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## Controversial remark's dust hasn't settled yet; Rogers and Criswell go to bat for Bailey Smith

Two former presidents of the 13.4-million-member Southern Baptist Convention—Adrian Rogers of Memphis and W. A. Criswell of Dallas—have taken actions lauding the current SBC president, Bailey Smith.

In Memphis, Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church and immediate past president, led fellow pastors of the Shelby Baptist Pastors' Conference to pass a resolution praising Smith as "spiritually vibrant, morally pure and doctrinally straight."

Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and president 1968-70, issued a written statement to Baptist Press in the wake of controversy concerning the 70-year-old pastor's published remarks critical of Smith.

In speaking in support of Smith both men alluded to Smith's remark that "God does not hear the prayers of a Jew."

Criswell's statement came "in view of recent press releases concerning my own words" about Smith and the Jews, and noted the famed preacher still disagrees and is "exercising that cherished Baptist principle of the right to an alternative opinion."

The "recent press releases" were stories in the religious and secular media which quoted a letter Criswell wrote to a Dallas rabbi expressing "deep regret" about Smith's remarks. Criswell enclosed a copy of a letter written by J. William Angell, professor of religion at Wake Forest University, a Baptist-connected school in Winston-Salem, N. C., and said it "will speak the heart and persuasion of our Southern Baptist people."

Angell, in his letter written to a New York rabbi, repudiated "in the strongest terms the reprehensible views" of Smith, calling them "untrue, unscriptural and unkind . . . far removed from the teachings and spirit of the Jesus whom he pretends to serve."

Angell inferred Smith is a "self-righteous bigot" who "is one of a group of Southern Baptist power politicians who, unfortunately, have maneuvered themselves into places of leadership." It further compared him with "Haman, Hitler, Arafat and Khomeini."

In his written comment to Baptist Press Criswell lauded Smith "as one of the greatest preachers in our era," and noted Smith's accomplishment of baptizing more than 2000 converts in a single year as "unequaled in recent Christian history."

Criswell concludes: "With confidence and anticipation I rejoiced when he was elected president of our Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis and I shall no less rejoice when he is reelected president in Los Angeles next June."

Rogers, in a meeting with fellow pastors, presented a resolution he had jotted on a napkin which noted, "We want him (Smith) to know of our thoughtfulness for his service and pledge to him our love and prayers."

In preliminary remarks Rogers called Smith a "sincere, doctrinally-pure president" who "is not stupid."



Criswell



Rogers

## Double tax for missionaries?

The salaries of more than 3000 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will face double taxation if Congress does not act when it reconvenes Nov. 12 to restore income tax exclusion for religious and other charitable workers overseas.

The immediate tax bite will total \$1 million for 1979 and \$1 million for 1980, according to Carl W. Johnson, treasurer-elect of the Foreign Mission Board.

## Cothen calls creedalism 'sideshow issue' at Ohio state convention meeting

The present controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention is "a planned assault by the devil himself to divert Southern Baptists" from their Bold Mission Thrust goals, Grady Cothen said.

Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, delivered what some considered a bombshell as he addressed the annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Oct. 29-31 at Columbus.

The main issue in the current controversy, Cothen said, is not the inerrancy and infallibility of the scriptures, but power and control of the Southern Baptist Convention and its institutions.

Cothen recounted a conversation he had recently with the president of the 13.4-million-member denomination. "Bailey Smith and I talked the other day and I asked him if what he reportedly said was true, that the issue in all this is power and control?" Cothen said Smith confirmed the accuracy of the reports.

Cothen, former president of Oklahoma Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and former executive secretary of the California Baptist Convention, warned that creedalism is not "just creeping into our faith, it is rapidly developing."

This creedalism, he pointed out, demands "you've got to say it this way . . . or you're not a Southern Baptist. Words about the Bible never have been a test of faith in the SBC. The testament is our stand. We say the Bible is our platform, our sole rules. We will not fall for manmade statements on anything. There is no battle over the Bible among Southern Baptists."

Cothen noted the Baptist Faith and Message statement adopted in 1963 "is a good statement. I believe everything (in the statement). But I will not substitute it for the Word of God because men wrote it." He added: "If liberalism is taking over the SBC it's the only liberalism that's trying to win the world to Christ. If we turn our denomination over to power groups it is lost to Christ. If we spend years in controversy over this issue the world will be just as lost as if we don't believe anything about the Bible," Cothen continued.

"We are letting Satan divert us in sideshow issues."

Cothen outlined ways Southern Baptists have been empowered by God to engage in Bold Mission Thrust, an effort to spread the gospel to the entire world by the year 2000.

"Never has any group had the affluence to support such a venture. Never has there been so many people in so many churches. Never has there been so many missionaries in so many countries. It is my fervent prayer for Southern Baptists that God won't have to pass us by."

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio elected a veteran pastor, Charles Betts of First Baptist Church, Vandalia, as president and enthusiastically supported a plan to launch a new congregation on the average of once a week during 1981-82, called "104 Ohio Miracles."

Messengers adopted a budget of \$3.4 million with \$2 million to come from the churches. Ohio Baptists will send 38.5 percent, a half percent increase over last year, to support worldwide causes through the national Cooperative Program.

Another \$1 million would be due in 1981.

Faced with paying \$1 million a year in U. S. taxes, plus another \$1 million annually in income tax to foreign governments, the Foreign Mission Board is running an open letter advertisement from board president R. Keith Parks to Southern Baptists in the state Baptist newspapers. (See page 3.)

The letter asks Southern Baptists to urge U. S. representatives and senators to pass pending legislation to restore the \$20,000 income tax exclusion which was removed by the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978.

The pending legislation involves two House resolutions—HR 1319 and HR 5829. Already reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, HR 1319 would restore the \$20,000 foreign income exclusion. HR 5829, which passed the House as a bill to exempt overseas duties on church bells for the United Methodist Church, was turned into a \$39 billion tax cut bill by Sen. Russell Long, D-La., and the Senate Finance Committee. It retains the exemption for United Methodists and adds an income tax exclusion of \$50,000 for Americans living overseas.

Because of opposition to the added \$39 billion tax cut proposals in HR 5829, congressional observers give HR 1319 the best chance for passage, although the possibility remains the exclusion may be tacked onto another piece of legislation.

The problem, according to the observers, is not that representatives and senators oppose the measure, but that so much work faces them when they reconvene the income exclusion may get lost in the shuffle.

The Dec. 15 deadline represents the second extension granted by IRS. Last June the IRS extended the deadline until Oct. 15 and refused another extension until a direct intervention by the White House pushed back the date to Dec. 15.

## Sherman marching to stop 'jugular' forces in South

Some 35-37 pastors, described as "denominational loyalists" and "friends of missions," met at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, N. C. to discuss their concerns about the future of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, and president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, called the meeting and was assisted by Frank Campbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville, first vice president of the N. C. convention, and Henry Crouch, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte.

All three attended an earlier meeting, initiated by Sherman, of 16 pastors from six states in Gatlinburg, Tenn. to talk over similar concerns.

"Unless I completely misread it we were of one mind," said Sherman, discussing the four-hour meeting.

He said there was broad agreement for participants to return home and urge attendance at the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Los Angeles. Similar action was taken at the Gatlinburg meeting and at one in Rock Hill, S. C. recently.

The meetings have been held in reaction to a group of persons who reportedly are "going for the jugular" in an attempt to control SBC institutions and dictate a specific interpretation of the Bible.

Sherman claimed leaders of the inerrancy group—particularly Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge, and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas—are not true Southern Baptists.

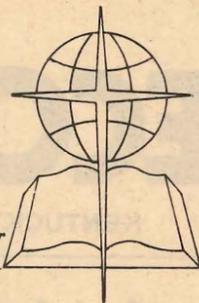
"We see ourselves as the friends of missions. We see the leaders of this other group, not their followers, having strong independent inclinations. We are denominational loyalists," Sherman said.

"We are offended that there would be any creedal tests used that would exclude people like us from denominational service . . ."

Sherman will lead another session in November in Alabama, he reported.

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

### What's the cost of being fair?

God is no respecter of persons but some Baptist churches and the federal government surely are discriminatory when it comes to treatment of pastors and other church staff members. Pastors are accorded distinct advantages in salary, tax consideration and supplementary income. No church staff member has complained in my hearing but fairness demands serious consideration of present practices.

The pastor is the "first among equals" on a church staff. He is the chief administrator and has more responsibility than staff members. This surely dictates that his salary should be higher than the staff members he supervises but how much higher is the question.

Other staff members should be regarded just as much ministers as the pastor. They are ministers of the gospel as surely as the pastor is. A pastor communicates the gospel in proclamation, they communicate the same gospel in music, education, recreation, etc. Yes, in recreation. If church recreational activities do not communicate the gospel, they have no place in a Baptist church.

Ministers of music and education go to the same colleges and seminaries as pastors and much of their curriculum is the same. It takes about the same time, effort and expense to be trained in Christian education and church music as in preaching and serving as pastor.

Baptist churches have adopted too much of the American business corporation concept in which one chief executive receives a salary all out of proportion to all others who are considered subordinates with less ability and importance. The New Testament concept is that all are servants with different gifts and one is no more important to the body of Christ than the other.

Even more discriminatory is the tax advantages of ordained ministers over staff members who are not ordained. An ordained minister can be provided with a home or given a housing allowance which is not taxable. Not so with a minister of music or education who is not ordained. All his salary is taxable including any housing allowance.

Under the special tax advantage for ordained ministers it's possible for a pastor with twice the salary of another staff member to pay income tax on less salary than the staff member because of tax free housing and other allowances. This simply is not fair.

In view of this some denominational agencies provide small additional pay to unordained personnel to partly compensate for the tax disadvantage. Churches should consider this.

Supplemental income from revivals and other moonlighting also favors the pastor. Three or

four revivals a year can mean \$1000 or more additional income for a pastor. In most instances when he is away getting extra income, staff members stay home to do their work and part of the pastor's also.

There are some opportunities for staff members to moonlight. Music ministers often work in revivals and education ministers are occasionally called upon by other churches for special ministries but their compensation is always less than a preacher's. There is no easy way to overcome this advantage of the pastor over staff members but at least they should have as many weeks off a year for moonlighting as the pastor has.

One way for staff members to ensure equal advantage so far as tax benefits go is to be ordained. This is more and more the practice but a staff member who doesn't really feel led by God to seek ordination should not do so for tax benefits. Neither should a church allow a staff member to be penalized for not being ordained.

Considering the growing number of trained ministers in addition to the pastors who are now needed by Baptist churches, it is surprising pay differential and other benefits have not been more of an issue. Fairness demands that something be done about it before it becomes a divisive issue.

The views expressed above are personal and carry no denominational endorsement. Salaries of staff members are solely the business of each church. That's the way it should be.

### Amos' ministry to continue

The decision of Bill Amos to give up direction of Kentucky Baptist Child Care ministry to return to the pastorate caught many of us by surprise. It should not be surprising, however, anytime one called to the gospel ministry feels his place is serving a local congregation no matter how well he is doing in other areas of ministry.

Amos has devoted eight years to a vigorous administration of Baptist Child Care in Kentucky. His tenure has covered a period of revolutionary changes in concepts of child care and change always meets resistance. Amos has faithfully and patiently explained and defended some unpopular changes and leaves Kentucky Baptist child care ministry stronger than ever.

His decision to leave at this time is in no way related to dissatisfaction with his performance. He is more highly esteemed now than anytime since he came. When one is on top is always the best time to lay down a responsibility.

We commend Plantation Baptist Church and other Florida Baptists for gaining the ministry of Bill Amos.

One of the blessings of Amos through the years has been the support of a strong child care board of directors. These directors can be trusted to secure another capable leader for this important ministry of Kentucky Baptists.

### Our President deserves our prayers

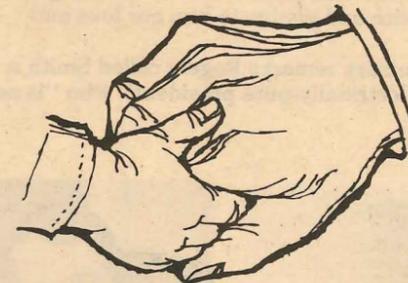
Americans have spoken loudly and clearly in the choice of a President for the next four years. This is the American way. We expect much of our political leaders and when they don't perform as we expect we turn them out and give others an opportunity. We also don't let one type of thinking go too far before swinging back.

Even more important than who is elected is the fact the system works. Our national ideals are neither Republican nor Democratic, neither conservative nor liberal. They are American.

Voters quietly and orderly lined up to await their turn to participate in the American voting process. No soldiers nor policemen intimidated voters as is the case in many other countries and there was no serious signs of corruption in voting nor fraud in counting votes. Many other nations cannot understand how the commander-in-chief of a nation can accept humiliating defeat without calling out the military to take over and to keep him in office but that's how far our democracy is ahead of many other nations.

President-elect Reagan is to be the President of all of us. He has an awesome task, one of the magnitude of that of Washington and Lincoln. He should have our help in all the right things he tries to do and we should lift him in prayer every day. This is more than the American way, this is the Christian way.

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OUT IN  
JESUS' NAME



Through The  
COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM

## Illinois does the unusual

Messengers to the Illinois Baptist State Association elected a layman and a black pastor as president and vice president during their 74th annual meeting Oct. 28-30.

Craig A. Ridings, a Rockford attorney, is the first layperson in 54 years to head the convention and Don Sharp, pastor of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, is the first black ever elected to office by the convention.

In addition to naming officers messengers installed Ernest E. Mosley as executive director, commended the state Baptist newspaper and resolved to let the Bible speak for itself.

Also, 16 new churches were accepted into membership, including a church for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, the first Southern Baptist church of that type to be established in Illinois.

Messengers adopted a 1981 budget of \$6,063,608, including a Cooperative Program goal of \$3,606,400, of which 41 percent will be shared with Southern Baptist Convention causes, the same percentage as this year.

The most spirited discussion came when a motion was made to increase the SBC portion by one percent. That motion failed, but a subsequent motion, which asked the IBSA board of directors to increase the SBC portion by at least a half a percent a year for each of the next five years, was passed.

## Former Arkansas exec dies

S. A. (Jack) Whitlow, retired executive secretary of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention, died Nov. 4 in Little Rock, six days after suffering a stroke. He was 74.

Whitlow headed the convention from 1958 until 1963 when he took early retirement in order to return to the pastorate. He entered the ministry at age 27 after resigning from a bank position.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Hope, Ark., as well as churches in Washington, Tupelo, Arkadelphia and Ft. Royal, and in Morganfield, Ky.

He was a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a graduate of Southern Seminary.

## FMB doubles the pleasure

The news on foreign mission hotline in 1980 will be even hotter than in the past.

From Nov. 14 through Dec. 15 the three-minute telephone messages giving the latest in missions information will change every Tuesday and Friday rather than weekly as in past years. By calling the toll free number, (800) 446-2725, Southern Baptists in most states can get up-to-date information and learn about specific needs of missions and missionaries for which they can pray in both Sunday and midweek services.

## New Baptist Men's group?

A group of 101 Southern Baptist laymen and pastors from 17 states has voted in Memphis to organize a national fellowship of Baptist Men.

Larry Otis of Tupelo, Miss., convener of a vocational group on agriculture which included former SBC president Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., made the recommendation to organize the fellowship.

The recommendation calls for each of 10 fellowship groups to nominate one representative and one alternative to an organizational committee with the Brotherhood Commission adding another seven men to it.

The committee would perfect the

organization of a fellowship of Baptist Men to include a charter, bylaws, temporary officers and commissioners. The temporary organization would be authorized to set up an office at the commission, seek volunteers and secretarial help, establish and raise a budget and take other necessary action to initiate the organization.

A national meeting of Baptist Men would be held within 20 months to consider the charter and bylaws, the recommendation said.

The vocational groups elected the following persons to the organizational committee:

Pat Baughman, Hilton Head Island, S. C., sales; Bob Kersten, Matiland, Fla., education and communication; George L. McGuffee, Monroe, La., law enforcement and elected public officials; Donald I. Gent, Evansville, Ind., health services; J. B. Crawley, Campbellsville, Ky., engineering, construction and data processing; Norvell Jones, St. Louis, finance, banking, insurance and investments; Ralph Stewart, Memphis, management and manufacturing; Sam Platt, Columbus, Miss., transportation; William Rhodes,

Atlanta, legal; and Cooper, agriculture.

Gent, a hospital administrator and secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, who proposed the meeting four months ago, presided.

James H. Smith, executive director of the commission, emphasized the men would focus on fellowship and evangelism, not politics, and aim at helping churches involve their men in missions, particularly mobilizing them to implement Bold Mission Thrust.

"I'm going to predict that this meeting will go down in history as one of the important meetings of Baptist Men," Smith said.

Smith said he sees no conflict between the fellowship and the Brotherhood organizations his agency services in 17,000 churches.

## Brooks Hays reacts to 'Jewish' remark

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Brooks Hays was honored in New York City at the premiere of a film on his public career by an organization

devoted to fostering relations between Christians and Jews.

The New York premiere of the Hays film, "Return to Little Rock," was sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which helped produce the film. The group also presented its mass media award to the film's producer, David Solomon.

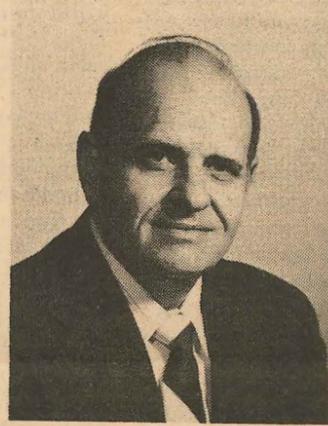
In a related development the former Arkansas congressman released a statement to Baptist Press disassociating himself from current SBC president Bailey Smith's well publicized remark that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

To believe that God hears only the prayers of Christians invoking the name of Christ, Hays declared, "would be to shut out from God's love and care the largest part of the world's population, and to abrogate to ourselves alone his mercy and favor, something Jesus never intended."

The movie focuses on Hays' conciliatory role in the Little Rock school desegregation crisis in 1957. It portrays the former SBC president as a statesman committed to human and civil rights.



of the Southern Baptist Convention



DEAR SOUTHERN BAPTIST FRIENDS,

*I am writing to ask your help in a matter of extreme urgency to Southern Baptist foreign missions. The Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978 eliminated a \$20,000 exclusion from taxable income for Americans living overseas. As a result, taxes totaling \$1 million a year are due on the salaries of more than 3,000 Southern Baptist missionaries overseas. This is in addition to the more than \$1 million taxes which are already paid to foreign governments on missionaries' salaries. This means missionaries and other charitable workers overseas are paying double taxes. It also means missionaries have fewer resources for spreading the gospel, because the Foreign Mission Board must use its resources to help missionaries pay these taxes.*

*Bills now before Congress would restore exemptions to all religious and charitable workers overseas, but such legislation must be passed before Dec. 15. I'm asking you to call or write your congressmen immediately urging their support of legislation to restore this exemption. I must stress the urgency of immediate action. Congress must pass this bill before Dec. 15 or taxes for 1979, 1980 and 1981 must be paid on the salaries of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries working in 94 countries.*

*Phone congressmen at (202) 224-3121. Address Senate Finance Committee members: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Address House Ways and Means Committee members: House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.*

*In addition to contacting your congressmen, please join us in a concerted prayer effort about this matter. Thank you for your support.*

Sincerely,

R. Keith Parks  
President  
Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

## Let the fire fall Acts 2:1-4

by John Dunaway, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin

Jesus said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth."

This fire came at Pentecost. The promise made by the heavenly father was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit entered the hearts of that band of faithful followers in the upper room. This descent of the Holy Spirit which empowered these followers of Jesus supplying courage in the face of persecution did not come without prayer.

As the sun set in the distance and darkness fell like a blanket the visitor to Yosemite joined a company of people near the foot of a lofty crag on the summit of which a fire was kindled. In the darkness a voice called to the heights, "Let the fire fall," and from the edge of the cliff glowing coals cascaded in a niagara of fire to the earth.

When Jesus came from his baptism of fire, he released the fire of heaven which he had come to set on earth. These weary followers of Jesus met in that upper room, and as with one voice they prayed, "Let the fire fall," and fall it did. The world was turned upside down by this committed band of disciples.

Several things happened when the fire fell.

**First, the fire of God fell and the church became one in the spirit.** These followers of Jesus were not of one mind or heart theologically, philosophically, politically or culturally. James and John were supposedly more successful fishermen than Peter and Andrew. Simon was a zealot and Matthew a publican. But when the fire of God fell the barriers burned away and they became one in the spirit. That which united them was far greater than that which separated them.

They were still the same people—still differing philosophically, theologically, politically, culturally but now bound together in a spirit of love to undertake a common task.

Issues could have been raised to separate them that one view might dominate, but when the fire fell Jesus became Lord of the differences.

**It occurs to me the 20th century church is much like that of the first century.** We are people of differing views. We do differ philosophically, theologically, politically, culturally. In fact in recent days we have found a difference more with semantics than actualities which tend to critically divide us. All believe in inspiration. One in the inspiration of the jot and tittle and the other of the message. One the robot. The other the free will. But, all come out at the message. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

We face a danger because these lesser matters could divide us irreparably. I knew of a church once which had been split several years before over the issue of using "hardback" hymnals and "paperback" hymnals. Some wanted hardbacks and some paperbacks; the result, they never sang the same tune. The church divided. There were two doors cut into the church—one for the

hardbackers, and one for paperbackers. O my brethren, we must avoid the danger of dividing over an issue where in reality we are closer together than we want to admit.

Let us join those early disciples who in a prolonged prayer meeting prayed in one voice "Let the fire fall," that they might be one in the spirit.

**Second, when the fire of God fell the church became mission centered.**

The early church was more concerned about itself than the crying needs of the world until the fire fell at Pentecost. Then the tarrying disciples became earth shaking evangelists, determined to bring a new day for God. Fire, as well as wind, breeze or breath, is a symbol of divine presence. The spirit brings light, but light was not enough to make those early followers of Jesus the flaming torches they must become if they were to cast "fire on the earth." It was not enough they possess the truth. As Sidney Powell in *Fire on the Earth* said, "The truth must possess them and set them afire with the order of passion until it became a fire in their bones, a holy flame in their bosoms, a conflagration within, too explosive to be restrained but which must burst forth in testimony and constrain others to come out of a cold world into the glow of God's hearth fires."

This happened in the first century and the world was turned upside down for God. So let the fire fall that we might be set aflame with the desire to reach our world for Christ.

Our corner of the world in Kentucky has great need for churches on fire for God. There are some two million people without Jesus Christ. When we face up to it at the best only one out of four people in our corner of the world will frequent a house of worship. The needs are great. There are some areas where more than 80% are not Christians. Bob Jones, our state director of direct missions, writes: "We have some areas, like in Elliott County, where Sandy Hook is the county seat, that there is just one Baptist church in that county. In West Liberty, Morgan County, there is one Baptist church. In Magoffin County, Frenchburg, there is really only one Southern Baptist church. In the Floyd County area, there are some great mission possibilities, where there are large communities with either a small struggling church or no church at all."

All across our state the people in the mountains and the flat lands, the cities and farms need the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

**That's the message we have.** The mission of the church is to get that message out. A man had just moved to town and was invited to church. That particular Sunday they were having a dinner on the ground after the morning worship service. He went through the line and saw a little lady standing before a dish of peach pudding she had baked. No one had taken any so he did.

He went back and saw her standing there. He noted his was the only one that had been taken from the dish so he ate more. Ultimately he ate the dish. That night he became sick. For several days he was sicker than sick. Finally he went to the drug store to get some paragoric. When he entered the store he saw that lady. At the sight of her his stomach began to churn all the more. She said, "Why, aren't you the same man who ate all my peach pudding?" He replied, "No Ma'm, and I never will be again." This is the message of the church. God is in Christ changing life so that "Old things have passed away and all things have become new."

In light of the needs our mission is to get this message out to our world.

I have proposed in 1981 we relate across the state a stronger church to a weaker one that together we reach these two million people by 1982.

This undertaking is bigger than we are and business as usual in our churches will not accomplish this.

O God, "Let the Fire Fall" that the enthusiasm of God might burn in our souls. "Let the Fire Fall" that our churches might catch fire and win the masses. "Let the Fire Fall" that like Mt. St. Helen, we rumble in volcanic explosions to let the dust of mission concern fall on every Baptist.

Let us confess we need the "Fire to Fall" in personal lives to transform us into a concerned follower of Jesus—a concerned church with the vision of Jesus to reach our world.

"Let the Fire Fall" and the demons will quiver.

**Third, when the "Fire Fell" the people began to sacrifice to reach their world.**

The early church when the "Fire had Fallen" began to give to meet the needs of their people and to send missionaries out to the world. When the "Fire Falls" the people of God establish a new king on the throne of their hearts and selfishness is overthrown.

The fire of God needs to fall in the lives of God's people in the 20th century so we will sacrifice in order to reach our world.

People want to give, but many are being duped by television personalities into believing the most good can be done in giving the major gifts to their cause.

These gifts total \$293 million. Their budgets support two churches, five schools, one hospital (under construc-



John Dunaway

tion), television ministries and some mission work. There are no TV Sunday school classes to teach you, no pastors or deacons to minister to you in distress.

Compare this with all Southern Baptist gifts at \$316 million. These funds support six seminaries (10,000 students), 67 schools and Bible schools, 1100 Baptist student directors on 1100 campuses, 6000 full time missionaries in more than 90 countries, 32 radio and TV programs each week, 1000 baptisms a day for the past 25 years.

**It is through the local church where the action is** as it shares and every Baptist shares in the needs of the world and the reaching of that world. In Kentucky we rejoice in our \$10 million, this is half what we need now to be serious about our mission effort to reach every part of our state; and to reach the 65,000 lost on our campuses; and to provide for our schools that they make more effective their responsibility of Christian education; and to provide programs of training through our departments.

This requires the best in us—the most from us.

Several years ago I was asked to get up a program for an installation service of our Rotary Club. They asked me to get Coach Rupp, who was a good after dinner speaker. Well, I called Coach Rupp and asked if he could come to Corbin. He asked how much we could pay. I told him we could pay \$75-\$100. He said I never speak for that. We talked at length. Finally, he was hospitalized and could not come. As I think about that experience I believe Coach Rupp said, "I am worth a lot and to get me is costly." We said, "We know that, but do not want to pay your worth, we want you but at little cost."

This is a similar way we respond to the needs of our world. We know the needs and what it will cost to reach our world, but we don't want to pay the price. But thank God, when the "Fire Falls" and the impurities of selfishness and the fog of a little vision are burned from us we become a sacrificial people.

Let us stand today and in one voice cry, "Let the Fire Fall" that we might become one in the spirit; "Let the Fire Fall" that we might catch a vision of the mission of the church and pay the price of sacrificial giving to win our world.

"Let the Fire Fall" now and the demons will quiver.

## A greater than Jonah

Jonah 3:1-4:5

Matthew 12:38-41

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### Introduction

It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. There were plenty of signs, however, trouble was on its way.

Noah got busy in time to meet the issue of life or death.

Today is the time for us to get ready for the best years or else to suffer the worst years of our lives as Southern Baptists.

Some dark clouds are hanging over our beloved denomination. Will we be as wise as Noah while there is still time?

### Bad news and world mission

This is the story of Jonah and of his work as a prophet.

His call is to go to Nineveh, a Gentile city, and there to preach God's message of impending destruction, "Yet 40 days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

These few words constituted his entire message. It was bad news for the wicked city.

Why do we turn to this Old Testament prophecy for our sermon to a houseful of Baptists in our Kentucky Baptist Convention? It is because of its vital missionary character.

Look at Jonah through God's call to Abram. God promises Abram he will receive a land, would become a great people and would bless all the nations of the earth.

The first two promises had already come true in Jonah's day. The third promise had not come true, nor was it likely to be realized. It is this lack of fulfillment that produced Jonah's prophecy.

How does Jonah handle this call to be a messenger of the God of the Hebrews to a heathen people?

He is disobedient and sails away in the opposite direction. A big fish interferes. Jonah then has a second call to go to Nineveh, his mission field.

This time he obeys with reluctance and goes. After all, Jonah may have said, "If I must preach to the heathen, I could not improve on this message."

The loving God, however, was looking for repentance from the people of Nineveh, and for a chance to show his mercy by sparing them.

You know the results. Jonah is a successful missionary in spite of himself. God is pleased also with the final results of this missionary effort.

Jonah, however, is angry with God for showing mercy. Jonah gives a lofty view of God's nature, but declares this is why he did not want to go to Nineveh in the first place.

What happened when Jonah got back to his own home? Let us try to read between the lines as he talks to his family and friends:

"You remember a little over 40 days ago I came by here in a terrible mood and smelling like a fish. I was struggling with God. He wanted me to be missionary to the wicked city of Nineveh. I went, and for the first time in my life I understood the third part of God's call to Abram, our father.

"Yes, now I know God loves everybody, including cattle.

"Some day someone greater than I; more loving than I; more obedient than I; will come and lead us to all the Ninevehs of the earth.

"In the time left for me I will be telling this story to my own people who have forgotten this world mission is our work. It is our *Great O-mission!*

### Good news and world mission

This is the story of Jesus and of his work as the son of God.

The call of Jesus is told by him, "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly." Also, "I am come to do your will, O God."

He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." He is God's only begotten son spoken of in John 3:16.

By his atoning death on the cross and by his glorious resurrection he offers life here and hereafter to "whosoever" believes in him.

Jesus was not reluctant to come. He was not disobedient. He became obedient to the cross. Indeed, "for the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross . . ."

Yes, a greater than Jonah is here.

By his cross and resurrection Jesus declares all power has been given to him. With that divine authority he commands his disciples to go to all the nations, to fulfill at long last God's call to Abram, to be a blessing to all people.

For Jonah this world concern was the *Great O-mission*. But thanks be to God, a greater than Jonah is here! Jesus' world concern is shown in the Great Commission!

Our marching orders are to carry this Good News to the ends of the world in our own generation.

Yes, Jonah, the one has now come to lead us to all the Ninevehs of earth. His name is Jesus, the saviour of the world.

### News from today's world mission

Much of the news from our world mission of today is good.

As Southern Baptists we have never had so many missionaries on the fields at home and abroad as we have today.

Also, our missionaries are better prepared and better educated than ever before.

We have never had a greater challenge to do mission work than through our bold mission effort.

Furthermore, we have never had stronger financial support than now.

Yes, much is good news for us.

Unfortunately, there is some bad news also.

High inflation in our economy at home and abroad is causing increased hardship in covering the costs of our total mission program.

Warfare, hunger, homeless people and other unstable conditions in the emerging nations provide problems and opportunities for our mission work.

The most needless trouble and the greatest threat to our world mission is the bad news from within our own ranks.

For two years now there has been an active campaign in our Southern Baptist Convention to take over the control of all our boards, institutions and agencies. This is no secret. The leaders of this campaign have stated their intention and their tactics very clearly. I believe they mean what they say.

Their frontpiece is a particular view of the Bible. I contend this effort is not a battle for the Bible. All of us present today believe the Bible is God's word. Many of us are giving our lives to preach the message of the Bible.

No, my friends, the battle is not for the Bible, it does not need our defense; it needs our proclaiming. The battle of this group is to achieve complete control within the next eight years or less.

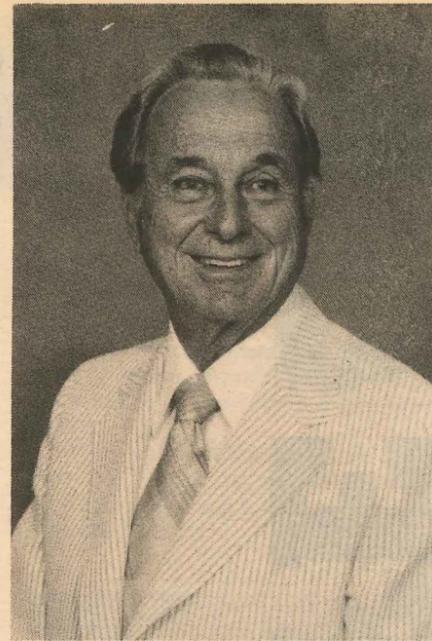
By their attitude and clearly announced goals they have placed the integrity of our electoral process under attack.

Their strategy is to elect a convention president who is a kindred spirit, and who, when elected, will use the president's power of appointment to bring nomination of others of the same mind to our boards and agencies.

If anyone doubts this, let him look at the appointments of our last convention president.

Additional bad news comes when we see many of the leaders of this group have done little to build up our institutions and world mission. Yet they wish to control them.

Is there any indication that once in control their support will greatly



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increase? Also, if this effort to gain control is successful, is it likely presently cooperating churches will continue their support as they are now doing?

We do not need this group or any other group to destroy the convention in order to save it.

We all need to remember some important points in our Baptist history. We were leaders in religious liberty and in the doctrine of soul competency. The First Amendment grew largely out of our Baptist ancestors. Under Roger Williams Rhode Island was the first colony to open its doors to all people. They welcomed Jews, Roman Catholics and Quakers. They opened their civil offices to all without religious test.

In Virginia our Baptist preachers were imprisoned and persecuted.

No wonder Thomas Jefferson was moved by such to write, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man. Uniformity of conscience is coercion, and coercion is the greatest of all tyrannies over the mind of man."

At our best we Baptists have held that beliefs, our religious faith, were too precious and too personal to allow even the weight of a feather of coercion to be tolerated. Most of us still believe it to be so.

Now is the time to turn our energy to the carrying out of the Great Commission of our Lord. Keep on the main job at hand. Like Nehemiah on the wall, we are too busy to come down.

Yes there are clouds over us. Yes there are divisive forces at work among us, but we are called to greater faithfulness in these difficult times.

Even if the storm comes;  
Even if the flood descends;  
Even if we are cast into the troubled waters;

Be of stout heart and good cheer.  
While adrift in the troubled waters,  
when the big fish comes toward you  
say, "Swim on by. Don't swallow me!  
I'm on my way to Nineveh."

Then when the storm is over and the sun shines again you will see a cross on every horizon. Take up your cross. It is this cross which will lead us to our father's house. Yes the way of the cross leads home.

There in our father's house where coercion is unknown we will sit at the banquet table of our Lord. Hearts will sing with joy with those who are the fruit of our world missions.

From the north and the south, from the east and from the west they come.

We have a world mission, let us get on with our task!

# MY WITNESS



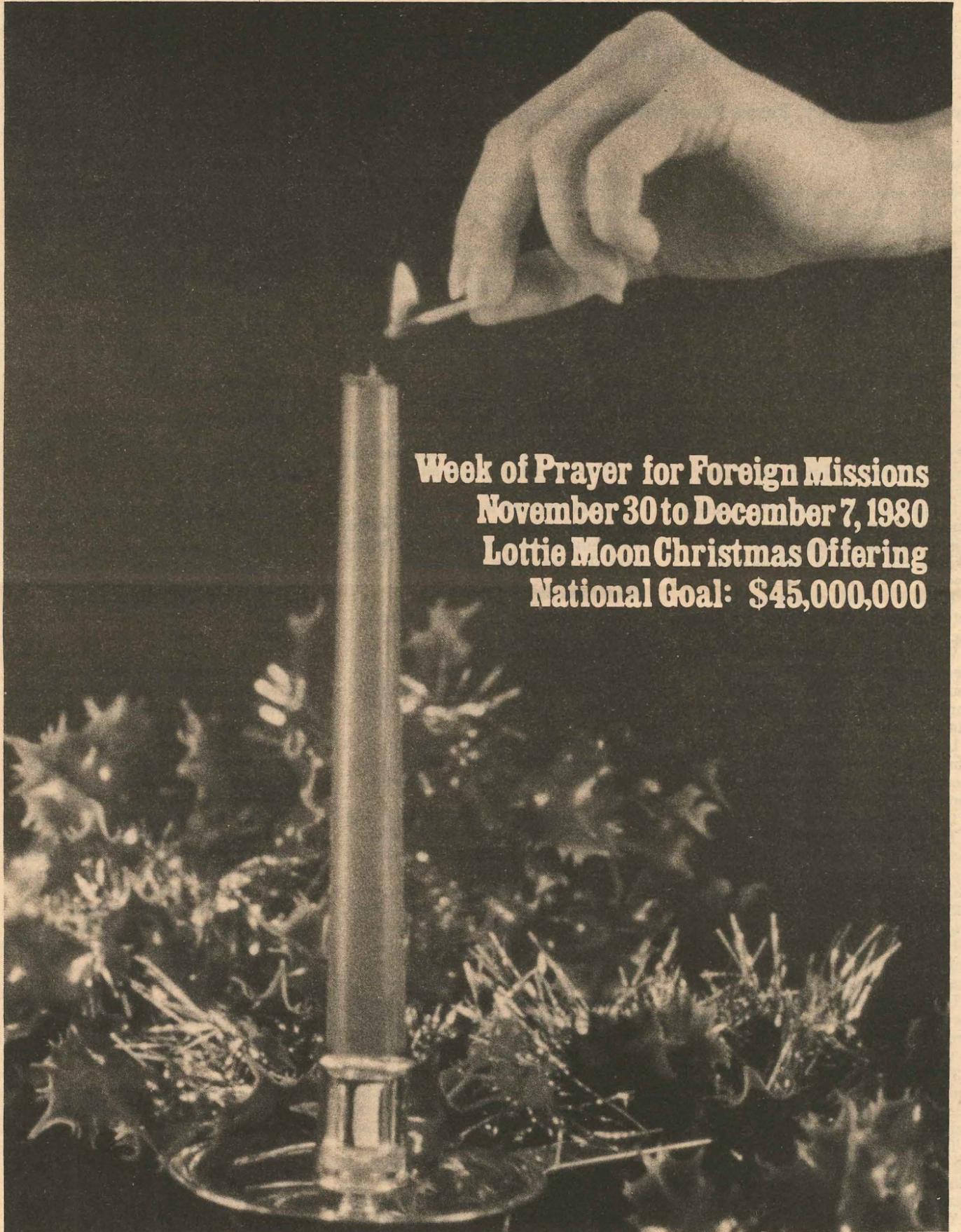
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# MY WORLD



**Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
November 30 to December 7, 1980  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
National Goal: \$45,000,000**

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# WORLD MY LIFE



A candle can mean so many things to so many people—especially during the Christmas season. To one person a candle is warmth. To another it is wonder. But to all it is light.

A group of Kentuckians has recently finalized its commitment to serve as foreign missionaries. During the upcoming Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions let us pause to reflect on these who will spread the "light" around the world representing Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptists.

Six Kentucky couples were among 36 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14 at New Bridge Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.



Rev. and Mrs. Van D. Thompson will work in Malawi where he will be general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is a student at Southern Seminary and she is a medical transcriptionist at Baptist Hospital East, both in Louisville. They are members of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Born in Salt Lick, Ky., Thompson grew up in Mt. Sterling and Owingsville, Ky. He received the BA degree from Campbellsville College and will receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in December. He is pastor of Mt. Roberts Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

Mrs. Thompson, the former Mary Hancock, was born in McLean County, Ky., and grew up in Calhoun. She received the BA degree from Campbellsville College where she was a media technician.



Rev. and Mrs. Victor S. Lyons will

serve in Chile. He will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

Lyons is pastor of First Baptist Church, Eaton, Ind. Mrs. Lyons is a preschool teacher at Vine Street Baptist Church, Louisville. They are students at Southern Seminary where he will receive the MDiv degree in December.

Lyons, a native of Galax, Va., received the BA degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va. Mrs. Lyons, the former Lucinda Shelton, was born in Montevideo, Uruguay. Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Shelton, are missionaries to Uruguay. She received the BS degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. F. Alvin Lindholm will live and work in Yemen where he will do maintenance and she will be a church and home worker.

He is a construction worker for J & B Construction Co., Mountain View, Calif. They are members of Gracemont Baptist Church, Albany, Calif., where he has been minister of religious education.

Lindholm, a native of San Luis Obispo, Calif., received the BS degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He attended Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley.

Mrs. Lindholm, the former Edna Hughes of Cadiz, Ky., was a summer missionary in Indiana, Colorado and Georgia. She was also a missionary journeyman in Ethiopia under the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Lindholm received the BA and MA degrees from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and attended Golden Gate Seminary.

The Lindholms have one son, Christopher Hughes.

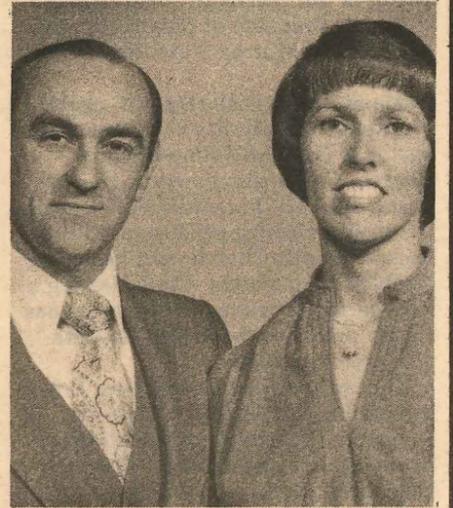
Rev. and Mrs. H. Houston Greenhaw Jr. will work in South Brazil as missionary associates. He will teach seminary and she will be a church and home worker.

Greenhaw is a language arts teacher for the Jefferson County (Ky.) Board of Education where Mrs. Greenhaw is a choral music teacher. They are members of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, where she is children's choir coordinator and church pianist.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Curtis will work in Japan. He will be an accountant and she will be a church and home worker.

Before entering Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, last summer he was an accountant and she taught school in Victoria, Tex.



Mrs. Greenhaw, the former Charlotte Hallock, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Hallock, missionaries to Brazil. She was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Greenhaw was born in Oklahoma City, Okla.

He received the BS and she received the BA and MM degrees from University of Oklahoma, Norman. He also received the MA degree from Cambridge (England) University and MDiv degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. In December he expects to receive the PhD degree from Southern Seminary.

The Greenhaws have two daughters, Charla Denise, 12, and Heather Lynne, 9.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Baker will work as missionaries in Spain. While there he will be business manager and she will be a church and home worker.

Before entering Southern Seminary last summer Baker was assistant manager of First National Bank, Louisville. They are members of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Baker, former Phyllis Smith, was born in Louisville and grew up in Breckinridge County, Ky. She received the AA degree from Elizabethtown (Ky.) Community College and the BA degree from University of Kentucky, Lexington. A native of Kinsley, Kan., Baker attended Jefferson Community College, Louisville, and received the BS degree from Indiana University. He served in the U. S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Ft. Knox, Ky.

The Bakers have two sons, David Allen, 5, and Paul Andrew, 4.

Mrs. Curtis, the former Marilyn Haas, was born in Louisville, Ky., but lived in Victoria while growing up. She received the BS degree from the University of Texas and the MEd degree from Southwest Texas State.

Born in Beeville, Tex., Curtis also grew up in Victoria. He received the BBA degree from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. He also attended Victoria College and University of Texas at Austin.

These six families will go to Pine Mountain, Ga. in January for a 12-week orientation before leaving for their mission fields.

During this Christmas season, let this candle remind us of the millions whose lives are touched by Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. Let it remind us of the Light which came to free our souls. Let it remind us to let our light shine before men. My World. My Life. My Witness.

And may you find the joy of light this Christmas as you share in foreign missions by praying, giving and going.



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# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

**Blackford honors Wilbur Collins**  
Wilbur Collins was recently honored by Blackford Baptist Church, Webster County, for his 50th year in the ministry. Collins has been a lifelong resident of Kentucky and served other churches in the area before becoming pastor of the Blackford congregation. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Murray State University.

**Oakland Avenue calls Duncan again**  
Marion T. Duncan has been called as pastor of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, where he was pastor 1955-65. In recent years Duncan has been in Hopkinsville as pastor of Second Baptist Church until becoming disabled from a heart attack. During a long period of gradual recovery he has supply preached in various Hopkinsville area churches.

Duncan attended Georgetown College and is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary. He and his wife, Naomi, have three sons.

He began his second Catlettsburg ministry Nov. 2.

**DeFoor, Owens speak at Ga. conference**  
Robert DeFoor, pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, will appear at the

Georgia Baptist pastors' conference during its annual meeting Nov. 12.

DeFoor is former pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta. J. J. Owens, professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary, will also be on the pastors' conference program.

**O'Neal joins Owensboro staff**  
Stephen J. O'Neal became minister of music and youth at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, Oct. 13.

O'Neal is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He went to Owensboro from First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. Carson Bevil is pastor.

**Hunters join Mission Service Corps**  
Harry C. Hunter Jr. resigned as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Henderson, effective Sept. 30. Hunter became pastor of Zion in April 1977.

He and his wife Charlotte have been commissioned by the Home Mission Board and Zion Church as Mission Service Corps volunteers.

They will be involved in continuous witness, Tell witness and lay evangelism training through the Home Mission Board.

**Gano Ave. calls Charles Maille**  
Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, has called Charles Maille as minister of music and youth.

## Congregations

**Bethany Baptist joins SBC ranks**  
Bethany Baptist Mission, a mission of Columbia Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, was constituted into a Southern Baptist church Sunday, Oct. 19.

James E. Casey Jr. and Michael C. Watts brought messages at the service. Pastor James D. Kinser was presented with the deed to the property.

**Henry County asks SBC participation**  
In their annual associational meeting Henry County Baptists adopted resolutions pertaining to Christian citizenship and participation in the Southern Baptist Convention process.

The resolution on citizenship called upon all Christians to take seriously the task of voting after careful consideration of all issues and candidates. It also expressed misgivings about organizations such as Moral Majority for their seeming partisanship, open endorsement of political candidates and seeming one-sidedness on issues.

Further, the resolution expressed a preference for the approach of a Christian Citizenship Corps sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Another resolution called upon Henry County Baptist churches to elect and send a full quota of messengers to the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Los Angeles. The resolution encouraged elected messengers to attend and fully participate in the business of the convention. It also encouraged consideration of all business matters to the full limit of their spiritual, mental and emotional capabilities.

**Lone Pine starts new programs**  
Lone Pine Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, has adopted its first church budget, started a Church Training program and decided to give systematically to associational missions and the Cooperative Program.

Since Mike Caudill assumed the pastorate June 20 there have been five baptisms.

The church has also built a parsonage at minimum cost since members did most of the work.

**Hopkinsville Second growing strong**  
Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, reports significant progress over the last year.

According to pastor John Christian, "Sunday school attendance is up 100 over last year, Church Training is up 50, tithes and offerings were more than \$5000 above a year ago, additions to the church have more than doubled and attendance on Wednesday nights is overflowing."

**Enterprise holds annual meeting**  
Approximately 200 people from five eastern Kentucky counties gathered at Paintsville First Baptist Church Oct. 13 for Enterprise Association's annual meeting.

Dean Pack, pastor of Prestonsburg First Baptist Church, moderated the meeting. Hobert Reynolds, pastor of Inez First Baptist Church, delivered the annual sermon.

KBC president John Dunaway brought the evening message. He challenged messengers by saying, "If God's people get their hearts and their

hands together . . ." then the church can catch a vision and begin the task of reaching the world with the gospel of Christ.

**Hindman rebuilds church facilities**  
The foundation of the Hindman Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, Sunday school building is nearing completion.

When finished, a large assembly room will serve as a place of worship until the auditorium can be built.

About 18 months ago the church lost its building by fire. While rebuilding it has met at Knott County Central.



**Pastor Jack Hatfield presided at 200th anniversary celebration ceremonies of Providence Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.**

**Highview leads in study courses**  
Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, led Kentucky Baptist churches in the number of study course awards earned in 1979-80 with 270.

For the year a record annual growth rate of 24 percent was established in the denomination's system of 400 courses and 25 diplomas for training church leaders and members. A total of 377,066 awards was earned in 1979-80.

**Stanton holds week-long festivities**  
Oct. 12 annual Homecoming Day was observed at Stanton (Ky.) Baptist Church. Festivities included preaching, singing, eating and fellowship.

The church began a week of revival meetings Oct. 13 with Joe Stephenson, its new pastor, preaching. Randy Bratcher, minister of music at Lancaster (Ky.) Baptist Church, led the music.

Sunday school attendance almost doubled on Old Fashion Day Sunday morning, Oct. 19. Several commitments were made including 13 rededications, 11 for baptism and two coming on transfer of letter.

**Mercer Association adopts resolution**  
Mercer Association adopted in their annual meeting a resolution requesting "the officials of Western Recorder to make a more concentrated effort to report the news activities and events in an unbiased manner, and make every effort to present each side of the issues, while allowing Southern Baptists to draw their own conclusions as to the meaning of such events."

The resolution also expressed a desire for Western Recorder to be "a spiritual instrument to unify Southern Baptists, be a prime example of the expression of Christian love and serve



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Ray Tayloe [r], 90-year-old member of New Hope Baptist Church, is pictured with Little Bethel Association moderator Cloys Bruce at the annual meeting in Dawson Springs Baptist Church. Tayloe has attended most of the annual meetings since 1920.

more as the thermometer of the biblical purpose and prospective of Southern Baptists as a whole."

### Revivals

**Jay Brown leads Forest Hill revival**  
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Pike Association, welcomed Jay Brown as evangelist in its recent revival.

There were five decisions for baptism, 12 rededications, and one man accepted God's call to preach.

**Rock Bridge held October revival**  
Rock Bridge Baptist Church, Monroe Association, recorded four professions of faith and three additions for baptism at its Oct. 5-13 revival.

Henry Smith was evangelist.  
Clyde England Jr. is pastor.

**Five decisions at Big Spring**  
Big Spring Baptist Church, Allen Association, held revival services Oct.

5-12. The church recorded two professions of faith, two additions for baptism and one by letter.

Claude Watts Jr. is pastor.  
Carline Spears was evangelist.

**Eight saved at Charity revival**  
James E. Casey Jr. was evangelist at the Charity Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, revival.

Revival services ended Oct. 19 and Charity reported eight professions of faith.

**14 decisions at Willow Grove revival**  
Willow Grove Baptist Church, Danville, held its fall revival meetings Oct. 6-12.

Fourteen decisions were made; nine were professions of faith. The evangelist was Richard Easternling, pastor of Frenchburg Baptist Church.

Jerry Browning is pastor.

**Holland holds revival, anniversary**  
Holland Baptist Church held revival services Oct. 3-12. This Allen Association

church reported one addition by letter.

Holland Baptist also observed its 57th anniversary Oct. 26. Former pastors spoke and special singing was provided by the Thomas Quartet and the Holland All Stars.

**Clarkson holds lay witness weekend**  
Clarkson Baptist Church, Grayson County Association, held a lay witness weekend Oct. 17-19. A group of eight lay people from the North Carolina Baptist Lay Witness Foundation led the revival.

During Saturday visitation 22 people accepted Christ and 10 made commitments. Another person joined the church by baptism and one by letter.

Julian Lanning of Fletcher, N. C. was coordinator.

Jim Carpenter is pastor.

### Missions

**Sinclair helps Guatemalan people**  
Charles A. Collins, Southern Baptist missionary to Guatemala, recently reported on the ministry of Hobson Sinclair, a Bowling Green dentist, Sinclair, a member of the University of

Kentucky faculty, spent eight days with Collins in Guatemala. As several towns and rural villages were visited, 365 persons were treated with dental problems and over 600 decayed teeth were extracted.

Dr. and Mrs. Sinclair formerly were dentists in Hong Kong under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. For health reasons they had to leave the mission field. However, Sinclair has continued missionary service as a volunteer dentist. While on the mission field he pays all of his expenses.

**Miss McCoy leads Marrowbone Center**  
Pamela R. McCoy was among 87 missions workers recently commissioned for service by the Home Mission Board. She is a former head resident and professor at at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

During the ceremonies held at First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga., Miss McCoy was appointed through the HMB Christian social ministries department. She will serve as director of Marrowbone Baptist Center, Hellier, Ky.

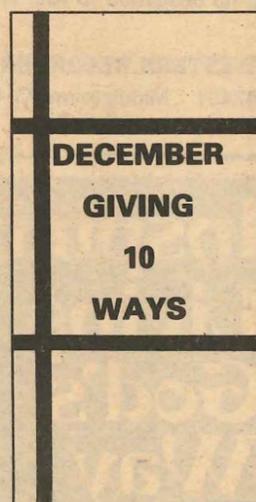
Miss McCoy is a graduate of Cumberland College and New Orleans Seminary.

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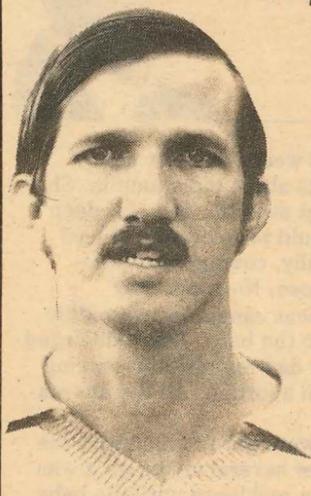
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## LIFE AND WORK SERIES

## PUTTING PERSONS BEFORE TRADITIONS

**Luke 6:1-11** To the commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," the Pharisees added 39 burdensome requirements. One reason for the bitter opposition which Christ encountered was his disregard of the silly regulations of the Pharisees, such as forbidding tying or loosening a knot, writing two letters of the alphabet, reaping, threshing and preparing food for consumption.

One sabbath Christ and his disciples were walking through a field of grain. The hungry disciples began to pluck the heads of grain, rub them out and eat them, which was permissible. The critical Pharisees saw this as an opportunity to make a point against Christ, whom they held responsible for what the disciples were doing. Their attempt to get at Christ through his disciples is another example of the indirect approach which cowardly people often use to injure someone whom they would not dare to face personally. These hypocritical Pharisees sought to make it appear that plucking, shelling and masticating the grain were equivalent to reaping, threshing and grinding. Christ brushed aside all of their traditions and expressed his approval of his disciples.

On another sabbath Christ entered a synagogue and there observed a man whose hand was withered and useless. While our Lord looked upon this afflicted man with divine compassion, the scribes and Pharisees watched hopefully to see if he would heal the man, thereby making himself liable for arrest. They were seeking to ensnare to his destruction one who had never done anything except good. Seemingly it had not dawned upon them that one of the worst ways in which to desecrate the sabbath was by malicious designs. These critics saw the afflicted man as an object to be used to trap Christ, rather than as a person to be loved and helped.

In response to the calm command of Jesus, "Stretch forth thy hand," the man was healed.

## INTERNATIONAL SERIES

## GOD'S COVENANT AND THE NEW ISRAEL

**1 Peter 2:4-10** Peter spoke of Christ as "a living stone." As such he was chosen of God but rejected by men. All the qualities which constitute preciousness are in Christ in a degree of excellence that even love cannot exaggerate. Christ is incomparably, immeasurably and inconceivably precious to believers.

Peter reminded God's children they had been lifted to an exalted position. All of us whom Christ has saved are "priests" and are allowed to share in the continuing work of the Lord by offering ourselves in loving obedience to him and in loving service to our fellowmen. As members of the priesthood we come into God's presence, bringing our gratitude, praises and worship. All of us who enjoy this wonderful position and this blessed privilege of a direct access into the presence of God should show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Since God is seeking worshipers, workers and witnesses who through enabling grace will live, speak and act in such a way as to be a blessing to others. Let us praise and honor him to the utmost of our ability as long as we live.

All who are in Christ Jesus are in the royal priesthood. The functions of the royal priesthood are sacrifice, intercession and benediction. Under the law material sacrifices were required, but under grace the only sacrifices required are those which proceed from a regenerate heart and which testify to the gratitude and devotion of an emancipated spirit. We are challenged to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, because of what he has done for us, of what he desires to do in us and of what he wants to do through us.



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Wm. E. Amos, Director

Ky. Baptist Board of Child Care

She was only 16 and found out she was pregnant. Several weeks of sheer agony were spent trying to muster the courage to tell her parents about the situation. She was especially afraid of what her dad would say and might even do. Quietly, deep inside, lived a deeper fear she carried all alone. What would people think of her? Would her parents ever trust and respect her again? Finally, courage was summoned, parents told, and as she had feared it all broke loose. Now, not only carrying the reality of an unmarried pregnancy, she also was caught in the middle of family tensions about what should happen to her and to the baby. One side urged her to keep the baby and somehow make it work out. Her dad raged about making the boy marry her. Others talked about adoption and even abortion. All the alternatives were swirling around in her head.

Finally she and her family with help from their pastor were put in touch with the Board of Child Care Maternity Services in Louisville. After several meetings it was mutually decided for her to come and live at the maternity residence until the baby was born and she could make her decisions.

This is how it goes so many times. The best gift Kentucky Baptists have to offer is the most important one. We have the gift of a neutral living situation in the maternity residence where the girl can make her own decisions without living each day in the midst of all the pressures which can pull at her at home. It is a time for family, especially parents, to sort out their own feelings about what has happened. Sometimes, these months are the most redemptive times many families have ever known.

At this season of Thanksgiving Offering, it is good to be reminded of the many facets of the child care ministry which add to the uniqueness of what we as Kentucky Baptists do through this agency.

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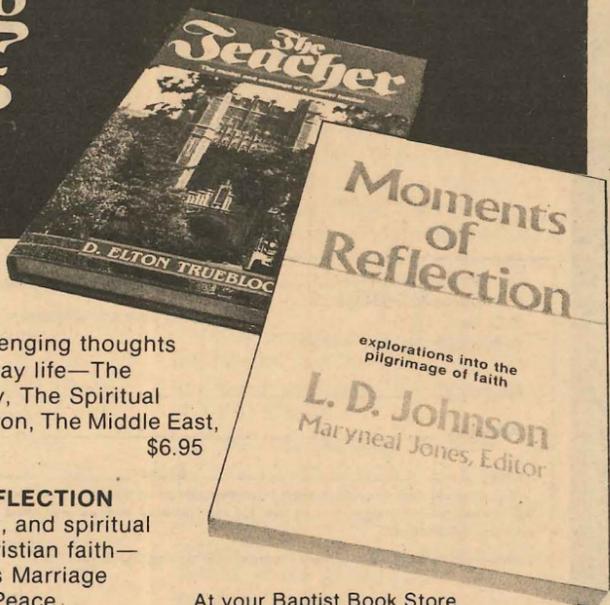
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## Clear Creek Comments

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I am very proud of the record of our alumni and often reflect on the exposure they receive here to the multifaceted program of our convention. Let me share some information they receive.

First of all, since we are located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, our students often serve as student pastors of the churches within driving distance of the campus. When they arrive, we teach them about the unique characteristics of mountain churches. Since they come from many different backgrounds I feel this training is necessary to an effective ministry.

During their tenure at Clear Creek school they take classes in Sunday school organization, Church Training, WMU and Brotherhood work. These organizations are vital to the program of Southern Baptist churches and our students catch the vision of the contribution to a worldwide missions program.

Theology and Bible courses are required and I feel we have some of the best qualified faculty members to be found anywhere.

At Clear Creek we also have a solid program in religious education and music. Since we offer a degree in church music we are preparing personnel for service in this important ministry.

We do not stop with classroom instruction. The students receive inservice guidance throughout their student days. They preach, teach Sunday school classes, work in Church Training, lead visitation programs and conduct music training all over this region. In addition, they are in a hospital chaplaincy program, visit rest home facilities, conduct street preaching services and visit the nearby jails with the gospel of Christ.

As you can see we are extremely busy here and our days are filled with many challenges.

There is one final part of the Clear Creek Baptist School experience I'd like to tell you about. That's the chapel programs conducted here twice each week. Local pastors and denominational leaders are frequent speakers. When you are in the area why not try to join us for chapel. I am sure you will enjoy it.

For more information write to me and I'll send a chapel schedule to you. My address is D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

## Oneida Journal

### A man called G. L.

Barkley Moore, President  
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My uncle was always called "G.L." Every day he attended school he walked up Mt. Moriah which is the name our founder gave the hill on which Oneida Baptist Institute stands. Uncle G.L. started in Oneida's primer class (today we serve grades 6-12) and volunteered for the U. S. Army at the close of his junior year in 1943 in the darkest days of World War II. He left home that morning telling grandmother only that he was going to the county seat. She never saw him again. Taken that very day for basic, he was sent immediately to the fighting in Italy after his training, and from there to France where he was killed on Jan. 11, 1945 "while advancing with his unit against the enemy."

Though only three-and-one-half years old I remember vividly my grandfather coming with the telegram from the war department, and the outburst of grief as my mother and a great aunt received the news. I remember the picture which came some months later showing his grave in France, my grandmother weeping when G.L.'s General Patton was killed that fall. Then the steel coffin covered by the American flag came home from France in 1947 to be buried in our family cemetery on Goose Creek where four generations now lie awaiting a trumpet blast.

Thirty-five years ago this week, the week of Armistice Day, grandfather went to Ft. Knox to receive the bronze star awarded posthumously to Uncle G.L. for heroism in action nine months before his death at Anzio.

Saul Houchell, then Oneida's president, wrote in the Mountaineer at that time: "G.L. was one of the best students and finest young men ever to attend Oneida . . . after seven months of the terrible fighting in Italy, when our school year was beginning in July, 1944, G.L. wrote: 'I want to offer a prize this year of \$15 to the high school student that tries the hardest . . . Boys and girls need to study and work hard . . . I may be returning before long, and I may not, but that isn't a matter of importance. My duty is to make it possible for some to come back home to a peaceful country, in a peaceful world, whether I am among them or not.'"

One more letter came from G.L. before ours to him began to come back. It was written in November from a general hospital, a long, quiet, brave letter, just a few sentences of which follow: "The Mountaineer you sent me is about worn out now, because I am still carrying it and have read it through many times. I am so glad to know the school is going well . . . and feel proud and honored that something I said was considered worthy of being read in the chapel . . . I like so much the tribute you paid Captain Alex Bishop '36, who gave his life in Normandy . . . My wound has healed rapidly. I expect to be back with my men in a couple of weeks."

Uncle G.L. has lived in the memory of his schoolmates, his teachers, his family these 35 years. For all of these years, 20 years in Marvin Hall Chapel, presently in my office, has hung a plaque honoring his sacrifice and that of eight other Oneida boys who gave their lives in World War II: Alex Bishop, Johnnie Burns, George Campbell, J. B. King, Fieldian Napier, Hubert K. Ross, Hubert Spurlock and Shelby Treadway who died at Pearl Harbor.

Oneida and America can well be proud and grateful for these, forever young, heroes and God help us if we forget the sacrifice of blood made on foreign fields.

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### NOVEMBER

- 16-19 Foreign Mission Study
- 17-21 January Bible Study Preview. 7 to 9 p.m.
  - 17—Paducah, Baptist Tabernacle Church
  - 18—Madisonville, First Baptist Church
  - 19—Lexington, Grayson Baptist Church
  - 20—Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
  - 21—Florence, Florence Baptist Church
- 23 Child Care Day. Materials for observing from Board of Child Care, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown 40243

### Looking ahead

- 30- Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
- 12/7 Theme: "My World, My Life, My Witness." Program and promotional materials available from Kentucky WMU state office

### Planning ahead

#### DECEMBER

- 7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday school
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Student Day at Christmas

#### JANUARY

- 5-9 Bible Study Week
- 11 Soul Winning Commitment Day
- 11 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church
- 12 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Lexington, Central Baptist Church
- 19 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Owensboro, Hall Street Baptist Church
- 20 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church
- 23-24 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore
- 25 Baptist Men's Day
- 26 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Mayfield, Northside Baptist Church
- 27 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church
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## Frank Owen

### Come before winter



Paul was in prison at Rome, under sentence of death. He had had one preliminary hearing before Nero, and was waiting a second appearance, from which we assume he met a prompt death. It was the Fall of the year, perhaps near our Thanksgiving season.

Timothy was at Ephesus, where he had succeeded Paul, whom he greatly loved, and to whom he was more deeply indebted than to any other human being. Between them lay the Italian peninsula, the Adriatic Sea, the land of Greece, the Aegean Sea, not to mention prison bars, many perils and hardships, in the slow travel of the ancient world.

The lonely Apostle urges Timothy to "Do your best to come to me soon." (2 Tim. 4:9 RSV) There is great pathos in Paul's observation that the Roman Christians who might have turned the tide in his first hearing before the Emperor had deserted him. "At my first defense no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them!" (2 Tim. 4:16 RSV).

Paul needs to see Timothy. He needs to have the fellowship of one who loves him. He wants his cloak—the prison must have been cold—his books—the parchments. His appeal for Timothy's companionship reaches its peak, though, as Paul says, "Do thy diligence to come before winter" (2 Tim. 4:21 KJV). He knew that Timothy could not make the long voyage unless he started soon, winter would set in, and with Paul's trial going badly, he wouldn't be apt to be around after winter passed.

The little expression is a reminder of the urgency of gratitude. Here we are at the Thanksgiving Season, a time to be thankful to God, to friends, and for all of the good things of life. Perhaps more than any other things, expressions of gratitude, both to God and to man, get carelessly postponed.

This is an effort to remind us all to "Come before winter," as we approach the Thanksgiving season, and to delay our sense of gratitude no longer.

In a way, Christian profession, in itself, is an expression of gratitude to God in Jesus Christ, the source of all of our needs. If you have not made such profession, don't wait too long. "Do thy diligence to come before winter."

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