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## Reagan to address SBC?

President Ronald Reagan has been invited to address the 124th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9-11 at Los Angeles Convention Center. He has not yet responded to the invitation.

Others expected to address the gathering of messengers include Bailey E. Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and president of the convention, delivering the president's address; James Monroe, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., preaching the convention sermon; and Perry Sanders, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La., delivering the closing message.

In between will be reports from national agencies and institutions, business, resolutions and election of officers. Smith, elected last year in St. Louis, Mo., is eligible for a second one-year term.

A. Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and chairman of the order of business committee, said, "The objective of the program is to have a great conciliatory convention."

Watterson observed the committee "attempted to select persons from every quarter of the convention and those we felt would minister to us all. We consciously avoided any theological slant and put the program together hoping for a great healing convention."

The committee acceded to a request by Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., and chairman of trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, that chairmen of trustees of the six seminaries be given time to report to messengers on the "stewardship of trustees."

The request grew out of questions about doctrinal integrity and attacks on the trustees, administration and faculty of the six institutions. "We expanded the seminary report time from 15 to 40 minutes and scheduled it during an evening session," Watterson said.

He also added contingency plans have been made should President Reagan be unable to address the convention.

## Smith to seek presidency of SBC in Los Angeles

Bailey Smith has ended speculation about his future plans with an announcement he will seek renomination as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I plan to be renominated," Smith told Baptist Press. "People in high denominational posts as well as people in the field have been encouraging. I feel I need to do it."

The announcement ended rumors Smith would bow out, as had his predecessor, Adrian Rogers, after serving a single term at the helm of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

He added some of those encouraging him are "seminary professors" and said Joe Ingram, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has asked to be allowed to present Smith's name to the 1981 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles.

Rumors indicated Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., would not run again primarily because of pressures on his family in the wake of controversy over his remarks about Jews. He added that although he had received many threatening and abusive telephone calls at home, his wife, Sandy, has encouraged him to seek a second term even though the position puts him in a sometimes uncomfortable spotlight.

Traditionally, presidents of the 13.6 million-member denomination have served two one-year terms. Two recent presidents, Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., and James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, declined to be renominated.

Rogers, president in 1979, said he wished to devote full attention to his pastorate, and Sullivan, president in 1977, cited travel pressures.

Smith said he has heard no report of an opponent but other SBC leaders say he may face a challenge at the Los Angeles meeting. Traditionally, second term incumbents have been unopposed.

## Congress boasts 36 Baptists; five (or 13.8%) are Kentuckians

by Larry Chesser, BP Washington Bureau

Southern Baptist members of the 97th Congress reflect the diversity of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The 36 members of the new Congress known to be affiliated with Southern Baptist churches hold views all along the political spectrum, but with a decidedly conservative bent.

The diversity is immediately apparent in the Senate where three of the six members with Southern Baptist ties gained chairmanships of three important committees when the Republicans became the majority party following last November's elections.

Conservative Sens. Strom Thurmond, who heads the judiciary committee, and Jesse Helms, who chairs the agriculture, nutrition and forestry committee, stand in contrast with Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., new chairman of the powerful appropriations committee and one of the Senate's most liberal Republicans. Hatfield, who comes from a Conservative Baptist Association background, is a member of an SBC congregation in Washington.

The controversial issue of prayer in public school illustrates the variety of positions held by Baptist members of the Senate.

Helms, a long-time advocate of changing either the Constitution or the law (by limiting federal court jurisdiction) to counteract Supreme Court decisions barring state-mandated prayer in schools, will have the added support of Thurmond's position as head of the judiciary committee in this Congress. Their position is opposed by Hatfield.

Though Helms of North Carolina and Thurmond of South Carolina contend what they seek is "voluntary

prayer," proponents of church-state separation insist proposals such as the Helms Amendment to S. 450 which died in the 96th Congress open the door for state-mandated prayer in schools.

Hatfield's stance coincides with the position of the Southern Baptist Convention which was reaffirmed at its 1980 meeting in St. Louis, supporting the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions on the basis of the church-state separation requirement of the First Amendment.

Other Southern Baptist members of the Senate are Thad Cochran, R-Miss.; Wendell H. Ford, D-Ky.; and J. Bennett Johnston, D-La.

In the House of Representatives 30 of the 45 Baptist members are known to have SBC affiliations.

Among the veteran members are Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., chairman of the education and labor committees; Claude Pepper, D-Fla., chairman of the select committee on aging; and Trent Lott, R-Miss., new minority whip.

Other House members with SBC affiliations are Ike F. Andrews, D-N. C.; Wendell Bailey, D-Mo.; D. Douglas Barnard, D-Ga.; Tom Bevill, D-Ala.; David R. Bowen, D-Miss.; Jack T. Brinkley, D-Ga.; James T. Broyhill, R-N. C.; James M. Collins, D-Tex.; Dan Daniel, D-Va.; Jack Fields, R-Tex.; Newton L. Gingrich, D-Ga.; Ronald (Bo) Ginn, D-Ga.; Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn.; and Kent Hance, D-Tex.

Also, W. G. Hefner, D-N. C.; Jack Hightower, D-Tex.; Jon C. Hinson, R-Miss.; Carroll Hubbard Jr., D-Ky.; Earl Hutto, D-Fla.; Edgar L. Jenkins, D-Ga.; Walter B. Jones, D-N. C.; Gillis W. Long, D-La.; Jim Mattox, D-Tex.; William H. Natcher, D-Ky.; Harold Rogers, R-Ky.; Albert Lee Smith Jr., R-Ala.; and Charles O. Whitley, D-N. C.

## Postscript

### State attorney general affirms decalogue should come down

by Norman Jameson, BP Feature Editor

Copies of the 10 commandments posted in Kentucky public school classrooms should come down, according to an advisory opinion from the state attorney general.

Copies of the decalogue had been posted with private funds in every classroom in 196 of Kentucky's 120 counties. But on Nov. 17, 1980 the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 a Kentucky law requiring the posting was unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court, however, issued no opinion as to what should be done with the copies of the 10 commandments already posted with the \$250,000 raised for the purpose by such groups as Kentucky Heritage Foundation. When the court refused the request of the Kentucky attorney general to clarify, Attorney General Steven Beshear issued his advisory.

The five-page opinion is not binding and does not have the force of law. Each of Kentucky's 181 school districts must now decide on their own to remove the plaques or leave them up. Beshear's advisory warned of the risk of litigation from private parties if the plaques were not removed.

Tom Riner, executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Foundation, said none of the 21,000 copies of the 10 commandments already in Kentucky classrooms was posted under the statute stricken by the Supreme Court. Instead, they were posted under a similar authority through local school boards using private donations.

Riner and his wife Claudia, the state representative who introduced legislation to require posting of the 10 commandments in classrooms, feel the issue is a battle between state liberals, who control metropolitan Louisville and Lexington and state level office, and conservatives, who control most county and local governments in the predominantly rural state.

Correspondingly, they feel school boards in Louisville and Lexington, where there is a "distinct likelihood" of challenge to take the plaques down, will remove them. In the rural areas, where the prevailing opinion is similar to that of a principal who told Riner "it's going to take more than Steve Beshear and the national guard to take these out of my classrooms," the plaques will probably stay up.

The Kentucky Heritage Foundation is continuing with its efforts to place copies of the commandments in the 900 classrooms where they have yet to be posted.

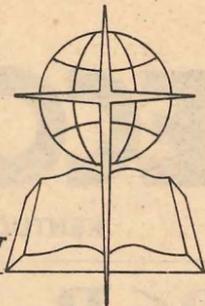
Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, responded to questions about the ruling that "I'm not surprised. I had expected to hear this opinion when the issue was addressed."

Riner, pastor of two small Baptist churches in Louisville, and some other pastors in the state, have been miffed at the perceived lack of support by state convention officials since Kentucky Baptists had voted to look favorably on the legislation in 1978. Owen had counseled caution until the law passed court tests.

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

### Thanksgiving for hostages' release is in order

All Americans are glad our fellow citizens held as hostages illegally for 14 months by Iran have finally been released though not all Americans are happy with the conditions of their release. At least the prayers of millions for the safety and freedom of the hostages have been answered and thanksgiving is due the Lord as well as to all those who have worked so long and patiently in this vexing and frustrating experience.

We can also be grateful that in spite of barbaric terrorism, murderous threats and the fanatical hatred of Americans stirred up among the Iranian masses by Iranian officials, not one of the hostages was intentionally or unintentionally killed. If this had happened, Americans would have demanded military reprisal. For 14 months this affair was a powder keg with a fuse burning on one end.

Many regard this incident as the most humiliating experience in American history. A weak, disorganized country not only ignored international law but also defied all honorable and decent standards of treatment, subjecting innocent Americans to humiliation while rubbing America's nose in the dirt and demanding unreasonable conditions for releasing the hostages.

Ordinarily such behavior would have brought immediate and severe reprisal by America but President Carter chose to react with caution, restraint and patient diplomacy. He put the safety of the hostages and avoidance of war above American pride. His handling of the incident will be debated for years to come but it did result in the saving of all the hostages' lives and in not plunging this critical area of the world into war.

Most of us who would second guess the former President do not have all the facts that have to be considered in making decisions. For example, no matter how Iranians behaved and how America feels, it is of extreme importance that Iran remain intact as the only country between Russia and the chief mid-east oil supply for America. Any day during the 14 months America had the strength in the area to devastate Iran but there is strength in restraint as well as in display of power.

The hostage incident served to remind us we live in a different world from that of a few years ago. It's a hard fact to accept but not to accept it might be worse.

The incident also should lead us to reexamine our foreign policy and especially our support of dictators who ignore human rights. Our support of the Shah in Iran for many years might have been in our national interest but Moslem theology made it easy for the religious revolution-

aries to equate Americans and President Carter with Satan. This Moslem theology convinced Iranians that Carter was the personification of Satan as our Christian theology leads us to identify Moslem politicians in Iran as tools of Satan.

The redeeming consequences of the affair were the solidification of America and an appropriate revival of patriotism following the national disenchantment and cynicism from the Vietnam war. No one would have chosen such a way to the rebirth of national unity but it's good to see the stars and stripes and American heroes again bring ecstasy to our hearts and tears to our eyes.

Now that the hostages are free and our new President is inaugurated, we need to get on with the business of meeting other national challenges. Let us pray another such humiliating experience is not in the future for America but should it be, let us be better prepared to deal with it.

### A devoted missionary at 90

The Lord has no more dedicated servant in his vineyard than Mrs. Floy Jacob who was honored Jan. 18 on her 90th birthday by the First Baptist Church of Franklin. Mrs. Jacob's dedication is exceeded only by her effectiveness as a teacher, WMU worker and missionary speaker.

Floy and her late beloved husband R. A. Jacob were both natives of Simpson County. They were outstanding Southern Baptist missionaries in China until 1940. When the Communists took over the Jacobs were taken into custody. Eventually she was allowed to return to America but her husband was held prisoner for three and a half years.

Back in America the Jacobs flung themselves into church work and became great influences in the lives of thousands including many young preachers one of whom is this writer. He died in 1953 but Floy kept at the ministry and gave her talents mainly to Sunday school work in several missions and new churches. She has also spoken to tens of thousands of Baptists in schools of missions in 21 states.

Thank you, dear lady, for a life and ministry worthy of appreciation and emulation.

#### Guest Editorial

### Dealing with growing older

by Larry High  
Editor, The Maryland Baptist

All of us are growing older. Every minute, every day, we are involved in the aging process. Growing old in America has become a topic of major discussion as we contemplate the future.

Old age generally means different things to differ-

ent people. Some assumptions are well founded. Others are unfortunate myths.

Each age group looks at old age from a different perspective. Young people usually fear old age. To them it is synonymous with failing health and shrivelled bodies. Middle-ages people worry about inadequate retirement plans and drastic changes in their lifestyle. Loneliness and feelings of helplessness often plague the elderly.

Aging must be dealt with because it will not go away. America is growing older. Fifty years ago, only four of every 100 people in this country were 65 years or more. Today, 10 of every 100 Americans have celebrated their 65th birthday. By the year 2020, 13 out of each 100 Americans will reach that mystical age. A man of 65 can now look forward to seeing his 79th year. A woman of 65 can expect to live to 83.

As our nation grows older, experts predict every area of society will be affected. Education, business, leisure, medicine and housing will all be affected as will the amount of tax dollars needed and where they will go.

In 1980, the federal government spent about \$155 billion for Social Security, pensions, health care and services for the elderly. That represents one quarter of the total federal budget and as America grows older the percentage will probably increase.

But that may not be enough. Senior adults are losing the battle against inflation. Health care costs and prescription drugs are increasing faster than older Americans can keep up with. To be old often means to be poor in this nation.

Not enough is being done to assist old people. The government is not doing enough. Business is not doing enough. Communities are not doing enough. Our denomination is not doing enough. And churches are not doing enough. Eighteen percent of all Southern Baptists are 60 years old and above. But how many churches do you know that have an active senior adult ministry? Just about every church has, or would like to have, a minister of youth while few even consider the necessity of supporting a minister of senior adults.

Every day more than 4000 Americans observe their 65th birthday and enter a world of unknown to them. The longer a person lives the better chances are that severe problems will face him. The loss can be economic, physical, social, psychological or a combination of these. The church has to be there reaching out to these people with need.

The Bible plainly speaks on aging. Our world teaches that youth is beautiful and age is ugly. Deut. 5:33 refutes this myth with the words, "You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may go well with you, and that you may live in the land which you shall possess." Old age is a blessing from God and not a curse.

Scripture also teaches that the elderly deserve respect. "Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as you would a father; treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity" (1 Tim. 5:1-2).

It would be well for all of us to read, understand and heed biblical passages concerning aging. So much needs to be done to help those who are our seniors.

# Baptist Forum

## God's word remains errorless

Without the Bible we could look at nature and know that God exists, but we could know little more about God. Without the Bible we could read in a history book that Jesus lived almost 2000 years ago, but we could know little more about Jesus. Without the Bible we could know that we are alive, but we could not know why, and we could not know how to live the abundant life.

The Bible is the word of God. It is, "Thus saith the Lord." It is truth without any mixture of error because it is God breathed. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Tim. 3:16).

There is always a problem in translating the Bible from one language into another, but God has protected his word through many translations, and he has protected it from those who would destroy it. Kings, princes and false prophets have tried to destroy it, but God has protected his word through the ages.

Jesus said, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). If we will take the time to read and study the Bible in our own language the Holy Spirit will unlock to our understanding all that we need to know. What we still do not

understand we can accept by faith. Of course as we grow in grace and knowledge we will find ourselves applying what we learn to real life situations, and we will find ourselves becoming more Christlike.

Let's join ourselves together in reading and studying through the Bible in 1981. Let's go through the Bible book by book, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse until we become saturated with the infallible word of God. This can be the cure for Southern Baptists, and it can bring healing and unity to our convention. Let's have a new awakening to "Thus saith the Lord" and let's put aside personal opinions and do what the Lord saith.

William R. Hagan, Taylorsville

## Image is important

In Western Recorder (Jan. 14), Mark S. Caldwell presents a case for the active ministries of ordained, divorced persons. He points out the injustice of summarily dismissing such ministers where there is a lack of information on allocation of blame, and where there is no fair evaluation of the past, present and future contributions of the person involved. Indeed, he observes people may experience spiritual and emotional growth after divorce. Finally, it is suggested terminating the employment of a divorced minister may be motivated

more by preserving the image of our institutions than by a desire to be loyal and equitable toward the individual.

The word "image" is important in this discussion because it is precisely the image of the office of pastor that makes it near impossible for a divorced person to function effectively therein. The pastor is a role model and this is as it should be. When Jesus confirms God's original ideal of marriage as a lifelong union of one man and one woman, and when he classified all of the complexities of the divorce under the general heading of hardness of heart (without defining the villain-victim ratio as 10-90 or 50-50) who is best to exemplify this ideal if not the ordained servants of the church? Even if the ordained person were as innocent as the angels, which is hardly likely, would not our youth conclude that what is good for the pastors and deacons is good enough for them? This example role, I believe, is exactly when the apostle Paul specified the ordained should be the spouse of one person. If the church does not defend the divine intent and integrity of marriage, certainly we cannot expect the magistrates and the movie stars to do it.

What should be the attitude of the church toward the divorced? Surely it is obvious that destruction of the marriage bond, if it ever really existed, is possible through the devious, grubby hands of man. Yet the love of God towards these people, as well as those in the sub-Christian cohabitation lifestyles, is perfectly demonstrated by Jesus in his gentle treatment of the Samaritan woman at the well. We must likewise be forgiving and redemptive in our atti-

tudes, receiving them as brothers and sisters in Christ, promoting their spiritual growth, encouraging them to assume lay ministries of service and, in special cases, accepting their remarriages to different Christian persons. All of these possibilities can evolve with much profit to the church and fulfillment of the individual, without the many problems associated with attempts to blend the oil and water mixture of divorced and ordained service.

Mr. Caldwell did not mention another important dimension of divorce. After his teaching on this matter in both Matthew and Mark Jesus ministered to the little children who were thought unimportant by his disciples. Is this sequence of events coincidental, or was the Lord implying that here is the most cruel and devastating effects upon innocents who always seem secondary to the "complexities" of the divorce of warring adults?

Smith H. Gibson, Covington

## Viewpoint

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

## No basis for legislating morals

by Larry Peck, Nicholasville

I wish to take issue with what I believe to be the basic premise underlying the activities of the Moral Majority. Repeatedly do I hear spokesmen for this movement remarking something to the effect that "America needs to return to the Christian principles on which it was founded." It seems as though these persons feel America has violated a divine covenant with God when it allows freedoms to certain non-Christian groups.

From my perspective I see America as having been founded on democratic principles, which, however similar to Christian principles they may be, are neither equivalent nor subordinate to Christian principles as far as the government is concerned. This foundation does permit the free expression of the Christian faith—a truth which modern moralists have errantly interpreted to license the Christian sector to dictate governmental decisions on the basis of how Christianly moral they are. But freedom to operate within a structure does not grant authority to control the same. What this view overlooks is that in a democracy any other religious or non-religious creed has equal representation under the law.

As a Christian one may believe (as I do) Christ's teachings should be the primal yardstick for measuring what is "good for the people." A democracy has no such limitations. Thus America violates none of the principles on which it was founded in protecting the rights of anti-prayer groups, of exploiters of X-rated films, ad infinitum.

Despite this uncomfortable realization

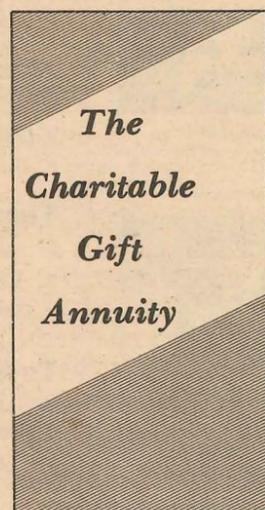
the democratic system is, in my opinion, still the finest form of government existent today, second only to the theocracy during Moses' time. The divine covenant established between Jehovah and Israel served as the foundation for legislation of morals, and rightfully so, with stringent consequences for deviant behaviors. Whereas America has no such covenant relationship with God, those persons who try to superimpose theocratic morals and a sense of divine mission on the country. These callings belong appropriately to the church, on which no country, or government, has the monopoly.

In summary, we American Christians would do the cause of Christ more and better service by presenting a positive witness for the Christ-like life than by attempting to legislate the morals of America (for which we have no democratic basis). To do the latter reduces us to the chicanery of bald "power politics," as distastefully sinful to us as the decadence of homosexuality, and serves merely to polarize and to alienate those whom we should want to win for him. We would do well, my Christian brothers, to dedicate greater energies and attentions to the role of the church than to the role of America, being thankful all the while that our democratic country allows us to practice our faith without fear of repression (and that other faiths have the same privilege). But we dare not prostitute a democratic government by using it to force our standards on others or we render it no longer a democracy . . . and it would indeed be false of us to claim leadership in a theocracy when God has not so called us.

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# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Revivals

Ronald Rose leads Friendship revival 13 new members, including eight by baptism, four by letter and one by statement, were received during a December revival at Friendship Baptist

Church, Irvine.  
Ronald Rose, pastor of Gray Hawk (Ky.) Baptist Church, was the evangelist and Jim Cowan of Winchester was director of youth activities. Michael Rogers of Friendship Baptist led the music.  
James Smith is pastor.

two new deacons Jan. 4.  
Kenneth Montague and James Stephenson are the newly-ordained deacons.  
A. L. Meacham, director of missions, brought the message.

Bible School beginning in February.  
Carroll Medley is pastor.

**Jones resigns as Jordan pastor**  
Leslie Jones has resigned as pastor of Jordan Baptist Church, White's Run Association.  
He will continue his studies at Southern Seminary.

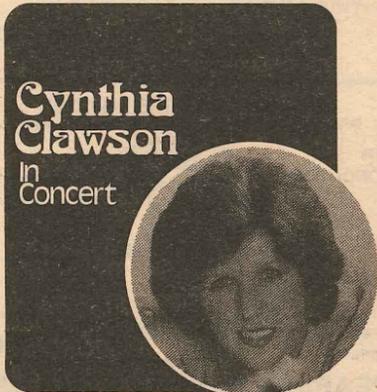
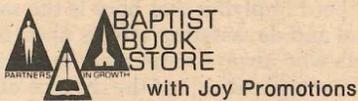
**Haynes begins Elkhorn City ministry**  
John L. Haynes, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Fisherville, has accepted the pastorate of Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike County Association.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary, Haynes began his new ministry Jan. 6.  
The father of four children, Haynes is married to the former Doris App of Athens.

**Felty to pastor Smithsboro**  
Kenneth D. Felty has been called as pastor of Smithsboro Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

A native of Berea, Felty is married to the former Paula Jean Lake of Richmond.  
Felty is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

**Mulberry begins Lovelaceville ministry**  
Larry G. Mulberry began his ministry as pastor of Lovelaceville Baptist



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## Ordinations

**Eddie Prewitt ordained Dec. 28**  
Eddie Prewitt was ordained as a deacon by Eminence Baptist Church, Henry County Association, Dec. 28.  
Pastor Mike Duncan delivered the charge.

**Ballardsville ordains two deacons**  
Ballardsville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, ordained Bob Donovan and Bill Noble as deacons Jan. 4.  
Wayne Dozier is pastor.

**Westport ordains three deacons**  
Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, ordained three deacons Jan. 18.  
The new deacons are Gene Cartee, Joe Chiles and Jim Collins.  
James B. Lewis is pastor.

**Montague and Stephenson ordained**  
Carrollton Baptist Church, White's Run Association, held ordination services for

## Personnel

**Monfalcone accepts Florida position**  
Wesley Monfalcone, chaplain director at University Hospital, Louisville, has resigned to begin a new chaplaincy program at Martin Memorial Hospital, Stuart, Fla.

The chaplaincy ministry at University Hospital was reestablished in 1973 with the support of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.  
A committee has been named to select Monfalcone's successor.

**East Union licenses three members**  
East Union Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, recently licensed three young men to the ministry. They include: Jerry Eades, Robert Brown and Chris Mueller.  
Brown and Mueller will attend Boyce

# STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

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Jess Moody

**Monday 6:45 p.m.**  
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Jess Moody

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John Havlik  
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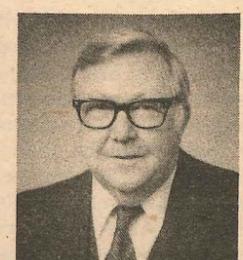
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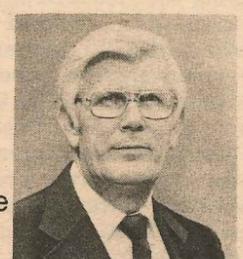
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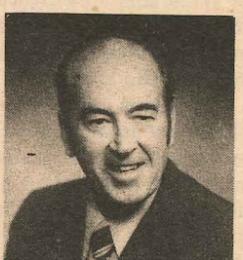
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Felty



Salmons

Church, West Union Association, Dec. 31. He is the former pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Eddyville.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Seminary, Mulberry is married to the former Gayle Baldwin. The couple has three children.

**Deck to move to Ohio church**

David L. Deck has turned in his resignation as pastor of Fordsville Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

He has accepted the pastorate of Meadowdale Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh.

**Smallhouse extends call to Staples**  
Smallhouse Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Derek Staples as pastor.

Staples was ordained by Providence Baptist Church Jan. 25.

**Central Grove pastor resigns**

Joe Foreman, pastor of Central Grove Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, resigned Jan. 4.

**Coral Hills calls Simmons**

Coral Hill Baptist Church, Liberty Association, has called Carl Simmons as pastor.

Simmons attended Clear Creek Baptist School and is presently a student at Southern Seminary.

**Bradshaw is Big Creek pastor**

Rollin Bradshaw is the new pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**McCowan is new Mt. Zion pastor**

Denny McCowan is the new pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Former "Mr. Kentucky" at seminary**  
Mark Dycus, a church music student at Southern Seminary, goes to great pains to keep his body in top condition.

A native of Paducah, Dycus is a body builder and a former "Mr. Kentucky."

While attending Murray State University, Dycus became very serious

about weightlifting because he did not feel comfortable in the "college life social scene." He won the first bodybuilding competition he entered, the "Mr. Kentucky" contest.

"I thought at first that to commit myself to the ministry would mean giving up body building," said Dycus. "I didn't see that the two could co-exist. But I believe that the danger is in putting body building first. Put God first and everything falls into place."

Dycus, who plans a career in music and youth ministry, insists that keeping

in good physical condition increases self respect and improves communion with God.

**Doyles begin language study**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry S. Doyle, missionaries to Ecuador, have begun language studies in San Jose, Costa Rica.

A native of Kentucky, Doyle was born in Park City and grew up in Horse Cave and Cave City. His wife is the former Rebekah Hill of Greensboro, N.C.

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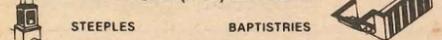
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## Non-readers are being helped

Your editorial (WR, Jan. 14) brought into focus a problem that is becoming more and more of a concern to those of us in higher education. The ability to communicate clearly and effectively certainly should be a skill already possessed by the men and women who attend our seminaries. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. Your article proposes that "our seminaries should provide non-credit courses in basic communication skills for students who need them." I am glad to report Southern Seminary has been doing this for 6½ years.

In May 1974 the faculty made the

decision that "effective English usage skills were required of all students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary." Now all entering students are required to take a timed, standardized English exam. Students who fail to meet the standards set by the faculty are required to enroll in and satisfactorily complete a "Written Communication" course during their first semester. (The credit earned does not apply towards graduation.) While this may not be a perfect solution to the problem, it does represent our concern and endeavor to overcome this deficiency.

After reading your article I hope those who are in college contemplating ministry (or any other profession for that matter) will be honest with themselves and seek any help they might need in this area now. Thank you for your witness as you represent our denomination, convention and Lord.

Michael D. Johnson  
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H. C. Chiles

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**Christ's call for repentance—Luke 13:1-5** Christ knew the nation of Israel would experience disaster unless the people could be persuaded to get right with God. He issued a clear call to repent in view of life's brevity and uncertainty. Using a tragic event to teach an important lesson Christ referred to the falling of a tower in Siloam, which killed 18 persons. He rejected the implication their fate was because the victims were outstanding sinners. He made it clear the suffering of an individual is not always due to sin. Christ warned we must not allow our judgment to become warped so we always interpret catastrophes as punishment for sin.

**Christ's parable of the fig tree—Luke 13:6-9** In stressing the urgent need for immediate repentance Christ spoke of the barren fig tree. He said a certain man had a vineyard in which he had a vinedresser prepare the soil and plant a fig tree. He watered, dressed, sprayed, cultivated and cared for it. For some reason the tree did not respond properly to the soil, showers and sun, as was expected. For three years it produced nothing but leaves. Not wanting additional time, energy and effort wasted on an unproductive tree the owner ordered the keeper of the vineyard to cut down the tree. The vinedresser pleaded for the tree to be given one more year. If additional digging and fertilizing did not prove successful he would not ask for another reprieve.

This portrays the relation of the Jewish nation to God's mercies. Israel was a fig tree in God's vineyard, but her fruits were not commensurate with her privileges. **Christ's reply to a question—Luke 13:22-25** When a curious bystander asked Christ whether many or few would be saved, our Lord refused to give a direct answer. From his teaching which followed we learn that salvation is not obtained through indulging in speculations about other people. A personal entrance through the door which leads to salvation is needed. Repentance toward God and faith in Christ enable one to obtain eternal life. The door to salvation is wide open, but it will not remain open forever. If one waits until the door is closed, he will never be able to open it.

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As the crowds witnessed Christ's display of God's power in performing healing miracles, "they glorified the God of Israel." His miracles vindicated his claim to have come from God. Their thanksgiving and praise should constitute a challenge to us to do likewise when Christ demonstrates his love and compassion toward us.



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Jesse A. Hatfield Jr.,  
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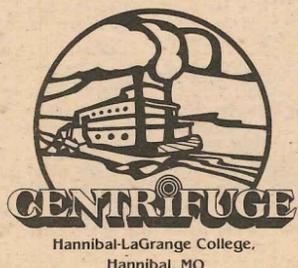
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# Clear Creek Comments

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# Oneida Journal

## Wrestling with God

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## Her will in his will

This week when I was walking through our Kelly Hall dormitory I was once again reminded of a special friend.

Many of you personally know Miss Alosia Richardson, a former student. She worked in our school kitchen in the 1940's. I do not know of a more devoted Christian and friend than she has been over the years. Each year she has made numerous dresses and other articles for our students. Even though she is now 90, each year she has arranged for someone to bring her or she rode the Greyhound bus from her Harrodsburg home to our annual alumni meeting.

During the Kentucky Baptist Convention this year my secretary called to tell me Miss Richardson had suffered a severe stroke and suggested I might want to visit her in a Lexington hospital. I learned that Miss Alosia was quite ill and would not be able to return to her apartment. A few weeks later we were notified Miss Richardson's will left her possessions to our school and we would have to remove them from the apartment she had occupied. Since then Miss Richardson has made a remarkable recovery and has been moved to a Harrodsburg nursing home. Over the holidays one of our students visited her and she was sitting up, busy making a quilt.

Do you see why when I go through the dormitory and see furnishings from Miss Alosia's apartment I can't help but smile and be grateful. She has been one of few persons who lived to see her will carried out to help Baptist preachers. To know her is a joy, and her love and devotion to the Lord is overwhelming.

Will your time in the future be filled with the joy of knowing the desires of your heart have been carried out? Feel free to call upon me if I can be of help to you, and look for more articles on people who have helped us accomplish his will—training God-called men.

Remember January is "Make Your Will" month in our Southern Baptist Convention, and you may wish to write me for more information about making your will.

## KBC Activities

### Here and now

30-31 Deacons, Pastors and Wives State Conference. Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Evening meal 30th through noon meal 31st. Register with Cedarmore

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Suggestions from BWA, 1628 16th St. NW, Washington DC 20009
- 2-3 "Growing a Loving Church" Seminar. Lexington, Parkway Baptist Church. Begins Monday evening, concludes Tuesday afternoon. For registration contact Church Administration, KBC, or Harold Polk, Elkhorn Association

### Looking ahead

- 8 Race Relations Sunday. Suggestions available from Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Dept., KBC
- 9 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Somerset, Ferguson Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 9-10 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. 5 to 8 p.m.
  - 9—Louisa, Louisa Baptist Church
  - 9—Benton, First Missionary Baptist Church
  - 10—Central City, First Baptist Church
  - 10—Hyden, First Baptist Church
- 10 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Prestonsburg, First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 12-13 Regional Royal Ambassador Congress. 5 to 8 p.m.
  - 12—Auburn, Auburn Baptist Church
  - 12—Columbia, Columbia Baptist Church
  - 13—Louisville, Davis Memorial Baptist Church
  - 13—Williamstown, Williamstown Baptist Church
- 13 Area Evangelism Fellowship. Maysville, Central Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
- 15 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day. Suggestions from Stewardship/Promotion Dept., KBC
- 16-17 State Evangelism Conference. Louisville, Walnut Street Baptist Church. Begins 10 a.m. on 16th through evening session on 17th
- 17 KBC Evangelism/GA Pastor's Conference, joint meeting. Louisville, Commonwealth Convention Center. 6:45 p.m.
- 20-21 Missions Conference. Louisville, Southern Seminary. For youth and young adults interested in missions. Contact Seminary for details
- 23-24 Area Evangelism Fellowship. 7 p.m. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen
  - 23—Pineville, First Baptist Church
  - 24—Hazard, First Baptist Church
- 27 Area Evangelism Fellowship. 7 p.m. Florence, Florence Baptist Church. Conferences for pastors, church leadership and laymen

### MARCH

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Nine years ago Joe (not his real name) came to Oneida. Shortly before, his father had been killed in an accident. A concerned Baptist pastor recommended that he and his brother attend our school. They worked on our farm in the summer to help pay their way.

Having lost his father so tragically and being a normal teenager faced with the complexities and perplexities of that age, Joe was a little confused at times. Though never outstanding academically Joe became a campus leader. He was popular with his peers and respected by the staff.

Joe matured in many ways. He sorted out many things. He said he felt God was calling him to the ministry. At times he seemed to accept that. Other times he rebelled.

Shortly after graduation he wrote me: "Words cannot express nor feelings show my humble gratitude for the Christian love and never ending concern I received at Oneida. I live only two blocks from a school here at home and many of my friends thought it ironic when I went to Oneida. However, I wanted more than an education. I wanted a Christian education. I truly feel I received that and more at our Oneida. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Oneida."

The years have gone by. From time to time Joe has written or visited. He has been working at this and that. Not going ahead with his education, not making preparation for ministry, still struggling, rebelling, unhappy.

At nearly midnight more than two years ago while walking near our chapel I saw a shadow move inside. Slipping to a porch window I could see all the chapel from the glow of the light that shines on the cross behind the pulpit. Someone was there. It was Joe. He had come for a visit but I did not know until that moment. He does not know yet that I observed him. He was wrestling with the Lord. I did not intrude nor make my presence known.

On New Year's Day 1981 he wrote me the following: "I wish to apologize for not writing or getting in touch with you sooner. I was to Oneida once in 1980 and saw you, but you were so busy at the time I didn't bother you."

"It has been over two years since I talked to you last. A lot has happened in my life. It has been nine years past that God called me to preach. I've just recently stopped my rebellion. I will hopefully go back to college in the fall. I want to go to a Baptist college."

"Regardless of where God takes me, I will never forget my years at Oneida. I realize you hear that a lot from old students and I'm sure they mean it. I sure do. For two years Oneida was my mother, my father, my teacher, my home. Thank you."

An Oneida graduate and later a teacher here taught me a poem 25 years ago that has since been a daily prayer with me. I hope it will bless you, dear reader, as it has me:

Master, where shall I work today?  
And my love flows warm and free.  
He pointed me out a tiny spot,  
and said, "Tend that for Me."  
I answered, "Oh, No, Lord! Not there!  
Not that little place for me."  
Why no matter how well my work was done,  
no one would ever see."  
Then the words He spoke, they were not stern,  
He answered me tenderly,  
"Ah, little one. Art though working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was a little place, and so was Galilee!"

## Frank Owen

### Inappropriate competition



I notice by the secular press that one of our state institutions of higher learning is offering extension work in Georgetown and Scott County, Kentucky to enlist extension students for seven courses, five of which Georgetown teaches in its regular curriculum.

It was stated in apparent effort to justify this encroachment (?) that they were offered at different hours than Georgetown offered the same courses. This seems dreadfully thin rationale.

It is an unfortunate circumstance in our country that tax supported educational institutions are rather unavoidably cast in competition with church-related and other private schools that must depend on voluntary contributions and tuition rates without the subsidy of tax funds. It is doubly unfortunate when such tax supported institutions spend still more of our tax dollars to push extension programs into the primary locales of private schools where our contributed dollars are already offering the same studies.

It is important that church and private sources maintain our stake in higher education. It is a leaven of the lump, an influence in education, generally. It also is a beachhead, capable of being expanded if the base of tax supported higher education should ever take a turn that we cannot in conscience patronize. As long as we stay in the business with worthy quality and reasonable strength we remain a part of the check and balance system of public and private services, both of which are important and both of which are part of the genius of our great country.

Again, it is a circumstantial misfortune that our own tax dollars subsidize our own competition for Christian institutions. We must give a second time, from the same pockets to compete through scholarships and such with tax-subsidy tuition rates. We accept this circumstance, but we don't seem fairly dealt with when those institutions which our tax dollars support deliberately extend their competition beyond their normal orbits to the very back yards of church and private institutions.

# Baptist News in Brief



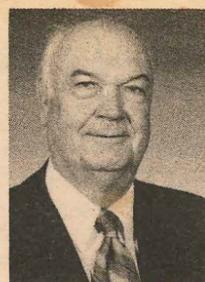
**Knight**



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## A summer Knight dream?

An annual writers' workshop, sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, will feature Christian communications consultant George W. Knight, former Western Recorder associate editor, during five major presentations of the June 22-26 conference.

To be conducted at the board's Church Program Training Center in Nashville, the workshop is an introduction to professional writing to help both new and experienced writers develop essential skills.

Knight, who operates Knight Editorial Services in Nashville, will speak on a variety of writing skills, practical aspects of the writing trade and marketing one's writing effectively.

Editors of Sunday School Board publications will lead sessions on writing opportunities through board publications along with special interest conferences on writing for families, adults, youth and children. Opportunities will be provided for evaluation of writing samples and for personal contacts with Sunday School Board editors.

Knight, who previously was editor of Sunday School Board publications Home Life, The Deacon and Proclaim, does writing, editing and consultation work on a contract basis with a variety of Christian organizations.

A \$45 registration fee, which includes two meals and all study materials, should be sent to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.

## Acteen help requested

Cathy Howle, state Acteen director, advises that anyone planning to attend the youth missions retreat Mar. 13-14 at Cedarmore needs to know the following:

On registration form please tell how many boys and girls will be attending. Also write Youth Facilities or Boone Lodge on the form. Boone Lodge rates are \$19.25 per person with four to a room; \$20.50 per person with three to a room; and \$21.75 with two to a room. All other facilities are \$15 per person.

The theme for the weekend is "Journey into Missions." There will be missionaries from Israel and Alaska, conferences to help prepare youth for reaching out in their own neighborhood and for going on mission tours this summer.

## Baptists rejoice in release

Southern Baptists, like millions of others, paused to thank God for the release and safe return of 52 Americans held hostage for 444 days in Iran.

"All of us rejoice in the fact of the release of the hostages from Iran and pray these ex-hostages and their families will be blessed with God's grace and by his presence," said Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

Bennett encouraged Southern Baptist churches to join in a national movement to hold services of prayer and thanksgiving for the release of the captives.

"I think it would be appropriate for Southern Baptist churches to conduct special services for thanksgiving to God

for his presence in this matter," Bennett said, suggesting such services be conducted either Wednesday, Jan. 28 or Sunday, Feb. 1.

The suggestion calls for "joining with other religious groups" from across the nation who have called for a national time of thanksgiving Thursday, Jan. 29. Bennett, however, said he feels it would be more appropriate for Baptists to hold the services at regular prayer meeting or Sunday service times.

Many state conventions were conducting evangelism conferences and a number of those took time out from a heavy schule of preaching to announce the release and to hold special times of prayer.

In Nashville members of the SBC Inter-Agency Council, composed of the executives of the 20 SBC agencies and institutions, spent a time in special prayer and thanksgiving and to ask God's continued blessings on the hostages and their families.

## Memphis editors go, come

Mike Livingston, news writer for the Foreign Mission Board, will become editor for the Brotherhood Commission's Baptist Men's division Feb. 15.

The division publishes World Mission Journal, a monthly tabloid; a Baptist men's handbook; annual curriculum guide; and books, brochures and promotion pieces.

William Bangham, printing account executive and author from Annapolis, Md., will become associate division editor at the same time. Bangham replaces David Wilkinson who left to become student and news director at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Livingston, 41, who was at the Foreign Mission Board eight months, was associate editor for four years of Probe, a youth monthly, and Pioneer Plans, a quarterly for youth leaders, published by the Brotherhood Commission. He replaces Jim Newton who joined the Home Mission Board as news editor.

Livingston graduated from Memphis State University in 1973 and has directed public relations for Northwest Junior College in Senatobia, Miss.

Bangham, 37, is a former director of biological laboratories for George Washington (D. C.) University.

## Be sensitive or take risks

The current controversy among Southern Baptists over the interpretation of the Bible has, in some ways, been good for the denomination, an authority on the history of Baptist controversies says.

"The inerrancy controversy has sensitized all in the convention that we are a people of the Book and we must never forget it," said Walter B. Shurden, dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

While noting the positive effects, Shurden predicted the "debate will continue and doubtless intensify."

He also warned denominational executives if Southern Baptists do not become sensitive to the politics of their convention they risk seeing the denomination's institutions taken over.

Shurden made his remarks during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention Inter-Agency Council, a group of top executives of the agencies and institutions of the 13.6 million-member denomination.

## Journalist dies on duty

Bobbie Durham, 34, editorial assistant for the Baptist and Reflector, died Jan. 20, five days after she was injured in a traffic accident.

Mrs. Durham, who had worked for the newspaper, journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, since 1971, was critically injured when her small car was struck by a fire truck Jan. 15. At the time of the accident she was enroute to the Nashville airport to provide news and photo coverage of the departure of six Tennessee Baptist laymen going to Upper Volta to aid in relief projects of the convention and the Foreign Mission Board.

According to Nashville police Mrs. Durham pulled to the side of a main thoroughfare to allow a fire truck on an emergency run to pass. Not realizing another truck was approaching, she pulled back into traffic and was sideswiped by the second truck.

She suffered massive head injuries and was unconscious and sustained by life support systems from the time of the accident until her death.

Mrs. Durham was born in Denver, Colo., and was a journalism graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. Before joining the Baptist and Reflector she was editorial assistant of the Baptist Program, a publication of the SBC Executive Committee. Previously, she was employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board and a reporter for a Denver newspaper.

Survivors include her husband, David; a son, David, age 11; her mother, Mrs. Doris Bagley of Denver; and a brother, Bill Bagley of Las Vegas, Nev.

A Bobbie Durham Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Box 347, Brentwood, TN 37027, and will be to aid students interested in religious journalism.

## Abner McCall steps down

Abner V. McCall, 65, has announced his resignation as president of Baylor University effective May 31, 1981 and has been elected chancellor effective June 1.

Trustees named Herbert H. Reynolds, 50, executive vice president, as McCall's successor.

McCall, who has headed Baylor since 1961, will have no significant administrative responsibilities as chancellor, but will take assignments from the board of trustees and will consult with and advise the board and the president on matters of general policy.

## Of dogfights and Dunn

The new director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs says he is "realistic but hopeful" about the future of church-state relations in the United States despite the rise to power of a President and political party publicly committed to profound changes in the area.

James M. Dunn, who became the fourth executive director of the Washington-based Baptist agency Jan. 1, pledged to "applaud and support" initiatives of President Ronald Reagan's administration for church-state separation and human rights.

But Dunn, 48, also promised to "push for change where change is needed and to criticize when government policy runs counter to historic Baptist positions."

Dunn said: "The responsibility of this agency to bear Christian witness to questions of public policy—specifically religious freedom—is so consistent and so overwhelming and so overriding the relative difference in the way we relate to one administration or the other is very unimportant."

Dunn recalled a bitter conflict between the agency's first chief executive, Joseph M. Dawson, and then President Harry S. Truman over the latter's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and noted the Baptist Joint Committee "is not without a history of dogfights."

"I expect sometimes to have to fight," he added.

## 60 tape topics selected

The first 60 topics on which video tapes will be produced have been selected by the newly-formed Southern Baptist Video Network.

The network was formed last fall as a cooperative effort by state conventions and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in order to produce and distribute at least 60 videotapes each year for use by the churches.

The network also has established a goal of leading 1000 associations and at least 10,000 churches to secure video player equipment during the next three years.

The first 60 titles will be for training and information, according to Cecil Ray, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and chairman of the network's ad hoc committee.

To finance projects of the network the committee is calling for Baptist state conventions to contribute nearly \$1 million during the next three years. Each convention is being asked to allocate the equivalent of \$10 per church per year for three years.

"In return for their investment, each participating convention will receive one copy of every videotape produced by the network," Ray explained. "Baptist state conventions can then personalize, duplicate and distribute the tapes to churches any way they wish," he said.

The first tape is titled "Three Essentials for Marriage," features family and marriage therapist David Mace at Ridgecrest Conference Center and is one of a series of five tapes supporting the 1982-85 convention theme on strengthening families. The other four tapes in the series will be completed by mid-February.

A sampling of other titles to be produced this year include "The Pastor Leading the Sunday School in Growth," "Introduction to Church Training," "The Purpose and Plan of Baptist Brotherhood," "This Is Woman's Missionary Union," "How the Cooperative Program Works" and "Volunteers in Missions."