this congregation in two weeks. Pastor Gordon is happy as any pastor of such church members would be.

Two things can be said for certain for Earlington Baptists. They believe Jesus when he said it is more blessed to give than to receive and no one will have to ask if this is a missionary Baptist church.

They've had a Krusch on him

The time to write is right now!

Recently, I have seen several letters to the editor having to do with S.450 (the Helms amendment) and Discharge Petition 7 (the Crane petition which would bring the Helms amendment bill to the floor of the House without full Subcommittee hearings).

In order to understand what the discussion is all about it is essential to know just what the Helms bill does and does not do.

However well intentioned, the Helms bill does not provide for any more "voluntary prayer" in a single public school district than now exists. The Helms bill does deprive every citizen in the United States of the right now possessed to appeal to a federal court if he felt that his rights in a matter of religious conscience in prayer are infringed.

It is this deprivation of freedom for the individual to have the protection of the federal courts which caused the resolutions committee appointed by president Adrian Rogers, I feel, to bring in a unanimous resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis which recognized the Supreme Court had never and never could deny to any individual the right of voluntary prayer in school, in the office, on the farm or in the home or church.

It was this same concern, I feel, that caused the SBC to reject a substitute motion supporting the idea of the Helms amendment, and to adopt, almost unanimously, the resolutions committee report.

It was this concern over the loss of freedom to appeal to a federal court which caused a Utah pastor to write an urgent appeal for the defeat of S.450 (the Helms bill) because in Utah where the Mormons have an overwhelming majority a Baptist family would have no recourse beyond the state courts which reflect the state population.

It was this concern which caused a mother in a school district which was largely Roman Catholic to express concern because she did not want her daughter praying to "Mary, the Mother of God."

It was this concern which caused a father of a son with a Moslem teacher to be disturbed by the possibility of prayers to Allah.

It is this concern which should cause all of us as Baptists, where we are a majority, to defend, as Baptists have always defended, the rights of the minority, especially in matters of religious conscience.

The time is late. The Senate has already, by a narrow vote, approved this measure. Write your Representative today and ask that he remove his name from Discharge Petition 7 if he has signed it, and do everything possible to defeat S.450 (the Helms bill) which would take another freedom from us.

Porter Routh, Washington, D. C.

Bull's eye for a hitman?

With love in Christ I write this letter, but I must say it wasn't easy after reading this week's Daley Observations (Aug. 13).

Any Christian can see how our country is going. Well, it sure isn't conservative. One nation under self.

A man stands up and says we can do something to keep God around, starts Moral Majority, preaches from his pulpit the redeeming message of the gospel, God's sweet love, and moral values. Godfather you say! I say a Baptist minister that God is smiling on. Can you deny the blessing God has given his ministry?

Why would any Christian want to bring down something that stands for good? Is it wrong for Christians to take a stand? Every subversive group has a soapbox. Should we continue to hand over our country to wrong? That's easy to do—just sit back.

Take gay rights. The bill already has 54 cosponsors plus the confirmed support of the National Council of Churches, United Presbyterian Church, United Churches of Christ, American Federation of Teachers, etc. Mr. Daley, the "gay rights" were given permission to lay flowers at the tomb of the unknown soldier in honor of all sexual deviates that died for their country. Dr. godfather gets all stirred up over things like that and tries to do something. Titles are given to him—godfather, right winged conservative.

I will vote also in November. No matter what Dr. godfather says, I will vote my choice and so will Moral Majority. Give people credit for voting their own mind.

Mr. Daley, what is your plan of action or something constructive for our nation? Dr. godfather's words and course of action will be judged one day and so will Daley Observations.

Susie Rikel, Paducah



Ruth and Verlin Kruschwitz listen to "Day of Thanks" expressions.

by C. R. Daley, Editor

Over 1000 in Sunday school and almost 1600 showed up Aug. 31 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, to express thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Verlin Kruschwitz for 28 years' ministry in the Elizabethtown community. Kruschwitz is retiring from the pastorate but will continue his ministry as assistant director of and teacher at Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

Kruschwitz went from Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church to begin his Elizabethtown ministry the first Sunday in September 1952. Earlier he served student pastorates in Kentucky while a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Severns Valley Baptist Church at that time was located at Dixie and Mulberry Streets in downtown Elizabethtown. Soon it was necessary to begin two morning services to accommodate the crowds. Under the new pastor's leadership the church saw the wisdom of moving to a new location where entirely new facilities have been constructed including a large family life center which is just now being completed.

Severns Valley was the first Baptist church constituted in Kentucky and under the leadership of Kruschwitz has become "first" in the state in several categories including Cooperative Program gifts in which it has led the state for 12 years. It has also sponsored several new missions, chapels and churches in the Elizabethtown area.



Verlin Kruschwitz preaches his last sermon as Severns Valley pastor.

A "Day of Thanks" was chosen for the theme of the special services in honor of the Kruschwitzes. The morning service at the pastor's request was a regular worship service. The only difference was several extra acres of parked cars, a standing room only crowd in the sanctuary and about 100 overflow worshippers in the new chapel.

Kruschwitz preached one of his typically Bible-oriented sermons and extended his usual invitation. A half dozen persons responded including two on profession of faith.

Lawrence Hall, church moderator, took charge before the benediction. He described the other activities planned for the day and made several presentations to the Kruschwitzes on behalf of the congregation. These included a necklace of pearls to Mrs. Kruschwitz, a marble pen and pencil desk set, the desk and chair from the pastor's study to Kruschwitz and a check for \$40,000 to the couple.

The afternoon service was devoted to expressions of thanks from denominational leaders, community and civic leaders, representatives from other denominations and family members. The evening service was devoted to baptism and observance of the Lord's Supper.

Kruschwitz was born in Ohio, the son of a Methodist minister. He was trained at Taylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was while a seminary student he became a Baptist and was baptized by New Salem Baptist Church near Bardstown. Besides leadership in Severns Valley Association he has served the Kentucky Baptist Convention in almost every capacity including the presidency of the convention. He has been a trustee of Georgetown College many years and is regarded as one of the college's strongest supporters in its entire history.

The Kruschwitz's three sons returned for the occasion. They are: William (Billy) who serves in the Personnel Selections Department of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.; Robert (Bobby), assistant professor of philosophy at Georgetown College; and Kenny, a senior in the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy. Also returning to have a part on the afternoon program were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ball, former staff members for eight years.

John Kruschwitz, Verlin's brother who is pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, was also present for the occasion along with his family.

A significant part of all the expressions of thanks was recognition of Mrs. Kruschwitz and her ministry in the home and church. It was rare that any contribution of the pastor was listed without mention of the part contributed by Ruth.

The church also contributed \$1000 to the Verlin Kruschwitz Scholarship Fund which has been established at Boyce Bible School. Boyce director David Byrd was present to accept the gift and welcome Kruschwitz to the administration and faculty at Boyce where he has been teaching two days a week for two years.

First of a three part series

Greed: an equation to international crises

by Ray Furr, Staff Writer

Everywhere we turn our hope for a better life is stifled. Crisis has become a way of life in our modern world. Unemployment continues to skyrocket. Inflation pushes our economy into recession. We are constantly reminded of an energy crisis but the only real effect we see is outrageous oil prices.

The Pentagon tells us our military is deficient even though it can destroy the world many times over. Thus increased military funding will rob domestic programs while everyday TV commercials continue to telecast pictures of children bloated with flies and harboring bloated bellies from starvation.

International political unrest persists with problems in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Iran. Where will it all end? Who is going to end it all?

A common response is "I can't do anything so I'll just wait and hope and pray God will work everything out according to his will." This is apathetic foolishness. God has commissioned his church to be his feet and hands in the world. Of course individuals cannot do everything but united individuals can do a lot.

This series of articles will deal with things one can do to help alleviate some of these national and international problems. We will note what action needs to occur to employ the unemployed, to stabilize our economy, to control the energy crises and to put an end to a starving world. But first we need to understand what has caused these problems, how they interrelate and where they are going if we do not act.

Oiling life away

Perhaps the best way to understand our situation is to begin with the energy crisis. Several years ago we decided to invest all our interest and endeavors into the internal combustion engine. Of course we knew it would exhaust pollution and consume fossil fuel reserves. We continued to build larger, more elaborate automobiles until 1973 when oil prices began to leap. All of a sudden there was talk about an energy crisis. Why hadn't somebody told us? We had not realized the more oil we used the faster it would be depleted.

Economists theorized if they increased interest rates demands for goods would dampen. Not so with the American mind-set. Instead we continued to pay extravagant prices for oil and anything else we wanted. Thus inflation was and is driven higher and higher. The cost of imported oil continues to pull revenue out of the United States into the hands of the OPEC nations. Thus unemployment rises.

Third World countries also suffer because we push oil prices up so high they cannot afford to compete on the international market. The higher the prices the more people will starve. People become bitter when they lose loved ones to starvation while others around them die with heart attacks caused from gluttony. This bitterness has converse effects on diplomatic relations. International and intranational relations will continue to suffer until we

able Christians repent of our sins and move to rectify the problem of hunger.

Finally, contrary to what most Americans think, we are running out of oil. In 1979 we consumed approximately 6.6 billion barrels of oil. Optimists say we have a supply that will last us up to 50 years. This is indeed optimistic. Future generations will have to pay for our gluttony. Economists speculate by 1985 gasoline will be somewhere between \$5 and \$7 per gallon. Thus inflation and unemployment will increase, more people will starve and international relations could become so bitter we will look back upon the Iranian crisis as a "birthday party."

Ready—draw swords—attack

The 1981 proposed budget has cut poverty programs and increased military expenditures to receive \$147 billion or 24 percent of the entire budget. Heavy emphasis will be placed on the development of nuclear weaponry and the "Rapid Deployment Force." We presently have enough nuclear weaponry to destroy the world many times over. Prophetically speaking we are creating our own time bomb.

Basically, Christians have reacted in two ways. First there are those who are apathetic. Many say "I can't do anything about the situation so I'll just let God have it." This is not a biblical view. God does not act in history without using his own as vehicles of revelation and action.

Another point of the apathetic is "If we blow ourselves up Christ will come and take his own in the rapture first." This is a ruptured theology. The Bible does not say this at all. Instead, those who will be left are the Christians. This view is also called the "Judas syndrome." That is, people think they can force God into doing what they want him to do. God is not our puppet. Instead of conforming to Judas' idea of messiahship Jesus went quietly to a humiliating cross.

Many Christians are apathetic because they are uninformed. It is time all Christians became educated and active as Christian witnesses.

Just simply living

Thus we have the second reaction to the world's impending crisis. That is, those disciples who are true to the call of Christ. These followers have grasped wholly what Jesus meant by "you are the salt of the earth . . . you are the light of the world." They have taken their unique ministries and applied them to their present situations. The energy crisis could be stifled if we cut national consumption one-sixth. These Christians are finding creative and common sense ways to cut individual consumption. Many are lobbying for alternative energy sources. They have realized feeling guilty would get them nowhere and thus have developed a new decreased-consumption lifestyle.

The following articles will be what these lifestyles are and how they will help if enough Christians are serious about their divine calling as being distinctively Christian.



Bullittsburg's newest facility is the conference retreat center [background].

Bullittsburg camp: a labor of love that everybody can afford—Dunn

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Robert M. Dunn, director-manager of Northern Kentucky Association's Bullittsburg Baptist Camp, mused thoughtfully on a late August hot afternoon over prospects for the 156-acre property now in year-round use.

"Our people have been very generous and supportive of the camp," he said. "They've pitched in and helped where help was needed, often at great personal sacrifice."

He observed a Baptist layman planting shrubs along a hillside.

"This is typical of the kind of contributions which have made this camp," Dunn suggested. "Many many people have volunteered their time and talents to make it what it is."

Pointing to the man planting a shrub, he said, "I suspect we'll never get a bill for that work. It's purely a labor of love."

Dunn turned to a man operating earth moving equipment, creating a two-acre lake on the property which will provide a better water supply and swimming facilities for the first time.

"While he's being paid for this work now, this man has volunteered many many man hours of labor simply because he wanted to make a contribution," Dunn explained.

The camp was begun in something the same way.

A family matter

When the association closed a former Bethel Camp several years ago, two brothers—James and Gaines Stephens—and their families, donated the site on which Bullittsburg Baptist Camp now stands to the association. Today that property, including improvements made on the grounds, is valued at about \$2 million.

"We don't owe a dime on it, and we have never owed a dime on anything we've built on it," Dunn declared. "We've made a practice of paying as we go and we think we've come out ahead in doing it."

Dunn likes to point out that the camp is situated in the "very northernmost point in Kentucky you can get"—astride the Ohio River with southeastern Indiana overlooking it, near the town of Hebron, Ky.

The property now includes a large covered picnic shelter, Nibble Nook (refreshment building name borrowed from Ridgecrest), bath house, caretaker's trailer home, six cabins sleeping up to 10 persons each and a crowning achievement—a two-story conference retreat center dedicated just last year.

The latter facility includes two carpeted meeting rooms with fireplaces which can accommodate 125 persons for meetings or meals, a large commercial kitchen, a smaller conference room and a caretaker's apartment.

The warm season included four weeks of conferences this past sum-

mer, with at least eight and perhaps as many as 10 weeks to be programed next year.

"Groups will be using the camp throughout the year," Dunn explained. He told of numerous church, civic, social and other groups which would be coming in for weekend retreats, daytime events and overnight lodging even during the winter months. The day this reporter was there the local order of Masons held a picnic at the camp.

The 130' x 45' conference retreat center is both fully heated and air conditioned, making it practical for use during any season or type of weather.

In addition to swimming facilities the camp hopes to add basketball and volleyball courts to its outside activities in the near future. A softball field is already available.

Dual responsibilities

Dunn, who only became director-manager of the camp last Apr. 1, also serves in a similar capacity with Baptist Retirement Village in Erlanger. This is a separate corporation also under auspices of Northern Kentucky Baptist Association. The two duties, and working with the village's convalescent center, provide a full time job for Dunn. In fact, he's on call where needed seven days a week.

A native of Paducah, he is a graduate of Murray State University and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He served two pastorates in Paducah, Baptist Tabernacle and Olivet Baptist Church, then going into sales for several years.

Joining Greenview Church in Northern Kentucky Association, Dunn was later called as interim pastor of the church. In 1975 he became its pastor. He went to Southern Seminary to complete a DMin degree, receiving it last June.

Mrs. Dunn is an English and Bible literature teacher at Boone County High School. They have a daughter and four sons.

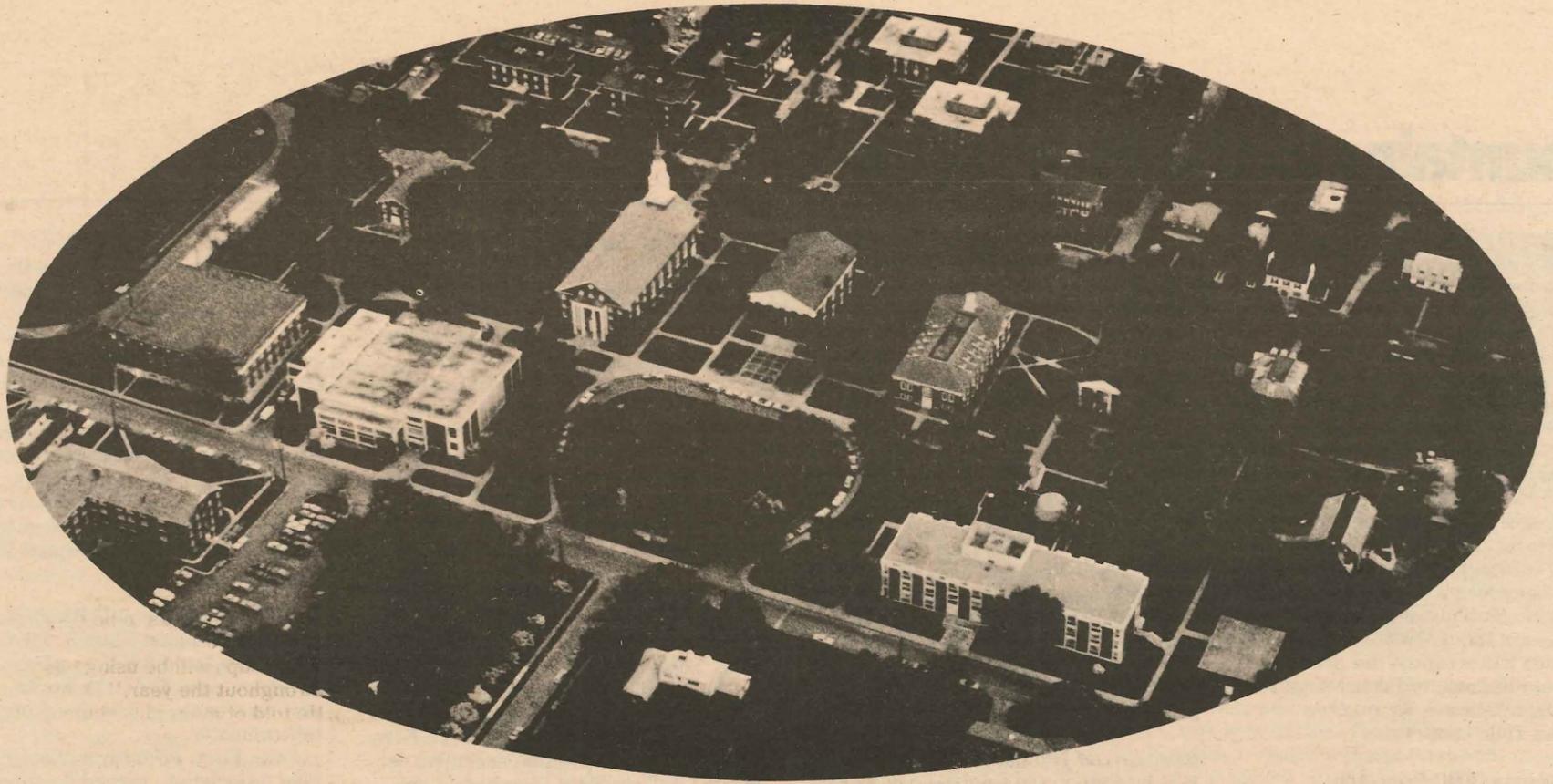
Dunn looks to the future of Bullittsburg Baptist Camp with great promise.

"Perhaps by next summer we may even develop RA and GA campsites," he said. "The sky's the limit."

Why have a camp here when there's Cedarmore and Ridgecrest assemblies? he was asked.

"Because we want all of our people to have the chances and opportunities afforded by Cedarmore and Ridgecrest," he answered. "This includes those who can afford to go to those places, and those who can't. We want to bring the very best in training to them and Bullittsburg is a place we can do it."

When you go away from Bullittsburg, you can't help but have the definite impression that objective is being carried out.



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Personnel

First Missionary welcomes Raney
Jimmie D. Raney joined First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, as minister of music and education.

Raney attended University of Tennessee at Martin and received a MCM degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Rodney H. Travis is pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church.

Reynolds new missions director
Eugene Reynolds has resigned as pastor of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Sept. 7. He had been with Oakland Avenue since July 1, 1976.

Reynolds has accepted the position of director of missions for Bethel-Logan Baptist Association in Kentucky's Logan and Todd counties.

Johnson new at FBC Princeton
First Baptist Church, Princeton, welcomes Philip H. Johnson as minister of music.

Johnson, a native North Carolinian, received his MCM from Southern Seminary and a BA from Baylor University. His wife, Peggy, is also a graduate of Southern Seminary.

While in seminary Johnson was pastor of Streater (Ill.) Baptist Mission, a small Mexican congregation.

Bill Tichenor is pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton.

Waits accepts Geneva call
Timothy L. Waits has been called as pastor of Geneva Baptist Church in Green Valley Association, Henderson County.

Waits holds a BA degree from Campbellsville College. His wife is the former Jane Blakey of Louisville. They have two children: Timberly, 5 and Michael, 1.

Outland goes to White Sulphur
White Sulphur Baptist Church, Fredonia, has called a new pastor, A. J. Outland. He was formerly on the staff of Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Russellville.

Outland began serving White Sulphur Sept. 7.

Noffsinger joins Southside
As of Sept. 21 Bob Noffsinger joins Southside Baptist Church, Princeton, as pastor. He comes to Southside from Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Hedgspeth retires from Pioneer
Henry Hedgspeth has retired from the pastorate of Pioneer Baptist Church, Harrodsburg. For the past 40 years he has pastored Kentucky Baptist churches.

Except for five years at First Baptist Church, Morgantown, all of his pastoral work has been in central Kentucky.

Hedgspeth is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. He has been active in evangelistic work, having conducted over 200 revivals, as well as associational and statewide work.

Upon retirement Hedgspeth plans to do supply, interim and evangelistic work.

Brandenburg welcomes Terry McLeods
Terry and Kelly McLeod have been called to lead the youth ministry of First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.

McLeod, from Orangeburg, S. C., is a music education graduate of Newberry (S. C.) College. He is presently a MCM student at Southern Seminary.

Mrs. McLeod, from Marietta, Ga., led the puppet program in her home church and worked in children's church.

Their work at First Baptist will include youth ministry, puppet programs and youth choir.

Billy D. Marcum is pastor at First Baptist Church, Brandenburg.

Hebron calls Joe Pat Winchester
Hebron Baptist Church, Eddyville, has called Joe Pat Winchester as pastor effective Sept. 7.

Winchester comes from Lake City (Ky.) Baptist Church. He is attending seminary at Union University part time.

Cumberland graduate assists PR
Randy Wyrick, a former news writer for Cumberland College's promotions department, has joined the staff at Louisiana College. He is now public relations assistant, working with Nick Nixon, PR director and former Western Recorder staffer.

Wyrick, a 1980 graduate of Cumberland College, began work at Louisiana in August. He is responsible for news writing, photography and other aspects of the college's public relations program.

A married of Portland, Ind., Wyrick is married to the former Laura Hill of Somerset, Ky. She is also a Cumberland graduate.

Jones new at South Fariston
Damon Jones has joined South Fariston Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, as full time pastor. He plans to hold a revival there in October.

New Salem calls Mays
New Salem Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has called Bill Mays as pastor. Mays had been serving the church as interim.

Delaney accepts Pleasant Ridge
Pleasant Ridge Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Jerry Delaney as full time pastor. Since its organization in 1854 the church has never had a full time pastor. Several men have served in an interim capacity.

Delaney has served the church as a student minister since May 1977. He begins this position upon graduation from Southern Seminary. He received his MDiv degree from Southern Seminary and is also a graduate of Northern Kentucky University and University of Cincinnati.

Delaney and his wife, Allison, are natives of northern Kentucky. They have two daughters, Sarah and Kellie.

David Rock new at Ferguson
David Rock began work as minister of music Aug. 10 at Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

He and his wife Kathy come from the Glasgow area.

Hopeful loses Donovan Smith
After serving three years as pastor Donovan Smith has resigned from Hopeful Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Lynn Acres introduces Keck
Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville,

arranged an informal meeting Sept. 5 to introduce Benny Keck, the new Lynn Acres pastor, to neighboring pastors and denominational workers. Keck was called as pastor after serving as youth minister since March.

Keck is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College. He has completed one year at Southern Seminary and will continue his seminary education while serving as pastor.

His wife, Melody Ann Keck, is also a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Morristown School of Business.

Futral installed at Mayfield
Guy C. Futral Jr. was formally installed as pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Sept. 7.

The installation took place at the morning worship service and guest speakers included Franklin Owen, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary; William Tuck, Southern Seminary professor; and James Watt, Graves Association missions director.

The evening service included participation from other church leadership.

Futral is the 38th pastor since 1844.

Gano Avenue calls Maille
Charles Maille has joined Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, as new music and youth director. He comes to Gano from First Baptist Church, Vinita, Ok.

Maille received two degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University, a bachelor's degree in music education and a bachelor's in church music.

He and his wife, Debbie, have three children. They will live in Georgetown while he studies at Southern Seminary.

Keller leaves Piney Grove
Charles Keller has resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Mexico welcomes W. H. Marret
W. H. Marret became pastor of Mexico Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Aug. 10. He formerly was pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntington, In., and Parrish Avenue Baptist Church,

Owensboro.

He and his wife, Jan, have three children, Pam 19, Tamie 18 and Greg 17.

Parks honored in Madisonville
Rev. and Mrs. George D. Park were honored by First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Aug. 24 with a reception. The occasion was their 50th wedding anniversary.

Park is one of the best known ministers in Kentucky and is presently serving on the staff of First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

Robinson full time at Faith First
Faith First Baptist Church, Pike Association, now has a full time pastor. Dean Robinson, who had been working on a part time basis, is now the church's full time minister.

Faith First, formerly a mission in Pike Association, gained its church status in May.

Burnett leaves Jellico Creek
Joe Burnett has resigned from Jellico Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association, where he was pastor.

Williams goes to Clover Bottom
Roger D. Williams has joined Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Irvine Association, as pastor.

Williams, formerly a chaplain at Masonic Home and School, Ft. Worth, Tex., received a BS degree from Cumberland College. This past summer he completed Southwestern Seminary receiving an MDiv degree.

Williams is married to Pat Metcalf of Makee. They have two children, Robin 11, and Amanda 8.

Knowles leaves LaGrange
David Knowles, minister of music at DeHaven Memorial Church, LaGrange, has resigned. Knowles accepted a similar position at First Baptist Church, Tarboro, N. C.

During his five and a half year stay at DeHaven, Knowles was music director for Sulphur Fork Association.



Christian County Baptist Association captured an outstanding booth award at the merchants exposition, Western Kentucky State Fair. Pictured is a group from Second Baptist Church, one of 17 churches which helped operate the booth.

Congregations

West Side, Portland Bridge merge
The congregations of West Side Baptist Church and Portland Bridge Mission merged into one church Aug. 31. Both congregations were located in the Portland area of Louisville.

The newly formed church will meet in the building which formerly housed the West Side congregation, located at 21st and St. Xavier Streets.

Pastors Don Aycock, West Side, and Jim McDowell, Portland Bridge Mission, will copastor the merged church.

Versailles leads bold mission trip
July 27-Aug. 3, 37 young people and seven adults from Versailles Baptist Church participated in a mission trip to Bluffton, Oh. The team held daily Big "A" Clubs, gave puppet shows and each evening offered sacred music concerts.

They conducted a door-to-door survey of 350 homes in search of prospective members for the local Bluffton Baptist Chapel.

Versailles' youth conducted the Sunday morning service for Bluffton Chapel which meets in a downtown movie theatre. During the service three people professed Christ as their savior and several rededicated their lives.

Bruce Richardson is minister of music and youth at Versailles and Henry Johns is pastor.

Covington FBC celebrates anniversary
First Baptist Church, Covington, celebrated its 116th anniversary with a series of services Aug. 20-24.

The guest speaker was Henry M. Dailey, pastor of Zion Baptist and Stamping Ground churches, Georgetown.

Other churches which participated in the anniversary services were Kentoo Church, Ralph Huffman, pastor; Corinthian Church, Willie L. Taylor, pastor; Macedonia Missionary Church, Joseph R. Garr, pastor.

Koinonia singers perform at Ridgecrest
Koinonia Singers, the single adult choir of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, sang for the single adult conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center Aug. 29-Sept. 1. The group had been invited to sing three times during the conference which over 4000 single adults were expected to attend.

On their return home the group sang a concert Monday, Sept. 1 at Cumberland Falls State Park.

They will be singing at Grace Baptist Church, Louisville, Oct. 26. Debbie Murrell is director of the group.

Visalia honors deacon of 42 years
Visalia Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, honored Daniel F. Trapp for 42 years of service as a deacon Aug. 17.

Trapp was ordained a deacon in 1938 and has been faithful in service to his church and association. He was presented a Bible and a love gift for his dedicated work.

Acteen activators active

Acteens activators from Central Baptist Church, Corbin, participated in a mission project this summer at Valley Baptist Church, Appleton, Wisc. They held vacation Bible schools and led sev-

eral backyard Bible clubs in the church community.

Activators are groups of Acteens sponsored by the Kentucky WMU, SBC WMU and Home Mission Board. They are assigned to accomplish a week-long mission project somewhere in the United States.

Corbin breaks ground for complex
A project sponsored by First Baptist Church, Corbin, which was initiated in May 1978 moved toward reality Aug. 10 with groundbreaking for a four-story 62-apartment complex for the handicapped and elderly.

In charge of the project is a non-profit private corporation known as Baptist Housing Inc., created by First Baptist Church. The corporation directors, named on a rotating basis by First Baptist Church, will oversee construction and management of the project.

Financing for the construction in the amount of \$2,472,337 has been allocated by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Rent payments of \$410 a month will be subsidized under HUD Section 8 rent subsidy program. All apartments will be one-bedroom units. Six of these will be reserved for the handicapped age 18 or older with the rest for elderly persons 62 or older.

The 2.2 acre site of the construction is about three blocks from First Baptist Church which will use vans to take residents to and from worship services and other activities. The complex is near shopping areas and other needs for residents.

Additional financing for the site and its preparation in the amount of \$90,000 was granted by the Appalachian Regional Commission. Senator Wendell Ford and Appalachian Regional Commission representative Steve Jones were commended by the directors for their assistance in the project.

John Bill Black, Corbin businessman and First Church member, was named president of the corporation. Serving on the Executive Committee with Black are Donald C. Robinson, vice president; J. W. Norvell, secretary; and Elmer Gambrell, treasurer.

Black credits pastor John Dunaway with the original ideas for the project and persistence needed through the long planning period. Construction is to be completed within 17 months.

Ordinations

Blankenship receives ordination
Ronnie R. Blankenship, pastor of Mt. Eden Baptist Church near Shepherdsville, was ordained to the ministry Sunday, Aug. 17. The service was held at Horsepen Baptist Church, Gilbert, W. Va.

Blankenship, a graduate of Marshall University and native of the Gilbert area, is at Southern Seminary working on an MDiv degree.

Don Campbell, moderator of Tug Valley Association, served as moderator for the service.

David Nowlin set aside for ministry
David Nowlin was ordained to the ministry Aug. 24 by Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville. James B. Lewis, pastor, presided over the ordination



Baptist Housing Inc., created by First Baptist Church, Corbin, breaks ground to begin building a 62-apartment complex for handicapped and elderly people. [l-r] William E. Hensley, attorney; A. C. Miller, mayor of Corbin; John B. Black, president; Bill Hacker, contractor; J. W. Norwell, secretary; Elmer Gambrell, treasurer; Don Robinson, vice president; John Dunaway, pastor.

service. In a unique format, both Nowlin and his wife Karen were permitted to share personal testimonies. Karen received the MRE from Southern Seminary in 1977; Nowlin earned the MDiv in 1979. They have moved to Peoria, Ill. where he will prepare for hospital chaplaincy.

Junis Looney ordained at Faith

Junis Looney was the first deacon to be ordained by Faith First Baptist Church. This service was held Aug. 3 with Dean Robinson, pastor, bringing charges to the candidate and to the church. Deacons from Mouthcard and Elkhorn were also present.

Feds Creek ordains two
Feds Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained Mike Thompson and Randy Meade as deacons at a service Aug. 3.

I. H. Lanier, director of KBC mountain missions, preached the ordination sermon.

Carl Hunter of Clear Creek Baptist School and interim pastor at Mouthcard Baptist Church was the interrogator.

Revivals

Willow Grove reports 60 decisions
Willow Grove Baptist Church, Danville, recently completed revival services in which there were over 60 decisions, including 17 professions of faith.

Jerry Browning is pastor.

Beechridge has 10 saved
Beechridge Baptist Church, Shelby County, held revival services July 27-Aug. 2.

Many decisions were made, including 10 conversions.

Charles Fleener, chaplain of Jefferson County Police Department, was evangelist. Hartwell Montfort of Bellport Baptist Church led the singing.

Larry Darnell is pastor of Beechridge.

Bays Fork holds revival

Bays Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association, had five additions by baptism and one by statement of letter resulting from revival services held recently.

Gerald Britt was evangelist.

Marvin Nichols is pastor.

Trammel Fork baptizes nine

Trammel Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services Aug. 3-12. A reported eight professions of faith with nine additions by baptism were recorded.

Earl Kingrey was evangelist.

Carline Spears was acting pastor, as the church is currently without a pastor.

Deaths

W. L. Spicer succumbs

William L. (Pete) Spicer, 62, of Louisville, died Aug. 29 at Veterans Hospital, Lexington. He was a native of Port Royal, Tenn., a retired Army warrant officer and an ordained deacon at Louisville's 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, served at Highland Baptist Church and Beechwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Juanita Spicer; two sons, Phillip N. and Danny L. Spicer; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Stanley of Clarksville, Tenn., and Mrs. Helen Wallace of Riverside, Calif.; two brothers, Robert Spicer of Albuquerque, NM, and Hueland Spicer of Clarksville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 2 at Barrett Funeral Home, Louisville. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. C. R. Daley was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Spicer has been editorial secretary at Western Recorder for 14 years.

Missions

Claxtons furlough in Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Claxton, missionaries to Benin, have arrived in the states for furlough.

Both native Kentuckians, Nevill is from Switzer, and Mrs. Claxton is the former Emma Osborne of Winchester.

They were appointed by Foreign Mission Board in 1948. While in Kentucky they will reside at 116 E. Third St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Baptist Forum

Book stores—another edition

Mr. Carl Enoch of Louisville probably expressed the concerns of many Baptists when he wrote of his disappointment concerning the move of the Baptist Book Store. Let me assure Mr. Enoch and others this move was not a hasty decision and it certainly is not any attempt to retreat from responsibility to any part of the city or any group of people.

Relocation of the Baptist Book Store is a result of a very comprehensive marketing study. Baptist Book Stores share with other retail firms the need to study population shifts, transportation arteries, shopping patterns and site availability, along with other factors. In addition, we give serious consideration to a store's accessibility to Southern Baptist churches and people.

As a part of this intensive study in Louisville a series of interviews were held in April 1977 with representatives of the following:

1. Economic Development Department, Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce.
2. Louisville and Jefferson County Planning Commission.
3. Long Run Association of Baptists.
4. Economic Development Office, City of Louisville.

In addition, we talked with realtors, bank representatives and other retailers. Based on the best information we could gather in these interviews, plus hundreds of documents we read, it was our judgment the best location would be near the intersection of I-264 and I-64. However, we were not able to acquire the necessary facility at an affordable price in that area. About that time we discovered the development of Plainview Village Shopping Center where we have now relocated.

We realize there are some very good customers in downtown Louisville and in the western part of Louisville for whom it will become more difficult to shop with us. However, this move not only has made the store more accessible for eastern and southeastern Jefferson County but it should also open up southwest Jefferson County to the Baptist Book Store facility. Approximately 60 percent of our book store sales come from eastern and southeastern Jefferson County.

We feel this new location opens up Baptist Book Store services to many more Kentuckians. Areas such as Frankfort, Lexington and northern Kentucky should have increased accessibility.

We realize when a store is moved from any downtown area to another part of the city it indirectly discriminates against the other parts of the city. However, we are not able to have more than one store in Louisville at the present time, so we had to choose a site based on our best insights.

We do appreciate the support of all Kentucky Baptists for the ministry of Baptist Book Stores.

Bill Graham, Director,
Book Store Division, Nashville

Did Daley say you couldn't pray?

The recent article in *Western Recorder* (8/13) quoting Gene Puckett contains the same inaccurate observations on the subject of Bible reading and prayer in the schools as the others which have been printed.

Mr. Puckett says, "Voluntary prayer has never been ruled unconstitutional." In the newspaper reports of the decision handed down by the Massachusetts Supreme Court the court in describing the case it ruled on said the "prayer in question was entirely voluntary" but ruled it unconstitutional anyway. The case before the New Jersey high court was also on a prayer that was voluntary, although that was not stated in the decision that declared it unconstitutional. Why do the non-prayer people keep on protesting something that simply isn't so?

Mr. Puckett says our troubles here are not brought on because we have ceased the prayer and Bible reading but "from our social conditions and value systems." Can Mr. Puckett have forgotten the oil shortage, the Iranian hostages, the invasion of Afghanistan, the Soviet buildup in Cuba and the Philippines, the Cuban refugees, etc. Come now, Mr. Puckett! Is it not possible that God blessed the America of old but he doesn't like the one he sees

now, where we have deserted the biblical admonitions that men should "pray everywhere" and "pray always"?

I would like to comment on other illogical statements but I will consider myself very lucky if I can get this much on the distaff side in the *Recorder*.

Kermit A. Lovelace, White Plains

Tacking his hide to the wall

In a recent editorial (WR, 8/13) you addressed the organization of the group calling themselves the "Moral Majority." I am not a member of this group nor do I have personal knowledge of any of the personalities involved in the movement, but your editorializing has led me to respond to some of your less than objective statements.

Your obvious partisan leaning, and your specific reference to "right wing Republicanism" as forming the basis of this movement gives me great concern. There are over 700,000 Baptists in the state of Kentucky who represent all three political parties, so as editor of the state Baptist paper I do not feel you have a right to make such personal, prejudicial, highly partisan remarks about a national political party, especially during this time of heated national political debate.

More specifically, I would like to challenge some of the statements you made in the article:

—You give credit for the origin of the group as being born from "right wing Republicanism." Come now, Mr. Daley, I do not know where you studied political science, but to give sole credit for the noble thoughts and high ideals advanced by this group exclusively to "right wing Republicanism" is so flattering that even as a life-long Republican committed to deeply conservative principles, I have difficulty accepting the truth of your statement. Surely some Democrats and Independents of the conservative persuasion would claim them. In our state and throughout the Bible belt a vast majority of people regardless of political party would embrace and claim them.

—You make a rather strong personal attack on Dr. Jerry Falwell which I feel is completely unwarranted. I do not know the man. I strongly suspect you do not either. Surely he is doing something right. He has established a highly respected university, is pastor of a thriving church and is deeply grounded in conservative theology. I have no fear of such a man. Why do you?

—You attempt to make the case that politics and religion do not mix. While I agree that the time and place must be carefully observed I do not agree with your implication Christian people should not involve themselves in the political process as a group. Catholics have always done it. Jewish voters support candidates as a group. Perhaps it is time for Baptist, Methodist and Protestants of all denominations to bind together and support candidates who take strong moral positions.

One thing apparent from recent political history is the present cast of politicians in Washington is doing very little to elevate the moral and spiritual climate of this country. Maybe, just maybe this organization or groups like it can have some good effect. You seem to fear the group like it could be the forerunner of World War III or a national plague. They seem to be supporting high moral standards for both individuals and government, so my question to you is, What's wrong with it? I strongly suspect, Mr. Daley, your objections are more rooted in individuals involved in the movement rather than the principles the group advocates.

I can appreciate the dilemma you face each week trying to serve Baptists in this state with meaningful, thoughtful and spiritually uplifting journalism, but to stoop to partisan politics by stating a movement among Christian people had its origin in a radical wing of a national political party; to personally attack the efforts and ministry of Dr. Falwell; to express reservations about Christians becoming involved in the political process of this country is preposterous!

When this article along with other recent features such as waterwitching is taken into careful consideration, Mr. Daley, one must question whether the editorialship is seriously out of tune with the needs and wishes of its constituency.

Russ Mobley, Campbellsville

Thank you for caring enough

I must commend the stand *Western Recorder* continually takes in encouraging "equal rights" for staff persons. *Western Recorder* has printed several letters and articles encouraging churches to bring salaries and treatment of all staff persons to a level comparable to that of their pastors.

This point of view is not always popular. As a female staff member I thank you for caring enough to speak out. Of course, not all churches will follow your advice but their unfairness has been pointed out to them.

I know I speak for most staff persons when I state unequal salary and unfair treatment will not cause me to resign my position or to lessen my work load. However, these treatments certainly affect my morale and feelings of self worth.

When I open *Western Recorder* and read an article such as "How to demote your staff: don't raise them 13%" (8/20/80) I am grateful to know our state cares and has done their Bible study (Gal. 3:28).

Name withheld

Give us your students

We now have an active Baptist student union and Southern Baptist church at Dartmouth College. We would appreciate *Western Recorder* readers sending the names and addresses of students coming to Dartmouth this fall to Upper Valley Baptist Fellowship, Box A-79, Hanover, NH 03755. We will do our best to minister to them.

Merwyn Borders, Hanover, NH

Music to our ears

Why should our state paper be always on the verge of bankruptcy? We seem to support other causes quite adequately. As many other pastors do, I receive publications from other denominations that are expensively done, and they are sent free. If they can do that, surely we can support *Western Recorder* in a greater way.

I believe one way that is at least worth exploring would be to consider using *Western Recorder* to promote and publicize Kentucky Baptist activities, announcements of meetings, promotion of meetings and news about Kentucky Baptist ministries. We often receive these now via first class mail. Couldn't we save a bundle on preparation and postage which could be used to make *Western Recorder* a greater paper?

Ben A. Baird, Corinth

Bible study or social club?

In response to your brief observation concerning the Sunday school (WR, 7/23/80), let me say I believe every religious educator would agree wholeheartedly with your comments!

Churches (pastors, ministers of education) are often put in a bind. They need to communicate something important to their people. The one place where they have the most people assembled at one time is Sunday school. Thus the usurpation of the "Bible study" time.

At seminary we try to teach ministers of education how to lead their people to use the Bible study time prudently. This usually means eliminating all but the most essential announcements, okaying the essential ones with a director in advance and planning both the "opening assembly" and class time for optimum learning through Bible study.

It would begin on time, plan opening to contribute toward (set the tone for) small group Bible study and leave all class business until the last 10 minutes I believe outreach would be enhanced as less people saw Sunday school a waste of time. As someone has said, of all the good things we could do (with our Sunday school time) what are the things we must do? The answer combines both our objective and our method: to reach lost people for Christ and church membership by involving them in life-changing Bible study. If a life is changed even though the class meeting doesn't get planned, praise the Lord!

R. Michael Harton, Louisville

Viewpoint



McCall

The positions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the editor. Responses are invited.

An appeal to liberal givers

by Duke McCall, President, Southern Seminary

Now is the time for all liberal supporters of the Cooperative Program to come to the aid of the agencies they have created and supported. To be a theological conservative is not enough. They must also conserve the bold mission character of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To achieve this end, pastors, deacons and particularly budget committees must act now—this fall—to put into the 1981 church budget sufficient funds for messengers from their church to attend the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Los Angeles, Cal. next June.

The inclusion of church budget funds for attendance at the Los Angeles SBC is a high priority Cooperative Program support item. At stake is the number of churches which will use the Cooperative Program in the future to support Southern Baptist enterprises.

People who have been critical of the way Southern Baptist agencies, from the mission boards to the smallest commission, have been operated in past generations will be nominated in Los Angeles to take over ownership and control of all the agencies. When the character of policy of these agencies has been changed to suit the critics, then the pastors, deacons and particularly the budget committees of the future will decide whether to be conservative or liberal in support of the Cooperative Program.

Because I do not think the churches who have invested their prayers, their love and their gifts in creating and expanding these agencies want to turn them over to those who have heretofore been their critics I am trying to get your attention so you will decide now to change your plans for next summer and also to include \$500-\$700 in your church budget for 1981 in order that your church may have a voice and a vote (maybe 10 votes) in the Los Angeles convention.

The problem is that your generous support of the Cooperative Program makes it difficult for you to find the funds from your church to Los Angeles.

The independent Baptists who are most conservative when it comes to support of the Cooperative Program do have funds which they will label "Missions" to use. It will not only send their full quota of messengers to Los Angeles but also provide buses and other transportation for people who will agree to vote with them. Their objective is to take over ownership and control of the Annuity Board, the mission boards, the Sunday School Board, the six seminaries, the Radio and Television Commission and all the other agencies. They have a right to do what they are doing, and they have the convictions and drive to do it.

They have announced their plans. No one ever thought about a well financed, highly organized drive to seize control of the boards of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, so there is no defense mechanism in the organization.

It has always been assumed the people who cared enough about bold mission enterprises to include a large percentage of their church budget in the Cooperative Program would also attend the annual conventions and participate in the choice of trustees and directors of the denomination. Los Angeles is a long way from the great majority of Southern Baptists, so 1981 will test that principle.

The only way to avoid the creation of a second political party within the Southern Baptist Convention is for those committed Baptists who intend to enlarge our Bold Mission Thrust to rise up and go to Los Angeles. We ought not need a "Cooperative Program Party" to conquer the political ambitions of the "independents" who are organized to seize control of the SBC.

Now is the time for Cooperative Program supporting Baptists to plan to have a voice in Los Angeles.

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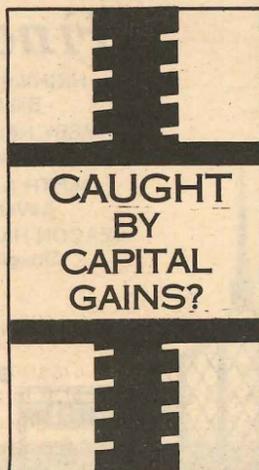
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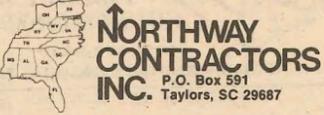
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God commanded Moses to remind the people of his coming to them in their slavery and helplessness and to swiftly deliver and bring them into an active covenant relationship with him. His covenant with them was both a pledge to sustain and to protect them, and a challenge to them to be faithful in their obedience to him.

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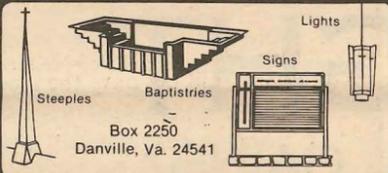
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The value of work

I recently was reading a study about families and their adjustment to the pressures of today's society. Part of this really caught my eye. It spoke of how the children of the depression have adjusted to today's society. The study contrasted depression children from more affluent homes and depression children from deprived homes during those years. As you might guess, the youth from less well-off families during the depression have fared significantly better in today's world because of those experiences. The study reports that they were able to achieve generally the same educational level of those from more well-off families, but they are generally healthier and more well-adjusted in today's society.

This speaks to one of the problems we all face in families today. It is intensified at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale due to the size of our population. We seemed to have lost sight of the actual difference between what we need and what we want. I find I almost regard as necessities today some things that were luxuries to me as a child. It is this tension that we all feel that underlines our basic philosophy at both homes regarding work responsibility of the youth who live with us. Each youth has assigned chores which are essential to effective group living in the cottages. For our older youth there is a well designed work program to enable them to learn the value of doing a job and doing it well.

Most of our youth come from situations where there is little structure in their families. We can see the edge of adulthood right around the corner for most of them. Therefore, we really must hustle to help them learn the value of and the responsibility of a good work experience. While today's affluence with all its gadgets makes this a difficult task it is one which must not be compromised in terms of Christian training and responsibility. How good it is to be a part of a program that continues to place a value on this important part of life for those youth and children who live with us.

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Clear Creek Comments



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A genesis

This issue of Western Recorder contains a type of "Genesis" or beginning. It contains the first appearance of a new weekly column Clear Creek Comments, and for 50 weeks it will appear in this location adjacent to the Sunday school lessons. It seems rather appropriate to be situated here since H. C. Chiles is a frequent guest lecturer at Clear Creek Baptist School. I hope you will become a faithful reader of Clear Creek Comments as we share with you the exciting ministry of our school.

I will begin the series with a brief history of Clear Creek and periodically introduce you to some phase of our Bible-based program.

Clear Creek originally was a camp conducted during the summer months. L. C. Kelly, our founder and first president, was pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, and frequently made trips to the present location of the campus for inspiration. In 1926 his dream of a school for mountain preachers became a reality when he conducted the first session of the school. Since that time outstanding preachers, teachers, governors, statesmen and musicians have shared with a growing number of students. In future columns I will tell you about some of them.

The school became known as Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School and in 1958 the name Clear Creek Baptist School was adopted by our trustees.

Times were extremely difficult in those formative years and with the coming of the great depression Clear Creek labored against almost insurmountable odds. However, God's hand guided many supporters of the school to make sacrificial contributions and today the institution remains debt free.

We are an adult institution and as such we do not compete with our Kentucky Baptist colleges. We reach out to adult students, for the most part with families to support, regardless of their educational background.

Our students come from many states and various backgrounds to study God's word. Many of them remain in Kentucky to become pastors, musicians and educators. Their intense loyalty to the school is demonstrated in their strong support of our ministry. They, for the most part, are largely responsible for many of the students who seek an education here.

Next week I'll explain what the Clear Creek logo means. It appears in the upper right of the heading to this column and has a distinct message.

KBC Activities

Here and now

SEPTEMBER

- 15-18 New Directors' Conferences. Designed for newly elected Brotherhood, Church music, Church Training, Sunday school and/or WMU church directors. Five separate conferences at each place. 7 p.m.
- 15—Paducah — Lone Oak Baptist Church
 - 15—Middlesboro — Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church
 - 15—Grayson — First Baptist Church
 - 16—Bowling Green — Hillvue Heights Baptist Church
 - 16—Lexington — Broadway Baptist Church
 - 16—Russell Springs — First Baptist Church
 - 18—Madisonville — First Baptist Church
 - 18—Louisville — Farmdale Baptist Church
 - 18—Ft. Mitchell — Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church

Looking ahead

SEPTEMBER

- 25-27 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Conference, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. 6 p.m. on 25th to 1 p.m. on 27th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges. Make reservations with Cedarmore
- 27 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 9/28-10/5 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday school publications.

OCTOBER

- 3-4 Brotherhood Convention. Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff.
3rd—Golf Tournament 8:30 a.m. Sessions 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
4th—9:30 a.m. through free bean soup supper
- 4 GA Mission Fair. Baptist Student Center, Morehead. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 registration (includes lunch) to state WMU office
- 6-7 Haworth Conference. Louisville, Crescent Hill Baptist Church. 2 p.m. on 6th to 4 p.m. on 7th. Registration fee: \$15 per couple; \$10 for individuals; \$5 for students. "Christian Values and Human Sexuality."
- 10-12 BSU State Convention, Louisville, Southern Seminary. Friday evening through morning worship Sunday
- 11 GA Mission Fair, Campbellsville College. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$1 registration fee (includes lunch) to state WMU office

Oneida Journal

Precious memories



Barkley Moore, President
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972

As I sit in our daily chapel worship each morning I look into the faces of over 300 boys and girls and 33 teachers. I want to impress their images indelibly in memory as each will live forever in my heart.

My mind races back across the years to the old Marvin Hall Chapel. It is my first chapel service. I'm an excited little six year old, my first day of school in Oneida's primer class. My little legs dangle well above the floor. I can still hear the song we sang so often in those years: "Sing and smile and pray, night will turn to day; if you'll only sing, you'll sing the clouds away . . . smile the clouds away . . . pray the clouds away."

I can hear old Bro. Melvin Davidson praying. My mother heard him pray when she was my size, my age, in that same holy place. That room was hallowed by the prayers and tears of many of God's saints over many decades.

Precious memories. How they linger. How they flood and haunt our soul.

It is the spring of 1963. The sun shines through the large windows of the old chapel. An eager, freckled, serious face is upturned intent on the words of the speaker. I am the speaker. I'm back working at Oneida having left my law studies at University of Kentucky. Later I write of that young man: "Wesley Francis Underwood, better known as Buddy Underwood, received Oneida's highest honor at commencement. Buddy attended Oneida one and one-half years on a full scholarship. In this relatively brief time his Christian witness on our campus earned him the respect and affection of both students and staff. So outstanding was he that he was unanimously selected by the faculty and staff, each voting by secret ballot, as deserving of Oneida's highest honor.

"Buddy's regular Oneida chore was to get up between 4:30 and 5 a.m. to help with the milking. He not only did this faithfully thus going the required mile but went the second and third mile in hours spent in painting the boys' dorm and doing many other jobs which he was not required to do. He saw they needed doing and did them competently and cheerfully.

Buddy later wrote: "I think of the old English class where I learned to say "sneak" and not "snuck." I think of the algebra class where I soon learned not to rear back in my chair and to keep my feet off the chair in front of me. I often remember the beauty of the mountains in the spring and fall. Every Sunday morning as the nearby church plays its chimes I remember the many mornings at Oneida I woke up and went to church to those same familiar sounds.

"I remember the forest fires we fought, and the morning when I had to milk and it was so cold I did not think the cows could possibly give milk. I remember the time I peeled a potato in the toilet and how it took the maintenance men two days to unstop it.

"There are so many things I remember. But of all the things I owe Oneida, the most outstanding is the fact I was able to go even though I did not have the money to pay for the tuition and other things. Oneida made a way for me as it did so many others. The school holds a very big place in my heart and my heart is bigger because of it."

Buddy married an Oneida classmate, Kay Atto, and they have a fine Christian home in Loveland, Oh. They remember our work generously from time to time as Buddy is a successful businessman. The Underwoods are dividends on investments well made.

Frank Owen



Unembellished

I believe it was 1938 on a Sunday night when Orson Wells broadcast the dramatization of the "War of the World," as adapted from the writings of H. G. Wells. It caused great confusion and more than one circumstance like my experience which follows.

Christians familiar with the doctrine of the second coming of Christ thought the hour had come. People less religiously informed but having some notion of a great last day of judgment were equally convinced that such time had come. People who knew nothing whatever of religious prophecy thought we were being invaded by "rubber men from Mars."

Among our Perryville, Mo. church families who had stayed home from Sunday night services (more unusual than now) were Les Seabaugh, his wife and two sons. We had just finished closing the evening service with some baptisms. Still standing in the water I had just raised my hand for the benediction.

Suddenly the door of the church flew open and in burst Les, his wife and two sons, hurrying down two or three aisles of the church at once, calling out, "Have prayer Brother Owen—the Lord is coming back—it is the end of time—rubber men from Mars . . ."

Normally very modest people, they came right up and across the rostrum into the choir area, declaring to me in the baptistry, "It is all over the radio . . ."

My 1935 automobile sat just outside the church. A recently installed early radio was mounted up under the dashboard. One had to reach far and feel for the unseen switch and volume buttons. A crowd followed me as I went out the door, water pouring from my baptismal uniform which in those days was my oldest dark suit.

I reached in and turned on the radio switch. The people pressed close and listened breathlessly. As the primitive radio tubes warmed up the voice said, "And that is what you get when you buy that delicious Tender Leaf tea."

I turned around and said, "Friends, I don't know what Brother Les and his family have heard but I am sure it is not the final judgment. If it were there wouldn't be a radio on earth talking about Tender Leaf tea."

Baptist News in Brief



Gritz, Oklahoma



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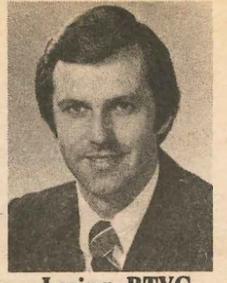
Smith, SBC Head



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Being fired doesn't suit him

Jack L. Gritz, former editor of the Baptist Messenger, newsmagazine for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has filed a \$400,000 civil suit charging six fellow ministers with slander.

Filed in Oklahoma County District Court the suit alleges the defendants, acting in "in concert," made slanderous statements to obtain his dismissal as editor.

Gritz was terminated by the state convention's board of directors last September after 30 years as editor.

Named as defendants in the suit are Joe L. Ingram, Oklahoma City, state convention executive director-treasurer; Jerry Don Abernathy, Oklahoma City, former convention president who now is evangelism director; Cal Hunter, Mooreland; C. A. Spradlin, Chickasha; Roy Moody, Tulsa, and Finis Steelman, Davis, all board members.

The men all were members of the subcommittee of the board of directors which dealt with Gritz' termination.

Gritz' suit claims the six defendants spoke, published and circulated information alleging him to be "a very sick man."

SBC head helps Reagan?

Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan will name Christians to key positions in his administration if he is elected, a group of Southern Baptist leaders says.

The group, which includes Bailey Smith, current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and immediate past president Adrian Rogers, met privately with Reagan for a half-hour before the candidate addressed the National Affairs Briefing, a conservative religious-political meeting in Dallas.

The private meeting was arranged by Ed McAteer, president of The Roundtable and sponsor of the public meeting. The Roundtable espouses conservative religious and political causes.

The meeting, according to both Smith and McAteer, included the two SBC leaders; television evangelist Pat Robertson; Texas evangelist James Robison; Presbyterian pastor James Kennedy of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Houston businessman Bob Perry; former Texas governor John Connally; Ed Rowe, an executive with The Roundtable; Ed Meese, a top Reagan aide; and Bob Billings, an independent Baptist pastor working with the Reagan campaign.

Smith said as Reagan entered the room Robison met the candidate. Smith quoted the evangelist as saying: "If we help you get elected we expect you to appoint qualified Christians to serve in your administration."

Both Smith and McAteer stated Reagan agreed to consider such individuals for appointment.

Smith added Reagan was asked if he would consider McAteer to serve on the transition committee should he be elected. "Sure," the candidate replied.

McAteer emphasized repeatedly the National Affairs Briefing was not a religious pep rally for Reagan. "We are staying with principles and issues, not with personalities. We are not endorsing nor opposing candidates for political office," he contended.

He did say of Reagan: "My feeling is that he is in sympathy with what we are in sympathy with."

Revive us again, & again &

Aug. 27 Graceland Avenue Baptist Church, New Albany, Ind., began week 15 of a four-day revival meeting. No end is in sight.

When revivalist Jim Hylton, pastor of Lake Country Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., approached the end of a revival week that began May 18, Graceland asked him to continue another week because the response had been so good.

There was no overflowing attendance. There were no great numbers making professions of faith or other public decisions, although 259 such decisions did occur in the first 14 weeks.

But there was an outpouring of the spirit of God that defied explanation, say church staff members and others involved with the meeting. They speak of deliverance and healing, salvation and a spirit unprecedented in their experience.

People have come to the meeting from all over the country, as far as California and South Carolina. Many have claimed healing. Fred Hubbs, pastor of Arlington Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., came and says he was healed of constant, excruciating pain which had haunted him for two years.

Hubbs, who suffers from neuropathy and cardiovascular disease affecting the joints and their connecting tissues, says he could hardly walk. He took 100 pain pills a week and wore an electric probe on his back to divert the pain signals from his legs before his brain could register them.

In the pastor's study following services June 19 Hylton and Graceland pastor Elvis Marcum and others laid hands on Hubbs and prayed for his healing. Since that time he says he has had no pain.

"I can't explain it. God just took it away," declared Hubbs, a former executive director of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. Aware that such testimonies of healing are rare in Southern Baptist experience and are often met with skepticism, Hubbs contended, "For us to think God doesn't do it, I don't know, we're strange."

Hubbs and others who have attended the meetings, including Gene Medaris, editor of the Indiana Baptist newspaper, have been impressed at the low key approach of the principals. There is no "fanfare or hocus pocus," Hubbs averred.

Good for the Seoul

"I have never seen anything quite like it," G. William Schweer said after participating in an evangelism crusade Aug. 12-15.

"I came away convinced God is doing something unusual in Korea," declared Schweer, professor of evangelism at Golden Gate Seminary. "It seemed like the Great Awakenings of 1740 and 1800. What is happening in Korea is what many of us have been praying will happen in our own country; a great turning toward God."

Sunday is ABC dirt day

The National Federation for Decency says ABC-TV has moved the scheduled airing for the controversial movie "The Women's Room" up from October to Sept. 14 to keep the organization from mounting a public protest.

The program, which Chicago Tribune TV critic Ron Alridge called "... a vicious, vicious television program, the likes of which I've never seen before," was originally scheduled for October.

The NFD said it has learned several advertisers have pulled ads from the program and it has reason to believe ABC is offering time in the program at a greatly reduced rate to those who are willing to appear in the movie.

"The program is a vicious anti-family, anti-marriage film," said Donald E. Wildmon, head of the NFD. "We have encouraged people to watch it for two reasons: to see the anti-family, anti-marriage stance of ABC and to see what advertisers help sponsor the film."

Alridge, a respected nationally syndicated critic, said of the film: "If there is any fun, decency, and fulfillment in the traditional American family, this movie ignores it. It does not, however, ignore the indecencies."

Moral Majority disputed

The Kentucky Baptist Convention committee on public affairs in its annual report to the convention commends the current concern being expressed for morality in government. At the same time the report cautions morality can be achieved only by moral means and secured only by those possessing a basic commitment to God.

In an obvious reference to Moral Majority and other religious coalitions organized for political activity leading to the November national election the committee questions involvement in movements promising bloc voting for specific political candidates.

The report encourages Christians to become involved in their respective political parties and to cast their votes in the election process. It also urges those not registered to vote to do so in order to exercise their constitutional right and moral responsibility.

KBC Foundation marks 35

Kentucky Baptist Foundation celebrates its 35th year of service to Kentucky Baptists this year.

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Growth of the foundation accelerated under the leadership of James Austin who was executive secretary until 1966. The assets reached \$3.5 million and annual income was \$175,000.

From March 1969 when Grady Ran-

dolph became executive secretary the foundation has moved from \$4.1 million to \$9.2 million Aug. 31, 1979. The income has grown to be more than \$587,000 annually.

Kentucky Baptists who are interested in the future growth of Baptist causes in Kentucky and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have made contributions through the foundation to these causes.

Information about services offered is available from Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101.

RTVC adds Ben Loring

Ben E. Loring Jr., director of program planning for the Texas Baptist General Convention's Christian Life Commission for seven years, will become vice president of counseling services for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission Sept. 15.

Loring, 34, will try to involve local churches in the commission's mail counseling program so they can minister to those in their area who have been touched by a Baptist-produced radio or television program.

J. P. Allen, former director of counseling services, retired in April 1979. A four-person staff currently responds to the 800 to 1500 letters of inquiry the commission receives each month.

Loring was for several years minister of evangelism for First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., where he directed lay witness training and led city youth crusades. In cooperation with the Texas convention's evangelism department he has led more than 250 evangelistic crusades in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and New York.

A native of Dallas, he graduated from Baylor University and earned a DMin degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His father, Ben E. Loring, is pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

Men to meet at Radcliff

Three sessions of the state Brotherhood convention are scheduled Oct. 3 at Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff, according to Forrest R. Sawyer, state Brotherhood director.

Sessions Friday, Oct. 3 are at 3 and 7 p.m. The following day a third session at 9:15 a.m. will conclude with a free bean soup supper at 3 p.m.

Pioneer Royal Ambassadors will meet simultaneously and in conjunction with the Brotherhood convention.

A golf tournament precedes the convention at Anderson Golf Course, Ft. Knox, with tee-off time 8:30-11 a.m. Friday.

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