

## We gather together

The harvest has come and the crops are in. It is time to stop and give thanks for all God has given us. [BSSB photo by David Haygood]

## Daley endangered species? The 'hit list' is drawn, says Nashvillian Bill Sherman

Some denominational employes could lose their jobs if "inerrantists" are successful in their goal to take over the Southern Baptist Convention says Nashville pastor Bill Sherman.

Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, told about 150 persons, mostly pastors, attending an informal meeting during the Tennessee Baptist Convention's annual session they had no danger of losing their jobs, but denominational employes could be forced out. He specifically noted the Southern Baptist Journal, newspaper of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, had stated state Baptist newspaper editors were "the most dangerous enemies" of their takeover of the convention.

Sherman, who was chairman of the SBC committee on boards at the 1980 convention, said he fears the present committee on boards will try to replace trustees of SBC institutions who will be up for reelection to their traditional second terms at Los Angeles in June. If that occurred for just two or three years a group from an adamant single theological position could control the boards of trust for all SBC agencies and institutions.

Sherman, instrumental in forming an informal coalition of moderates to counter the announced intent of the "inerrantists" to take over the SBC, said there are two events by which to judge the crisis the denomination faces: the dumping of "mid-termers" by the current committee on boards; and the 1981 committee on committee's attempt to stack the 1981 committee on boards with those of only one theological position.

Doug Watterson of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, said for the first time in Southern Baptist life, some are saying, "If you do not agree with my position, you cannot serve on our boards, work for our denominational agencies or teach in our seminaries."

He added, "You can trust (Paul) Pressler and (Paige) Patterson to do exactly what they say. They're going to remove and to replace the leadership of our convention."

## Louisvillians urge attendance at L. A. to prevent SBC takeover

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A group of concerned Baptist ministers in Louisville has banded together to challenge the threat of a published takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention by a group of announced ultraconservatives.

Following two meetings of Louisville area ministers, four were selected to coordinate efforts to "get messengers from cooperating churches to the convention in Los Angeles June 9-11, 1981."

Stating "the distance is great but the cause is right," about 225 Kentucky Baptist pastors have received a letter from the group urging involvement. It was signed by T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church; Edwin F. Perry, pastor emeritus of Broadway Baptist Church; and C. Carman Sharp, pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church.

McSwain, Perry and Sharp have already addressed other pastors' groups in northern Kentucky, Lexington and Owensboro. They say they are available to speak wherever invited.

A fourth Louisville pastor, J. Altus Newell of St. Matthews Baptist Church, volunteered to coordinate efforts among alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "My purpose is to insure a greater representation of seminary graduates at the convention in Los Angeles," said Newell. Working through the alumni office, Newell is hoping the school will have a larger opportunity to share its side of the inerrancy matter with convention messengers.

The 225 recipients of the recent mailing were spe-

cifically selected, according to Sharp, because of their strategic locations and indications of their sympathy with the concerned pastors' group. They were asked to return a postal card enclosed with the letter specifying three things: the number of messengers they will work toward getting to Los Angeles, the number of pastors they will contact in their area and if they would like to be kept informed of the movement's progress in the future.

The letter, mailed earlier this month, suggests "no better expenditure of funds could be made at this time than helping messengers attend this convention" (in Los Angeles). "Unless the takeover movement is stopped, the Cooperative Program and all its supports could be in jeopardy," it continues.

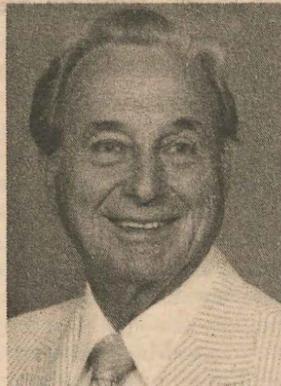
Identifying the announced takeover plan led by Houston judge Paul Pressler and Dallas educator Paige Patterson, the letter warns, "They have made some frightening progress and unless cooperating Southern Baptists rise up and say ENOUGH, they just might succeed."

Questioned about "politicizing," Perry summed up his position by stating, "If somebody deliberately sets fire to your house, you're not considered an arsonist by putting it out, are you?"

Sharp said the ministers were operating without sponsorship or organization. "We represent nobody but ourselves," he said. "We are Baptists who love our denomination and who want to see the work the Lord has so richly blessed continue."



McSwain



Perry



Sharp



Newell

## Off the wall 10 Commandment law void

by Stan Hastey, Baptist Press

Kentucky's law requiring the posting of the 10 Commandments in the state's public schools was struck down Nov. 17 by the U. S. Supreme Court, despite the fact oral arguments in the case were not heard.

The 5-4 decision reversed two Kentucky courts which had upheld the controversial 1978 statute calling for the display of a copy of the decalogue in every public school classroom.

In its unsigned four-page ruling the nation's high court held the Kentucky law violated the First Amendment's no establishment of religion clause because its purpose was religious, not secular.

The fact the Kentucky law required private funding for the plaques did not save it from violating the Constitution, the high court continued. "The mere posting of the copies under the auspices of the legislature provides the 'official support of the state . . . government' that the establishment clause prohibits."

Two of the dissenters from the decision, chief

justice Warren E. Burger and Harry A. Blackmun, objected on technical legal grounds saying the high court should have heard arguments before announcing a decision.

Two others, Potter Stewart and William H. Rehnquist, objected to the decision itself.

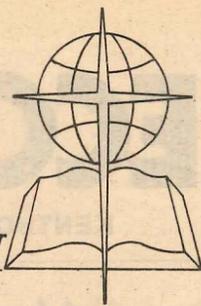
During the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last June messengers were asked by the resolutions committee to approve a statement expressing approval of a plan to make the Kentucky practice nationwide. The proposed resolution was disallowed when messengers unanimously disqualified the Louisville woman (Claudia Riner) who presented the resolution. The disqualification action came after the convention's credentials committee held Claudia and Tom Riner were "not in friendly cooperation or sympathetic with the purposes" of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Riner, a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, has led the organization which fought for the Kentucky law and has urged adoption of similar statutes by other states.

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

### 10 Commandments never belonged in public schools

The action of the United States Supreme Court ruling unconstitutional the 1978 Kentucky law calling for posting the 10 commandments in public school classrooms will be decried by champions of this project as anti-God and anti-religious. This is far from so! Actually, the decision helps safeguard the religious rights of all Americans and is a boost to voluntary religion which is the only kind worth having or defending.

The following paragraphs are part of an editorial in the Feb. 21, 1979 issue of Western Recorder. They are still appropriate:

I oppose the posting of the 10 commandments in public classrooms but not because I do not strongly approve this great moral code nor because I do not favor every fair and legal way to improve the moral conditions in public schools. I oppose this because of my strong convictions concerning separation of church and state. I simply don't believe public schools provided partly by taxes collected by law from atheists and other non-Christians as well as Christians should be used to promote the Christian religion. I believe this responsibility was given by God to churches and to homes.

I realize this project is not financed by state funds except those involved in the services of the state department of education in this project. The sponsors of House Bill 156 were smart enough to know this could not be done constitutionally but when this scripture passage goes on classroom walls it surely puts the state in the role of sponsoring religion.

I am aware of the claim that America was founded on biblical principles including the 10 commandments and therefore such use of scripture in public schoolrooms is appropriate. It is true that Christian principles and the Bible inspired many of our founding fathers and the Judeo-Christian ethic was written into many civil documents. I am glad for this and I have profited by it.

However, the same founding fathers demanded that the state stay out of promoting or hindering religion and meant to guarantee this by adding the first amendment to the constitution. This amendment has consistently been interpreted by the courts as prohibiting the sponsorship of religion by the state. On this basis prayer and Bible reading in public schools were declared unconstitutional.

For this reason House Bill 156 is now in a court suit to determine its constitutionality. It is true that the first court order which prohibited the state department of education from implementing this legislation did not prohibit efforts

to raise funds for this project. But it seems very questionable to conduct a fund raising campaign to buy 10 commandment plaques until they are declared legal by the courts. Should this law be declared unconstitutional and these plaques have to come down and end up gathering dust on closet shelves, what will fund raising enthusiasts say to sincere people who were led to sacrifice in order to buy these plaques? The nation and Kentucky have survived so far without the 10 commandments on schoolroom walls. They probably would survive until this litigation is settled.

Apart from the church-state separation principle a sense of fair play makes this project highly questionable. Fair minded Christians who post their scripture passage on public classroom walls would be morally bound to defend the right of all other religious groups to post their sacred writings on the same walls. This would include the humanist creed of atheists which declares there is no God and Moslems who claim the true God is Allah. Public classrooms in Kentucky do not have many children of non-Christian religions but there are some and they have their rights. Baptists of all people have stood for equal treatment of all religious persuasions. Think of the absurdity of having a half a dozen different religious writings, some contradicting each other, on classroom walls.

Baptists fled England and the continent in the 17th century because one religion was favored over others by the state and they came to America determined to found a nation where no religion was sponsored by civil government. When the Massachusetts Bay Colony government gave preferential treatment to Congregationalism, Baptists fled to Rhode Island and ultimately to Virginia and the Carolinas. When Virginia made the Episcopal church the state religion Baptists objected and moved to Kentucky. Now some Baptists in Kentucky want to use state financed schools to sponsor religion in the form of the 10 commandments. How quickly we forget when we become the majority.

### Thanksgiving and hallowed recollections

Reunion with loved ones, trampling fields and woods behind faithful bird dogs, a crackling fire in an open fireplace, a table laden with quail, wild turkey, venison and other delectables, happy conversation with old friends, restful sleep in an unheated room—these are among my recollections of childhood Thanksgiving observances. They are gone forever but they still warm my heart every November.

My childhood home was located in a paradise for hunters and fishermen. Quail in season were more common on our breakfast table than bacon. The breakfast buffet in heaven will have to include quail with gravy, grits, corn hoe cakes, baked sweet potatoes, homemade blackberry jelly and ribbon cane syrup.

For many years I didn't know the taste of

turkey from a store but we feasted on many wild ones from the nearby swamps. Outwitting a wild turkey is an incomparable thrill and the taste is beyond compare with a pen raised gobbler.

My father was widely known for having the best bird dogs and being the best marksman around. His closest friends were outdoors loving preachers most of whom had been pastors of our little church and some of whom returned every fall to visit and to hunt. Childhood experiences with preachers taught me they were humans who enjoyed life and this helped me in my struggle with God's call to the ministry later in life.

Mother and daddy are now gone. So are most of their preacher friends but memories of those happy days will bless me as long as I live.

Christine and I plan to spend Thanksgiving this year at the old homeplace. Returning will be like a pilgrimage to a holy place. There will be a fire in the same old fireplace and we'll sleep in the same unheated room but most everything else will be different. About the only vestige from childhood days will be gathering the annual supply of nuts from pecan trees planted long before my birth.

It's understandable that of all our national holidays, Thanksgiving is my favorite. Somehow it has escaped the commercialism and other abuse which have befallen other holidays. It speaks of family, friends, home and other of God's blessings. Let's keep it that way.

### Kitty West was one of God's choicest

The family of Baptists in the Louisville area was shocked and deeply hurt by the unexpected and sudden death of Kitty West, the beloved mate of Allen West, executive director of Long Run Baptist Association. Only week before last she appeared to be in robust health as she participated with Allen in many activities associated with the annual state convention in Bowling Green.

Allen and Kitty enjoyed a beautiful life together. They met in a Louisville Baptist church during Allen's seminary days and their marriage and devotion to one another have inspired many others. Kitty had a radiant personality of her own but her devotion to Allen and her presence at his side led others to regard her as a preacher's perfect wife.

Several weeks ago during the annual meeting of the Long Run Baptist Association Allen and Kitty were honored upon the announcement of his forthcoming retirement. Many friends and fellow workers expressed appreciation for Allen but none without recognizing Kitty's contribution to his ministry.

Kitty's life will continue to bless all of us who knew her and the loneliness of Allen will be somewhat overcome with happy memories. This includes being at her side when she died. These memories and the countless prayers of his fellow Baptists will see Allen through victoriously.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Jesters to Texas school

Former missionary David L. Jester has been named president of Wayland Baptist College effective Jan. 1, 1981.

Jester, 50, succeeds Roy McClung who retired after 17 years to become president of the Wayland Foundation, development arm of the Southern Baptist college.

Jester is currently director of the graduate program at Georgetown College.

He was born in Africa, of missionary parents, and later spent 10 years in Africa on assignment with the Foreign Mission Board. He has been president of the Niger Baptist College in Nigeria and was founder and president of the school of basic studies of Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria.

Jester earned the BA degree from Georgetown, MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and MEA and EdD degrees from Columbia University.

Jester's wife, Marie, is dean of women at Georgetown. They have three daughters.

## Smith: A nose for news?

Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has asked for a meeting with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in the wake of renewed controversy over his remarks concerning the Jews.

The latest episode of the furor erupted with national news reports of remarks Smith made in a sermon to his 14,000-member congregation Aug. 31 in which he said Jews have "funny looking noses."

Smith told Baptist Press he has written Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, and has been told he will meet with Jewish leaders.

"In my letter, I told Mr. Perlmutter I desired a meeting," Smith said. "I also told him, 'I deeply regret any hurt which has come to you or your people because of remarks credited to me.'"

Smith added, "I am determined to do everything I can to convince the Jewish people that I love them."

Perlmutter, contacted Nov. 18, said he has not received Smith's letter, but "will read it and if it is suggestive of utility and constructive gain, of course we will meet with him."

The first incident in the controversy came in mid-September with reports of comments Smith made in a sermon at the National Affairs Briefing, a religious-political rally in Dallas. At the rally, held in August, Smith said God does not hear the prayers of Jews.

Smith was accused of anti-Semitism in the furor which followed publication of the remarks.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., told the congregation in the broadcast sermon Aug. 31, on God's Special People and Special Places:

"There are some people with whom God works more intimately than others. Why, you say? Why did he choose the Jews? I don't know why he chose the Jews."

"I think they've got funny looking noses myself. I don't know why he chose the Jews. That's God's business. Amen."

Smith explained, "It was an eight word aside. I should not have made it, but I love humor and teasing. It is unfortunate my teasing nature has made people see me as something I am not . . . has painted a picture of me that simply is not true."

Smith reiterated he is not anti-Semitic. "There is no preacher in America today who is more pro-Israel than Bailey Smith," he said.

## Mexican crusade begun

A crusade involving 43 of the 46 churches in Mexico City launched a two-year evangelism program Nov. 2-9 with more than 1000 professions of faith reported in early stages.

Through Nov. 7 some 1026 people had accepted Christ as savior. Crusade officials estimate the final figure will be at least 1500.

Thirty-two evangelists from Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico and California, plus five choirs with 157 members from the United States, assisted Mexican evangelists in the Baptist program of urban evangelization for Mexico City.

## Mrs. G. Allen West dies

Mrs. Catherine B. "Kitty" West, 66, wife of G. Allen West Jr., executive director, Long Run Baptist Association, died Monday, Nov. 17, at Baptist Hospital East, Louisville.

She was a native of Perryville and a member of Highlands Baptist Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Coy Dillard, Atlanta; a son, George West III, Nashville; five brothers; a sister and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. A memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 20, at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashville.

The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Lottie Moon love offering or world hunger at the Foreign Mission Board or Long Run Association.

## Carolynians seek 350

An estimated 6000 moderate messengers will be needed at the 1981 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles to protect denominational institutions from fundamentalist takeover, a group of pastors was told in Columbia, S. C.

About 55 South Carolina pastors met at St. Andrews Baptist Church on the eve of the annual meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention to discuss threats to the unity of Southern Baptists and to the denomination's "continuing

cooperative missions commitment."

The South Carolinians will attempt to recruit 350 messengers committed to preventing censorship in the institutions.

David Matthews, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, and one of the organizers of the meeting said no future meetings are scheduled because "we are making conscious moves to avoid becoming a group. We are not a theological or doctrinal group . . . we are just mainstream Southern Baptists trying to encourage people to support the convention."

## Computer users to Texas

The ninth annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association will be held Mar. 17-18, 1981 in Dallas, Tex. For further information contact: Eddie M. Ashmore, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280 (Phone: 502/897-4106).

## HMB calls WMJ editor

Jim Newton, editor of the Brotherhood Commission's World Mission Journal since 1973, has been named news editor of the Home Mission Board effective Dec. 8.

Newton, 44, also will be chief of the Atlanta bureau of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist news service. He was assistant director of Baptist Press at the central office in Nashville, 1965-73. He was press representative for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1959-65.

## New student center in Murray will expand BSU image

Students at Murray State University soon will have only a short walk to the new Baptist Student Center when the \$617,000 facility located near the main dormitory complex opens in January.

The center, to house the campus Baptist Student Union (BSU), was purposely located on a lot at the corner of Waldrop and Chestnut Streets near the dormitories to give students easy access to it. Interim BSU director Ruth Gray said the total cost includes \$42,000 donated by Murray's First Baptist Church to buy the lot.

The long-awaited center, planned for several years, was authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1978. It will be the newest BSU center on any state campus when its doors are opened to students in January. An open house

is tentatively scheduled to coincide with the start of the spring semester. The exact date will be announced later, Miss Gray said.

In addition to being more convenient than the present center at 108 N. 15th St., the building is much more spacious. Its 14,000 square feet include a 65-by-40 foot assembly hall with redwood paneling and beams, skylights and suspended light fixtures; a large lounge with a fireplace, two classrooms, library, a residence on the ground floor for the director and a multipurpose room with cooking facilities.

Miss Gray, a 1979 Murray State graduate who was named acting director when Richard Poe was accepted for foreign mission service in Chile, said the kitchen facilities will enable an ex-

panded fellowship ministry. Dinners for international students on campus are planned, she said.

"The kitchen in the old center is very small. We hope to have numerous fellowship spaghetti and pizza dinners and to have special events for the internationals on campus," said Miss Gray.

The old center, located on the south end of the campus, is to be sold. A permanent director for the BSU is expected to be named by the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention early next year.

Paducah architect Bob Seay of LPS Associates Inc. designed the center with a contemporary style. Crouch Construction Co. of Mayfield is contractor.



# Chautauqua time

*Life: An asset of age*



Photos and essay by David Haywood

More than 850 senior adults participating in a chautauqua this fall at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center lived up to the saying on a conference room poster, "Age is just a state of mind."

The lively group of adults over 60 did everything but sit back in the rocking chairs and watch the week go by.

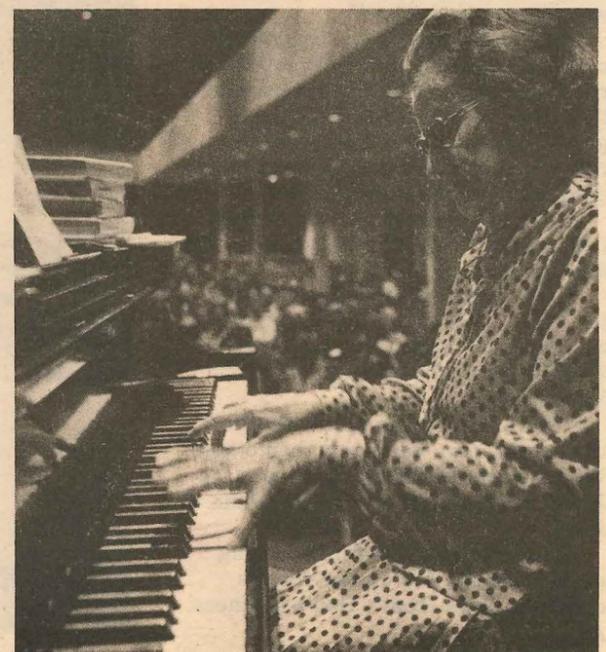
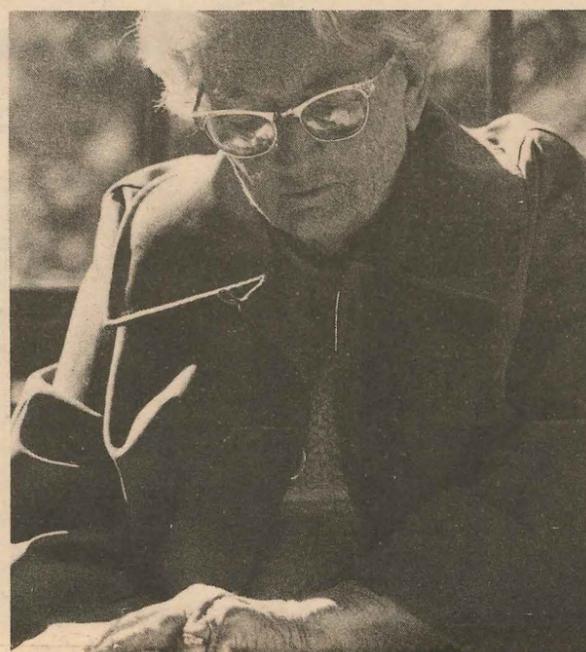
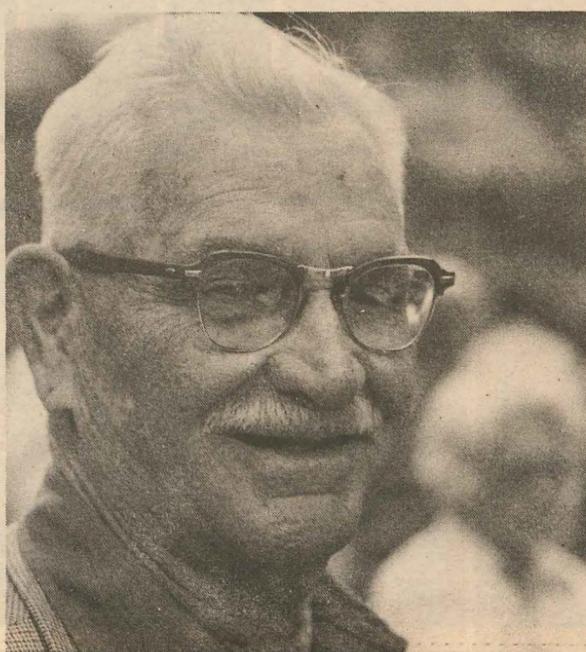
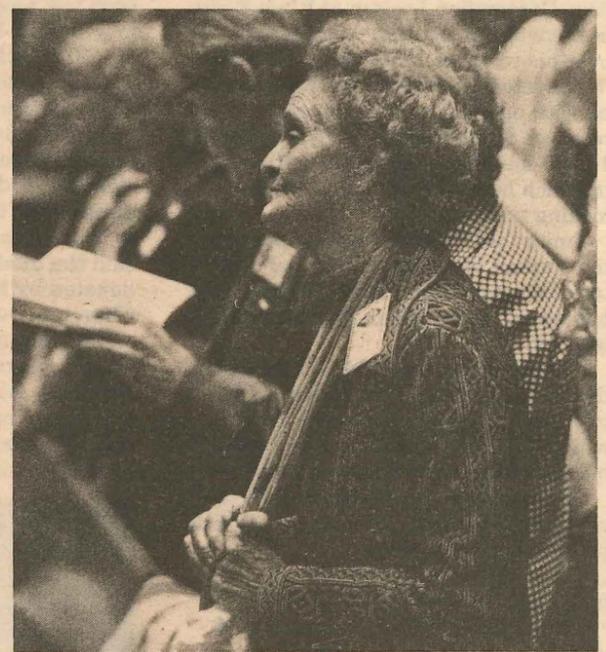
Each day began with morning watch at 7 a.m. followed by Bible study and conferences. Groups toured many of the area attractions in the afternoons. Each evening concluded with a worship service.

A quiet joy was evident among the group, a feeling of getting the most out of each day and every event—from eating bananas to participating in worship, from reading the Bible to playing the piano, from helping a friend to just smiling at life.

Chautauqua is a generic term for adult education and originated with a program established in 1874 on Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

The first senior adult chautauqua was held at Ridgecrest in 1972 with about 400 attending. This fall five were held at Ridgecrest and three at Glorieta, N. M., with more than 6100 participating.

The conferences are sponsored by the senior adult ministry section of the Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department.





# State conventions

## *It's obvious . . . moderates have the upper hand*

### **\$13 million S. C. budget jumps to \$14.5 million**

South Carolina Baptists, meeting for their 160th annual meeting, elected Lonnie H. Shull Jr. president and approved a record Cooperative Program budget.

Shull, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, succeeds John E. Roberts, editor of Baptist Courier, journal of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He was second vice president.

Messengers approved a 1981 Cooperative Program budget of \$14.5 million, an increase of \$1.5 million over 1980. It consists of a \$12 million basic budget with a \$2.5 million challenge portion. The basic budget increases the Southern Baptist Convention share to 35.75 percent, up a half percent.

In other actions the 1894 messengers:

— Approved the continuation for another year of its rice bowl collections for funds for world hunger relief. Total contributions for 1980 are \$910,443 from South Carolina Baptists alone.

— Heard a report naming a search committee to secure a successor to A. Harold Cole, executive secretary-treasurer, who will take early retirement Feb. 28, 1982. Chairman is Kirk Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sumter.

— Passed a resolution on unity which reaffirmed convention confidence in the Bible and world missions and urged avoiding division and efforts that might "sidetrack the convention for bold biblical missions."

The 1981 convention will meet in Charleston Nov. 15-16.

### **Tennessee quite serious about Bold Mission Thrust**

Tennessee Baptists lowered their shoulder to the Bold Mission Thrust boulder by entering a sister convention relationship with Michigan Baptists, joining Upper Volta in a three-year \$500,000 hunger relief commitment and increasing their offerings to world missions through the national Cooperative Program.

Three convention officials left during the meeting for the Michigan Baptist convention in Marquette to relay the action of Tennessee Baptist churches and associations to join their Michigan counterparts in an effort to expand Southern Baptist work in Michigan.

The Upper Volta hunger project was previously recommended by a hunger committee and was unanimously approved in Johnson City. In addition to the money about 150 volunteer doctors, nurses, agriculturalists, agronomists, carpenters, literacy workers and soil conservationists will go for short-term projects in that drought and hunger stricken African nation.

Over 1500 messengers at the 106th annual session adopted a \$16.3 million budget which includes a \$2 million challenge portion. Both portions will send 35.5 percent for world mission causes through the national Cooperative Program, an increase of one-half percent over last year. John David Laida, pastor

of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, won a first ballot election for president.

Primary debate was on a motion tabled last year to change program statements to allow Tennessee's three Baptist colleges to institute graduate programs. Belmont College in Nashville was the only school interested in offering a graduate degree. An anonymous donor offered \$100,000 per year for five years if the school would offer a master's degree in business administration.

Belmont president Herbert C. Gabhart told messengers such a program would provide trained business managers for Southern Baptist churches, missions and denominational activities. He said it would not polarize the three schools or require additional Cooperative Program support.

Messengers defeated the move approximately 9 to 1 on a standing vote.

A motion referred to the constitution and bylaws committee would require Tennessee convention officers to be active members of churches which give at least 10 percent of their budget through the Cooperative Program, the unified budget that supports Southern Baptist missions and education efforts both state and worldwide.

The motion came as a reaction to the election at the last two Southern Baptist Conventions of presidents whose churches give considerably less than 10 percent to the Cooperative Program. The proposal, if supported by the constitution and bylaws committee, must be read and approved at two consecutive conventions. It could not become effective until 1982.

The 1981 meeting of the state convention will be Nov. 10-12 at Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville.

In a related action the Tennessee Baptist executive board elected Miss Osta Underwood as president. The Nashville lawyer becomes the first woman to hold the position.

### **Retiring E. Harmon Moore lauded by Indiana Baptists**

Messengers came to the 22nd annual meeting of Southern Baptists in Indiana to conduct business and praise their retiring executive director, E. Harmon Moore.

They did both, but tears, praise and joy took far more time than business.

Messengers came in a mood of celebration and praise as they recounted what God had done for Indiana Baptists through Moore and his wife, Margaret, since he came to Indiana as chief executive of the newly formed state convention 22 years ago.

Following an appreciation banquet the state convention presented a 1981 automobile to Moore and a color television set to Margaret Moore.

In business sessions the messengers adopted a record budget of \$1,885,120, an increase of about a quarter million dollars over the previous year. Of the budget 31.5 percent will be shared with the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program, the same percentage as last year.

Frank Worthington, pastor of the

host church, Ross Baptist, Gary, was elected president. The 1981 annual meeting was set in Sunnycrest Baptist Church, Muncie, Nov. 3-5.

### **Silver anniversary occurs in Colorado, dignity noted**

Messengers to the 25th annual session of the Colorado Baptist General Convention called for the respect of individual dignity and responsibility in matters of politics, theology, personal and social views in a resolution.

Messengers also approved a \$1,965,000 budget, adopted a new constitution and bylaws and celebrated their silver anniversary.

The resolution on individual dignity was one of five adopted by the 335 messengers registered from Colorado's Southern Baptist churches during the session at Central Baptist Church, Aurora.

The resolution did not mention any specific groups or individuals but noted certain evangelical Christians have attracted widespread media attention.

Statements accepted by the public as speaking on behalf of all evangelicals, or for large blocs of Christians, or even for individuals, "serve to undermine traditional Baptist principles regarding the responsibility and dignity of the individual believers . . ."

Messengers also called for prayer for the 13.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention prior to and during its 1981 annual meeting June 9-11 in Los Angeles.

Tom Satterwhite, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Ft. Collins, was re-elected president.

Employees of the state convention were voted a 12 percent cost of living salary increase.

A nostalgic silver anniversary presentation was made by current executive director-treasurer Glen E. Braswell and former executive secretary Willis J. Ray, the only two men to occupy the top staff post.

The 1981 meeting will be Nov. 10-12 in Circle Drive Baptist Church, Colorado Springs.

### **Mississippians to merge two Baptist colleges**

After more than an hour of energetic debate messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to merge Clarke College with Mississippi College.

The merger, proposed by Clarke trustees, was approved after a substitute motion was defeated which would have left the Baptist junior college at Newton in the hands of present trustees and required movement toward senior college status.

Clarke has suffered enrollment declines in recent years as well as a depletion of funds.

In other business, the record 1442 messengers elected Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, president on the first ballot. They adopted a \$12.6 million budget with 33.5 percent to go to worldwide causes

through the national Cooperative Program. That is an increase of one-half percent over last year.

The 1981 Mississippi Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 9-11 at Jackson's First Baptist Church as it traditionally does.

### **Virginians: 'No' to Bailey, creedalism, qualifying test**

Virginia Baptists by a narrow margin failed to make the Cooperative Program the test for qualification of messengers to the annual meetings.

A large majority of the messengers to the Baptist General Association of Virginia annual meeting favored establishing Cooperative Program giving as the method by which messengers would be qualified but failed by 15 votes to reach the two-thirds majority necessary to change the constitution.

In other action messengers approved a stinging denunciation of "creeping creedalism" and efforts to substitute uniformity of statement for the Great Commission.

They also voted to hold contributions to the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg in escrow until the hospital implements action requested by the association in its 1978 annual meeting regarding abortions performed at the facility.

Messengers also disavowed themselves from highly publicized statements by Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, that God does not hear the prayers of a Jew. Virginia Baptists noted Smith does not speak for them and God hears the prayer of every person.

In the proposal to qualify messengers by Cooperative Program contributions the committee to revise the bylaws recommended the more general language of the constitution be changed to more specific language, spelling out contributions to the association must be through the Cooperative Program.

By a 928 to 322 vote messengers raised the dollar ratio of giving required to qualify messengers, spelling out more missions money must be given to reach the maximum number of messengers.

Messengers adopted a resolution offered by Ray Allen pastor of Blackburg (Va.) Baptist Church, which pointed out Baptists "have always stood against creedalism to the point some of our forebears went to jail not very far from this place . . ."

It said "the rising danger of creeping creedalism" threatens the "most precious Baptist distinctive, soul liberty under the lordship of Jesus Christ," and resolves to "resist any effort to make uniformity of statement a substitute for commitment to the Great Commission task of mission and ministry."

Allen's resolution reaffirmed loyalty to the authority of the scriptures and the autonomy of local Baptists, and stated "opposition to any who would attempt to determine how our brothers will state their faith."

Further, the resolution calls on the Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards to follow the "open process"

# at Baptist state conventions just about everywhere

of requesting suggestions from state leaders about potential nominees.

Marvin Suitt, pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church, Lynchburg, offered a substitute resolution identical with one passed in the 1980 SBC annual meeting in St. Louis which exhorted trustees to preserve the doctrinal integrity of institutions and appoint only persons who believe in the inerrant and infallible scripture.

The substitute was defeated and messengers overwhelmingly adopted Allen's resolution.

Messengers adopted an \$11 million state budget, up from \$9,250,000 for the current year. It is split into three phases. In phases one and two, it is divided 62-38 percent between state causes and the worldwide SBC Cooperative Program. The third phase, the challenge budget, is divided 50-50. The percentages are the same as last year.

Messengers elected Norman Gillum, a hardware dealer in Crozet, president and set the 1981 annual meeting Nov. 10-11 in Charlottesville.

## Inerrancy wasn't named in Louisiana but was there

In a meeting most messengers said more resembled an evangelism conference messengers to the Louisiana Baptist Convention approved a record \$12.6 million 1981 budget and pledged to greater missionary support.

They reelected president John Sullivan to a traditional second term, approved 11 resolutions, refused to make Louisiana College a permanent meeting place and seated the first messengers from all black churches.

The spirit of the convention was set by a Bible study beginning each session and led by five past Southern Baptist Convention presidents, all with Louisiana ties. The presidents were J. D. Grey, Carl E. Bates, H. H. Hobbs, Ramsey Pollard and Jaroy Weber.

The studies were laced with humor and strong exhortations for a quieting of the inerrancy controversy. Although the term "inerrancy" was never used, messengers had little doubt about the issue being addressed.

The budget allocates \$4 million, or 33.33 percent, for Southern Baptist causes outside Louisiana. The amount has doubled in the past four years, putting Louisiana on schedule to double the amount forwarded to SBC causes between 1977 and 1982, a Bold Mission Thrust goal. The SBC portion is one-third percent increase over last year.

The messengers approved Louisiana College as site for their Nov. 9-11 meeting.

The seating of messengers from two all black Baptist churches occurred without fanfare or opposition. The two churches had already been accepted by Gulf Coast Association.

## No arguments in Florida; soon to give SBC 50%

Messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention avoided controversy at the 119th annual session of Florida's larg-

est Protestant denomination.

Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, "clipped the wings of controversy" in an address to the pastors' conference on the eve of the meeting.

"Jackson set the mood of the convention when he exhorted Florida Baptists to concentrate on missions and evangelism and the challenges of Bold Mission Thrust" one participant said.

"He told us we could not do the job if we waste time arguing amongst ourselves," he added.

Not a controversial resolution was introduced. Messengers approved resolutions in support of legislation to exempt missionaries from newly imposed income tax provisions, applauded Florida Baptist efforts during the Korea evangelistic crusade last spring and called for prayer for president-elect Ronald Reagan.

The 2000 messengers from more than 1600 churches of the Florida Baptist Convention also adopted a record \$12.8 million Cooperative Program budget. The budget provides for 48 percent to national and worldwide causes through the SBC, the same percentage as in the 1980 budget. However, Florida contributions to SBC causes are expected to be an estimated \$500,000 higher in the 1981 budget because messengers adopted a provision which will share contributions above the basic budget with the worldwide program. Messengers voted to increase the percentage of giving to 50-50 by 1985.

They elected Alton Butler, pastor of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, as president, and named Babb H. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Immakolee, chairman of the state board of missions, which functions as an executive committee between conventions.

The 1981 meeting of the convention will be Nov. 9-11 in Orlando.

## Editor, president upheld by big margins in N. C.

Messengers to the 150th anniversary session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina overwhelmingly approved the work of the state Baptist newspaper and resoundingly reelected their president.

Both the newspaper, Biblical Recorder, and the president, Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, have been criticized by conservative elements in the state.

Two resolutions concerning Biblical Recorder were introduced. One, by J. Steve Sells, pastor of First Baptist Church, Stanfield, asked that the paper "be used as an inspirational, unity-building, love-projecting publication rather than a biased tool for degrading character."

The other, by Alfred T. Ayscue, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, supported the newspaper and editor Marse Grant.

The resolutions committee rejected Sells' resolution and reported Ayscue's.

In a floor debate Owen Duncan, pastor of Race Path Baptist Church, Ellenboro, moved to substitute Sells' critical resolution for the favorable ac-

tion. Duncan criticized Grant for news stories about SBC presidents Bailey Smith and Adrian Rogers and claimed the newspaper does not present a "balanced viewpoint."

The move to substitute the Sells resolution was defeated by a wide margin.

Ayscue said his resolution has at its heart "a cherished Baptist principle, a free press. It is closely related to our abiding defense of a free pulpit. To stifle the effectiveness of Biblical Recorder through censorship, however well disguised, would be a serious blow to the work of this convention."

A few minutes after debate on the Recorder resolution messengers gave Grant a standing ovation and prolonged applause as he came to the podium to give his report.

For the first time a president was opposed for a second one-year term. Such a term usually is automatic.

However, opposition has developed to Sherman, who has taken the lead in organizing "moderate" pastors to oppose attempts to control denominational institutions by a group committed to the "inerrancy" of the Bible.

Sherman has contended the primary issue confronting the denomination is not doctrinal but control and power.

Sherman defeated M. O. Owens Jr., pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church of Gastonia, a well known conservative leader, on a standing vote estimated at 2-to-1.

The first vice president, Frank R. Campbell of First Baptist Church of Statesville, also faced opposition. Campbell, who has been involved in the moderates' campaign, defeated A. L. McGee of Wilmington for a second term.

In his presidential message on opening night, Sherman dealt with the inerrancy controversy.

"You think all Baptists are like you. I think all Baptists are like I am," he said. "We are surprised when we discover that we are diverse on a number of things. The latest unit of measurement that has been dividing (us) is called biblical inerrancy. (Someone) started measuring me by the theological yardstick of inerrancy. I do not measure up. I do not hold an inerrant view of the Bible . . . ."

"Let me go further. I have never said someone who holds an inerrant view of the Bible should not be on one of our (SBC) boards. But there are some who have said if I do not hold an inerrant view of the Bible I will not be on one of our boards."

Sherman, who claimed "some of us have a high view of the inspiration of the scriptures," asked messengers: "Is the inerrancy question going to become the test of fellowship?"

Messengers approved a joint project with the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists to help increase the number of churches in that state from 100 to 200 in five years. They approved a \$19,250,000 budget with 35 percent of the funds going to the SBC Cooperative Program, an increase of 1.5 percent from last year.

Next year's meeting will be Nov. 2-4 in Greensboro, a joint session with the

predominantly black General Baptist Convention.

## Bailey, OBU, budgets dominate in Oklahoma

Bailey Smith, president of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, declined a second term as head of the Oklahoma Baptist group at its annual meeting.

Smith, pastor of the host church, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, was the center of attention as 1332 messengers gathered for the 75th annual meeting of the Oklahoma Convention.

Smith said earlier in the year he would step down from the BGCO presidency. Election to a second term is not traditional, but exceptional in Oklahoma, contrary to the practice in the SBC where a president generally serves two one-year terms.

Messengers elected Sam Pace, director of associational missions for Comanche-Cotton Association, as president.

Messengers noted a belief in the "inerrant and infallible" scriptures in a resolution which encouraged every church to be involved in a massive statewide scripture distribution plan celebrating the 75th anniversary of the convention.

They also approved a report by the academic affairs committee of Oklahoma Baptist University in response to criticism in the 1979 convention of faculty, teaching, textbooks, doctrinal stands and "moral conditions" on the campus of the Shawnee institution.

The committee brought 12 conclusions and 10 recommendations which have been approved by OBU trustees and cited lack of communication between OBU faculty members and the churches as the primary problem.

On misconduct, it said: "Although from time to time there is conduct on the campus that does not correspond with the Christian ideals of the university, such incidents are exceptional and the generally outstanding moral fiber of our students is the primary reason for a moral climate substantially above society as a whole."

The same man who requested the study, Jerry Sullaway, pastor of Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church, Edmond, made a motion to require the university to hire only Baptists as faculty members. It was defeated by a 2-to-1 vote.

Messengers approved a 1981 budget of \$11.4 million with 56 percent going to Oklahoma causes and 44 percent to worldwide causes through the Southern Baptist Convention. The percentage reflects a half-percent increase to the SBC Cooperative Program, as Oklahoma Baptists progress toward a goal of a 50-50 split by 1985.

Also, messengers were told the churches recorded 25,714 baptisms in 1980, an increase of 4180 over 1979.

The 1981 convention will be Nov. 10-12 at Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa.

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Congregations

**Woodlawn Baptist reports growth**  
Sept. 21, 1980 Woodlawn Baptist Church held its annual homecoming and observed a note burning ceremony. The church property is valued at \$267,500.

In addition this year the church has installed a new amplifier and speaker system, air conditioned the educational building and purchased a new church van.

When W. A. Clutts became pastor in 1965 the church consisted of 340 members with a weekly average income of \$185. At the close of the fiscal year September 1980 there were 746 mem-

bers with average weekly income of \$1055.96.

During recent revival services 21 new members were added. Earl Burnside, Circleville, Oh., was evangelist.

**Highland receives \$10,000 memorial**  
The sum of \$10,000 was given to Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, recently by the daughters of Mrs. Frances Morse. This money will be invested and held in perpetuity as a memorial to their mother.

The interest from the designated gift will be donated by Highland to help end world hunger.

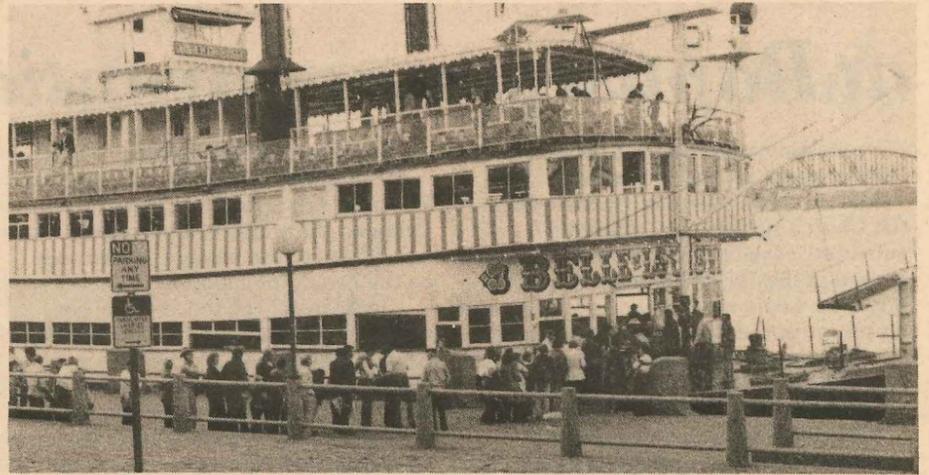
**Mint Springs establishes WMU**  
Mint Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, has organized WMU work.

Oct. 14 Betty Mitchell, associational WMU director, visited the church and directed in setting up the WMU mission work program.

Nine members of Mint Springs were present, including Mrs. James Oates, WMU director.

Russell Joiner is pastor.

**Blue Grass Mission becomes church**  
Blue Grass Baptist Mission of First Baptist Church, Hazard, was consti-



People waited to board the Belle of Louisville during the Long Run Baptist Association's small church trip. Due to the large turn out last year, Long Run offered two trips this year. Approximately 785 people attended the Sept. 3 trip, while 474 attended Oct. 22.

tuted into a church Sunday, Oct. 26, 1980.

Herbert Haynes, mission pastor, was called to pastor the newly organized church which had been a mission for over 20 years.

J. S. Bell, Three Forks Baptist Association director of missions, preached the sermon for the service of organization.

**Dawson celebrates 75 years**  
Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. This celebration, which coincided with annual homecoming, included a message by former pastor Jack Sanford and a historical pageant written by Kenneth Foster. The pageant depicted significant moments of the church's history.

Also, an offering of \$6825 was dedicated on the site of the future church building.

Joe M. Thomas is pastor.

**New Clear Springs Church debt free**  
Clear Springs Baptist Church, Russell County Association, dedicated its new church debt free on Sunday, Oct. 5. Cleveland Johnson is pastor.

**Morehead FBC starts mission**  
Morehead First Baptist Church, Bracken Association, has begun a mission Sunday school at the Treatment Center for Girls now located in the old Pine Crest Children's Home.

Nine church members are designated staff and others are helping in a volunteer capacity.

R. D. Baker is pastor.

## Revivals

**Oak Grove holds fall revival**  
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Fairdale, held a fall revival Oct. 26-Nov. 1. Alden

Puckett was evangelist. The church reported three saved, 20 rededications and one by letter.

**Gamaliel holds Oct. 5-13 revival**  
Gamaliel Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services Oct. 5-13. One profession of faith was recorded along with one addition for baptism and two by letter.

Raymond Jones was evangelist. Jerry Anderson is pastor.

**White Mills sets S. S. record**  
A Sunday school attendance record was set Oct. 19 at White Mills Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, as 126 persons were present.

This occurred on the last Sunday of a revival with Verlin C. Kruschwitz preaching. Many decisions were made during the week-long revival.

**Monroe holds Oct. 12-20 revival**  
Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services Oct. 12-20. The church reported three professions of faith with two additions for baptism. Baptism was held Sunday, Oct. 26.

**Mill Creek records six decisions**  
At a recent revival at Mill Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association, six decisions were made.

The church reported one profession of faith, two additions for baptism and three by letter.

Baptismal services were held Sunday, Oct. 26.

Bill Enoch was evangelist. Amon Martin is pastor.

**Sherman, Brewer lead at Dry Ridge**  
Dry Ridge (Ky.) Baptist Church reported a revival resulting in over 40 decisions.

Jack Sherman Jr. was evangelist and Rick Brewer led the music. Phil Majors is pastor.

**Shawney Run runs up 35 decisions**  
Shawney Run Baptist Church, Burgin, reported a revival in which 35 decisions were made. For the fourth year in a row the Jack Sherman evangelistic team led the revival.

Richard Lowe is pastor.

**James Stertz leads London revival**  
James G. Stertz led the London (Ky.) First Baptist Church revival recently. Recorded were four professions of faith, one transfer of letter and five recom-

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J. William Jones is pastor.

**Friendship reports five decisions**  
Friendship Baptist Church, Russell County Association, reported the results of its revival. There were four professions and one rededication.  
Noel Dodson was evangelist.  
Lloyd Williamson is pastor.

**Greenview holds Oct. 19-26 revival**  
Greenview Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, held revival Oct. 19-26. The church reported two professions of faith, three transfers by letter and one rededication.

Pastor Ira McMillen led the revival and Mike Gregory led the music.

**Taylor, Harmon led Baldrock revival**  
William Taylor and Robert Harmon served as evangelists during the Baldrock Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, revival.

There was one profession of faith and several rededications.  
Taylor Hampton is pastor.

**Tyre Denney, evangelist at Corinth**  
Tyre Denney was guest evangelist during the Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel Association, revival. Marty Alexander was guest musician while Buford Cox led the singing.

Several decisions were made including three professions of faith and one addition by letter.  
Ben Baird is pastor.

**Friel preaches Burkesville FBC revival**  
Burkesville First Baptist Church, Freedom Association, held revival services Oct. 5-10. Billie Friel was evangelist.  
Jeffrey O. Fryer is pastor.

**78 decisions at South Fariston revival**  
South Fariston Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, recently experienced a revival which lasted two weeks. The revival resulted in 20 professions of faith, four joined by letter, 11 for baptism and 43 rededications.  
Eugene Robinson, pastor of Weeki

Wachee (Fla.) Baptist Church, was evangelist.  
Damon Jones is pastor.

**Roger Williams led Bond revival**  
Bend Baptist Church, Laurel Association, held revival with Roger Williams from Jackson County as evangelist.  
William Boeling is pastor.

### Personnel

**Coldiron leaves FBC, Hodgenville**  
Steve Coldiron, minister of music and education at First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, has resigned. He accepted a similar position with Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

While in Kentucky Coldiron and his wife Jane served as conference leaders for the KBC Sunday School Department. Coldiron was also on the faculty of music week at Cedarmore.

**Larry Baker accepts FBC Clinton call**  
Larry Baker has accepted the call as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton. He began his ministry there Oct. 26.

Baker and his wife Carolyn, both natives of Russellville, have three children, Wade, 9, Sheila, 5, and David, 2.  
He previously served the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Princeton.

**Noel Dodson new at Freedom**  
Noel Dodson is new pastor at Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He had been pastor of Okalona Baptist Church, Pulaski County, from 1969-80.  
Dodson and his wife Della have two children, Lillian and Alan.

**Ft. Thomas calls Alec Drummond**  
Ft. Thomas Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Alec L. Drummond as director of youth.

Drummond, a native of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is a 1976 graduate of Wittenburg University, Springfield, Oh. He teaches special education in the Ft. Thomas school system.  
He and his wife, Leah, now reside in Ft. Thomas.

**Price honored for FMB service**  
Southern Baptist editors and educators meeting to plan future foreign mission studies recently set aside the first night of their annual workshop to honor G. Norman Price. For the last 17 years

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Price has been director of publications for the Foreign Mission Board. He retired Oct. 31.

Price, 68, was born in Benton, Ky., but grew up in Paducah. He attended Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Since June, Price has been a consultant to the board's new Office of Communications.

The Peninsula Off-Campus Center of Boyce Bible School has already announced Price will be visiting professor of missions there. The center is the largest of four off-campus units of the Boyce school, which is a part of Southern Seminary.

**Lynn Dotson goes to Bacon Creek**  
Bacon Creek Baptist Church called Lynn Dotson as pastor. Dotson, a student at Clear Creek School, Pineville, opened his ministry at Bacon Creek in October. He began with a weekend revival using Jack Sherman as evangelist.

**Tom Kirk joins Smith Grove**  
Smith Grove (Ky.) Baptist Church has

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called Tom Kirk as pastor. He was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, while his parents were serving as missionaries.

Kirk graduated from the University of Tennessee and received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. He did graduate studies at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and the University of Erlangen, West Germany.

**Madisonville Second calls Dulaney**  
Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, has called Samuel E. Dulaney as minister of music.

Formerly at Union Hill Baptist Church, Hueytown, Ala., Dulaney attended Samford University. He is married to the former Rebecca Becton, Covington, Ga.

Trueman Davis is pastor.

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## Christian Education

### 200 push Campbellsville

An organizational dinner meeting for a financial campaign for Campbellsville College was held last week at Executive Inn West, Louisville.

About 200 persons attended the dinner which began the college's first financial campaign in Louisville in the history of the school.

The alumni and friends attending the dinner authorized a goal of \$500,000 which will be used to upgrade programs and facilities at the college.

The following agreed to serve in leadership roles: Bert Sparrow, campaign chairman; Charles Westray, associate campaign chairman; Henry Huff, corporate division chairman; Chandler Smith, north area (southern Indiana) and northeast area chairman, and Stephen Horner, southeast and west area chairman.

Ground work for the campaign began in February. It is part of the current diamond jubilee campaign series which marks the college's 75th anniversary of service.

### SEBTS supports Jews

The faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has unanimously adopted a statement of "reaffirmation of our love and support for the Jews."

Although the statement does not mention the current controversy over remarks made by the president of the 13.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, Bailey Smith, it does express concern for the current "manifestations of anti-Semitism" and "deplores its resurgence in our time."

Southeastern's resolution, adopted during a called meeting of the faculty, notes it also is a reaffirmation of "the historic statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in session

in Philadelphia in 1972, in which Baptists are enjoined to follow the Christian attitude and practice of love for Jews, who with all other people 'are equally beloved of God.'"

The resolution was initiated by Thomas A. Bland, professor of Christian ethics and sociology. It was presented by a four-person committee of representatives from the biblical, historical, theological and ministry areas of the faculty.

### Highlands center to open

Highlands Baptist Hospital is developing a health awareness center, according to Bernard Tamme, vice president for operations.

Improving the quality of life and helping those who want to modify their lifestyles is the purpose of the center, according to program director Linda Hankla, RN. "We will teach people how to be at their best of health," Mrs. Hankla said.

A portion of the Kentucky Baptist School of Nursing will be renovated to house the center. The facilities will be completed by February 1981. They will consist of an inside walking track, an exercise room, a teaching-demonstration kitchen, a library-audiovisual room, shower and locker facilities and classroom space.

### Creech gets scholarship

Mark Creech of Pineville was awarded the Harriett Waters Matheney Memorial Scholarship at Midwestern Seminary this fall.

A 1979 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Creech is a second year student at Midwestern enrolled in the MDiv program. He received the BTh degree from Clear Creek and was a member of West Pineville Baptist Church before going to seminary.



Bob C. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, is shown signing a pledge card on behalf of his church for the Georgetown College decade of progress capital campaign. The Lawrenceburg congregation has included Georgetown College in its budget for \$10,000. Also shown at the signing are [l-r] Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College; Jim Highland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville and chairman of the church division of the decade of progress campaign; and Randy Fox, chairman of the board of trustees at Georgetown College.

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**Matthew 9:9** Passing through the official quarter of Capernaum Christ found Matthew, who was a Jew in religion and a publican by profession, at his post at the receipt of custom. Christ's words, "Follow Me," and the look of love in his eyes caused Matthew to know the master was calling him to intimate friendship, to holy fellowship and to sacred employment. Matthew's prompt obedience proved to be the pathway of safety and satisfaction for him.

**Matthew 13:51-52** At the close of a long session of teaching the multitude a series of parables Christ asked his disciples the awesome question: "Have you understood all these things?" To our amazement they unhesitatingly answered in the affirmative. Accepting their reply at face value Christ indicated clearly it was their responsibility to declare unto others God's truth.

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**Luke 7:12-15** As Christ approached Nain a funeral procession emerged from the gate on the way to the cemetery to bury a young man. His departure, which was a reminder that no age is exempt from death, was even more sad because he was the only son whom a widow had ever had. This broken hearted mother wept because

Christ pitied her with an overmastering compassion. No sooner had the feeling of pity arisen within him than he insisted the bereaved mother not weep because he was about to remove the cause of her sorrow. Without any ceremony Christ courageously walked over and touched the bier and said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." To the astonishment of all he sat up and began talking.

**Luke 7:36-39** We are not told the motive which prompted Simon the Pharisee to invite Christ to dine with him. When Christ entered the house the proud and self righteous Pharisee withheld the customary welcome and merely proffered his hand and pointed to the seat which Christ was to occupy at the table. His discourteous attitude was a studied and intentional insult, but Christ refused to be affronted by Simon's incivility.

An unnamed woman, who had been notorious for her life of sin and shame, came uninvited and stationed herself behind Christ and at his feet. Standing behind Christ's extended feet she gave vent to her feelings of thankfulness and joy for what he had done for her by shedding copious tears which moistened his feet. For lack of a towel, she unloosed her hair and wiped away the tears from his feet and then smothered them with repeated kisses, as an expression of her gratitude and love for him. She then opened her flask of precious ointment and emptied its fragrant contents upon his feet. Real love for Christ always manifests itself in deeds.



## Ministering to the children of the 80's



Wm. E. Amos, Director

Ky. Baptist Board of Child Care

At the convention for Kentucky Baptists in Bowling Green last week a most significant thing happened. Probably not many people paid attention to it—probably did not realize how significant it was. When Eldred Taylor was making the report for our agency, he brought a recommendation to the convention regarding the size of our board. Presently, we have 20 members. Taylor was asking the convention to up this to 21, and to have that additional member named from the Women's Advisory Board.

This group of women, about 40 in number, come from all over the state of Kentucky. They have been and are the backbone of communication for our program. It is their job to communicate with child care representatives in each church in their area to keep them informed as to regular ongoing needs at Spring Meadows, Glen Dale and other parts of the program. In addition, they have assumed some rather large tasks for child care. The biggest is the putting together the bicentennial scholarship quilt. Beginning in 1976 they sought to duplicate an idea with a quilt undertaken in 1881-82. The bicentennial quilt was finished in 1978 and is a beautiful masterpiece of tapestry and needlework. In addition they raised over \$45,000, which has been placed in permanent endowment, with the proceeds being used each year for scholarships for our young people who have graduated while living with us. What a marvelous gift.

For the last two years these women have raised funds and staffed a booth at the Kentucky State Fair. The list could go on and on. Their commitment to the work of child care is incredible.

For years they have had a non-voting representative on our board. Now with the action of the KBC in Bowling Green they officially will have a voting member.

This women and what they do is one of God's really good gifts to this world. They love the Lord; they love children and are not afraid to tackle big jobs. I am delighted with this formal addition to our board.

# Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President  
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## Radio ministry

The radio ministry of Clear Creek had a small beginning, from a broadcast over one local radio station to three programs heard on 63 stations in 15 states.

When the idea for a radio ministry was conceived few people believed it would reach hundreds of thousands of listeners in so short a time. The Lord's hand has surely been on this unusual outreach and I'd like to tell you more about it.

After a relatively unnoticed beginning on Middlesboro's WMIK we wanted to gradually expand our ministry and slowly began to add equipment necessary to produce a quality taped program. Broadcasting a live program limits the outreach and early in the planning stages it was decided to reproduce the program on tape.

We consulted with the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention who designed and built a tape recording and distribution center on our campus.

In those days of the early 1960's we had only one program, Clear Creek Chimes, a 15 minute devotional broadcast which featured familiar gospel hymns and a brief message. The format has generally remained the same and Chimes continues to be our most popular program.

In the early 1970's a second program, Clear Creek Country, was added. It consisted of country gospel music and comments by the host of the program. A little later we added the Sunday school lesson which was written and taught by one of the professors here at Clear Creek. Today H. C. Chiles is the teacher and this program is distinctive since the lesson comments are also distributed to almost 200 newspapers in 17 states.

These radio programs have had a tremendous response from our listeners and many stations have carried them since those early days.

Our programs are unique in that we appeal for no funds. The production and distribution of Clear Creek Chimes, Clear Creek Country and the Sunday School Lesson is a ministry and our sole purpose is to tell the story of Christ.

If you want to know more about our unusual radio ministry write to me, D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977, and I'll send you some descriptive material.

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

NOVEMBER

30-12/7 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

### Looking ahead

DECEMBER

- 7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday school
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Student Day at Christmas. Materials available from Student Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention

### Planning ahead

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
- 30-31 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore

FEBRUARY

- 1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 2-3 "Growing a Loving Church" Seminar. Lexington, Elkhorn Associational Office
- 8 Race Relations Sunday

# Oneida Journal



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I wrote last week of the death of Phil Erwin and that I was going to Seattle, Wash. for his memorial service. Shortly after my arrival his family handed me a diary they had found in his apartment.

I was particularly intrigued by a section captioned "Oneida and Barkley Moore." After several months of working in maintenance here in 1974, Phil wrote: "I have gotten so much out of this place in so short a time. The people have accepted me right off. I don't think there is any place in the world I can't be accepted as just Phil."

Shortly afterwards Phil accepted the Lord. In an entry dated June 5 he writes, "Everyone walked down to Goose Creek. I was baptized. It was a happy occasion. I've asked Christ to take over my life. Every member here is concerned and have taken a personal interest. I've asked them for their prayers. Afterwards I went with Mr. Shackelford to his house and ate pork, cornbread, spinach and hominy and talked about God and Baptists and Oneida and Barkley and Mr. Shackelford. I love many people here. Left Shackelfords at 1:30 a.m."

As he was leaving Oneida, Phil wrote of things to remember: "Barkley's speech on service. It was about me. He spoke to the student body here and used me and my Peace Corps experience as an example of service to our country and helping others . . . Later found out they really liked it. To hear that little girl in the church group I spoke to about Africa, saying you're a better speaker than Mr. Moore, even tho it isn't true . . . to hear pastor Shackelford say my time here is one of the highlights of his four years at Oneida . . . I feel I have grown here spiritually. Maybe it was God's plan that I not go to Paraguay. Asking God for guidance and forgiveness everyday to grow and grow and grow in all aspects."

In 1978 Phil's oldest brother was killed in a car wreck, as he was to be two years later. He writes: "We buried Riley yesterday. It was a nice memorial service. I had the courage and strength to stand and give a tribute to him. It was a beautiful day."

"Nov. 18 back in Kentucky, went to the old church. I am doing all I can to help a young mountain boy I've met. He can't hear or talk."

Nov. 12, 1980, a large congregation assembled to honor Phil's 29 years of life. It was a triumphant service. Phil and his youngest brother, Tim, both accepted the Lord at Oneida. They led their parents and other family members of Christian Science tradition to a saving knowledge and acceptance of God's eternal grace through Jesus. These two young men served Oneida's young people as volunteers two-and-a-half years.

"Amazing Grace" opened the service, the two surviving brothers paid their spoken tribute, I spoke of Phil's life and the victory won, a cousin sang "It Is Well With My Soul" and the congregation, led by their pastor, sang "Praise God! Praise God!"

Thank you God for sharing Phil.

## Frank Owen



### Reservoirs of pastoral strengths

The pastoral ministries of the church require far more strength and work than one person can have or perform. The whole church needs to share in its pastoral ministries through helpful Christian service and prayer support for each other and the Pastor.

The pastor, himself, needs more than one person's normal reserves of spiritual strength. The bedside ministry to the sick day after day, the death situations, funerals, tragedies, administration among often sensitive people, the spiritual demands of preaching—these all take their toll.

The pastor's reservoirs of strength include the larger congregation. The sometimes unnamed faces of good encouraging listeners who lift his spirit as eye-span makes repeated contact. This broad-based sense of support from the membership generally helps him carry on in other ways as well as in preaching.

There is a huge reservoir of strength also in a minister's inner circle of friends and associates. This includes his staff and office personnel in the larger churches and his family in both large and small congregations. The support of those with whom he most lives and works is very strengthening. Conversely, he is bled weak through the open wounds of his feelings of non-support from his immediate environment.

Above all, the pastor must have inner strength. This resides to great extent in his own self-knowledge as one of integrity, basic honesty and commitment to all that is good. (Sir Launfall's strength "was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure.")

But when all this is exhausted there must be yet a further source beyond oneself. We cannot pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. Inner strength beyond the limits of human beings must ultimately come from God. The Psalmist prayed "Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." (Psalm 10:14)

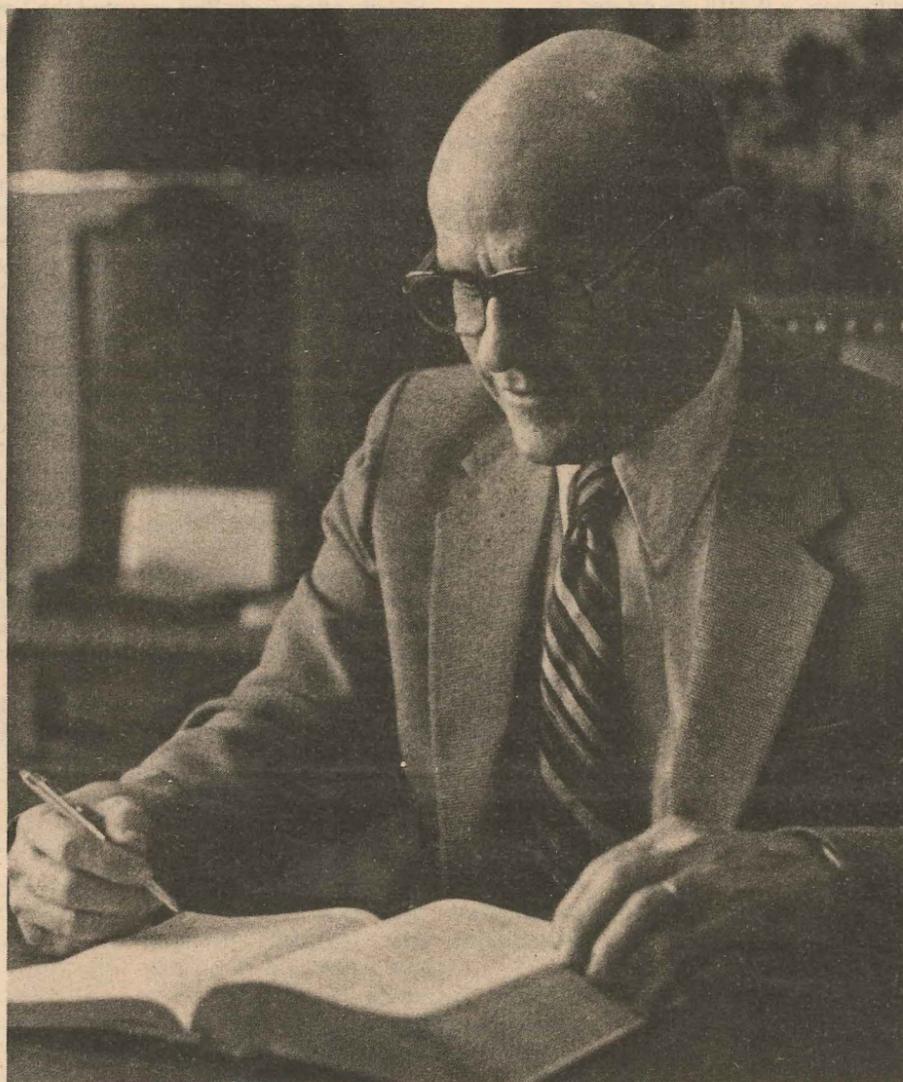
Pray for your pastor. Support his ministry. Make him strong. Pray for yourself, Pastor, to have an ever renewed heart and to be always "a good minister of Jesus Christ." (I Tim. 4:6)

# From attic conversion to Sunday School Board

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James Clark, executive vice president of the Sunday School Board, became a Christian at age 17 while reading the Bible straight through.

by Linda Lawson

At 17, James Clark climbed to the attic of his Greenville, Tex. home to dig the family Bible out of a trunk and begin reading so he would be prepared for Monday mornings in his high school history class.

Seven weeks later in February 1948 he had read every word from Genesis to Revelation. As he read through the gospels, he saw his need for salvation. While reading the book of Romans he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior.

The next Sunday he made his decision public in Greenville's First Baptist Church.

Now executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, when Clark talks about the power of the Bible in making a person aware of his need for salvation he speaks from his personal experience.

When Clark was a senior in high school, Monday mornings in Mrs. Mary Cloyd Harrison's American history class always began with the same question: "What did you learn in church yesterday?"

Clark, a serious, competitive student, became increasingly frustrated that "for 10 to 15 minutes I couldn't participate in class." Clark's father had

quit attending church when his son was five years old.

He decided to start going to church and chose First Baptist because Mrs. Harrison was a member there. "I figured if I went to First Baptist Church I could get the same answers she did," he said.

After mispronouncing the book of Job in a Training Union group and realizing he was not understanding much of what he was hearing in church, Clark retrieved the family Bible from the attic, believing he could find the answers he needed for that American history class.

"I was not aware of how the Bible was arranged," declared Clark. "The only thing I knew to do was start at the beginning."

The Bible became more than a history assignment when he read of how the Old Testament prophets spoke out against social injustice. "I began to realize this was a more up-to-date book than I had thought," he noted.

Into the New Testament gospels, "it was an easy thing for me to recognize myself in the pictures drawn there."

He became a Christian in the same place he had read the Bible, the attic of his home.

"No one invited me to become a

Christian. No one witnessed to me in a direct way. The Bible proved itself to me then and has supported me in every decision since then," averred Clark.

Now a Sunday school teacher of married young adults at Brook Hollow Baptist Church in Nashville, Clark urges his members to read the scripture passage and lesson material before they come to class.

During the sessions, "My teaching method is to probe the scriptures, accepting them as the inspired word of God, but leading the members to discover the hidden treasures and jewels that are there," he said.

"God not only inspires the scriptures but illumines the reader."

Clark contended he is not disturbed when members disagree with him or raise questions. "Doubt is the seedbed for faith to grow in," he stated.

While Clark does not feel every Christian should necessarily read the entire Bible straight through, he does advocate reading the Bible in its entirety.

"A Christian ought not to ignore any portion of the scriptures," he suggested. "Not all are of equal value, but I'd hate to say what portions should be left out."